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## Chris Kerner Police Officer of the Year



Dixon Police Chief Robert Thompson (left) had nothing but positive things to say about Officer Kerner's (right) contributions to the force and Dixon community.

**Story by Kendall Brown, photos by Nicolas Brown**

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - On March 8, Officer Chris Kerner of the Dixon Police Department was named the department's first Police Officer of the Year at the Celebrate Dixon community event.

Kerner's dedication to his duties, the community and the department earned him this achievement. Kerner represents the highest standards of the Dixon Police Department with his attitude and work ethic, according to the award.

In August 2023, Kerner became the department's school resource officer, becoming an integral part of the

school community and ensuring the safety and well-being of staff, students and parents alike. He is known to go above and beyond, attending school-related events, even outside of his working hours, and his commitment to the role has made this partnership between the City of Dixon and Dixon Unified School District a success.

Kerner is known to prefer proactive over reactive approaches, working closely with students, parents and school staff to tackle minor policy violations head-on. He is also quite involved in classroom discussions, engaging with students on legal matters and law enforcement, further strengthening the bond

between law enforcement and the school district.

In addition to his role with the schools, Kerner serves as a field training officer, using his experience and leadership to shape Dixon's next generation of law enforcement. Kerner is also pursuing the position of officer in charge, giving him more opportunities to support the community and his fellow officers. Kerner often assists the Investigations Division, taking on the majority of the department's Child Welfare Services referrals and steps in to support the Patrol Division when necessary.

In late 2024, Kerner spearheaded

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## Council Approves New Mixed-Use Development

**By Shaunna Boyd**

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - During public comment at the March 18 Dixon City Council meeting, a resident shared ongoing concerns about the need for a stop sign at the intersection of 4th Street and A Street.

The resident said there have been many near-collisions between cars and pedestrians in that crosswalk and that five children have been hit by cars at that location in the last year, with one occurring just that day. She said the neighborhood has asked for a stop sign for years but were told by city staff that there wasn't enough traffic to justify it.

"You need to re-examine this issue. People are going to keep getting hurt," she said.

Two residents shared concerns about potential U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids breaking up local families. Dixon is

an agricultural city, with many farms employing Hispanic and Latino workers. Those workers are now living in fear that they will be taken away from their homes and families, the residents said.

"Aside from the fact that our economy largely depends on migrant labor, these are your neighbors. These are our children's and grandchildren's schoolmates. These are the owners of your favorite restaurants. They are an integral part of Dixon in countless ways. ... No one deserves to live in fear. Not my family and not my city," one woman said.

Both speakers asked the council to consider taking steps to make Dixon a sanctuary city.

Dixon City Manager Jim Lindley addressed the child hit at the intersection of 4th and A streets: "A juvenile was on an electric scooter, riding it illegally on the

sidewalk, apparently going faster than the law allows, and actually went into the intersection and struck a car, not the other way around."

Lindley said the child wasn't wearing a helmet and that there have been several similar incidents recently. As a result, Lindley said, the Dixon Police Department will issue tickets and fines instead of warnings "to try to get people to understand their responsibility and the rules of the road."

Vice-Mayor Thom Bogue said he was glad there would be more enforcement and he also supported revisiting the possibility of a stop sign at that intersection.

Councilmember Kevin Johnson agreed that the council should reexamine the need for a stop sign at 4th and A. He said he would also like to learn more about the designation of a sanctuary city, so the city attorney offered to hold a

meeting with two councilmembers and the city manager to explain the details.

Johnson said to the speakers, "We are listening."

The council then considered a proposal by Dixon Venture, LLC, for a mixed-use development called The Campus. Planned for approximately 257 acres of undeveloped farmland west of Pedrick Road, the project would construct up to 1,041 residential units in villages of various density, as well as a Dixon Opportunity Center for warehouses, offices and other commercial uses. Parks, paseos and green spaces would interconnect the site with the intention of creating a walkable neighborhood where residents both live and work.

The project was filed under the protections of Senate Bill (SB) 330, the Housing Accountability

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## Sacramento Hosts March for Life

**By MPG Staff**

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - The California March for Life is set to take place on March 31 at 1315 10th St., Sacramento with a series of events to bring together pro-life advocates from across the state. The rally and march will begin at noon, following a pre-rally concert at 11 a.m.

This year's event will feature keynote speaker Melissa Ohden, a survivor of abortion and the founder of the Abortion Survivors Network.

In addition to Ohden, several other influential advocates will speak, including Lila Rose, founder of Live Action; Jonathan Keller from the California Family Council; Dr. John Jackson of William Jessup University; Jackie Turner from Acres of Hope; and John Gerardi of Right to Life of Central California. The rally will also hear from Kathleen Jones of Life Choice Pregnancy Centers and Hannah Gautsch from March for Life.

The March for Life, first held in Washington, D.C., in 1974 as a response to the Roe v. Wade decision, has since grown into the largest pro-life event in the world.

"We march because we envision a future world where the beauty and dignity of every human life are valued and protected. We promote the beauty and dignity of every human life by working to end abortion - uniting, educating, and mobilizing pro-life people in the public square," according to the event's website.

Alongside the rally and march, several auxiliary events will take place. A prayer breakfast for pastors, hosted by the California Family Council, will begin at 8:30 a.m. March 31. Participants are also invited to join Love Life's prayer walk at 11 a.m. to Planned Parenthood, located near the Capitol. Additionally, a prayer and worship rally will occur at the West Steps of the Capitol at 11 a.m.

The California March for Life is open to all and encourages attendees to bring creative, pro-life signs. While registration is not required for the rally or march, organizers recommend registering to stay updated on event details.

To register and learn more, visit [marchforlife.org/california](http://marchforlife.org/california). ★







# Too Many to List

By Debra Dingman

I shouldn't have been surprised when the nominations for Dixon's Non-profit of the Year grew exponentially this year. Last year was a first for the award and given to the Rotary Club but becoming aware of the honor is part of the grand recognition so many people who serve our community deserves.

Among the nominees were the Dixon Community Theater, a newby as far as organizations go but one that has an awesome leader, Abel Cornejo, and a band of numerous hard-working volunteers who help put on a variety of entertaining shows here.

"The non-profits do so much work to make Dixon special and make us proud to call Dixon. Home. They give back to the community and that gives back to the world," so well said by Marianne MacDonald who received the award last year as President of Dixon Rotary and who handed the title off to a proud and beaming Cookie Powell, Director for Dixon Family Services, the winning non-profit.

Other nominees included the Soroptimist and the Dixon Women's Improvement Club that doles out thousands in scholarships and community grants to our locals. There were several others, too. It seems the idea of enjoying that title has caught on and who knows what greater volunteer work we'll see as they vie for the honor. It certainly added to the numbers attending the Celebrate Dixon event.

I can't imagine how this number can potentially explode. Even Dixon's Little League was getting in on serving one's community. This past Saturday, President Casey Willard, let me know they were doing a breast cancer awareness day and fundraiser at their baseball fields. They had the pink firetruck and more to show their support for one of the board members.

Farmstead at Dixon, although not a non-profit organization, also is offering many ways to serve Dixon. On April 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. they are offering an Easter Egg Hunt with kid's activities and photos with the Easter Bunny plus they are going to host a Farmers Market on April 26 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Farmstead is the Senior Living facility at 350 Gateway Drive.

I'd be remiss if I didn't mention an upcoming dinner and raffle where proceeds will help further other non-profit's missions. It will be put on by the women of the Dixon Women's Improvement Club on May 2 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Pedro's Cocina. Members are busy selling tickets now at \$33 each through April 21 as Pedro will need to know the number of dinners to prepare. Dixon Women's Improvement Club will use his banquet room off of the main restaurant and provide a selection of raffle items. These women are well known for creating wonderful and beautiful gift baskets with a variety of themes for all ages and occasions. For more information, contact Club President Teri Brown at (916) 601-3371. ★

# Grillin' and Chillin' Car and Truck Show



Dixon's Action Team thanks the Dixon Leon Soccer Club for their contributions to Grillin' and Chillin' each year. The 14th annual Grillin' and Chillin' Car and Truck Show is set for June 28. Photo courtesy of Dixon's Action Team

## Dixon Action Team News Release

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Dixon's Action Team (DAT) will celebrate the 14th annual Dixon Grillin' & Chillin' event on June 28.

Several streets along Highway 113 in downtown Dixon will be closed off to host a car and truck show and rib cook-off, along with craft and food vendors, a kids' park and live music for a full day of family fun.

This huge event takes months of planning and tons of dedicated work from the team, as well as tons of hard-working volunteers.

Dixon's Action Team (DAT) wants to highlight a group of individuals who have dedicated their efforts to Gillin' & Chillin' year after year. Dixon Leon's Soccer Club spends countless hours helping manage the setup and cleanup of the event, while also working the beer booths and kids' park.

This community event would not be possible without the help of volunteers, so Dixon's Action Team thanks Dixon Leon for their dedication to the team.

Dixon's Action Team is a nonprofit organization that strives to benefit the community of Dixon and Solano County, as well as the surrounding areas.

Over the years, Dixon's Action Team has given close to \$130,000 to organizations that include the American Cancer Society, local programs for veterans, Stand Down (Dixon Post 208) American Legion, Dixon Cornerstone Baptist Church Food Bank, Dixon Competitive Soccer Club Boys & Girls, Dixon's FFA and 4-H programs, Sacramento Valley Cemetery Wreath Project and many more.

Dixon's Action Team extends a special thank you to their sponsors and the City of Dixon for their contributions each year.

For more information or to participate, visit [dixonactionteam.com](http://dixonactionteam.com). ★

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# Council Approves New Mixed-Use Development

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Act, which aims to address the housing crisis by limiting cities’ ability to disapprove of residential development proposals. However, staff explained that the applicant waived many of the legal challenges allowed under SB 330 and collaborated with the city to achieve a mutually beneficial and financially feasible project.

The applicant also made various modifications to the plan after hearing concerns from the public and local stakeholders. For example, after concerns from Campbell’s tomato processing center, which is located east of the project site, the applicant moved the storm drainage detention basin to that side of the project to provide a buffer zone between the processing center and the planned residential spaces.

Staff found that the project is consistent with the city’s General Plan and Zoning Code but it would result in significant and unavoidable environmental impacts. The staff recommendation contends that those impacts are outweighed by the benefits of increased housing opportunities and new job generation.

The plan also includes a partnership obligation between the city and the owners’ group that the industrial area be marketed for development with ongoing input and oversight by City Council. The cost of infrastructure improvements will be supported by the residential component of the project, making the commercial area shovel-ready and highly attractive to new developers. A \$2-million Public Benefit Fee will be paid to the City of Dixon from building permit fees collected from the first 80 residential units, funds which the city has already earmarked for a new fire station.

During public hearing, some members of local unions expressed disappointment that the applicant hasn’t agreed to exclusively use union labor for the project.

Representatives from Campbell’s said they appreciate that the applicant took their concerns into account but want more assurance that future

development wouldn’t encroach into the buffer zone.

Other residents were concerned about the environmental impact, the potential traffic increases and the impact on existing infrastructure, with some asking if Dixon was trying to grow at an unsustainable rate.

The applicant said that compromises were offered with the labor groups to guarantee some portions of the project would use union labor but a full union agreement would make the project financially infeasible.

Councilmember Jim Ernest made it clear that the buffer zone will be owned by the city as part of the new public park area and the agreement is “ironclad,” so it cannot be turned into housing in the future. He added that much of Dixon’s workforce commutes to other areas, so it would be a great benefit to bring more jobs to the city. Ernest said the new parks and detention ponds will offer usable amenities to residents, so this project is “something that could actually work.”

Councilmember Johnson said he is always an advocate for increasing the amount of park space and affordable housing, adding that the residential improvements will bring the infrastructure necessary to attract commercial developers: “We’re creating a situation that is not there now. Right now, we have dirt.” He said the project will be an overall benefit for Dixon.

Councilmember Don Hendershot said he appreciated how responsive the applicant has been to addressing concerns from the public.

Vice-Mayor Bogue said he appreciates the potential to attract new industries to the city and to help Dixon meet housing mandates.

Mayor Steven Bird said the applicant “made a lot of significant changes that they didn’t have to do. But they did it to be a good neighbor, to come here and work side by side with existing businesses.”

The council voted unanimously to approve The Campus proposal.

The next Dixon City Council meeting is scheduled for April 1. ★

# Chris Kerner Police Officer of the Year



From left are Crystal Rico, Ted Jorgenson, Shauna Manina, Police Officer Chris Kerner, Devon Camara-Soucy, Ben Ernest, Anna Deussenberry and Kathy Ernest. The Dixon Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors held a brief ceremony for Kerner on March 20 after being announced as the first Police Officer of the Year.

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the development of a juvenile diversion program aimed at providing guidance and support to at-risk minors. This forward-thinking initiative exemplifies Kerner’s law enforcement approach, offering a second chance to youths in the community.

Because of Kerner’s inability to attend Celebrate Dixon on March 8, he was awarded at the Dixon Police Department Precinct on March 20. He appeared humbled by the experience.

“I appreciate you honoring me and taking the time to recognize me. I would not be able to do what I do without my partners and the other officers in the precinct,” said Kerner.

The Dixon Police



Since 2023, Police Officer Chris Kerner has been a school resource officer for the Dixon Unified School District. He also works as a field training officer and tends to support the Investigations and Patrol Division when necessary.

Department has five core values: service, honesty, integrity, accountability and respect. Having been voted Officer of the Year by a collective of his peers, Kerner represents these

values. For his proactive approach to law enforcement and his positive interaction with the school community, Kerner is the 2024 Police Officer of the Year. ★

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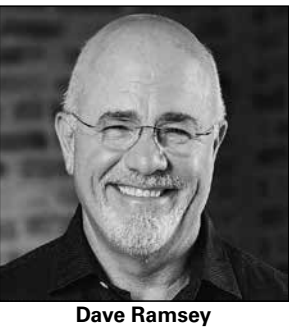


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Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

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– Bonna

Dear Bonna,

Congratulations on making the decision to gain control of your money! You sound motivated, and I believe it will translate into some really good things. Truth be told, the vast majority of things you see online and in late-night infomercial presentations are scams. I'm not talking about ads

## Dave Ramsey Says *Determination and Hard Work*

for legitimate job hunter sites, I'm talking about the business-in-a-box kind of thing. I know you've probably seen the advertisements that go something like, "My sister-in-law makes \$500 an hour working from home, and you can, too!" These clowns are the worst of the worst. Please, don't waste a second of your time on that kind of stuff. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

There's no shame in picking up a normal, part-time gig a couple of nights a week after work and on weekends. You'd be surprised at how much extra cash you can earn just delivering pizzas, or working at a local retail store. If that doesn't sound like something you'd enjoy for a little while, you might try thinking of something you love doing, and find a creative way to make some extra money doing that. Your idea might even be something that would allow you to work from home. I've known lots of folks who make wonderful sec-

ond incomes by turning a hobby or hidden talent into extra cash.

But the big thing is to just find a real and honest idea to help you make extra money. Remember, short-term sacrifice for long-term gain. You won't be doing this side gig forever. But whether you're looking for a little help in building your emergency fund or paying off debt, creativity, determination and hard work go a long, long way.

Best of luck, Bonna. And God bless. You can do this!

– 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.* ★

## Lobbyists are a Growth Industry in a State as Complex as California



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

In the late 1990s, the late Jay Michael and I coauthored a book, published by the University of California, that explored why and how interest groups employ lobbyists to represent them in Sacramento. Michael was a retired lobbyist who provided innumerable stories about what happens out of public view to shape legislation and other official policy, such as the notorious "napkin deal" Willie Brown brokered in a Sacramento restaurant that changed tobacco liability and other tort law. I framed the process in the context of an ever-changing state and a Legislature undergoing a cultural and ideological evolution.

At the time there were about 1,200 registered lobbyists working the Capitol, not only those who sought to affect legislation but those who concentrated on regulations, contracts and other acts in California's vast bureaucracy. As a hobby Chris Micheli, a lobbyist whose firm represents 15 widely varying clients, dives into legislative minutiae and recently generated data on the growth of lobbyist activity. Micheli found that the number of lobbying firms has grown from 433 to 484 over the last 10 years. More interestingly, the number of registered lobbyists had nearly tripled from 1,270 when Michael and I were writing

our book to 3,245 in the current legislative session.

That seemingly huge increase is, Micheli explains, a little misleading because it includes 1,116 newly registered lobbyists in 2011-12 due to a change in law. Reacting to a corruption scandal in the California Public Employees Retirement System, the Legislature required registration of "placement agents," who persuade the immense pension system to place millions or even billions of dollars into their clients' investment firms.

"While the number of registered lobbyists has grown by 1,975 over the past 25 years, more than half of those registrations are attributable to the addition of placement agents," said Micheli. "Even taking those registrations out of the total figure, the number of registered lobbyists has still grown over 65% during the past quarter century."

The California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) scandal is a stark example of why interest groups employ lobbyists and why their numbers are likely to continue growing indefinitely.

The decisions officialdom makes often have immense financial impacts. The state budget, currently about \$300 billion, is just one of those high-impact policy venues. Who gets shares of that money, and who doesn't, is the subject of perpetual lobbying activity, and there are always winners and losers in what legislators and the governor decree.

In relatively lean times the budget lobbying grows even more intense, a cyclic phenomenon now playing out as politicians wrestle with multi-billion-dollar shortfalls.

However, the budget is only one of many venues for the clashes of financial interests, and California's left-of-center politics spawn an ever-expanding array of laws, agencies and officials with regulatory authority.

Decrees of regulatory agencies, such as the California Public Utilities Commission and the Department of Insurance, can make or break the bottom lines of regulated industries and professions. That's very evident now as Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara copes with the fire insurance crisis.

Many high-value issues are virtually invisible such as decisions over which drugs will be included on the Medi-Cal "formulary" and what the state will pay pharmaceutical companies for those medications.

When one combines the state budget with the electric power rates set by the Public Utilities Commission, the insurance premiums that Lara approves and countless other legislative and non-legislative issues, it becomes evident that decisions made in Sacramento control an immense portion of the state's \$3.5 trillion economy.

Therefore, those affected believe they need skilled professional advocates, much like anyone facing serious civil or criminal court actions needs a savvy lawyer.

Maybe it shouldn't work that way, but in a state as immense and complex as California, it does.

*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.* ★

## Dixon News Briefs



Dixon Library, 230 N. First St. is hosting its monthly book club from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on April 10. The book club will be reading "The House of Eve" by Sadeqa Johnson. Photo by Kendall Brown

By MPG Staff

### 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.

### Dixon Chamber Connections Networking

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce is hosting a networking event from noon 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.

### 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](mailto:WDBEvents@solanowdb.org).

### Toastmaster Speech Contest

The Division West International Speech and Tall Tales Contest is a Toastmasters 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 Egg-stravaganza

Christina and James LaPorte of Nomad and Co. Event Planning are hosting the First Annual Dixon Eggstravaganza from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. on April 19. This free event will take place in Northwest Park, located near West H Street and Parkgreen Drive. Attendees can expect over 3000 filled eggs to hunt down. All guests will be automatically entered in a raffle to win

a balloon display, worth \$1500. The egg hunt will begin at 10 a.m. and be held in grass areas 1 and 2.

For more information, visit the Dixon Calendar and Events Facebook Page.

### Blossom and Bee Easter Market

Blossom and Bee Dixon, 160 W. A St. is hosting an Easter Market from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 19. The free event will offer attendees a festive atmosphere, with access to local artisans, food, live music and a visit from the Easter Bunny. The first 50 children in attendance will receive free Easter Baskets.

For more information, visit the Blossom and Bee Dixon Facebook Page or contact [blossomandbeedixon@gmail.com](mailto:blossomandbeedixon@gmail.com).

### Saturday Night at the Movies

Freedom Church, 470 E. H St., is hosting a free movie night at 5 p.m. on March 29. Freedom Church is offering a big-screen, theater-style experience with free sodas and popcorn. Saturday's film will be "The Forge," a 2024 Netflix movie about a young man trying to chart a better course for his life.

For more information, visit the Freedom Church Facebook page or call 707-693-1774.

### Dixon Library Book Club

Dixon Library, 230 N. First St. is hosting its monthly morning book club meeting from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on April 10. The morning book club is a monthly, adult-oriented group that will be starting "The House of Eve" by Sadeqa Johnson. Coffee and tea will be provided for attendees, and the meeting itself will be in the front room of the library.

For more information, visit [solanolibrary.com](http://solanolibrary.com) or call 1-866-572-7587.

### Veteran's Dinner

American Legion Post 208 is hosting a Veteran's Dinner from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Feb. 28 at Veterans' Memorial Hall, 1305 N. First St. Breaded chicken, mashed potatoes, veggies and a roll will be on offer for \$12 per person, and it will be all-you-can-eat.

For more information, visit American Legion Post 208's Facebook page.

### Solano-Yolo Rugby Club Game

The Solano-Yolo Rugby Club has a game at 1 p.m. on March 29. The free match will see the Solo Rugby Falcons playing the Youth Oaks Rugby Club out of Chico. The game will be played in Hall Park, 450 Hall Park Drive, at the south end next to the soccer field and dog park. The club's final home game will be on April 12.

For more information, visit the Solano-Yolo Rugby Club Facebook page or call 707-301-1319. ★

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**MEMORIAL**

**MARDA ROWE HENRY • 04/03/1940 - 01/26/2025**

Marda Rowe Henry, 84, of Dixon, California, died peacefully in her sleep on January 26, 2025. Born April 3, 1940, to parents John Oliver and Lillian (Wood) Rowe of Davis CA on the Innisfail Dairy. She enjoyed an idyllic childhood with her 5 siblings and grew up showing Milking Shorthorn cattle against her siblings, dancing and performing as a Davis High majorette.


Marda will be remembered for her dedication to many local activities including Dixon Community Nursery School, Dixon Community Church's Choir, Children's Choir, and Bell Choir, Tremont Mite Society, 4-H and leader, Dixon Women's Improvement Club, Dixon Historical Society and Saint Peter's YLI. She loved sewing, crafting and home interior design and received degrees in Music and Interior Design from Solano Community College.

We recall fondly many special family events, Christmas parties, Easter picnics, Community events and family camping trips. Survivors include her three children, Kathy (Chris) Wallace of Vacaville, John (Tacy) Currey, Scott (Hui) Currey of Dixon; stepchildren Michelle Dolan of Lincoln CA, Michael

(Sara) Henry of Charlottesville NC, grandchildren Michel Wallace, Spencer Currey, Riley Currey, Bianca Currey, Chloe Currey, Nathan Currey, Eleanor Currey, Lillian Currey, Ryan Dolan, Lorelei Henry, Fiona Henry, Finn Henry and Sonia Henry; Siblings Evelyn Rominger, Stuart Rowe, Charles Rowe, Binky Rowe Eason; numerous nieces and nephews; and her first husband Robert Currey. She is predeceased by her parents, her second husband, James Patrick Henry, infant daughter Julia Currey and brother James Rowe of Twin Falls ID.

A celebration of life will be held on Wednesday April 2, 2025, at the Dixon United Methodist Church at 11:00 am with a reception to follow. She will be interred on her birthday Thursday April 3rd at 1:00 pm at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery.





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# Adorable New Children's Books that Build Self-esteem, Confidence, and Resolutions



### Bitsy Bat School Star

*Kaz Windness, Simon and Schuster*

Bitsy Bat, with her big star dreams, was all set for her first day of school. However, she soon realized she was different from the other kids. While they sat in chairs, she liked to hang upside down. Her lunch was not like theirs. As she played at school, she felt she was doing everything wrong, leading to a meltdown.

That night, Bitsy knew she needed to do something to help her at school the next day, and that’s when she came up with a big star idea. The next day, armed with headphones, sunglasses, and stars for everyone in class, Bitsy learned the most valuable lesson of all.

Young readers will fall in love with Bitsy Bat while they celebrate everyone’s differences. Written from the perspective of an autistic child, this new series will allow children to see the star quality of each of their classmates and themselves. This series builds confidence and self-esteem while showing strong character and problem-solving skills. Perfect for any home library and classroom.

### Bitsy Bat Team Star

*Kaz Windness, Simon and Schuster*

Bitsy loves being the fastest flyer at school. She can’t wait for the Critter Games, where she can win the fantastic flyer award. But when a new student arrives at school that is also a good flyer, Bitsy can’t help being upset. Bitsy knows

that she is supposed to be the best, and what happens if she isn’t? That night, Bitsy dreamed of being the fastest and winning, and the next day, she knew what she had to do. So, while everyone set up, she practiced. When it was Bitsy’s time to race, she was ready, and then the unthinkable happened. Will Bitsy Bat choose to lose the race and help a friend, or will she do everything she can to be the Fantastic Flyer?

Bitsy Bat returns with an inspiring new adventure that highlights the value of accepting new challenges, meeting new friends, and the beauty of teamwork. This adorable series helps children see that their many differences can make them shine as a team.

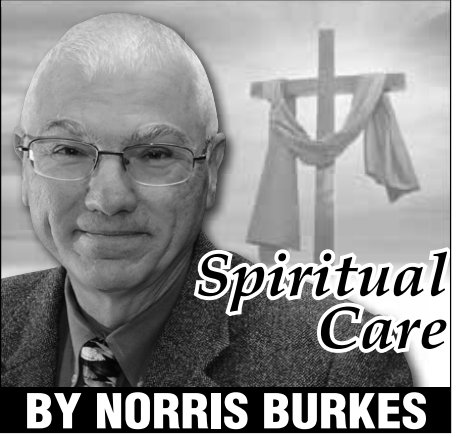
### The Not-So-Sleepy Little Panda

*by David Walker, Atheneum*

It's time for bed, but the little panda doesn't want to sleep. “Just five more minutes, can I stay up with you? Can I have another song?” The little panda is full of questions, but nothing will help her go to sleep. Will her parents ever get her to sleep?

Parents of little ones will find this adorable storybook a soothing read. With a little panda that won't go to sleep and parents who have tried everything, this book offers a gentle resolution. The soft and calming illustrations add a lulling glow to the story, making it a perfect bedtime read. ★

# Getting Back to the Basics



Family lore from my wife’s kinfolk recounts the first time my father-in-law assumed solo caregiving responsibilities for his firstborn infant, Becky, my wife.

Those who retell it say that Becky’s mother, Darla, left the house for a church event and gave her young husband, Wilbur, explicit instructions on how to care for their daughter.

Before driving away, Darla stocked the home with extra diapers, clean bottles, warm blankets, sterilized pacifiers, and Becky’s favorite toys – all things imaginable for soothing a crying baby.

A few hours into the warm evening, their firstborn began to fuss. Wilbur offered Becky a warm bottle, but she wouldn’t take it.

He offered a soft blanket, a spoonful of baby food, and a stuffed bear, but nothing seemed to pacify the tiny tot.

Soon, Becky’s protest deteriorated into crying and then transitioned into incessant squalling. A fretful father paced the floor with daughter atop his shoulder, bouncing the bawling babe in hopes of releasing a bothersome burp.

Nothing. Infant Becky elevated her protest with additional wailing.

Left afoot, Wilbur did the only thing he could – he picked up the phone to call the doctor.

At that moment, Becky’s mom burst through the door and swept Becky in her arms. Wilbur hung up and explained how he’d tried everything to no avail.

“Well,” asked Darla, “Did you give her some water?”

To hear Becky’s mother tell it, Wilbur stared at his young wife as cluelessly as if she was speaking Farsi with an Oklahoma accent. “You never mentioned that,” he said.

The story has a parallel in Christian tradition when Jesus left his followers alone and returned to his father. He left instructions, but not a lot of detail.

This lack of detail prompts a lot of

Christ-followers to be like my ill-informed father-in-law and say, “Well, Jesus never mentioned that.”

For instance, “Jesus never said anything about how to treat the refugee.”

Yes, and Jesus was also completely mute about universal healthcare.

He made no mention of tobacco or whether Baptists can drink beer, either.

Jesus said little or nothing about common-sense sword or gun control.

And I suppose these are accurate observations. There’s so much that is absent from Jesus’ teachings.

However, much like my mother-in-law, Jesus was fundamentally clear.

For the uninformed, he offered additional clarity when he was asked to name the greatest commandment.

Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

But in case folks didn’t understand his basic message, Jesus offered the Golden Rule, a standard in most world religions.

The Message translation of the Bible offers extra transparency of Mathew 7:12.

“Here is a simple, rule-of-thumb guide for behavior: Ask yourself what you want people to do for you, then grab the initiative and do it for them.”

Whenever I’m feeling short of divine instruction, this one is my go-to rule. Just treat others the way I would want to be treated.

This means I ask myself tough questions as if the answers impacted me, like what would I want done if it was my daughter? How would I feel if my kids’ school was shot up? Or what if my refugee family had been turned away? Or how will my disabled brother get the health care he needs in his declining years?

Simple. The answers are there when we want to hear them.

As soon as Becky’s mom gave her some water, the protests ended. But in the future, if we ever leave my new granddaughter with my father-in-law, I’ll be sure and tell him, “Wilbur, if you are drinking water, give the baby water, too.”

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# Riley Reviews

## “NOVOCAINE” DELIVERS PAIN ALL AROUND IN THIS COMEDIC THRILLER

### A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

“NOVOCAINE” Rated R

On occasion, you may learn something at the movies that you did not know existed in real life, only because it sounds too fantastical to believe. That happens to be a rare genetic disorder in the comedic action film “Novocaine.”

There won’t be a need for anesthesia in this movie because the titular character (given his nickname) has a condition called congenital insensitivity to pain with anhidrosis (CIPA), which means a person has the inability to feel pain. A trip to the dentist for root canal won’t induce anxiety.

Jack Quaid’s Nathan Caine, a mild-mannered assistant manager at a San Diego credit union bank suffering from CIPA, does his best to live a risk-free life. That means all sharp corners of furniture at work and in his apartment are covered with tennis balls.

A liquid diet is required because eating solid food might cause him to bite off his tongue. The alarm on his watch goes off every three hours as a reminder to not let his bladder explode. When not at work, he spends all his time playing video games with a friend he’s never met in person.

At work, he rarely socializes until he takes notice of new teller Sherry (Amber Midthunder), when she accidentally scalds his hand with a cup of hot water. Sherry takes a liking to him such that he starts to come out of his shell. They even go out on a date, which seems like a first for Nate.

That Nate becomes infatuated with Sherry, not least for the reason that she’s pretty with a vivacious personality, but as well for her persistence by prodding him to take a bite of her delicious cherry pie at lunchtime.

When they go out that evening to a bar, Nate encounters an arrogant bully from his high school days who gave him the nickname of Novocaine because of his condition. When the tormentor fails at hitting upon Sherry, Nate starts falling hard for her.

Getting close to Christmas, Nate demonstrates his good-guy qualities by helping an elderly widower and small business owner defer on making payments until after the holidays. He’s a candidate for good karma, and he’s really gone to need it.

The day after the date with Sherry, three robbers dressed as Santas and toting automatic weapons storm the bank, demanding the safe to be opened. As the leader of the group, Simon (Ray Nicholson) is a certified trigger-happy psycho who kills the

bank manager (Craig Jackson).

After forcing Nate to open the vault, the robbers take Sherry hostage once the police arrive. A shootout ensues with several police officers gunned down. With the cops out of commission, Nate steals a squad car to pursue the bad guys.

The consequence of this act causes the sardonic police detective Coltraine (Matt Walsh), along with his partner Mincy (Betty Gabriel), to assume that Nate is part of the robbery gang.

With the help of his video game buddy Roscoe (Jacob Batalon), Nate tracks down one of the robbers named Ben (Evan Hengst), who had escaped separately from Simon and his brother Andre (Conrad Kemp) when they abducted Sherry to their hiding place.

As part of his sleuthing, Nate ends up in a brutal encounter with tattoo artist Zeno (Garth Collins), a physical behemoth who could break him in half. Genuity on the part of Nate using his bloody fists embedded with shards of glass gets the better of his adversary.

One of the best scenes is when Nate ends up in a booby-trapped house and gets ensnared in a bear trap that has him hanging from the ceiling like a side of beef at the butcher shop, only to get saved by Roscoe.

With Nate impervious to pain, “Novocaine” leans heavily into bloody violence with a protagonist willing to go the ends of the earth to save his damsel in distress. In doing so, Nate suffers beatings so severe that even John Wick wouldn’t bounce back.

Nate doesn’t react when his leg is impaled by an arrow or a spiked medieval ball slams into his back. Sticking his hand into boiling oil to retrieve a handgun is no biggie. He laughs when he’s tortured by pliers pulling out fingernails, but that’s just a bit too much for a squeamish audience to witness.

The choreography of fight scenes, from fists and kicks to throwing knives and frying pans, is thrilling in a cartoonish manner, but it does go unnecessarily over the top. Still, it is fun if you are willing to go with the premise.

“Novocaine” thrives on its ingenuity of brutal damage and mayhem. Nate keeps it all going with the occasional use of an EpiPen as his lovesick devotion to Sherry is his motivation to keep recharging his energy.

You may grimace at all the pain inflicted on the titular hero, but “Novocaine” is oddly enjoyable as a quirky, offbeat comedic thriller with a nice turn by Jack Quaid in the lead. ★



### Legislation Introduced to Battle Smoke Taint in Wine Industry

Legislation coming out of both houses of Congress has been introduced to protect winegrape growers against wildfire smoke damage. Reps. Mike Thompson, D-St. Helena, and Doug LaMalfa, R-Richvale, have partnered with Sens. Alex Padilla, D-California, and Jeff Merkley, D-Oregon, to introduce the Smoke Exposure Research Act of 2025. The bill would authorize \$32.5 million annually over the next five-year Farm Bill cycle to better understand the impacts of prolonged wildfire smoke exposure on vines and wineries and provide fair insurance products for growers.

### New Farmer-focused Survey Reveals Barriers to Sustainable Groundwater

Researchers at California State University Water Advocacy Towards Education and Research, or CSU-WATER, surveyed hundreds of farmers in five counties in the San Joaquin Valley about their perceptions of California’s landmark groundwater law, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. CSU-WATER recently published results from the survey, which revealed barriers farmers have faced learning about SGMA and adapting to the law. Experts have predicted that SGMA will transform California’s agricultural landscape within the next 15 years and cause as much as a million acres of farmland in the San Joaquin Valley to be taken out of production.

### On the Record: Juan Alanis Talks Serving on Legislative Committees

Assembly Member Juan Alanis, R-Modesto, spoke with Ag Alert® about the role legislative committees play in the California State Legislature’s policymaking process. “Committees provide a space to hold discussions on issues. We try to engage in bipartisan conversations, see what questions come up and hopefully find some solutions,” said Alanis, who represents District 22 in the California State Assembly and serves as vice chair on the Assembly Agriculture, Natural Resources and Public Safety committees. “Public testimony about how constituents may be affected can have a huge impact on how the members view bills.”

**ICYMI: 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. ★



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# May Fair Entry Forms Due April 11

## Dixon May Fair News Release

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - “Flower Power” will be celebrated at this year’s Dixon May Fair and it’s time to sign up to participate in the annual competitions at the Fair, May 8 to 11. The Fair is looking for crafting, knitting, baking and flower arrangements, along with all the traditional quilts, preserves, art and more. Details for 100s of classes are outlined in the 2025 Exhibitor Guidebook for all the ways the community can enter their projects. For 148 years the Dixon May Fair has been celebrating the community by showcasing the skills and talents of the region. Community projects, produce, pigs and pies are all showcased in the fun of the annual Fair.

Any residents in the State of California can enter their homegrown and home-made exhibits in most categories of the

Dixon May Fair’s competition, which might earn them a prized blue ribbon or a little cash. (Market animals are restricted to Solano County.)

Entering projects in the Fair is easy and can be done online at [dixonmayfair.com](http://dixonmayfair.com). The Guidebook can be viewed online and entry forms downloaded at [dixonmayfair.com](http://dixonmayfair.com). (Click on Fair Information, then Entries.) Complete and sign the entry form and return it to the Fair office, 655 S. First St., with any fees due. While most entry forms are due April 11, the actual exhibits are not due until closer to the Fair as outlined in the Guidebook.

Dixon May Fair starts on May 8 and continues through May 11 with Special Day discounts for children and seniors. For information on how to participate, visit [dixonmayfair.com](http://dixonmayfair.com) and follow the Facebook page for up-to-date information. ★



The Dixon May Fair will take place from May 8 to 11. Those interested in being exhibitors have until April 11 to turn in entry forms (with any fees due), but exhibits are not due until closer to the fair, as outlined in the Exhibitors Guidebook. Photo courtesy of the Dixon May Fair

# Community Calendar

### Ongoing Activities:

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

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

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

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

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

### Regular Meetings:

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

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

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

**Anderson PTO** – Meets monthly at 7 p.m. at Anderson Elementary School, 415 East C St. Email [andersonroadrunnerspto@gmail.com](mailto:andersonroadrunnerspto@gmail.com) for dates.

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

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

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

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

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8. Elect democratically  
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13. "Henry \_\_\_\_," a serial husband  
14. Mosaic artist  
15. Cracked open  
16. Between ids and super-egos  
17. More unfriendly  
18. "Babylonian ruler, code creator  
20. Minute bit  
21. Cavern or cave  
22. Not amateur  
23. Sapodilla tree gum  
26. "Akenaten or Tutankhamun  
30. Be bedridden  
31. a.k.a. crown vetch  
34. "Viracocha, the eighth Sapa \_\_\_\_ of Kingdom of Cusco  
35. Like some peppers  
37. \_\_\_\_-been  
38. Trots and canters  
39. And others, for short  
40. Shred of clothing  
42. Aptitude test, acr.  
43. a.k.a. sodium carbonate  
45. In ignoble manner  
47. One behind plate, for short  
48. Patrick Swayze/ Demi Moore movie  
50. George Lucas' warrior-monk  
52. "Egypt's famous queen  
56. Capital of Tunisia  
57. Military status  
58. "High" time  
59. River in India  
60. Rainbows, e.g.  
61. Al Capone, e.g.  
62. Difficult situation  
63. Striped stinger  
64. Biblical paradise

DOWN

1. Ho-hum  
2. Indian royal  
3. Mosque V.I.P.  
4. Plane road  
5. "Sometimes a cigar is just a \_\_\_\_"  
6. She turned to stone  
7. Not yet final, legally speaking  
8. \*Second-longest reigning British monarch  
9. Spaghetti aglio and \_\_\_\_  
10. Do like bees?  
11. Go wrong  
13. Top of a mountain, e.g.  
14. #8 Down's headdress, e.g.  
19. Untwist a rope  
22. Third degree  
23. Lawyers' loads  
24. Informed of latest trends (2 words)  
25. Homeric epic  
26. Exterminator's target  
27. Liqueur flavor  
28. Based on number 8  
29. Rash  
32. \*Mohammad Reza \_\_\_\_ Pahlavi  
33. Get calories  
36. "Robert Graves' "I, \_\_\_\_"  
38. Comprehend  
40. Medicinal amt.

41. Kindle editions  
44. Not quite right  
46. Posture  
48. Unfriendly stare  
49. From this time  
50. Equinox month  
51. Concludes  
52. Underwater hermit  
53. Arnold Lobel's "Frog and \_\_\_\_"  
54. Tug-of-War equipment  
55. Soon, to a bard  
56. Burton of gothic horror genre

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dixon Historical Society Thanks Pardi Plaza Tile Contributors

By Kim Schroeder-Evans,  
Dixon Historical Society  
President

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Dixon Historical Society and Museum, 125 W. A St. would like to thank the Dixon Independent Voice for the recent article (“Dixon’s History Displayed in Pardi Plaza Tiles” page 10, March 14) regarding the 50 Pardi Plaza Historical Tiles. A huge thank you goes to Madeline Graf, of the City of Dixon, for overseeing this project from start to finish, along with the Dixon City Mayor and Council Members, for their support. The Dixon Library and the Dixon Women’s Improvement Club also allowed the Dixon Historical Society to select some pictures from their archives. Both sets of archives were

created by some of the original Dixon Historical Society members and founders from the 1980s, along with community members who shared their pictures over the years. In addition, all three groups have had an interconnected history and have overlapped in membership over the past decades and continue to do so to this day. The Dixon Historical Society Board members, over the past three years, carefully researched and studied multiple sources, and conducted interviews to bring the Dixon community detailed, written and historically accurate descriptions of all 50 Pardi Plaza pictures. This information can be found by visiting the Dixon History Museum or the Dixon Historical Society website at

dixonhistoricalsociety.org and clicking on the History tab. This information is also found on the City of Dixon website and by scanning the QR code provided on the 50th tile at the Pardi Plaza, 600 E. A St. The Dixon Historical Society strives to preserve, protect, and promote the history of Dixon and the surrounding areas, and invites the community to visit the website and use the information provided as a trusted source of history, in collaboration with other resources. Dixon Historical Society welcomes community input and feedback. The Dixon Historical Society consulted the following people and resources for this, and other recent projects: Solano County Dixon Library Historical Online Collection

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Judge of the Superior Court: Tim Kam Dated: March 14, 2025 Publish: March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2025 YESSENIA 4-18-25 NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE CASE NO. PR25-00144 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 Publish: March 21, 28, April 4, 2025 KISICH 4-11-25

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The Dixon Planning Commission will hold a hybrid PUBLIC HEARING to consider the following project:

PROJECT:

325 West F St (Shafer Manufacturing) - Revocation of Conditional Use Permit. The City of Dixon Planning Commission is holding a public hearing to consider the revocation of Conditional Use Permit 18-18. The Conditional Use Permit allows Shafer Manufacturing to operate a cannabis cultivation, manufacturing, and distribution business operations on real property located at 325 W. F Street, Dixon, California. This Conditional Use Permit was granted conditionally on the business operator's compliance with the Conditions of Approval of the permit. Revocation of the Conditional Use Permit is subject to review by the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to determine if the Developer has failed to comply with the Conditional Use Permit's Conditions of Approval. APN: 0113-074-040; Zoning District: Service Commercial (CS); Dretzka Kenneth B Jr & J G JT, owner; Ronnie Shafer, applicant; File No: Planning Application PA18-18 (Use & Permit)

HEARING DATE & LOCATION:

Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 7:00 pm. 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 Raffi Boloyan, Community Development Director at (707) 678-7000 x 1114 or [rboloyan@cityofdixonca.gov](mailto:rboloyan@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 to express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposed application. Testimony from interested persons will be heard and considered by the Planning Commission prior to making any decision on the application.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Prior to 4:30pm on the day of the meeting, written comments can be: 1) emailed to [PlanningCommission@cityofdixon.us](mailto:PlanningCommission@cityofdixon.us) or 2) mailed/dropped off to: City of Dixon, Planning Commission, 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 Planning Commission and will become part of the official record, but will not be read aloud at the meeting

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)).

Appeals of decisions by the Planning Commission to the City Council shall be made in person at Dixon City Hall by completing the appeal application and submitting the required fee, within 10 calendar days of a decision (Dixon Municipal Code Sections 17.01.050 or 18.40).

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) at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Dixon Independent Voice 3-28-2025

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO  
SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
CASE #CU25-01322  
Yessenia Alvarado filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Yessenia Alvarado to Yessenia Villegas. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name change described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. May 12, 2025, 10:00 a.m. Department 7, Room 2, Superior Court of California, County of Solano, Old Solano Court House, 580 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533

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# Police to Strictly Enforce E-Bike, Electric Scooter Laws

## Dixon Police Department News Release

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - The Dixon Police Department is escalating enforcement of existing e-bike and electric scooter laws after multiple serious accidents involving juveniles. Despite four previous public safety alerts and repeated warnings to parents and riders, another collision occurred involving a young person riding without a helmet.

“We can’t care more about the safety of your children than you do,” said Dixon Police Chief Robert Thompson.

Effective immediately, Dixon Police officers will strictly enforce municipal laws governing e-bikes and electric scooters, with violations resulting in citations, fines and potential impoundment of e-bikes and scooters for repeat offenses.

The Police Department is also preparing to present an expanded ordinance to the Dixon City Council, which will further regulate e-bike and scooter use, increase penalties for violations and close enforcement loopholes.

“We have issued four public safety announcements. We have spoken with parents. We have gone into schools. We have issued warnings after every single accident. And today, yet again, another young person was hit while riding without a helmet,” said Thompson. “We are treating this like the crisis that it is. We are done with warnings. If your child is caught violating these laws, there will be consequences.”

Dixon has seen a sharp increase in accidents involving e-bikes and scooters, many involving juveniles riding without helmets, ignoring stop signs, weaving through traffic and riding on sidewalks in restricted areas.

Despite four separate public safety alerts, enforcement efforts and outreach to parents and schools, these unsafe behaviors persist, putting both riders and the public at risk.

Effective immediately, officers will no longer issue verbal warnings. Citations and penalties will be issued in accordance with

existing municipal ordinance:

Helmet Violations – All riders under 18 must wear a helmet while operating an e-bike or scooter (DMC 12.11.040).

Sidewalk Riding Ban – E-bikes and electric scooters may not be ridden on sidewalks in downtown Dixon or near schools and parks (DMC 10.20.010).

Reckless Operation – Speeding, ignoring traffic signs, weaving through vehicles, or obstructing roads will result in a citation or possible impoundment of the e-bike or scooter (DMC 10.08.010 & 10.12.040).

### Parental Accountability and Vehicle Impoundment

First-time offenders might receive a warning or citation at the officer’s discretion.

Repeat offenders will receive mandatory citations.

E-bikes and scooters will be impounded for egregious or multiple violations. Parents will be required to pay a \$200 fee to retrieve an impounded vehicle.

Parents will be notified in writing for every citation or warning issued to their child.

### Next Steps: Expanded Ordinance Being Taken to City Council

While Dixon Police Department is enforcing current municipal laws, the department is also proposing an expanded ordinance to increase fines, strengthen sidewalk and school-zone restrictions and close loopholes that limit enforcement.

If approved by the Dixon City Council, the proposed ordinance would:

Apply all helmet and traffic laws equally to both e-bikes and electric scooters.

Increase penalties for repeat offenders.

Give officers clearer authority to immediately impound vehicles for reckless operation.

### Help Us Keep Children Safe

Dixon Police Department is increasing enforcement efforts near schools, parks and high-traffic areas. The department urges parents to:

Make sure your child wears a helmet.

Teach them the rules of the road.

Ensure they follow all traffic laws. ★



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

## DIXON POLICE LOG

### Wednesday, March 19

- 1315** - Confidential report taken in the 1300 block of West H St.
- 1607** - Non injury traffic accident reported in the 400 block of North First St.

### Tuesday, March 18

- 0822** - Traffic collision reported in the area of North Fourth St. and East B St. Vehicle Vs John Knight Middle School student on a scooter with no helmet. Student has complaint of pain and was taken home by a parent.
- 1341** - Informational report taken at John Knight Middle School.
- 1604** - Theft reported in the 1200 block of Stratford Ave.

### Monday, March 17

- 0921** - Report of animal cruelty in the 200 block of Archer Place.
- 0940** - Information report taken in the 900 block of Windmill Drive.
- 1005** - Welfare check in the 1300 block of North Lincoln St. John Bordenkircher (44, out of Dixon) was found in violation of a criminal protective order and had an outstanding warrant. He was taken into custody and booked at Solano County Jail. A bail enhancement was requested and granted with a status of “no bail.”
- 1128** - Mental health hold in the 1300 block of North Lincoln St.
- 1151** - Grand theft report in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive. Three stove ranges were stolen in transit.
- 1613** - Grand theft report in the 2000 block of North First St.

### Sunday, March 16

- 1047** - Information report taken.
- 1803** - A warrant arrest report was taken in the 1200 block of Stratford Ave. Officers contacted (S) Edward Riley (32-year-old out of Vacaville). A records check revealed he had a citable warrant out of Sonoma County. The warrant was confirmed, and he was arrested and later cited and released.

### Friday, March 14

- 0944** - Michael Gomez (42-year-old, out of Vacaville) was arrested at John Knight Middle School for a violation of a restraining order. S-Gomez was taken into custody without incident and transferred to Solano County Jail for booking.
- 1344** - The reporting party came to the police department to report her friend’s son, MP-Afshin Virabi, as missing. MP-Virabi was last known to live in Alabama. Follow-up was conducted and MP-Virabi was placed into the missing person data system.
- 1354** - Gas line on a transport van in the 1500 block of North Lincoln St. was cut. The incident occurred over night and camera footage is forthcoming.
- 1704** - Threats call at in the 600 block of McKenzie Drive.

### Thursday, March 13

- 0944** - Pay kiosk in the 700 block of North Adams St. vandalized. The victim/business owner reported the pay kiosk had been pried open, but their box was empty. The vandalism caused damage to the validator and will cost approximately \$2500 to repair.
- 1218** - Information report taken in the 200 block of North Lincoln St.
- Wednesday, March 12**
- 1231** - Shoplifting report in the 200 block of East Dorset. Troy Chambers (63), out of Baypoint, CA was arrested for felony petty theft with priors, burglary and providing a false name to police officers.
- 1442** - Non-injury collision report was taken in the 500 block of Sierra Drive.
- 1538** - Possession of child pornography report was taken in the 1500 block of Valley Glen. Victim located a social media profile using explicit photos of her under the age of 18.
- 1830** - Theft report from a business in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive.
- 2008** - Ruben Chavez Jr (20) was arrested in the 400 block of Morse Ct. and arrested for felony evading a police officer and providing a peace officer with false information
- 2130** - Information Report in the 1400 block of Market Lane.

### Tuesday, March 11

- 1012** - Report of an abandoned vehicle in the 400 block of South Adams St.
- 1040** - Information report taken at the Police Department.
- 1233** - Information report taken at the Police Department.
- 1301** - Fraud report taken in the 400 block of West Chestnut St.
- 1338** - Fraud report taken in the 200 block of Sycamore Drive.
- 1348** - Vehicle burglary reported in the 1300 block of Commercial Way.
- 1410** - Report of two children found at Northwest Park. The Reporting Party located a 4- and 2-year-old at the park after they were spotted walking from the area of North Lincoln St. and West F St. The kids were taken back to the Police Department where the parents came looking for them. After speaking with the parents, Juan Carlos-Sierra (22) of Dixon was arrested for felony child neglect. He was taken to county jail.
- 1437** - Threats report taken in the 300 block of West Walnut St.
- 1848** - A public intoxication and violation of probation arrest report was taken in the 400 block of North Adams St. Officers contacted (S) Eric Brock (39) of Dixon. Brock showed objective signs of intoxication and could not take care of himself. Brock was arrested for public intoxication and probation violation. Brock was transported to the Solano County Jail and released to their staff.

### Monday, March 10

- 1533** - Information report taken at the Police Department lobby.
- 2054** - A theft, conspiracy and smuggle control substance into jail arrest report was taken in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive. Officers were dispatched to the above location on a report of a theft in progress. Officers arrived and contacted (S) Kari Medina (38) of Vacaville and (S) Jamie Roberts (50) of Sacramento. They were arrested and transported to the Solano County Jail. Once inside, Roberts was found to be in possession of suspected methamphetamine.
- 0136** - A warrant arrest report was taken in the 100 block of East Dorset Drive. Officers contacted (S) Joesph Lopez (42) of Vacaville. A records check revealed Lopez had a citable misdemeanor warrant out of Yuba County. The warrant was confirmed, and Lopez was arrested and cited and released.

### Sunday, March 9

- 1306** - Oscar Orozco, age 24, of Dixon, was stopped for a CVC violation on his bicycle, at North Fifth St. and West Creekside Cir. Orozco was found to have three warrants out of Solano County. Orozco was arrested and transported to Solano County Jail
- 1304** - Vandalism report taken in the 400 block of Calmace Drive. Juvenile suspects smashed a window at the abandoned residence. The owner of the home was contacted, and all juveniles were located. No arrests were made due to the age of the juveniles.

### Saturday, March 8

- 1021** - Victim came to the police department to make a report of an extortion. Victim met an unknown suspect online and sent explicit photos. After sending the photos, Victim was threatened to pay eight-teen hundred dollars, via bitcoin, or have the photos distributed on the internet. Due to fear of the threats, Victim did pay the Suspect.
- 1035** - The reporting party stated they heard “Help” from the interior of a home in the 800 block of Woodvale Drive. Officers responded and had to force entry into the residence to assist.
- 2000** - Restraining order served in the 1200 block of Tufts Lane.

### Friday, March 7

- 1427** - Juvenile arrested for reckless driving. Juvenile ran a stop sign, crossed over the double yellow (into oncoming traffic) to cut off the vehicle ahead of him. Juvenile was cited and released to his mother. The vehicle was towed.
- 1450** - Ismael Mercado-Estrada (49-year-old out of Dixon) was stopped on his bicycle, in the 700 block of North Adams St. Mercado-Estrada exhibited objective signs of intoxication. Mercado-Estrada was arrested for a probation violation and taken to Solano County jail for booking.
- 1638** - Juvenile was reported missing and at risk. Juvenile had been missing since 1510 hours and his location was unknown. Prior to officers arriving to the scene, juvenile was located by his family. Officers confirmed his safe return.
- 1800** - A vehicle accident in the area of South Jefferson St. and East Walnut St. led to the arrest of Marcos Funes (39) of Dixon for DUI.
- 1830** - Threats report at Hall Park.
- 1845** - Missing Persons report. Francisco Torres (67) was reported missing and last seen in Napa on 03-07-2025 at 1450 hours.

### Thursday, March 6

- 0828** - A report of vandalism at the intersection of Norton Ct and Valley Glen Drive was taken. Minor damage was sustained to the victim’s vehicle. There was no suspect information.
- 0843** - Stolen license place report taken in the 900 block of Weyand Way.
- 1930** - Vehicle versus Pedestrian in the area of Pitt School Road and West H St. The pedestrian suffered minor injuries.
- 0000** - Suspicious circumstance report in the 1200 block of Stratford Ave.
- Wednesday, March 5**
- 1042** - School resource report taken in the 300 block of Pheasant Rune Drive.
- 1138** - Traffic stop in the 1300 block of Stratford Ave. resulted in the arrest of Joseph Marks (67) of Vallejo for a misdemeanor warrant. He was taken to county jail.
- 1205** - School resource report taken in the 500 block of College Way.

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