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Youth Get 'Ag-tive' at Dixon May Fair



Nytalia Boykin-Reek, a 10th-grader at Rodriguez High School, is an FFA exhibitor who shows sheep and participated in showmanship shows throughout the Dixon May Fair. To her, participating in showmanship is a great experience overall.

Story and photos by Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Dixon May Fair, held from May 8 to 11, offered various entertainment options, including live music, carnival rides and a mechanical bull. However, for many children and parents alike, the livestock area served as the central hub of their fair experience.

Throughout the event, youth livestock exhibitors from throughout Solano County competed for ribbons and recognition in livestock showmanship. Each participant competed for their own reasons, such as Nytalia Boykin-Reek, a Rodriguez High School 10th-grader. Boykin-Reek has participated in showmanship for two years and works with sheep.

"My mom was in Future



Lauren Wagner (center) used to competed as a youth, showing sheep and cattle but her daughters fell in love with rabbits, inspiring Camille Pace (left) and her sister, Alex Pace, to compete as well.

Farmers of America (FFA) in high school and she told me about the great memories. It is overall a good experience," said Boykin-Reek.

Jake Howard, a Suisun Valley K-8 sixth-grader, worked with pigs for the first time at the Dixon May Fair.

"I was going to do

chickens but we can't this year because of the bird flu, so I decided to do pigs. Whatever I do, I make sure to work at it as much as I can," said Howard.

Howard went on to win the 4-H Novice Showmanship competition, qualifying him to move up to Junior Showmanship and earn second overall.

According to the Dixon May Fair 2025 exhibitor's guidebook, competitors based on age and class, could compete in one of five competitions: FFA Novice Showmanship, 4-H Novice Showmanship, 4-H Junior Showmanship and 4-H Senior Showmanship.

First- and second-place competitors in novice showmanship were eligible for a higher class, as per Howard's experience,

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Council Approves Pardi Plaza Shade Project

By Shaunna Boyd

DIXON, CA (MPG) - An update was provided about the proposed Harvest at Dixon development project during the May 6 Dixon City Council meeting. It was not an action item but rather an opportunity for council to provide input and hear public comments.

The proposed development is located just off Pedrick Road and Parkway Boulevard, southeast of Dixon city limits. The proposal includes a request for annexation into the city boundaries as well as applicable rezoning.

The project would be built on 836 acres, with more than 6,000 residential units planned over the next 20 years, with up to 325 built per year. More than 18 acres are planned for a neighborhood retail center and 140 acres for parks, open space and recreation areas. Other proposed improvements include new roadways, sewers and drinking water infrastructure, as well as a new elementary school site.

The developer has hosted various outreach meetings since 2024

and the city hosted two this year. If eventually approved, construction of Harvest at Dixon would begin in 2027 to 2028, with the first homes available in approximately 2030.

The guiding principles for the project include maintaining Dixon's small-town feel, creating a successful urban/rural interface, and developing walkable neighborhoods with a variety of housing options.

The review process will include an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) as well as engineering and planning studies that will take approximately 12 to 18 months. Details about the project can be found at cityofdixonca.gov/harvestatdixon and the developers have a dedicated website at harvestatdixon.com.

Councilmember Kevin Johnson said the small-town feel is hard to define but "we have a feeling of family here."

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While new development is "inevitable," Vice-Mayor Thom Bogue said, creating green spaces helps maintain the small-town feel. However, Bogue expressed concern

about so much farmland being devel-

oped for residential uses.

"Development is going to come one way or another but the key is keeping local control," Mayor Steven Bird said.

New infrastructure comes through residential development, Bird said, and "then the businesses come. So the amenities, the commercial opportunities, the jobs come after that. So it's a very fine line to balance. But I think the key is don't grow faster than you can meet the needs and services that the community demands."

During public comment, many residents expressed concerns that the development would destroy Dixon's small-town feel by losing too much farmland and making the city feel like a suburb of Sacramento or the Bay Area. They worried that the development of so many new houses would expand the population at a rapid rate, creating too much traffic and urban sprawl.

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However, one resident said the project could create more jobs in Dixon. Another resident pointed out the challenges of the housing market and said if Dixon youth are expected to stay and raise families here, there

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Honoring Police Personnel During National Police Week



National Police Week serves as a time to reflect on the tireless commitment of the men and women who serve and protect Dixon each and every day. Courtesy photo

Dixon Police Department News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The City of Dixon is proud to join communities across the nation in recognizing and honoring law enforcement personnel during National Police Week, observed from May 11 to 17.

National Police Week serves as a time to reflect on the tireless commitment of the men and women who serve and protect Dixon each and every day. From moments of quiet professionalism to extraordinary acts of courage, the members of the Dixon Police Department embody the highest ideals of public service.

"During Police Week, we pause to express our profound gratitude to the officers, dispatchers, professional staff and volunteers who dedicate themselves to keeping Dixon safe," said Mayor Steve Bird. "Their service often comes with great personal sacrifice and it is only fitting that we recognize the depth of their contributions to our community."

The city acknowledges the challenges faced by law enforcement in an ever-evolving world and stands in full support of efforts that continue to build strong, trusted relationships between the Police Department and the community it serves.

"Policing is more than a job; it is a calling. I am honored to work alongside a team whose professionalism, compassion and dedication reflect the very best of our profession." said Police Chief Robert Thompson,

Throughout Police Week, the city encourages all residents to take a moment to thank a police officer, learn more about the role of law enforcement in the community and reflect on those who have given their lives in the line of duty.

Together, we honor the past, support the present and invest in the future of policing in Dixon.

For more information about National Police Week and local events honoring law enforcement, visit policeweek.org/ ★

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MEMORIAL

AIRES VITORINO SANTOS • 12/26/1935 - 05/05/2025

Aires Vitorino Santos, a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, passed away on May 5, 2025, in San Jose, California, at the age of 89.

Born in the village of Norte Pequeno on the island of São Jorge in the Azores, Portugal, Aires was one of eleven children of Manuel Vitorino dos Santos and Cizaltina Lemos. A twin to one of his sisters, he was raised in a tight-knit family where values like discipline, humility, and hard work were central.

He married Maria Juvenalda Leonardo, whose church piano playing complemented Aires' own love for music. He was a singer at community Portuguese dances (chamarritas), and together they built a life filled with rhythm, resilience, and shared devotion.

After immigrating to California, Aires made Dixon his home and worked diligently to support his family. For over two decades, he held two jobs -landscaper by day and janitor at UC Davis by night - rarely missing a day's work. His unwavering dedication and strong work ethic defined him.

At home, Aires was a practical and principled father who prized prudence and responsibility. He had a signature saying when lights were left on: "Why are all the lights on? It's like an airport in here." That



phrase, along with his values, lives on through his son, who now hears himself echoing those same words.

Despite his sternness, Aires had a big heart and a booming laugh that was impossible to miss at any gathering. His joy was contagious. He loved working outdoors, especially in his garden, which flourished with tomatoes, kale, citrus, and a variety of fruit trees. To Aires, growing your own food wasn't just smart - it was a point of pride.

In his later years, his greatest joy came from his grandchildren. No matter how he felt, their presence brought light to his face.

Aires will be remembered for his Açoriano integrity, his laughter, his sacrifice, and his deep sense of personal honor. As he often reminded his family, "Your name means something. It is how you will be remembered. Always do a good job because your name in the end reminds people of the memory people have of you."

He is survived by his son, Michael, and his grandchildren, Makena and Wyatt who will carry forward his legacy.

The Rosary will be held Monday, May 18, at 7:00 p.m. at Milton Carpenter Funeral Home, 569 N. First Street, Dixon, California. The Funeral Mass will follow on Tuesday, May 19, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Peter's Church in Dixon.



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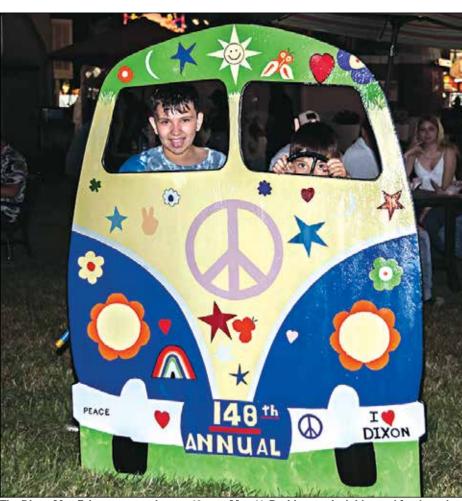


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Dixon News Briefs



The Dixon May Fair came to a close at 10 p.m. May 11. Besides carnival rides and food vendors, the venue also offered a variety of live musical performances, including Summer of Love, Unchained—A Tribute to Van Halen, Sunset River and the Rhythm Method Trio. The event's theme was "flower power." Photo by Nicolas Brown

By MPG Staff

The Friendly Bookworm Bag Sale

The Friendly Bookworm Bookstore is hosting a bag sale from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 17. Sponsored by Friends of the Dixon Public Library, 200 N. First St., the event offers the opportunity to fill a bag with books for \$5. Standard-sized grocery bags will be provided, but some items are excluded from the sale. The children's room will be open at regular prices. All proceeds support future Dixon Public Library programs. Only cash and checks will be accepted.

For more information, visit dixonchamber.org or call 707-624-0144.

Valley Glen Community Yard Sale

The Valley Glen community is hosting a yard sale open to the public from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 17. Back by popular demand, the Valley Glen community at Valley Glen Drive offers Dixonites the chance to find great deals alongside family and neighbors.

For more information, visit the Valley Glen Community Yard Sale Facebook page or valleyglencommunity.eventbrite.com.

Mickey Cake Class

Every Baking Moment is hosting a Disney-themed cake baking workshop from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 17. The workshop, held at 143 N. First St. offers an opportunity to decorate a cake with friends and take it home, all for \$65 per person. All supplies are provided, and the final design may differ based on skill level.

For more information, visit everybakingmoment.com or call 707-693-0112.

Dixon Girls Softball Family Fun Day Dixon Girls Softball is hosting a family fun day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 17. Held at Hall Park, 450 Hall Park Drive, the event offers games, activities, a hita-thon, vendors, a snack bar and more. Dixon Girls Softball invites the community to join them as they wrap up the Spring season.

For more information, visit dixongirls-softball.com or call 707-676-0059.

VFW Upcoming Meeting

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8151 will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. May 21. 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 or call 209-395-8019.

Dixon Community Theater Mixer at the Chamber

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce is hosting a mixer alongside Dixon Community Theater from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. May 28. Held at the chamber, 220 N. Jefferson St., this free event offers a no-host bar, snacks, raffle prizes, networking opportunities and the opportunity to meet the cast and production team behind "Alice's Wonderland," Dixon Community Theater's upcoming original musical. Angi Wolf, who stars as the Queen of Hearts in the production, will perform the song "The Queen of Hearts" live.

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

Line Dancing at Ruhstaller

Ruhstaller Farms is hosting line dancing from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. June 5. The event, held at 6686 Sievers Road, offers a community atmosphere and the opportunity to learn how to line dance. Dinner, prepared by Tapps Kitchen, is available from 3 to 8 p.m. Attendees can donate, and each month, donations will be given to a different nonprofit organization.

For more information, visit ruhstaller-farm.com/events or call 530-601-8240.

Dixon Chamber Connections Networking

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce is hosting a networking event from noon to 1:30 p.m. June 5. This free, in-person event, held at The Farmstead at Dixon, 350 Gateway Drive, allows local professionals to connect. Offering a diverse range of potential connections, attendees are encouraged to bring business cards.

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

Atkinson Shred Event

Atkinson Self Storage is hosting its annual shred event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 14. Located at 1800 N. First St. (Highway 113), participants can pay \$10 to have a banker-sized box of documents shredded. Cash and card payments are accepted.

For more information, visit the Atkinson Self Storage Facebook page or call 707-693-9200.

Grillin' & Chillin'

Dixon Action Team is hosting Grillin' & Chillin' from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. June 28. Held in Downtown Dixon, the family-friendly event offers a car and truck show, local vendors, food trucks, live music and a rib cook-off.

For more information, visit dixonactionteam.com or email dixonsactionteam@ gmail.com.





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By Kendall Brown and photos by Nicolas Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The 148th annual Dixon May Fair from May 8 to 11 is a popular tradition that, according to May Fair CEO Patricia Conklin, takes approximately a year to

"Around 60,000 people come to this fair and you have to have entertainment, food, restrooms, etcetera. There are a lot of moving parts, especially considering competitive

ventures like livestock, photography and art," said Conklin, The May Fair hosted a multitude of attractions and entertainment at the Dixon Fairgrounds, 655 S. First St

May Fair activities included carnival rides by Butler Amusements, strolling entertainment such as Flo the Clown, the Allied Propane Kids Zone and the Western Express Railroad Trackless Train.

Multiple buildings were dedicated to community contributions, such as fine art and photography, adult home arts and crafts, adult baking, youth and 4-H exhibits, and a floriculture pavilion with youth and adult gardens. Available amenities included a sensory station, a livestock area, a wine room featuring Solano County wineries, a commercial building for shopping and more than 30 food vendors.

First Northern Bank also sponsored three grandstand events, each costing \$40 in addition to the entry fee. Events included Flying U Bull Riding on May 9, the Max Kakkl Motorsports Truck and Tractor Pulls on May 10 and the Moondog Motorsports Demolition Derby on May 11.

With so much to offer, each fairgoer had their own favorite part of the May Fair. For Adam Durksen, who previously attended the fair twice, the event is a good time overall and his children enjoy it.

"My kids enjoy it and the destruction derby's pretty cool," said Durksen.

On the other hand, Leanne Vroom, a young actor for Dixon Community Theater, previously attended three times with friends. To Vroom, the food options are the best part.

For siblings Ava and Beckett Smith, both attending for their second time, the May Fair makes them "happy

According to Nicole Swaleh, who participated in the Dixon May Fair Parade with Dixon Little League's Mudcats T-ball and Single a River Cats, the fair is a fun

"The fair is fun and the kids always look forward to it," said Swaleh. "It is fun to be part of a Dixon tradition that people look forward to."

The Dixon May Fair is held once a year and, according to Conklin, is a labor of love. "The people who work here and make this happen love

the community and the fairgrounds. They are so excited when people appreciate their labor, because they work hard to make this event successful," said Conklin.

For more information on the Dixon May Fair or future May Fair events, visit dixonmayfair.com or call 707-678-5529.



Carnival rides in both the public and kiddie carnival were provided by Butler Amusements. It was a favorite of many fairgoers



The Dixon May Fair from May 8 to 11 offered activities such as strolling entertainment, the Allied Propane Kids' Zone and the Western Express Railroad Trackless Train.



Fairgoers had access to multiple amenities, including a wine room, sensory station and more than 30 food vendors. To Leanne Vroom of Dixon Community Theater, the food options are the best part of the fair.

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and first- and second-place winners in the novice and junior categories were eligible for supreme showmanship. Firstthrough eighth-place winners in junior showmanship received ribbons, while the first-place prize for supreme showmanship was a gold belt buckle.

Other competitors included Alex and Camille Pace, sisters who show rabbits. For them, showcasing their rabbits and making friends is the best part of the Dixon May Fair. Lauren Wagner, their mother, used to compete, inspiring her daughters.

"I showed sheep and cattle for 11 years throughout my youth but the girls fell in love with rabbits," said Wagner.

Lacy DeQuattro of Farmer's



and even stuffed chickens, due to the bird flu.

Closet Boutique, a local vendor at the Dixon May Fair, also grew up showing animals, which led to her children becoming involved.

animals, and now we buy the kids' animals at the end of the week at the auction," said DeQuattro. "It is so fun; we look "We grew up here, we showed forward to it every year."

Competitors showcased a diverse collection of animals, including sheep, goats, swine, rabbits, cows and even stuffed chickens, due to the bird flu. Among all participants, six competitors emerged on top in the supreme showmanship competitions.

The victors are as follows: for 4-H Senior Showmanship, Luke McMullen of Maine Prairie 4-H won first in large animals, followed by Sierra Montoliu, an independent Vacaville resident, who won first in small animals. For 4-H Junior Showmanship, Lola Leber, a Dixon Independent, won first prize for large animals, followed by Madison Wilson of Vaca Valley Grange, who won first for small animals. Lastly, for FFA Showmanship, Ava Garben of Rodriguez FFA won for large animals and Montoliu won for small animals.

For more information, visit online dixonmayfair.com or call 707-678-5529.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-000621 The following persons are doing business as: Wild Harts Tallow 525 Poppy Court, Dixon, CA

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-000651 The following persons are doing business as: Exotic World Smoke Shop, 1624 Fairgrounds Drive Plaza Suite C & D, Vallejo, CA 94589.

Kilo Enterprises LLC, 1624 Fairgrounds Drive Plaza, Suite C & D, Vallejo, CA 94589. Date filed in Solano County: April

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Sandy Bay Trading Co, 5111 Duren Circle, Fairfield, CA 94533. Date filed in Solano County: March 20, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE **CHANGE OF NAME** CASE #CU25-03273

Adriana Velasco Campechano filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Adriana Velasco Campechano to Adriana Velasco. 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 obiecting to the name changes 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. June 25, 2025, 9:00 a.m. Department 3. Room III. Superior Court of California, County of Solano, Old Solano Court House, 580 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533 Judge of the Superior Court: Stephen Gizzi

Dated: April 17, 2025 Publish: April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2025 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #CU25-00323 Alma Araceli Diaz filed a peti-

tion with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Alma Araceli Diaz to Alma Aracel

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 changes 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 grantea. It no written objection is time ly filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. June 2025, 9:00 a.m. Department 10. Room 305. Superior Court of California, County of Solano, Old Solano Court House, 580 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533 Judge of the Superior Court: Christine N. Donovan Dated: March 4, 2025 Publish: May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO **ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:** THERESA VEKICH AKA THERESA MARIE VEKICH DELGADO CASE NO. PR25-00031

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of THERESA VEKICH AKA THERESA MARIE VEKICH A PETITION FOR PROBATE

DELGADO in the Superior Court of California, County of Solano, THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that GUILLERMO DELGADO be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

has been filed by GUILLERMO

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or 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: 06/26/25 at 9:00AM in Dept. 5 located at 600 Union Ave., 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 per-

son or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with

the court and mail a copy to the

personal representative appoint-

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

ed by the court within the later of

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 a person 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. Attorney for Petitioner DANIEL A. HUNT - SBN 262943

LAW OFFICES OF DANIEL A. HUNT 798 UNIVERSITY AVENUE SACRAMENTO CA 95825 **Telephone** (916) 610-1788 5/16, 5/23, 5/30/25 CNS-3925861#

DIXON INDEPENDENT VOICE 5-30-25 TRUSTEE SALE

21-12058 File No.: 0114-181-260 NOTICE TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER VILLAGE GREEN **HOMEOWNERS** ASSOCIATION (ASSOCIATION) COVENANTS. CONDITIONS RESTRICTIONS A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT (LIEN) DATED 09-19-2022. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE AT A PUBLIC SALE YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION THE NATURE OF THE **PROCEEDINGS AGAINST** YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER On 06-09-2025 at 9:30 AM. Outside the Santa Clara Street entrance to the City Hall located at 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA 94590, ALLIED TRUSTEE SERVICES (Trustee), 1601 Response Road, Suite 390, Sacramento, CA 95815, (877) 282-4991, under and pursuant to Lien, recorded 09-21-2022 as Instrument 202200061152 Book - - Page of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of SOLANO County, CA, WILL CAUSE TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check/cash equivalent or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale) the property owned by GARY ALAN ERWIN, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE DONALD E ERWIN REVOCABLE TRUST DATED MAY 8, 2015, situated in said County, describing the land therein: APN: 0114-181-260 Any bid that is not cash must be made directly payable to "Allied Trustee Services". Winning bid checks received not payable directly to Allied Trustee Services (i.e. containing third-party endorsements) must be replaced within five business days after the sale. The winning bidder will be contacted at the phone number and/or email address provided for further instructions. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1347 SNOWBERRY COURT DIXON, CA 95620 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the sums due under the Lien. The estimated total unpaid balance at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is \$8,358.11. THE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE 90-DAY POST-SALE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION AS SET FORTH IN CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE SECTION 5715(B). THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION BEGINS WHEN THE SALE IS

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three months have elapsed since such recordation. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off before vou can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company. either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the Association, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869, or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM for information, using the file number assigned to this case: 21-12058. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an 'eligible tenant buyer,' you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an 'eligible bidder,' you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (844) 477-7869, or visit this Internet Web site WWW. STOXPOSTING.COM for information, using the file number assigned to this case: 21-12058 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third. vou must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an 'eligible tenant buyer' or 'eligible bidder,' you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. DATE: April 22, 2025 ALLIED TRUSTEE SERVICES, Trustee LENIA BENITEZ, Authorized Signature

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DIXON INDEPENDENT VOICE 5-30-25

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Dixon City Council adopted Ordinance No. 25-004, amending Chapter 12.11, Bicycles, and adding Chapter 12.2, Electric Scooters, to Title 12, Vehicles and Traffic, of the Dixon Municipal Code to regulate electric bicycles and electric scooters

The ordinance establishes regulations governing electric bicycle and electric scooter use in the City of Dixon. The regulations include, but are not limited to, helmet requirements, speed limits, and enforcement mechanisms for operating violations.

This Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Dixon City Council held on the 1st day of April 2025, and adopted at a regular meeting of the Dixon City Council held on the 6th day of May 2025, by the following roll call vote: Ernest, Hendershot, Johnson, Bogue, Bird

NOES: None ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None A copy of the full text of the adopted ordinance is available for public review at City Hall, 600

East A Street, Dixon, CA 95620 or at www.cityofdixon.us.

Kristin M. Janisch **Elected City Clerk**

Dixon Independent Voice 5-16-2025

Community Calendar

Ongoing Activities:

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

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

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

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

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

Regular Meetings:

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

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

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

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

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

Boy Scout Troop 152 – Meets Tuesdays, 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the Social Hall at United Methodist Church, 209 North Jefferson. Scouts is for boys 11 to 18 years old. Contact Matt at 707-685-1750 or email scoutmaster@ troop152dixon.com for more information. Check us out on the web @ troop152dixon.com."

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

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

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

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

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

Parks & Recreation Commission – Meets the fourth

Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Fairfield/Suisun Bass Reapers - Meets first Tuesday of each month at RoundTable Pizza, 5085 Business Center Drive, Fairfield. For more info, call 707-429-3239. Friends of the Dixon Public Library - Meets at the library on the second Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m. For more information, call 707-678-5447.

Gretchen Higgins Parent Teacher Organization -We meet the second Monday of each month in the library at our school. Email ohpto1525@gmail.com for more Independent Order of Oddfellows Montezuma

Lodge #172 – Meets at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 111 West A. St., Dixon above Bud's. For more info, call Jason 530-400-0281 or Ed 916-837-6865. Lambtown Committee - Meets third Monday each

month at 6 p.m. at Veteran's Hall. Email John Knight at johnknightpto@gmail.com Living With Cancer – Support Group for people who have or have had cancer meets the first, third, and fifth

Tuesday of every month, 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the Dining conference room at Woodland Memorial Hospital, 1325 Cottonwood St., Woodland. Free. Narcotics Anonymous – Open meetings are held every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

at Dixon United Methodist, 209 N. Jefferson St. (Corner of West B and N. Jefferson). For helpline information and other meetings, go to www.napasolanona.org. Northern Solano Democratic Club (NSDC) – Meets on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at IBEW, 30 Orange Tree Circle, Vacaville (behind Home Depot). For

more information, contact Jeanie White 615-260-7896 or

email pres.nsdc@gmail.com. Visit our Facebook page at

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Tremont School. For more information contact 678-9533. **Toastmasters** – Meets every other Monday from 7

to 8 p.m. Contact Lynda Mendez at 530-665-0948 or email her at mendezlynda55@yahoo.com

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

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

Council Approves Pardi Plaza Shade Project

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needs to be available homes they can afford. They added that the only way to address the high cost of housing is to increase the supply.

Councilmember Jim Ernest said there are various state housing mandates that the city must meet, so they are trying to balance those legislative requirements while ensuring new developments are carefully planned.

Councilmember Johnson said that the council has a

professional obligation to review the project and the community feedback helps the developers update their project plans to ensure it fits the community's needs.

"The market is going to determine the need," Johnson added.

Councilmember Hendershot said that he has received calls from residents who support and those who oppose the project. He added that his home was built in an area that had been rezoned for residential and he is grateful that the area was developed so his family had the opportunity to move to Dixon.

Mayor Bird said he has seen many development plans "come and go" over the years, and with the project's process beginning, "the discussion will continue."

The council also continued their discussion on possible shade solutions at Pardi Plaza, which was completed in 2022. The city has held successful events at the plaza but the summer sun in the afternoon/early evening shines directly onto the stage, making it very uncomfortable for performers.

The city previously looked at constructing a shade structure and the project was estimated at \$300,000. Staff have now identified a potential alternative: shade sails that can be installed and

adjusted throughout the summer. Public Works Director Louren Kotow explained that poles can be installed in the turf and

there would be multiple attach-

ment locations for clipping in

the shade cloths, which will be

anchored on the stage's roof.

The height of the shades can be adjusted depending on the sun's angle, and the entire system can be removed and stored the rest of the year.

Kotow requested a \$50,000 project budget for the necessary supplies and she clarified that staff would conduct a feasibility test with other materials before making the official purchases.

The council voted to approve the Pardi Plaza shade project. The next regular Dixon City

Council meeting is scheduled for May 20.

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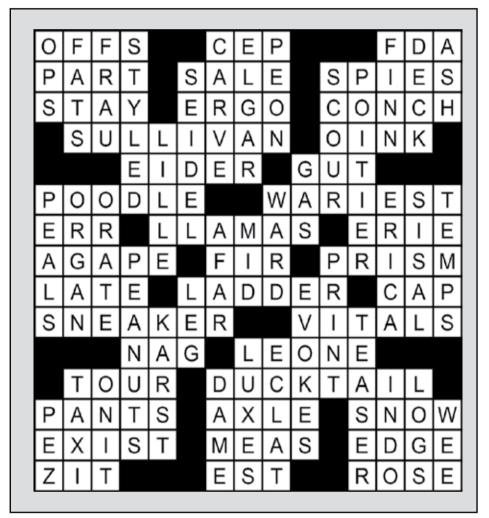
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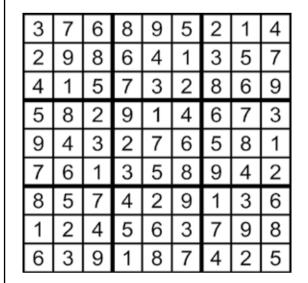


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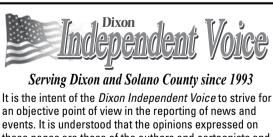
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Deep Blue (Waterfire Saga), Rogue Wave by Jennifer Donnelly



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In a world deep in the ocean, merpeople live, governed by their own laws. As a member of the royal family of the Mediterranean Sea, Serafina's only concern, is perfecting her betrothal mersong to her handsome childhood merman. Not only will her mersong seal her fate as a companion but also claim her as the rightful heir to the throne.

Between working on her mersongs and balancing the tiresome duties of being a princess, Serafina is suddenly plagued with nightmares. Nightmares, where river witches sing their haunting lullabies, cautioning her about an evil creature that will cause the fall of the very ocean she loves. Serafina's nightmare comes true as an assassin's arrow pierces her mother's heart on the morning of her betrothal, forcing Serafina to flee.

Now, Serafina's only hope for survival is to follow the river witches' haunting lullaby and search for the four remaining mermaids from the lullaby's prophecy, hoping that they might have the answers she needed to save the sea and the world.

In a creative, new spin on mermaids, Deep Blue takes readers on a journey where mermaids are born with a beautiful mer language and magical abilities. Opening the imagination for a colorful and unique underwater adventure, where mermaids sleep in scallop shells adorned with sea glass and

While this original story features strong female heroines, the puns and overly colorful descriptions are better suited for a younger, young adult audience. This makes Deep Blue a wonderful addition for summer readers looking for a new Disney mermaid tale.

Embark on the thrilling continuation of the Waterfire Saga in Rogue Wave, where the adventure unfolds from the depths of the Mediterranean Sea to the dragon caves deep in the Indian Ocean.

After the fall of her Kingdom, Serafina must venture out and find the talismans to secure the safety of the sea. However, this adventure isn't everything she expected, as Serafina will be tested from head to fin on who she is and what she is truly capable of. This time, it's not just Serafina for the telling; Neela also joins, with her story being told from her side of the ocean. Now, with danger and death lurking around every shipwrecked corner, the girls face adventures filled with fallen palaces, dragons, and knight riders. Yet, the greatest feat may be discovering who they can trust and who needs saving.

Packed with action and adventure, Rogue Wave delivers on its promise of beautiful mermaids and high-sea escapades. A story that remains enchanting and perfectly suitable for younger teens, yet also engaging and fast-paced for the rest. From a stunning cover that draws you in to a captivating storyline that keeps you hooked, Jennifer Donnelly skillfully brings the ocean to life.

Riley Reviews

"HAVOC" WREAKS HUGE MAYHEM; "DOVEY'S PROMISE" HISTORICAL DRAMA

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

"HAVOC" RATED TV-MA ON NETFLIX

If you ever had the chance over a decade ago to watch the Indonesian crime films "The Raid" and "The Raid 2," both directed by Gareth Evans, you will have a good idea of the mayhem in store with the film "Havoc" on Netflix.

Brutal fast-paced action scenes and nicely choreographed fights are the trademark style of Evans, and since he wrote as well directed "Havoc," he's almost like the Welsh version of Michael Bay ("Bad Boys") or John Woo ("Hard Boiled").

It's not even five minutes in before the action jump-starts with a slew of police cars chasing a stolen semitrailer racing through the streets of a generically dingy metropolis and on to a freeway.

The truck is carrying washing machines loaded with cocaine, and this could the first time that a major appliance has been used as a weapon, which is something to behold as an expedient utility of destruction.

Much is going on with action from Triad gangsters muscling in on narcotics smuggling; dirty cops seizing drugs for themselves; a corrupt businessman running for mayor; and power struggles in the criminal underworld.

Enter Tom Hardy's Walker, a dirty cop having second thoughts on his shady dealings, who treats his young daughter as an afterthought on Christmas Eve when shopping for a last-minute gift. Not surprisingly, he's also estranged from

Walker is the catalyst for most of the extremely volatile shootouts, and honestly the body count gets so high at times that it's hard to know who is on what side. The action is so stylized that it verges on losing significant meaning.

Aside from the overly amped-up action, "Havoc" is also a bloody redemption story for Tom Hardy's Walker, a police officer growing no longer hardened to the systemic corruption that pervades the dystopian landscape he inhabits.

The film benefits also tremendously for its casting of Forest Whitaker as the politically ambitious businessman trying to reconnect with his wayward son; Timothy Olyphant's ringleader in a band of corrupt officers; Jessie Mae Li's only honest cop in a crooked system; and Luis Guzman doing his usual thing.

There's a lot to like with the thriller style of "Havoc" but the downside being not enough character development and a bit too much of some bloody, gory shootouts that might make certain Hong Kong action directors flinch.

At least "Havoc" is streaming so that one could decide either to bail out, hang in for the duration, or take periodic breaks to recover from any sensory

overload. Yet, Tom Hardy's conflicted cop might be the best reason to watch.

"DOVEY'S PROMISE" Not Rated A riveting courtroom drama that brings

to life the extraordinary true story of civil

rights attorney Dovey Roundtree (Joy White) proves to be of interest, among other reasons, for a footnote in history related to our 35th president. "Dovey's Promise" features Black attorney Dovey Roundtree (Joy White) as

one of the few women in the legal profession at the time, taking on the case of Raymond Crump (Terrence Mombrun), a poor Black laborer accused of murdering Mary Pinchot Meyer. Seemingly, Crump was in the wrong

place at the wrong time when Pinchot Meyer was taking her daily walk along the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal towpath in the Georgetown neighborhood of Washington, D.C.

Known in the upper crust social circles in our nation's capital, Pinchot Meyer was allegedly the secret lover of President John F. Kennedy, a romantic involvement that was apparently confirmed years later after her death by various sources.

The death of Pinchot Meyer was not that long after the assassination of President Kennedy. The murder of a well-connected socialite draws the United States Department of Justice into the fray.

The prosecution of Raymond Crump, backed by the federal government, became a flashpoint in American legal history, and Dovey Roundtree found herself in the thick of a momentous civil rights case.

The prosecution presented Crump as the obvious suspect, despite a complete lack of physical evidence tying him to the crime. Against the odds, Roundtree saw the case as a racially motivated attempt to frame an innocent man.

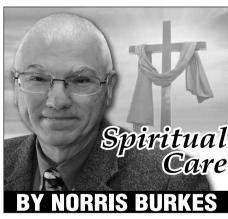
Roundtree took the important case of "United States v. Ray Crump" for a fee of one dollar. With a case that appeared stacked against the defendant, Roundtree was supposedly initially dubious about his innocence.

The government had witnesses and exhibits with so-called facts that were abjectly persuasive. Nevertheless, Roundtree won the case with painstaking dismantling of the evidence, particularly that of the eyewitnesses who apparently never had a solid look at the suspect.

A credible claim could be made that Dovey Roundtree was the Rosa Parks of the legal profession, at a time when civil rights violations were epidemic and landmark cases for desegregation resulted in a push for equal treatment under the 14th A mendment

"Dovey's Promise," if for no other reason, may be of interest for a historical perspective of the civil rights struggle and the connection to President John F. Kennedy.

Wondering What Others Think of Me



Do you ever wonder what people think about you? I do and, most especially, I wonder what my readers think of me.

My speaking events often give me multiple opportunities to discover what my readers think of me.

For instance, last week, I spoke to a Rotary group, where a few readers made some surprising conclusions about me based solely on my column mugshot.

"You have a lot more hair than your picture shows," pbserved a friendly bald

Thank you, I guess. Honestly, I wish I had more.

A woman in earshot observed that I seemed taller than my column portrait suggests.

Really? I thought. She deduced this from a thumbnail photo?

Following her, another woman gathered her gumption to tell me, "You aren't as fat as you seem in the newspaper."

For the record, I'm 185 pounds, standing 6 feet, 1 inch. Add an extra half inch if all my hair is mussed by the wind. As I was testing my microphone at

another event, two men approached me. The first one inquired if I was a "good speaker, not boring." While the other quite impatiently demanded that I start my presentation early, before our meal was finished.

Answered in the order asked, "Yes"

But after the talks I was happy to hear the audience move out of superficial

"I appreciate your humility," said one

However, while I signed books, another reader added, "This is like meeting a rock star."

I'm not making any of this up. They really said these things. But I do realize that my "celeb" status never really matters to my audiences.

What mattered to people wasn't my height, hair or eloquence. Above the trivial observations, the thing that mattered most to them was how well I listened.

I listened as a man and wife spoke of their son returning from a combat deployment in Iraq, only to lose him to a cancer likely caused by his exposure to the burn pit (the open-air combustion of trash in military deployment sites.)

One man put a lot of trust in me as he unloaded his helplessness in dealing

with his wife's third cancer treatment. Another man told me of his failing marriage while another expressed his powerlessness to find effective treat-

ment for a schizophrenic son. The whole thing got me thinking about the manner in which Jesus rolled into his community speaking gigs.

He was certainly a crowd favorite wherever he spoke. On a hillside, he outlined some very coherent thoughts in his Sermon on the Mount. He was the banquet speaker for a hungry crowd of five thousand.

But where he really wowed the crowd were the moments he listened to individuals. For example, he shielded a woman about to be stoned for adultery. He befriended a polygamous woman shunned by a gossipy town. He spoke forgiveness to a follower who denied him.

You don't have to wonder what people thought about a guy like that. Jesus heard the pain in their lives. He didn't use his personal comparison to bring his pain into their story. He didn't dismiss their pain or discount it. He listened and made it a part of his own pain. Given a choice between being a better

speaker or a better listener, I'm thinking I want to be more like the Jesus, the listener guy. How about you? Sign up to receive this weekly column in

your email box at https://thechaplain.net/ newsletter/ or send me your email address to comment@thechaplain.net.

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Bankruptcies Show Stress in Farm Economy

After a four-year downward trend, U.S. farm bankruptcies are on the rise again, with growing concern that the financial health of farms across the country will continue to falter. A total of 216 U.S. farms filed for Chapter 12 bankruptcy last year, up 55% from 2023. With 17 filings, California led the nation. "It's just the tip of the iceberg," said Shawn Gill, a Central Valley almond grower who has been trying to reorganize his debts under Chapter 12, noting he has friends who are in a similar situation. "You're going to see a lot more bankruptcies or people going under."

Committee Rejects Tax Credit Bill that Aimed to Offset Farm Overtime Costs

Farm advocates and farmworkers left the state Capitol disappointed last month after a proposed tax credit aimed at boosting farm employment opportunities and assisting farms in California failed to advance out of the state Senate Labor, Public Employment and Retirement Committee. Senate Bill 628, authored by state Sen. Shannon Grove, R-Bakersfield, would have created a tax credit to offset the cost to farmers of paying overtime wages. The bill was designed to address unintended consequences of California's 2016 agricultural overtime law, which proponents said would boost farmworker pay but ended up

On the Record: American Psychological Association President Discusses Mental Health in Agriculture

Debra Kawahara, president of the American Psychological Association and associate dean of academic affairs at the California School of Professional Psychology, Alliant International University, spoke about mental health on farms and in rural communities for Ag Alert's® Q&A series, On the Record. "I think there's been an acknowledgment in society at large, and also on farms, that mental health issues are important," said Kawahara, whose family grows strawberries, blueberries, cherimoyas and assorted vegetables in San Diego County. "But there is still much work to be done to overcome the stigma and encourage help-seeking behaviors."

Researchers Remove Proteins in Wheat Harmful to People with Celiac Disease

Researchers at the University of California, Davis, have deleted a cluster of genes in wheat that generates gluten proteins that can trigger immune reactions without harming the bread-making quality of the globally produced grain. The findings were published this month in the journal Theoretical and Applied Genetics. "The gluten proteins we eliminated are the ones that trigger the strongest response in people with celiac disease, and their elimination can reduce the risk of triggering the disease in people without celiac disease," said wheat geneticist Jorge Dubcovsky, whose lab at UC Davis conducted the study.

131 Students Earn Work-Ready! **Certification**

Solano County Office of Education News Release

FAIRFIELD, CA (MPG) - Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) is celebrating 131 high school students who successfully completed Solano County Office of Education's Work-Ready! Certification program this school year.

Students from throughout Solano County showed their dedication to future success in both the workforce and higher education by completing a three-week course offered by Solano County Office of Education in collaboration with local business partners.

Offered annually to local high schools, the Work-Ready! Certification program provides participants with practical, hands-on learning through daily afterschool workshops. Students gain essential career and life skills, including an introduction to financial literacy, job searching, resume and cover letter writing and interview preparation.

The program culminates in mock interviews with business leaders from local chambers of commerce and equips each student with a professional portfolio.

"We are grateful for the strong community partnerships that make the

Work-Ready! Certification program possible, especially the support of our local chambers of commerce," said Solano County Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson. "Together, we are helping students build essential college and career skills, connect with local professionals and gain the confidence they need to thrive in life beyond high school."

The Work-Ready! Certification program is coordinated by Solano County Office of Education's College and Career Readiness program and made possible through partnerships with the Vacaville, Fairfield, Vallejo, Dixon and Black chambers of commerce. Travis Credit Union also played a key role in supporting the program by leading financial literacy workshops for students and sponsoring the year-end celebration held May 8 at Jelly Belly in Fairfield.

"We are proud of the students and their dedication to furthering themselves in preparation for work and post-secondary education," added Kelley Birch, director of Solano County Office of Education's College and Career Readiness.

Visit www.solanocoe.net/ccreadiness to learn more about the Work-Ready! Certification program and other opportunities that support student success.

UC Davis Doctoral Candidate Wins International Award



AlisonBlundellhigres: University of California Davis doctoral candidate Alison Blundell, shown here holding a root knot nematode-infested tomato plant, is the winner of the 2025 John M. Webster Outstanding Student Award from the Society of Nematologists. Photo courtesy of University

University of California Davis News Release

DAVIS, CA (MGP) - Doctoral candidate Alison Blundell of the laboratory of associate professor Shahid Siddique, UC Davis Department of Entomology and Nematology, is the recipient of the 2025 John M. Webster Outstanding Student Award from the Society of Nematologists.

She is the first University of California Davis student to win the award, launched in 2007 to recognize "a graduate student who has demonstrated outstanding accomplishments in his/her thesis research in nematology as well as other skills necessary to be a well-rounded scholar."

As the recipient of the \$1,500 prize, Blundell will deliver a 30-minute oral presentation of her research at SON's 64th annual meeting, to be held July 13 to 17 in Victoria, British Columbia.

"The evaluation committee was very impressed by your personal qualities and accomplishments," the committee wrote, in praising her scientific accomplishments, leadership and commitment to the field of nematology.

Blundell, who joined the UC Davis doctoral program in 2020, is completing her dissertation on "Trade-Offs Between Virulence and Evading Resistance in Root-Knot Nematodes." She investigates how root-knot nematodes overcome Mi-1 in tomatoes and is testing for susceptibility associated with resistance breaking. Mi-1 is a crucial gene in tomato plants that confers resistance against root-knot nematodes, which are parasitic nematodes that can and do severely damage crops.

Blundell has collected root-knot nematodes (RKN) isolates from affected fields across the state, developed single egg mass cultures, and is now applying whole-genome sequencing to identify genetic signatures associated with resistance and its breakdown. Simultaneously, she is investigating whether resistance-breaking root-knot nematodes suffer fitness costs when rotated with non-host crops, an approach that could directly inform nematode management strategies for growers.

In addition to her scientific contributions, Blundell is involved in professional services with the School of Nursing, including oral and poster presentations and as vice chair of the School of Nursing Graduate Student Committee. She engages in teaching, mentoring, and public outreach on the UC Davis campus. She promotes science education and agricultural awareness by volunteering at the annual UC Davis Picnic Day and the UC Davis Biodiversity Museum Day.

Active in the School of Nursing, Blundell won first place in the Three-Minute Thesis Competition at the 2022 School of Nursing meeting. At the 2024 School of Nursing meeting, judges awarded her second place in the 12-Minute Best Student Paper Award Competition.

Blundell, formerly Alison Coomer, holds a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and a Bachelor of Arts in chemistry (2020) from Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska, where she received the Outstanding Graduate Student in Biology Award.

In the Webster Award application form, Blundell explained that "California's processing tomato industry is responsible for one-third of all processing tomato production worldwide. The success of this industry depends on the growers' abilities to implement management strategies such as integrated host resistance, effective pesticides and non-host rotation crops to eliminate or control pathogens. Despite these efforts, root-knot nematodes (RKNs), Meloidogyne spp., cause an estimated 5% yield loss in processing tomatoes by suppressing the plant immune system, damaging root tissues, and creating entry points for secondary pathogens such as Fusarium species. These pathogen complexes result in a severe yield loss seen by growers

each year." "For decades, the resistance gene Mi-1 has retained its ability to detect and inhibit root-knot nematodes in tomatoes, but the underlying mechanisms by which it recognizes these pathogens remains largely unknown. However, resistance-breaking root-knot nematodes populations have been increasingly found in both greenhouse and field settings, threatening the effectiveness of the Mi-1 gene and consequently the tomato industry," said Blundell. "With this research we aim to improve our understanding of how root-knot nematodes evade Mi-1 resistance, increase grower and public awareness about plant parasitic nematodes, and develop management strategies to combat resistance-breaking populations, ultimately supporting California's tomato growers."

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DIXON POLICE LOG

Thursday, April 24

1000 - Missing child located in the 500 block of West H Street.

1400 - Theft of an electric scooter in the 600 block of Woodard Way.

Wednesday, April 23

1050 - Norma Cuyyn (50) of Dixon was contacted at a business in the 200 block of East Dorset and arrested for trespassing.

1115 - Fraud report in the 2500 block of Duncan Street.

1130 - Assisted the Solano County Sheriff's Office with locating a domestic violence suspect at a business in

the 1000 block of Vaughn Road.

1300 - Found property at a business in the 2200 block of North First Street. **1300** - Domestic Violence investigation at a business in the 1200 block of Stratford Avenue.

1546 - Vehicle stop in the area of North First Street and Regency led to the arrest of Jesus Maravilla-Ramairez (29) of Dixon for driving with a suspended license, possession of drug paraphernalia and violation of probation.

Tuesday, April 22

1057 - School resource report taken at Dixon High School.

1655 - Death investigation in the 300 block of South Almond Street.

0904 - Battery report taken in the Police Department lobby. 1513 - Public masturbation reported in the 1700 block of North First Street.

Sunday, April 20 1516 - Report of a traffic accident in the 200 block of Morning Glory Drive.



May Fair Parade Winners had Flower Power

By Kendall Brown and photos by Nicolas Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) -The Dixon Chamber of Commerce hosted the 148th annual Dixon May Fair Parade at 10 a.m. May 10 throughout downtown Dixon.

The oldest state-affiliated parade in California featured 135 entries, with more than 70 businesses and organizations represented. Each entry followed the theme of "flower power" and was judged by the Pacific Coast Judges Association and the California State Horsemen's Association.

Forty-two entries placed overall.

Dixon Little League's Emerald T-ball float won Best in Show and the Placer County 4-H Drill Team won for their mounted sweepstakes entry.

Floats were judged based on two categories and 24 classes. The senior category comprised participants aged 14 or older, whereas the junior category involved participants aged 13 or younger.

Graded classes included Best in Show, Sweepstakes, local adult and youth floats, local commercial floats, musical units, drill/dance teams, color guard, drum majors, automobiles, motorcycles, and junior and senior novelties.

According to Morgan Hicks, the owner of Dixon Dance Studio and first-place winner of the senior specialty/dance class, the dancers rehearsed for a month and a half in preparation for the Dixon May Fair Parade.

"We have a truck and 50-plus dancers. This is probably our 25th time in the parade but I have been doing it since I was a kid," said Hicks

Kelly Pidgeon James of the Dixon Community Theater, whose float won first-place in the local adult class, hopes to create something bigger and better after winning best in show at the 2024



The Dixon Chamber of Commerce hosted the 148th annual Dixon May Fair Parade at 10 a.m. May 10. The parade featured 135 entries, with more than 70 businesses and organizations represented. Dixon Community Theater won the local adult floats class.

May Fair Parade.

"Cheryl Sommers and I wanted to do something bigger, which led us to the idea for the float," said James. "The float inspired the idea for our musical, 'Alice's Wonderland."

Soroptimist International of Dixon also won first-place in the decorated automobile class. According to Soroptimist International President Barbara Rigdon, the parade is one of many community events consistently supported over the years.

"We're really excited to be here and participate," said Rigdon.

Other first-place entries are as follows. In mounted groups, the Sheriff's Mounted Posse won first-place. In local youth, Dixon Girls Softball achieved a clean sweep, with Sandlot Sisters winning first, Diamond Girls winning second and the Nightmares winning third. For local commercial floats, Quick Quack Car Wash took first-place.

Regarding musical units, Dixon High School won the high school class, while the Dixon Scottish



According to Shauna Manina, president and CEO of the Dixon Chamber of Commerce, the parade was a great success. She thanked the City of Dixon and community for their support.

Cultural Association earned first in the open class, designated for entries that do not fit in other classes. Drill teams were represented by Recology, winning first place for the open senior class, and Travis Air Force Base, winning first in the military class.

Dixon High School took firstplace for open color guard and senior drum major, while the Scottish American Military Society won for military color guard. For automobiles, Roy Powell won in antiques (1916 to 1929), Recology won for classics (1930 to 1948), Sheila Ernst won for milestone (1949 to 1969). Michael and Aleah Marsden won for custom builds, Lobo Mechanical won for commercial autos, and the Valley Glen Community Golf Cart group took top honors for auto clubs. The Motorcycle category was won by Sam Fernandez for his custom bike, and the Veteran Riders Motorcycle Club was victorious in the club class.

Ramtown Karate won first for novelty junior entries, while Aggie Animal Clinic won for novelty senior entries.

The Best in Show and mounted sweepstakes winners were awarded \$250 and a trophy. Local youth and adult floats received \$100 and a certificate for first, \$75 and a ribbon for second, and \$50 and a ribbon for third. Local commercial floats earned \$75 and a certificate for first, \$50 and a certificate for second, and \$25 and a ribbon for third. Every other class was awarded a certificate and ribbon for first place, along with ribbons for both second and third places.

According to Dixon Chamber President and CEO Shauna Manina, the Dixon May Fair parade was a great success.

"It takes a lot of people to make the parade happen. The Dixon Chamber of Commerce is grateful to the City of Dixon for their partnership with the parade, to our many sponsors, to all those who entered, to the incredible volunteers and to the community for its support. The parade is one of those old-fashioned traditional hometown events that signify what a wonderful community we have in Dixon," said Manina.

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







