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## Grillin' & Chillin' Time



The Rib Cook-Off Awards will be at 4 p.m. June 28 at Women's Park (Library Area) in downtown Dixon. Photo courtesy of Dixon's Action Team

**Dixon Action Team  
News Release**

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - It's almost Grillin' & Chillin' time, as Dixon's Action Team has been working hard to put on this yearly event.

From 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on June 28, downtown Dixon will have many food and craft vendors. Hot rods will be lined up in the streets, showing off their pride and joy.

The opening ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. June 28 at the Pardi Plaza Main Stage. Marcelle Keirseymadonado, a Dixon High School graduate from the graduating Class of 1975, will sing the National Anthem.

The Car & Truck Show Awards will begin at 2:30 p.m. at Women's Park (Library Area), located at 231 N. First St.



The Rib Cook-Off Awards will be at 4 p.m. June 28 at Women's Park (Library Area) in downtown Dixon. Photo courtesy of Dixon's Action Team

A VIP Tasting will take place at the Moose Lodge, located at 180 W. B St., at 2:30 p.m. For \$30, attendees can participate in the rib

raffle. Participants must be 21 or older.

The Rib Cook-Off Awards will be at 4 p.m. at Women's Park (Library Area). Come out and support the winners.

Four bands are playing this year at Pardi Plaza throughout the day and into the evening. Dixon's Action Team is also still looking for community members to volunteer for the dunk tank. Proceeds are donated back into the community of Dixon and Solano County.

For more information, visit [dixonactionteam.com](http://dixonactionteam.com), contact [dixonactionteam@gmail.com](mailto:dixonactionteam@gmail.com) or call 707-803-4505.

This event would not be possible without the Dixon Action Team's many sponsors and in-kind donations received.

The Dixon Action Team thanks all of them. ★

## Bats are Back at the Yolo Causeway



Meet bats up close. Photo by Billy Keating

**Yolo Basin Foundation  
News Release**

**YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Join Yolo Basin Foundation this summer on a Bat Talk and Tour from June 23 to Sept. 26.

Learn about these amazing flying mammals that do so much to help reduce insect pests throughout the area. Live native bat species are displayed as part of the presentation. The program culminates in watching the bats as they emerge from under the freeway.

The maternity Mexican free-tailed bat colony under the Interstate 80 Yolo Causeway is growing daily as they return from wherever they spent the winter. Although many of the bats overwinter in the bridge, most seem to leave. As the weather warms, crops grow and insect populations explode, the bats return to the Causeway.

These amazing, winged wonders are mammals that fly. Each summer, the females give birth to one pup. She nurses that pup for about five to six weeks and then it joins her as she flies throughout the Central Valley to consume crop pests and mosquitoes. There are also males that live in the Yolo Causeway bridge.

Children who are interested in bats are encouraged to join Yolo Basin Foundation for a morning of "Bats and Crafts." Children will meet live bats from the local area and then create crafts and play bat games. This special event is aimed at young children, especially those who are too young to stay up late to watch the bats fly.

"Bats and Crafts" takes place 10 a.m., Sunday, July 20 and 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 16 at Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Headquarters, 45211 Country Road 32B, Davis.

Registration is now open for all upcoming events. Experiences and some fun fact videos about the Yolo Basin Foundation programs and the bats are online at <https://yolobasin.org/battalkandtour>.

Yolo Basin Foundation offers environmental education programs for all ages related to wetlands and wildlife. ★

## Lions Serve the Community

By Kendall Brown

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Dixon Lions Club is a nonprofit volunteer organization in Dixon since 1954.

According to Lions Clubs International, members join for a multitude of reasons, including personal satisfaction, self-development, leadership opportunities and networking.

"Members tend to join based on mutual relationships and a need to serve the community," said Dixon Lions Club public relations officer Scott Smith. "I have been in the Dixon Lions Club for 18 years. A friend of mine was in the club, brought me to an event and I liked it. I saw all the good things they were doing and joined. That's usually how we get new members."

Smith said that the Lions Club has two functions: fundraising and volunteer work.

"First, we do fundraisers



Dixon Lions Club is a nonprofit volunteer organization in Dixon since 1954. According to Lions Clubs International, members join for a multitude of reasons, including personal satisfaction, self-development, leadership opportunities and networking. From barbecuing to bartending, Lions Club members help out free of charge. Photo courtesy of Dixon Lions Club

where we collect proceeds for the community where there's a need," Smith said. "The other thing we do is volunteer. Whether it's barbecuing or bartending, we

join in for no charge. The key is to have a group of people working together instead of doing it alone."

This year, the Lions Club donated thousands

of dollars in scholarships to graduating seniors, \$1,000 to Bid for Kids and donated to sports teams, such as the Cal-Valley  
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# Lions Serve the Community

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Shuckers youth baseball organization.

Club members also volunteer at major events, such as Celebrate Dixon and the Dixon High School Hall of Fame Awards. Jeff Dwelley, a Lions Club member for the last 20 years, was one of these volunteers.

"A neighbor got me in and just described what the organization did," Dwelley said. "I still coach at the high school, even though my kids are long gone and I love being involved in community events, so the Lions Club was just the logical choice for me. Then I met the guys and now I'm in a club with a bunch of friends."

Dwelley said the club is an organization that strives to have fun and to raise money that goes back to the children of Dixon.

"Our money stays in town. I can say with confidence, when I sell a ticket, I can assure a Dixon resident that their money is going to benefit their kids," Dwelley said

On June 16, the organization held an induction awards night to celebrate and thank outgoing President Joe Bruch and to induct the new President, Linda Stormont,



On June 16, the Dixon Lion's Club nonprofit organization held an induction awards night to celebrate and thank outgoing President Joe Bruch and to induct the new President, Linda Stormont, and her new board members. Photo courtesy of Dixon Lions Club

and her board members.

The Lions Club will host its 18th annual Texas Hold'em Tournament at 5 p.m. Aug. 23 at the Olde Vets Hall, 231 N. First St. The event offers professional dealers, a no-host bar and raffle prizes for \$75 per player.

This is the club's biggest fundraiser of the year and is on the same day as the annual Art and Wine

Stroll. Participants must be 21 or older. Tickets can be purchased at Eventbrite.com but QR codes are available for entry. All proceeds go to Dixon organizations and Lions Club members will deliver tickets to entrants.

For more information about the tournament or the club, visit the Dixon Lions Club Facebook page or call 916-806-7451. ★



The City of Dixon is hosting a Fourth of July Concert and Fireworks show beginning at 4 p.m. July 4. The concert, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, will feature a performance by the Davis-based oldies band, Now and Then. Photo courtesy of the Dixon Chamber of Commerce

By MPG Staff

## Free Lunch at the Dixon Library

Dixon Library is offering free lunch to kids and teens from 11 a.m. to noon. June 9 to July 31. Held at the library, 230 N. First St., free lunches will be available to youth 18 and under with no registration required. Meals are offered in partnership with local school districts, funded by the California State Library, and must be eaten on-site. Lunch will not be served on the 4th of July.

For more information, visit the Solano County Library Facebook page or call 1-866-572-7587.

## 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](http://dixonactionteam.com) or email [dixonsactionteam@gmail.com](mailto:dixonsactionteam@gmail.com).

Dixon Chamber Connections Networking

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce is hosting a networking event from noon to 1:30 p.m. on July 3. 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 [dixon-chamber.org](http://dixon-chamber.org) or call 707-678-2650.

## Ribbon Cutting at Drive City Lube and Smog

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce invites the public to a ribbon-cutting event for Drive City Lube and Smog from 5 to 6 p.m. June 26. Located at 2800 W. A St., Suite B, the event is free and open to all. Drive City's grand opening is June 27, and the business is offering prior to and overnight parking for Grillin' and Chillin' car show participants. Owners Ted and Jazzy Jorgensen invite the public to celebrate their retirement June 27, offering a food truck, drinks, raffle prizes and corn toss.

For more information, visit the Dixon Calendar and Events Facebook page or call 707-678-7664.

## Fourth of July Concert and Fireworks Show

The City of Dixon is hosting a Fourth of July fun day beginning at 4 p.m. July 4. Held in Hall Park, 450 Hall Park Drive, the event offers rec swim from 4 to 8 p.m. at Pat Granucci Aquatics Center, 450 E. Mayes St., pickleball in Hall Park from 5 to 8 p.m. and food trucks at 6 p.m. A concert, sponsored by the Dixon Chamber of Commerce and featuring the band Now and Then, will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. The fireworks show will begin at 9:15 p.m.

For more information, visit the Dixon Calendar and Events Facebook page or call 707-678-7000.

## Safe and Sane Fireworks Booth Locations

The 2025 Safe and Sane fireworks booth locations have been announced. The Dixon Municipal Code allows for the sale of safe and sane fireworks from June 28th to July 4th. The code allows for the possession and use of safe and sane fireworks during a specified time from June 28th through July 6th of each calendar year. The following are eligible stand locations:

Weinersnitche, 2500 W. A St., licensed by Living Hope Church of Dixon; Dixon Fruit Market, 7808 Batavia Rd., licensed by Dixon QB Club; Safeway, 1235 Stratford Ave., licensed by American Legion Ladies Auxiliary; Walmart, 235 E. Dorset Drive, licensed by Soroptmist International of Dixon; CVS Pharmacy, 1057 N. First St., licensed by Dixon High Athletic Boosters; Michael's Market, 1100 Pitt School Rd., licensed by J.A. Taylor Foundation.

For more information, visit [www.cityofdixonca.gov/departments/Fire/FireworksInformation](http://www.cityofdixonca.gov/departments/Fire/FireworksInformation) or call 707-678-7000.

## VFW Upcoming Meeting

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

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

## Dixon United Methodist Church Garage Sale

Dixon United Methodist Church is hosting a garage sale from 8 a.m. to 1p.m. July 19. Held at the church, 209 N. Jefferson St., the event offers participants the opportunity to support Dixon United Methodist Church and get some great deals. Interested parties can also rent a table to sell their own wares. Tables cost \$20 for a long 8-foot table, \$15 for a large round table and \$10 for a small round table.

For more information or to rent a table, visit [dixonumc.org](http://dixonumc.org) or call 707-678-2191.

## Dixon Dolphins Water Polo Clinics

Dixon Dolphin Swim Team is hosting a series of water polo clinics, the next of which is from 4 to 6 p.m. June 27. Held at the Pat Granucci Aquatic Center, 450 E. Mayes St., the clinic is available for children aged 6 to 19 for \$25 per clinic. The final two clinics are June 27 and July 11.

For more information or to register, visit [dixondolphins.swimtopia.com](http://dixondolphins.swimtopia.com) or email [dixondolphinsinfo@gmail.com](mailto:dixondolphinsinfo@gmail.com). ★

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Keep Dixon Green

Governor Gavin Newsom signed a package of bills aimed at tackling California's ongoing housing crisis by streamlining the development process and increasing penalties for California cities that fail to meet affordable housing goals.

California Governor Gavin Newsom announced his intention to sign Senate Bill 1037, which would enhance the state attorney general's authority to fine cities that violate state housing laws.

Several new California housing laws enacted in 2024 and 2025 aim to penalize local governments that hinder the development of housing, particularly affordable housing.

Specifically, Senate Bill 1037 imposes penalties, potentially up to \$50,000 per month, on local governments that delay or block approved housing projects. Additionally, these laws aim to enforce state housing laws, including the adoption of Housing Elements, and streamline the approval process for housing projects.

Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) are empowered to enforce these laws and may initiate legal action against local governments that violate them. Local governments are required to update their Housing Elements according to schedule. Senate Bill 1037 provides penalties for failing to do so.

Newsom signed seven of 32 housing bills designed to accelerate housing development and improve affordability. The new laws focus on streamlining city approvals, expanding affordable housing and enforcing penalties of up to \$50K per month for violations.

The state aims to build 2.5 million homes by 2030 to address its housing crisis, with a focus on low-income and homeless populations.

Dixon City Council must follow the laws of the state or be fined by the governor. Now you know the truth.

Mary Ann Courville, Dixon

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# Campers Immersed in Everything Horsey

By Kendall Brown and photos by Nicolas Brown

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Summer is finally here, and with it comes the opportunity to either pursue new experiences or reinforce previous interests.

Four Star Farm, at 7445 Pitt School Road, is offering a riding camp for 7- to 14-year-olds with this in mind.

According to head trainer Natalie Brady, the summer horse camp teaches youth responsibility while providing them with an adventure.

"Being here teaches the kids responsibilities, gives them something to look forward to and gives them a hands-on perspective with the horses," said Brady. "They can also set their own goals for what they want to do or accomplish each week, allowing them to meet their personal goals. It's fun, it's relaxing and it's an adventure."

Brady has been riding since she was 6 and has been training students at Four Star Farm since 2017. Her accomplishments include winning a gold medal in the North American Young Riders Competition at 21 years old, competing in the World Cup final in Pau, France, and being a certified level III instructor through the United States Eventing Association's Instructor Certification Program (ICP).

"I won young riders when I was 21 in Chicago. That started me on the path," said Brady.

Under Brady's tutelage, with support from her trainers Anna Early and her daughter, Sydney Pitts, Four Star Farm is hosting a series of horse camps throughout the summer. Sessions, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., are scheduled for July 7 to 11 and July 28 to Aug. 1.

"We try to have different activities for campers. My daughter is an artist, for example, so she teaches really cool art projects.



The camp will teach participants how to ride horseback, but also equine veterinary care, anatomy, grooming and barn chores. Campers and brothers Jacob (left) and Noah Lewis consider riding their favorite part of the camp. They are supported by Sydney Pitts, trainer and daughter of Natalie Brady.



Four Star Farms, 7445 Pitt School Road, offers a series of horseback riding summer camps for kids aged 7 to 14. Trainers such as Anna Early (left) are happy to support beginners and more experienced riders, such as Lydia Skeehan.

This morning, the kids made tie-dye shirts. We also have experts drop by to teach the kids. Usually, we have a vet come that will do a demo during camp or have a farrier come show

them how to take care of horse hooves," said Brady.

According to Brady, the camp is for beginner-to-intermediate-level riders. The brunt of the camp is spent educating students



Sarah Erickson (left), a client of Four Star Farm, has been riding for a year and stows her horse Diesel on the property. She enjoys Four Star for its communal identity and sense of equality.

on horse riding techniques, primarily English riding, defined by precision and athleticism.

Both trainers, Early and Pitts, have been riding for more than five years and, similar to Brady,

grew up in the horse-riding community.

"I really like the community and love how safe I feel. I wouldn't want to board my horse or ride anywhere else," said Early.

Pitts added, "I would say we have a lot of fun and it is cool to see the kids experience a lot of what I did when I was a kid. Just hang out with the animals, learn about them and learn to ride."

Several campers and clients were also complimentary of the experience. Brothers Jacob and Noah Lewis's favorite part of the camp is riding horses and their favorite horse is Shoni.

Lydia Skeehan attended the camp two years in a row and has taken some riding lessons. She also considers riding the favorite part of camp.

Sarah Erickson, a client of Four Star Farm, has been riding for a year and boards her horse, Diesel, on the property. She enjoys Four Star for its communal identity.

"I would say it is a very open barn. No one discriminates and there's actually a lot of discrimination in the equestrian community," said Erickson.

Syanna Samra, a former client turned working student, intends to go to University of California, Davis to be a veterinarian and has had a passion for animals since she was a child.

"Everyone is super nice and it's easy to make friends. It made it easy to break out of my shell and become more outgoing. You won't find any other place like this. People will take the time to teach you, no matter your experience level," said Samra.

Four Star Farm Riding Camp costs \$695 per camper and includes snacks, helmets and juice. Campers are encouraged to bring shoes with a heel, long pants and a lunch daily.

For more information or to register for future sessions, visit [fourstarfarm.com](http://fourstarfarm.com) or call 707-312-1119. ★

## Dixon Grillin' & Chillin' Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> 2025!

### Dixon's largest event!

This is a FREE family friendly event featuring a massive car & truck show, a competitive rib cook-off, live music, delicious food, tons of small business shopping/craft fair, kids zone, and so much more!

### Order of Events

**10:00AM**

Opening Ceremony - @ Main Stage,  
Car Judging Begins

**10:30AM**

Ramtown Karate Demonstration - @ Main Stage

**11:00AM**

Smokehouse Reunion @ Main Stage

**2:00PM**

Press Play @ Main Stage

**2:30PM**

VIP Tasting @ Moose Lodge  
Car/Truck Show Awards @ Women's Park

**4:00PM**

Rib Cook Off Awards @ Women's Park

**5:00PM**

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## TRUSTEE SALE

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TS No.: 24-008192 APN: 0113-522-040 Property Address: 545 PHEASANT RUN DRIVE, DIXON, CA 95620 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 08/21/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 07/10/2025 at 09:30 A.M., America West Lender Services, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 08/28/2006, as Instrument No. 200600108200, in book , page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of SOLANO County, State of California. Executed by: CHRISTOPHER WALTER MORRIS, A MARRIED MAN, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) At the Santa Clara Street entrance to the City Hall, 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA 94590 All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST APN# 0113-522-040 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 545 PHEASANT RUN DRIVE, 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 pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the

time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$ 478,818.08. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust has deposited all documents evidencing the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and has declared all sums secured thereby immediately due and payable, and has caused a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be executed. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. All bids are subject to California Civil Code 2924h and are sold "AS-IS". NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 844-693-4761 or visit this internet website [www.awest.us](http://www.awest.us), using the file number assigned to this case 24-008192 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 Website. 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 if conducted after January 1, 2021, 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. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 844-693-4761, or visit this internet website [www.awest.us](http://www.awest.us), using the file number assigned to this case 24-008192 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, 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. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Date: America West Lender Services, LLC P.O. Box 23028 Tampa, FL 33623 America West Lender Services, LLC MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE FOR TRUSTEES SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 844-693-4761 NPP0475347 To: DIXON INDEPENDENT VOICE Publish 06/20/2025, 06/27/2025, 07/04/2025  
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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE DIXON PLANNING COMMISSION

The Dixon Planning Commission will hold a hybrid **STUDY SESSION** to consider the following project:

**PROJECT:** Vacant 15.8 acre site on North side of Vaughn Rd (Independence East) - A study session for Independence East to allow Commission to provide initial comments on the proposed change to General Plan, Specific Plan and Zoning designations for the site. The project involves Request for a General Plan Amendment (GPA25-0174), Specific Plan Amendment (GPA25-0176), Rezone (PDR25-0175), Tentative Map (SUBD25-0178), Design Review (DR25-0179), and Development Agreement (DA25-0177) to create 110 duplex residential buildings (totaling 220 residential units), along with community amenities that would also be part of a condominium map. The project site consists of two parcels, totaling 15.18 acres and is located in the Northeast Quadrant Specific Plan (NQSP). The sites are presently designated as Regional Commercial on the western portion and Industrial on the eastern portion, which do not allow for residential development. The applicant has requested amendments to change the General Plan, Specific Plan and Zoning Map to Medium Density Residential to accommodate the proposed project. APNs: 0111-080-190 and -290 (portion).; Zoning Districts: Regional Commercial –Northeast Quadrant Specific Plan (CR-NQSP) and General Industrial –Northeast Quadrant Specific Plan (IG-NQSP); General Plan land use designations: Regional Commercial (RC) and General Industrial (IG); Specific Plan land use designations: Regional Commercial (RC) and Industrial (I). Lewis Land Developers, LLC, applicant; Dixon Town Center, LLC, owner. File No: PLAPP25-0173, GPA25-0174/ GPA25-0176/ PDR25-0175/ SUBD25-0178/ DR25-0179/ DA25-0177.

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

**WHAT WILL HAPPEN:** All interested parties are invited to attend the study session 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 providing any comments. No formal decision or action will be made on this project, as this is a study session. The meeting will be physically open to the public and all persons attending the meeting must abide by all State rules and public health guidelines, regarding masking and social distancing in City Council chambers.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Prior to 4:30pm on the day of the meeting, written comments can be: 1) emailed to [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.

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.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE DIXON PLANNING COMMISSION

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**PROJECT:** Pitt School Road and Homestead Way (Sunrise and Celebration at Homestead) - Request for a Design Review (DR25-0189) approval for 8 model homes for Homestead Phases 3 and 4/Village 12, 14, and 15 with three available styles to choose from (Cali Ranch, Cottage, and Wine Country). Each style would have three different color pallets for a total of 18 different color schemes. These phases/villages of Homestead include 215 residential lots; Per Chapter 18.23 of the Dixon Municipal Code, Design Review is required for model homes for residential subdivisions. This item was continued from the Planning Commission's June 10, 2025 public hearing to allow the applicant and staff to better consider housing options for the southernmost lots of Village 12 that abut and close proximity to Pitt School Road where the grade is highest in relation to the neighboring Copperleaf subdivision (Homestead Village 3A). APNs: 0114-012-060, -090, -100, and -120, ; Zoning Districts: Residential Medium Density –Southwest Dixon Specific Plan (RM-SWSP) and Residential Low Density –Southwest Dixon Specific Plan (RL-SWSP); Richmond American Homes, owner and applicant; File No: PLAPP25-0188, DR25-0189.

The California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") requires that this project be reviewed to determine if a study of potential environmental effects is required. The City Council certified the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Southwest Dixon Specific Plan. In accordance with Public Resources Code Section 21166, as implemented by CEQA Guidelines 15162, the project is consistent with the EIR and determined that no circumstances giving rise to a requirement for a subsequent or supplemental EIR are present requiring such subsequent or supplemental document. If the Planning Commission determines that this project is in an environmentally-sensitive area, further study may be required.

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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).

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# Cody Barr Awarded \$27,000 Multi-Year Scholarship

Scholarship Awarded by the Ernie and Mary Weyand Dixon Rotary Foundation



Cody Barr is pictured being presented his certificate by Dixon Rotary President Marlene Vega. Photo courtesy of Rotary Club of Dixon

## Rotary Club of Dixon News Release

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Cody Barr, Dixon High School Class of 2025 graduate, is the Ernie and Mary Weyand Dixon Rotary Foundation Scholarship recipient for \$27,000.

Barr will attend Utah State University in the fall. Barr will continue to receive this scholarship throughout all his higher education as long as he maintains a 3.0 GPA and majors in an agriculture-related field.

The Dixon Rotary Club is honored to be selected by Ernie and Mary Weyand to choose a student each year to receive their scholarship. The club wants to help

Dixon students who want to pursue a higher education in an agricultural or agriculture-related field, so they set up a scholarship fund. Each year, a qualified student will receive a minimum of \$25,000 as long as they meet the following criteria.

The student must be a resident of Dixon for at least three consecutive years before applying for the scholarship, must be in good standing, graduating from a Dixon high school, majoring in agriculture or an agriculture-related field, show an economic need for the funds, maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher and be involved in community work during the years of education. ★

# Riley Reviews



“DEEP COVER” ABSURDIST ESCAPISM; MUBI THE STREAMING SERVICE

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

## “DEEP COVER” ON AMAZON PRIME

Should you be in the mood for a goofy comedy mixed with some action, then Amazon Prime’s “Deep Cover” is a pleasing little film fixed upon three unlikely characters finding themselves embroiled in what could be an ill-fated caper.

Quoting the author of “The Improv Guide,” the film’s opening title says “Improv Comedy is like going into battle. If you want to kill, you have to be willing to die.” That might prove prophetic.

The opening scene on the streets of London results in a high-speed chase when one criminal on a motorbike is chased by gun-toting Albanians, who are then pursued by police officers unable to keep up with the hunt.

Toiling away in a boring IT job is Hugh (Nick Mohammed), a socially awkward tech nerd who fails to ingratiate himself with a bunch of obnoxious day traders, only to be told by his boss to stay in his lane and stop trying to be part of the team.

Meanwhile, Orlando Bloom’s Marlon wants to be a method actor but job offers go not much further than working in commercials, where he succeeded with a bit of recognition as the “Pizza Knight” in television ads.

After work, Hugh wanders by The Comedy Store, taking notice of the posted notice that he could find his voice and build confidence by joining a comedy improv class, which is run by aspiring actress and American expat Kat (Bryce Dallas Howard).

Hugh is hoping that getting experience on stage would help him garner self-esteem to hold his own at the office, rather than breaking into a questionable career move of stand-up comedy.

While the acting career is not really working out for Kat, whose circle of snobbish friends fret about her prospects, a new path converges for her by teaming up with Hugh and Marlon.

The trio is recruited by Detective Billings (Sean Bean) for undercover work going after drug pushers. The theory is that real undercover cops would be quickly exposed but not these guys.

In short order, the acting team’s flair for the melodramatic doesn’t help much when they get in too deep with drug dealer Fly (Paddy Considine), and hapless Hugh does lines of coke to recklessly establish his street cred.

The situation gets even more chancy when the actors get access to Metcalfe (Ian McShane), the boss of the criminal underworld that is the true target for the undercover operation.

“Deep Cover” benefits from the comic chops of likable yet frivolous main characters going for laughs in what is undeniably an entertainment fully committed to absurdist escapism.

“MUBI” STREAMING PLATFORM The ad-supported streaming service Tubi now appears to be well-established in providing users the opportunity to watch sports, along with vintage as well as more recent television programs and movies, for free.

On the other hand, not to be confused with Tubi is the streaming service MUBI, a global streaming platform that views itself as a kind of highbrow outlet for arthouse films and the like.

MUBI describes itself as a production company and film distributor dedicated to elevating great cinema by creating, curating, and acquiring and championing visionary films from iconic directors and emerging auteurs.

As part of its mission statement, MUBI believes “cinema should be viewed on screens of all shapes and sizes. Our curators scour film festivals for the most exciting and original new films, which we bring to the big screen with the same care and attention we give to our curated platform.”

For a taste of MUBI, some previous and upcoming releases include Coralie Fargeat’s “The Substance;” Luca Guadagnino’s “Queer;” Joshua Oppenheimer’s “The End;” Magnus von Horn’s “The Girl with the Needle;” and Pinny Grylls and Sam Crane’s “Grand Theft Hamlet.”

Other works include Sofia Coppola’s “Priscilla;” Ira Sachs; “Passages;” Pedro Almodovar’s “Strange Way of Life;” Molly Manning Walker’s “How to Have Sex;” and Aki Kaurismaki’s “Fallen Leaves.” The names of directors Coppola and Almodovar are familiar; the others much less so.

Joachim Trier’s “The Worst Person in the World” sounds intriguing. Just who could it be? Are talking about the entire history of the world with awful tyrants like Joseph Stalin, Mao Tse-tung (or Mao Zedong), Adolf Hitler, and Pol Pot?

MUBI co-productions include Jim Jarmusch’s “Father Mother Sister Brother” starring a stellar cast of Adam Driver, Mayim Bialik, Tom Waits, Charlotte Rampling, Cate Blanchett, Vicky Krieps, Indya Moore, and Luka Sabbat.

Then there’s Karim Ainoz’s “Rosebush Pruning” starring Callum Turner, Riley Keough, Jamie Bell, Lukas Gage, Elena Anaya, Tracy Lettes, Elle Fanning and Pamela Anderson, and Michel Franco’s “Memory” starring Jessica Chastain and Peter Sarsgaard.

MUBI considers itself the biggest community of film lovers anywhere, with members across 190 different countries. The streamer is headquartered in London, with 15 offices around the world and over 400 employees.

Joining this community comes with a monthly or annual price tag, and it is available on the web, Roku devices, Apple Vision Pro, Amazon Fire TV, Apple TV, PlayStation, Samsung Smart TV, as well as mobile devices including iPhone, iPad, and Android. ★

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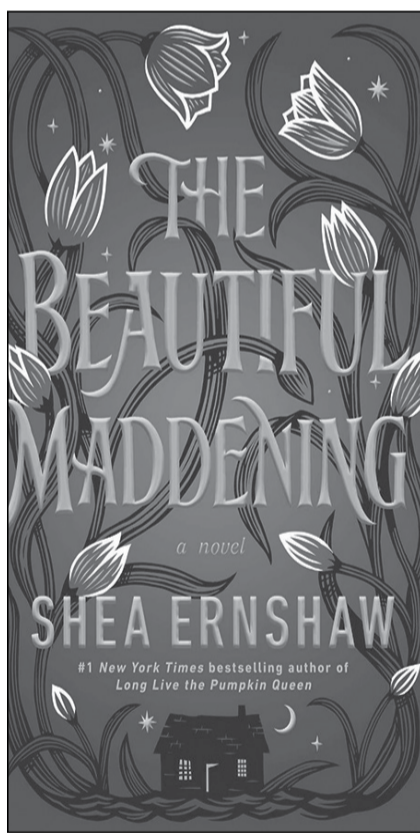
# The Beautiful Maddening

by Shea Ershaw

Lark Goode has always known that her family was cursed. It's not her fault; it's the flowers. For generations, the Goode family has had to live with the madness caused by the curse. A result of generations past, manifesting in the form of the cursed tulips that bloom on their land. These tulips, known for their madness, have made the Goodes family line social outcasts in their own town for as long as they have been there.

Now, all Lark can think about is running far away from the town of Cutwater, just like her mother and her father. However, her twin brother Archer wants nothing more but to stay in the town. Stuck in their home that is built over water, the house is always damp and is surrounded by a field of cursed flowers. Each year, the Goode land sprouts tulips all of its own accord. Tulips that cause madness to blanket their town, a madness known as love. Anyone who breathes in their intoxicating scent will fall helplessly in love with any Goode, almost to the point of madness. Archer embraces the curse, seeing its power as something that is fun that can help him. Larks want nothing more than to move far away from it.

So when Lark meets Oak, a boy seemingly unaffected by the Goode curse, she begins to fall. But Oak has secrets of

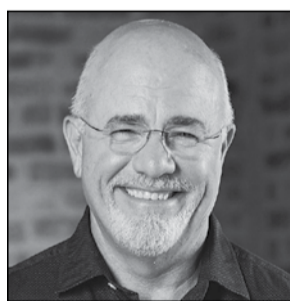


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◆ Intended Audience: Young Adult  
◆ Release Date: June 3, 2025

his own, secrets that have a way of finding their way back to the Goodes. As their relationship deepens, Lark finds herself torn between her love for Oak and her desire to leave. But there might be one way to break the curse and the family legacy. However, breaking the curse also means breaking her heart and sacrificing everything around her, but even that might be worth the cost if she can be free.

Like a delicate whisper, The Beautiful Maddening will seep into the reader's mind, winding its magic like the delicate petals of a Goode family tulip. Shea Ershaw knows how to deliver strong, powerful storylines and characters with a soft and gentle approach. This story has an intriguing premise that captures readers from the beginning, combining mystery, curses, and a slow-burn romance. The Beautiful Maddening explores love in all its forms, from infatuation and expectation to parental love, sibling love, and even first love. Asking readers what the line is from desire to longing and even what love should be expected as well as freely given, and most importantly, what would you do and sacrifice for a chance at love? This story's even tempo and summer blooming premise makes it a perfect read for a summer day. ★

# Dave Ramsey Says Determination and Hard Work



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

I started listening to your show, and following the Baby Steps, three months ago. I'm already seeing great results with my money. Over the weekend, I spent time looking at part-time jobs to help me pay off debt faster and keep moving forward with my finances. I found a few work-from-home ideas that were intriguing. But how can I tell the difference between real opportunities and all the scams featured online and on television?

– 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 for legit-

imate 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 wonder-

ful second 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 a nine-time national bestselling 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. ★

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### CLUES

- ACROSS**
- Composer Joplin's first name
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  - Boxing practice
  - Horatio \_\_\_ of "Ragged Dick" fame
  - Not cooked
  - This and desist
  - \*Torso, pl.
  - Wrath
  - \*DNA half
  - \*Body part, not Elvis
  - \*Part of blood, not type of TV
  - \*Lung filler
  - Same as on top
  - Seth MacFarlane's bear
  - Helps
  - Genus, pl.
  - Paper unit
  - Comme ci, comme ça
  - Burdened
  - Egg on
  - \*Pumps blood, not tires
  - Type of nuclear missile, acr.
  - River in West Africa
  - Fraternity recruitment season
  - Purse to go with evening gown
  - "Annie Hall" star
  - Urban myth, e.g.
  - Kenan Thompson's TV show, acr.
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  - Cemetery jar
  - \*Fingers, not numbers
  - \*Muscle, not skeletal or cardiac
  - Enticed (2 words)
  - Baba
  - Scary movie consequence
  - \_\_\_ came a spider...
  - Old towel, e.g.
  - Nail salon file
  - \*Gallbladder contents
  - \_\_\_ of Sam
  - Poet \_\_\_ Alighieri
- DOWN**
- Fri follower
  - Hoofbeat sound
  - Princess Fiona, by night
  - Unit of magnetic flux density
  - Ken Jennings' forte
  - \*Part of an eye, not a flower
  - "Cheers," e.g.
  - Moved under the rug
  - Witnesses
  - \*Part of a hand, not a tree
  - Continent
  - Tyrannosaurus follower
  - \_\_\_ of Love" by The Dixie Cups
  - Like one from Dublin
  - Lincoln lumber
  - Battery's partner
  - \*Torso, not part of a tree
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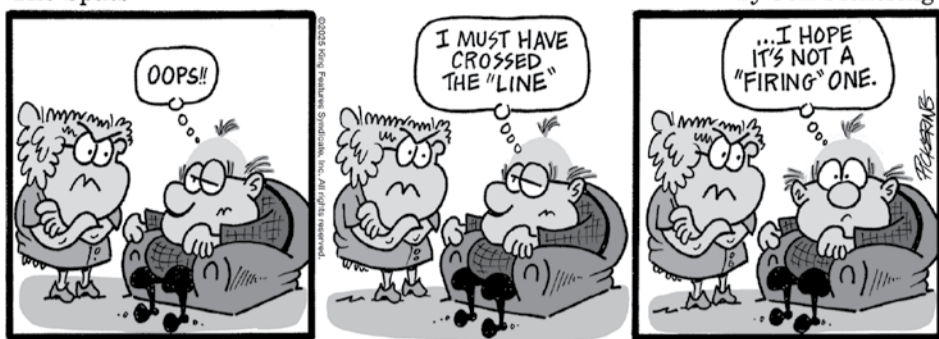
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# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



I have long known that Sacramento Kings fans are true basketball fans, so the NBA finals were a real treat for everyone that loves the game.

Two small-market teams vying for the title of the best in basketball, with defense as the defining factor of the series. It was a clinic on team defense, and Sacramento fans had the privilege of witnessing exactly how it's done

This series could have gone either way, and if Tyrese Haliburton hadn't gone down in the first quarter of game seven, perhaps it's Indianapolis celebrating Monday morning. We'll never know, and for true Kings fans, seeing Tyrese go down with what experts' suspect is an Achilles injury was a sobering moment.

If the injury is a torn Achilles, Haliburton will likely miss all next season and greatly hamper any chances the Pacers have of reaching the finals.

Now that the finals are over and the Oklahoma City Thunder were crowned NBA champions for the 2024/2025 season, one area where Indianapolis truly dominated was their bench. With a record-breaking 249 points in the series, led by TJ McConnell and Obi Toppin, the bench kept them in the fight, playing a key role in pushing the finals to its limit.

Both teams share players that are long and have huge wingspans.

Chet Holmgren proved why he was the No. 1 draft pick for the Thunder two seasons ago, setting an NBA record with five blocks in Game 7. He added 18 points, and his energy gave OKC what they needed as they capitalized on a Pacers team that found themselves short-handed in the first quarter of Game 7.

TJ McConnell's 68 points, 28 assists, 19 rebounds and 14 steals, set a finals record for a bench player, but even this remarkable effort was no match for the defense of the Oklahoma City Thunder.

What can Scott Perry and his Sacramento Kings take from watching this series?

Value the talent you have and access it accurately. If the Kings have a shortcoming, it's their inability to access talent.

Sacramento Kings fans are optimistic that with a leadership change, new GM will change that and begin the process with a notable find in the

upcoming NBA draft.

Is there a player at pick No. 42 that can make any impact with the Kings next season? Can Scott Perry and his staff find a diamond in the rough?

Unless a trade is made to move the Kings into the first round, that is what the new leadership team has to do.

Trades are beginning to occur, and 7-footer Kevin Durant is on the move. The same Kevin Durant that was drafted No. 2 overall by the Seattle SuperSonics that became none other than the Oklahoma City Thunder.

The traveled Kevin Durant will settle in Houston, Texas, where he'll reunite with former teammate Steven Adams to help the Rockets rebuild. In return, the trade sent Dillon Brooks, Jalen Green, and five second-round draft picks to the Phoenix Suns. Who ultimately wins this trade remains to be seen.

Draft choices matter, and the Sacramento Kings not only let fan-favorite Davion Mitchell go to the Toronto Raptors last season for a player who never saw a minute of regular-season action, they also threw in a second-round draft pick.

These are the moves that must stop if the Kings franchise is going to become a playoff contender.

Do Kings fans want to accomplish what OKC just did, and hoist the Larry O'Brien trophy for the first time in franchise history? Of course, but I assure you fans will settle for playoff tickets every year as a place to start.

Mr. Perry, all eyes are on you! What exactly do you have in your bag of tricks that doesn't include trading Domantas Sabonis? Add to that list Keon Ellis, Isaac Jones, Devin Carter and Keegan Murray.

Teams are chomping at the bit to bite into our young talent that haven't had the opportunity to show what their true potential is.

Moves are imminent, and while some fans will never be happy with the players that are traded, but patience and true appreciation for the young talent we have is needed.

Stay tuned Kings fans, because just as the sun will rise tomorrow, a trade is in the offing.

All the best!

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

## Social Security Matters What about Non-Career Veterans and their VA Healthcare?



By Russell Gloor,  
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**Dear Rusty:** In your answer to the retired U.S. Navy veteran about why he is forced to enroll in Medicare, you focused on military TriCare's requirement for the member to enroll in Medicare. But you said nothing about regular VA health care. If a non-career veteran is eligible for VA health care, couldn't that be used in place of Medicare? **Signed: Veteran Advocate**

**Dear Veteran Advocate:** Thank you for your feedback. FYI, I have previously explained numerous times that veterans who rely on the VA for 100% of their healthcare can, indeed, disenroll from Medicare Part B (thus saving the monthly Part B premium). I don't personally recommend it because of my personal experience, but it certainly is possible to do so. Personally, I use the VA for some of my healthcare needs - usually an annual checkup and optometry services - at my local VA clinic which is only a mile away from where I live. But for any

extensive treatment needs (medical tests, etc.) I must travel about 40 miles to the nearest VA hospital facility. For contrast, I have numerous private healthcare services, specialists, and hospitals very near where I live, but to use them under the VA I must get VA preapproval and use only certain VA-approved providers, which is inconvenient for me. Personally, I prefer the freedom to go to any healthcare service provider I choose, without restriction, at any time I need to. So, I use my VA coverage when it is convenient for me but rely also on non-VA, Medicare-approved specialists who I can choose to use (or not) at will. For me, it's a matter of convenience and the freedom to use whichever healthcare provider I want. That said, I fully understand that some veterans rely exclusively on the VA for their healthcare needs, and I have explained to many who have written to me that they have that option. I have also published several public articles about this as well. Here is one such article:

<https://socialsecurityreport.org/ask-rusty-why-should-a-veteran-pay-for-medicare/>

So, please rest assured that we regularly advise our veterans about their healthcare options under Medicare, including the ability to decline Medicare Part B coverage if they have full VA healthcare

coverage. FYI, free Medicare Part A (inpatient hospitalization coverage) is mandatory to collect Social Security after age 65, but Medicare Part B coverage is always optional because there is a premium associated with Part B. A veteran can decline Medicare Part B coverage and save that monthly premium, but they would need to contact Social Security to do so. Social Security will want to interview the veteran to ensure they are aware of the potential financial consequences of not having Medicare Part B. And they may need to file form CMS-1763 (Request for Termination) But a non-career veteran can opt out of Medicare Part B if they get all of their healthcare services through the Veterans Administration.

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## Politicians Agree on School Money But Poor Test Scores Need Attention



By Dan Walters,  
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Historically, the annual process of writing a state budget has often stumbled over how much money California should spend on its public school system and its nearly 6 million students. However, as Gov. Gavin Newsom and legislative leaders negotiate a final budget for the 2025-26 fiscal year, dealing with a multi-billion-dollar deficit, they have only small disagreements on school finance.

Both Newsom's latest budget and the Legislature's alternative draft would peg state spending on schools at \$80.5 billion, including transitional kindergarten, a new education subcategory.

That's \$4.5 billion less than the current budget allocates, but with anticipated increases in education's share of local property taxes, total spending would remain roughly even.

With schools off the table, politically, Newsom and legislators are wrangling over more contentious issues, particularly the reductions in medical and social services for poor, elderly and disabled Californians that Newsom seeks to close the budget gap.

The comity on school spending, however, shuns a debate that California's political leaders should be having — what to do about the system's chronically subpar academic achievement.

This week the Public Policy Institute of California issued a timely reminder that there's been little progress — and some regression — in such basic skills as reading and mathematics, with wide gaps among students tied to family income, ethnicity and other socioeconomic factors.

In an analysis of state academic tests that were administered last year, PPIC researchers reported that fewer than half of all students “met or exceeded state standards in English Language Arts, while about a third (36%) did so in math.”

The analysis also found that “proficiency rates were highest among Asian students: just above 70% in English and nearly two-thirds in math. White students' rates were lower, with 60% meeting the standard in English and 50% in math. Proficiency rates were lower on average for Black and Latino students — 24% and 37% in English, respectively, and 18% and 30% in math.”

Also girls fared much better than boys in English. And proficiency in basic skills among low-income students is scarcely half that of those from moderate- or high-income families.

To cap it off, PPIC notes that California students' rates of proficiency in federal tests continue to lag behind those of other states.

None of these findings is unexpected. California students have been lagging behind the state's expectations and national norms for many years, even as spending on the school system has continued to climb to well over \$20,000 a year per pupil from state aid, local property taxes and federal subventions.

One would think that California's stubbornly

mediocre — at best — education outcomes would sit atop the political agenda, given their negative effects on students and the state as a whole.

However, the Capitol's discussions of education usually start and end with how much money schools should receive, when it's obvious that school finances, while important, are just one factor in outcomes.

There are some signs of progress on those other factors, such as a recent agreement to encourage local school systems to use phonics in teaching elementary students how to read, the most important of all academic skills.

While the state is stopping short of mandating phonics, as many education experts advise, it's a step forward that more or less declares a winner in the very long debate over methodology that's been dubbed “reading wars.”

However, there's also been some regression. As PPIC notes in its study, the state Board of Education, which tends to reflect the education establishment's priorities, has adopted new definitions of academic test proficiency that could obscure embarrassingly low results. For instance, if a student scores below grade level, their performance will be labeled “Developing” or “Minimum.”

“Understanding student scores could be growing more difficult,” PPIC says. That's not a good thing.

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federal law will run in jurisdictions opposed to it, and over the morality of those underlying laws.

To use a term borrowed from segregationists in Virginia in the 1950s, the opponents of ICE are engaged in a campaign of “massive resistance.”

Virginia Democrat Harry Byrd and his allies came up with an across-the-board strategy to undermine Brown v. Board of Education. “If we can organize the Southern states for massive resistance to this order,” Byrd said, “I think that in time the rest of the country will realize that racial integration is not going to be accepted in the South.”

Similarly, Democratic officeholders and activists hope to make ICE raids so politically toxic and so painful to implement that the federal government stands down and accepts the status quo of routine lawlessness.

The opposition is relying on a version of another doctrine of the Southern resisters: nullification. This is the idea that states can invalidate federal laws that they deem an offense against our constitutional order.

This notion has a long, undistinguished history in this country as a precursor to the Civil War and, later, as a tool to attempt to preserve segregation. Although it is most associated with the South, other parts of the country have tried to resort to it as well.

Now progressive cities and states are joining the list. They have no equivalent of John C. Calhoun, the brilliant, if catastrophically wrong, South Carolina statesman who de-

veloped a sophisticated defense of the concept. Instead, they want de facto nullification, or nullification as a practical matter rather than a theory.

Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass has been quite clear about this. “We need to stop the raids,” she insists. “The only thing it does is contribute to chaos.” Her attitude would take Los Angeles well beyond its status as a sanctuary city, which involves not affirmatively cooperating with the feds, and make it something else -- effectively a no-go zone for immigration officers and a jurisdiction that affirmatively resists them.

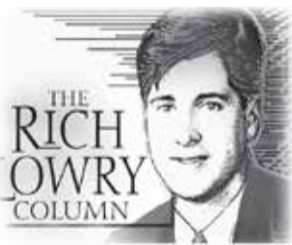
Of course, the anti-ICE resistance would reject any association with the massive resistance of yore, arguing that its cause is just, in contrast to the segregationist South. But violent opposition to law enforcement officers acting within their lawful powers is deeply wrong, whatever the underlying cause (and the mass illegal immigration imposes significant costs on our society).

If enforcing our laws is offensive to progressives, they should seek to change the statutes in question and pass a large-scale amnesty, rather than relying on a rioter's veto to dictate what ICE agents can do and where they can go.

Violent mobs have no legitimate part to play in our democratic republic, not in Oxford, Mississippi, in 1962, not in Los Angeles, California, or anywhere else inspired by its sordid example in 2025.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.*

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### The New Massive Resistance

On Sept. 30, 1962, the University of Mississippi experienced a “mostly peaceful” demonstration. As with all such protests, it was peaceful until it wasn't -- it became a riot, and a particularly heinous and destructive one.

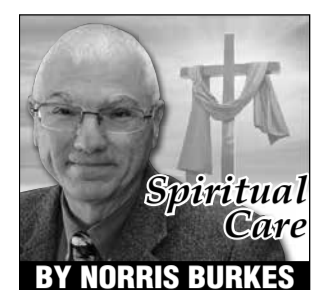
The mob attacked federal officers, including border patrol agents, with rocks and Molotov cocktails. They burned cars. They smashed streetlights. They ransacked buildings. They drove vehicles at the officers. And they did it all to try to prevent the federal government from enforcing the law.

This, discerning readers will realize, was the notorious Battle of Oxford, when students at Ole Miss and outside agitators exploded in fury to prevent the enrollment of James Meredith, an African-American, who was under the protection of federal agents.

President John F. Kennedy had federalized the Mississippi National Guard days before the disturbance, and sent in the Army when things got out of hand. Eventually, he drew on 31,000 troops, a necessary exercise of overwhelming force.

Now, once again, mobs are in the streets in opposition to federal power and federal law. We are probably at the beginning stages of another titanic struggle over whether the writ of

# Good Marriages Require Sweat Work



Wedding season is in full bloom for Elk Grove Park and area churches, I've seen the lovely dresses spilling from stretch limos, flowers flowing, and jewelry sparkling.

Looking at this outside view, I see the signs that the couple spent countless hours sweating the details of their lavish affair.

But long before this summer spectacular, I hope someone has asked the couple this question:

"You've prepared for the special day, but what have you done to consider the lifetime you are committing to?"

It's a question I always asked the couple in my role as officiant and premarital counselor. But it was the questions the couple asked of me that sometimes threw me off guard.

For instance, just a few weeks before a wedding, I once had a groom-to-be toss me a "by-the-way bomb."

"My fiancée wants to omit the promise, 'Till death do us part.' Would that be a deal breaker for the ceremony?"

Deju vu. It was the same question from a bride-to-be who asked me to change the promise to read, "Till love do us part."

I told both couples, "I really have to stick with the unabridged format."

The first couple responded by finding another chaplain. The latter couple dissolved their marriage when the groom left on a Navy cruise and the bride parted to go with a land lover.

Unfortunately, marriage

counseling is far less comedic and much more frustrating.

The most frustrating thing is that I feel like I have been blessed with a marriage that I cannot clone in others.

A good marriage is a complicated dish, and I don't have the recipe, or I'd publish it. Often, I've come home from a difficult counseling case, and I'll hold my wife tight.

There is no greater priority than my marriage, because I believe God gave marriage to mankind as the closest equal to unconditional love. Despite God's intention for marriage, many are willing to take the risk of making marriage analogous to hell.

While working as a hospital chaplain, a respiratory therapist burst into my office, "Chaplain, Chaplain! She said 'yes!'"

"She" was another therapist who'd just accepted his wedding proposal after two years of dating.

I knew them well enough to assume their biggest challenge would be to quit smoking. Despite what respiratory therapists witness, some still smoke like chimneys.

He heralded the news from floor to floor until he arrived on the bottom floor — literally and figuratively. His last stop was the nurses' station where his old girlfriend was the shift manager.

She invited him into a supply closet where her congratulatory "hug" went much farther than it should have. In a hot Texas minute, a two-year relationship went up in smoke.

Hospital administration congratulated them both with unpaid vacations.

When I've seen people like these therapists risking something so precious, I'm often left shaken. It makes me try to define and categorize what I have in a vain attempt to keep it and control it. I wish it worked that way.

I am not entirely sure what my wife and I have. It's the kind of love that continues, whether I burn the toast or burn my temper. It's a love that tells me I'm forgiven before I ask. It's the kind of love described in our wedding vow that "halves a sorrow and doubles a joy."

Like many couples, we sometimes go to bed dead tired, sometimes too tired for the fun I seek and too tired for the prayers she wants. But we rarely are too tired to talk out our day and absolutely never too tired for our three good night kisses and "I love you."

Still, maybe there is a thing that I know about marriage that respiratory therapists also know about smokers.

Therapists, who watch smokers die, know they are no less likely to become smokers.

Ministers, who watch marriages die, aren't any less likely to divorce. It takes work to quit smoking, and it takes work to make marriages successful.

So, at the end of the day, I realize there is something Freudian about the way my fast fingers often seem to mistype "sweetheart" into "sweatheart."

The typo is a great reminder that a good marriage takes a lot of work and spiritual sweat. Good marriages require honest heart work, but most especially real sweat work.

"I love you Sweat-heart!"

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# 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@cssolano.org](mailto:friendship@cssolano.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 Matt at 707-685-1750 or email [scoutmaster@troop152dixon.com](mailto:scoutmaster@troop152dixon.com) for more information. Check us out on the web @ [troop152dixon.com](http://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://scotssindixon.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 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](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. ★



## Organic Acres Slip as State Pushes for More

Under California's goals to combat climate change, the state must convert 10% of its cropland to organic production by 2030, 15% by 2038 and 20% by 2045. But organic acreage has trended down in recent years. Of the state's 24.2 million acres used to grow crops and raise livestock in 2022, some 1.8 million acres were certified organic, or about 7.4%. That's down from a high of nearly 2.2 million acres in 2020, according to the California Department of Food and Agriculture. Farmers cite ongoing challenges that could work against the state's plan and say markets and economics—not mandates—will ultimately drive acreage.

## Farm Leaders Warn Agriculture is at a Critical Juncture

At the Agri-Pulse Food & Ag Issues Summit West in Sacramento last week, California farm leaders warned that the sector is at a tipping point as growers face challenges related to water, labor, regulations and trade. "When we talk about the things that are keeping me up at night, it really comes down to what is going to keep our members in business," California Farm Bureau President Shannon Douglass said. She cited figures from the most recent U.S. Census of Agriculture, which showed the state had lost 20% of its farms during the past decade.

## Mushroom Growers Criticize Rollback of New Organic Rules

Organic mushroom growers and trade

groups have criticized a proposed rule announced last month by the U.S. Department of Agriculture that would rescind the National Organic Program's recently adopted Market Development for Mushrooms and Pet Food regulations. The regulations were intended to address inconsistencies in standards used to certify organic mushrooms and pet food. Rebekah Weber, policy director for California Certified Organic Farmers, said reversing the regulations would "undermine the domestic organic market and harm U.S. farmers by hampering market development and eroding trust in the organic seal."

## Farm Bureau: Immigration Operations are Disrupting Lives and Jeopardizing Food Supply

California farm leaders advocated for a different approach to immigration enforcement after federal agents carried out an operation last week at Ventura County farm sites, detaining at least 35 farm employees. "The current approach to federal immigration enforcement is having a disruptive effect on California's rural communities and the farmers, ranchers, workers and families who live and work there," Bryan Little, senior director of policy advocacy at the California Farm Bureau, said in a statement. "If federal immigration enforcement activities continue in this direction, it will become increasingly difficult to produce food, process it and get it onto grocery store shelves." ★

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# Council Approves Officer Matthew Bowen Memorial Park

By Shaunna Boyd

DIXON, CA (MPG) - At the June 17 meeting, the Dixon City Council began with a closed session regarding a threat to public services or facilities.

During closed session, the city attorney reported, City Council authorized \$449,448 "to address access control and physical security issues for public facilities." The city attorney added that a full report will be presented after the project is completed, because "when there [are] threats to public facilities that are being addressed, it's not in the best interest of the city nor required by law to disclose exactly what those threats are before they're addressed."

City Engineer/Director of Utilities Christopher Fong then updated council about traffic calming measures on Briens Way, where speeding has been an ongoing issue. The city installed speed feedback signs to alert drivers to their speed, as well as raised pavement markers, which are small plastic bumps designed to help drivers stay in their lanes. However, Fong said, the pavement markers had to be removed a few months ago as they did not perform well, were breaking down quickly and when driven over made a loud noise that disturbed nearby residents.

Fong said other possible options include vertical delineators (\$41 each) and edge-line striping (estimated at \$20,000 total), which would visually narrow the lanes to encourage slower speeds. Speedhumps would be a more expensive option, at approximately \$50,000 each.

This was an informational update and no action was required by the council at this time.

The council then discussed a request by Mayor Steven Bird to name the neighborhood park at Pitt School Road and Sunflower Way after Dixon resident and Vacaville Police Officer Matthew Bowen, who lost his life in the line of duty on July 11, 2024.



Dixon City Council is naming a local park after Vacaville Police Officer Matthew Bowen, who lived near the park with his family. Photo from Dixon City Council meeting recording

The four-acre park, which does not yet have an official name, is in Officer Bowen's neighborhood, just a few streets down from where he lived with his wife and two children.

Vacaville Police Chief Chris Polen said Officer Bowen's wife, Liz, often takes their children to that park.

"It would be a nice tribute for those kids to see their father's name on this park," Polen said.

Mayor Bird said that losing first responders and police officers "cuts very deep."

The council voted unanimously to approve the official name and staff members are working with local nonprofit organizations to finance a memorial sign and bench for Officer Matthew Bowen Memorial Park.

The council then discussed an item brought forward by Vice-Mayor Thom Bogue regarding the potential installation of a left turn pocket lane along West A Street.

Recent road improvements as part of the Homestead development project included a raised median along West A Street, which was intended to improve

traffic safety by limiting turning locations across traffic.

However, Bogue said the median is causing problems in the area near the intersection of Whispering Way. He said drivers coming from the freeway are now forced to drive all the way down to Pitt School Road to make a U-turn if they want to access businesses at and around 2500 West A. St. He added that deliveries have also been impacted because large trucks can't navigate the U-turn. Bogue said he is concerned that businesses are being impacted by this poor design.

Fong said that the newly constructed median was installed by the Homestead developer as part of their required improvements and official city acceptance of the improvements will be followed by a one-year warranty period. Fong said that installing a turn lane into the median would require a feasibility study, project design and bid process, in addition to securing a funding source for the project.

Councilmember Don Hendershot agreed that it's "ridiculous" to expect people to go all the way down to Pitt School

Road and make a U-turn.

"This is such a mess," said Councilmember Kevin Johnson. "I'm completely in favor of doing something. But what I don't want to do is to fix it and then have to fix it again and then have to fix it again."

Johnson said whatever solution they pursue needs to account for future retail development in the area. He said a left turn lane at that location won't solve the larger issue, so he suggested much of the roadway could be a shared center turn lane with strategic median placement, which would offer "the most flexibility possible for what it is now and what it will eventually be."

Bogue said the city should have requested a change to the Homestead design requirements before construction of the median was completed, since now it will be a more complicated issue and end up costing more.

During public comment, a Dixon resident said, "This is why people say the City of Dixon is not business friendly. Because they could have done a change order on this."

Mayor Bird said depending on the dimensions of the roadway at that location, a roundabout could also be a potential solution.

Despite initially suggesting the left turn pocket lane, Bogue said he would prefer either the roundabout or a shared center lane, since both options would make the area more accessible and "save us a lot of headaches down the road" with future development.

The council consensus was for staff to explore both options and bring back a report.

Mayor Bird recommended Jack Caldwell and Bill Allard continue serving on the Dixon Planning Commission and the council voted unanimously to approve the appointments.

During public comment, a resident wanted to address the "national political violence" in the country, specifically the political assignments that occurred in Minnesota: "There is no place in America for this kind of violence or any violence. Ever. Period. No exception. We can't allow this violence to be normalized."

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

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