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By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixon High School is set to kick off its 2025 fall sports season with a busy schedule spanning cross country, cheer, flag football, golf, football, volleyball and water polo.

According to Dixon High School athletics secretary Jennifer Roman, success in athletics is about growth, which staff and coaches hope to foster on and off the field.

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toward shared goals, both on and off the field," Roman said.

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Cheer will support Dixon athletics throughout the fall. The cheer team will perform during home and away football games, starting with Marysville at home on Aug. 22 and

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Reduce Electricity During Flex Alerts and Earn Bill Credits

By MPG Staff

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - With temperature rising, it's not too late to register for Power Saver Rewards, a California Public Utilities Commission program.

Anyone enrolled can receive credit on their electric bill when they reduce energy use during a Flex Alert issued between May 1 and Oct. 31. The annual limit for Power Saver Rewards events is 60 hours (or 12 events).

A Flex Alert is a call to reduce energy use, normally issued from 4 to 9 p.m. on hot days, when electricity demand is at its highest as residents return home from work or school.

Power Saver Rewards events are triggered when the California Independent System Operator issues a Flex Alert or an Energy Emergency Alert Watch, according to PG&E (Pacific Gas and Electric Company).

If a Flex Alert or an Energy Emergency Alert Watch is issued on short notice without day-before notification, then a Power Saver Rewards event will not be called for that day.

Enrollees receive Flex Alert notifications through emails, text messages and/or mobile app push notifications.

"The best way to help during a Flex Alert is to avoid using large appliances like dishwashers, washing machines and dryers, and to set your thermostat to 78 degrees," said Wilfredo Cruz, the nonprofit Community Resource Project organization's executive director. "If possible, use fans instead of your air conditioning. These small changes can make a big impact."

"It's a win-win for all PG&E residents," Cruz said. "You're helping your community remain powered up during high-demand hours and you're receiving a credit back on your utility bill at the same time."

According to PG&E, those participating in the Power Saver Rewards Program will receive a yearly bill credit of \$1 per kilowatt-hour (kWh) of energy that is reduced during Power Saver Rewards events. Starting in 2024, incentives were lowered from \$2 per kWh to \$1 per kWh.

PG&E customers can sign up online for the Power Saver Rewards program at powersaver.pge.com. Or sign up at PowerSaverRewards.org.

For more information from PG&E, go online to powersaver.pge.com or call 800-743-5000. ★

Airport Sets All-Time Passenger Record



Airport Passenger Record: With new nonstop service to Kansas City, Baltimore, Anchorage, Morelia and Puerto Vallarta, Sacramento International Airport is meeting demand and expanding its global reach. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sacramento International Airport (SMF) achieved the busiest month in airport history with 1,296,818 passengers traveling through the airport in June.

The record culminates 19 months of consistent year-over-year growth at Sacramento International Airport, which served 13,822,315 passengers in fiscal year 2025, which also set a record. Historically, July has been Sacramento International Airport's busiest month.

"Breaking this passenger record highlights the power of smart, strategic investment in public

infrastructure," said Board Chairman and First District County Supervisor Phil Serna. "SMF continues to drive growth, tourism and regional connectivity, all of which contribute to a stronger economy for the people of Sacramento County."

Sacramento International Airport currently offers more than 202 peak day flights on 11 domestic and international carriers, connecting travelers to 52 nonstop destinations.

"We are proud to serve so many travelers in our region and support our community's business and leisure needs," said Cindy Nichol, director of the Sacramento County Department of Airports. "I'm proud of all the behind-the-scenes work to keep SMF operating at this high level. It takes a

huge and talented team to serve over one-million travelers each month."

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"SMF's recent growth is no accident; it's the result of strong airline partnerships," said Stephen Clark, deputy director of Commercial Development for the Sacramento County Department of Airports. "And we're just getting started. Securing SMF's first transoceanic flight remains a top priority and we're working side by side with our Regional Air Alliance to make it a reality." ★

Dixon News Briefs

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By MPG Staff

Lunch Bunch at Bud's Pub & Grill

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce is hosting a lunch bunch networking event from noon to 1:30 p.m. Aug. 19. Held at Bud's Pub and Grill, 100 S. First St., the free event offers guests a no-host lunch and networking opportunities.

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

VFW Upcoming Meeting

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8151 will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. Aug. 20. 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.

Travis Credit Union Shred Event

Travis Credit Union is hosting a shredding event open to the public from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 22. Held onsite at the Dixon branch, 1470 Ary Lane, the event offers Dixonites the opportunity to protect their privacy through the proper disposal of personal and financial information.

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

Texas Hold'em Tournament

Dixon Lions Club is hosting the 18th Annual Poker Fundraiser Texas Hold'em Tournament at 5 p.m. Aug. 23. Held in the Downtown Olde Vets Hall, 231 N. First St., the event costs \$75 per person, and proceeds will benefit Dixon youth sports and activities, elementary and middle school programs, high school scholarships and the Lions Club Vision program. A no-host bar will be available at 5 p.m. with poker play beginning at 7 p.m. Attendees must be 21 and older to participate.

For more information, visit the Dixon Lions Club Facebook page or call Scott Smith at 916-806-7451.

Concerts in the Plaza

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce hosts Concerts in the Plaza from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Aug. 21. The free event, hosted at Pardi Plaza, 132 E. A St. features the Northern California band Helios. The group has a combined 75 years of musical experience and play a variety of Top 40 and classic rock hits. Folding chairs and picnic blankets are recommended, but alcohol is not allowed as per city ordinance.

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

DDBA Wine and Art Stroll

The Downtown Dixon Business Association is hosting its annual Wine and Art Stroll from 4 to 8 p.m. Aug.

23. The event, hosted throughout downtown Dixon, will include commemorative wine glasses, raffle prizes and the opportunity to try over 20 different wines. Tickets are available for \$35 at select Dixon locations or online through QR codes available around town. Participants must be 21 or older.

For more information, visit dixon-chamber.org or call 916-416-2876.

Fertilizing Your Garden

University of California (UC) Master Gardener Judy Hager will lead an informational discussion about the benefits of garden fertilization from 10 to 11 a.m. Aug. 29. Hosted at Dixon Library, 230 N. First St., the event will educate Dixonites on how to help plants grow healthier, strengthen soil and increase their garden's yield. Registration is required and only 30 spots are available.

For more information, visit solanolibrary.com or call 1-866-572-7587.

Kiwanis Club Open House

Kiwanis Club of Dixon is hosting an open house from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Sept. 8. Held at Joystick Gaming Lounge, 420 Gateway Dr., Suite C, the club invites Dixonites to learn about the schools, opportunities that Kiwanis Club offers students, and how citizens can get involved with Kiwanis and the community. This free event will also have an address from keynote speaker and Superintendent of Dixon Unified School District (DUSD), Brett Barley. Appetizers will be provided.

For more information, visit dixon-chamber.org or call 707-635-3303.

Ramtown Karate Buddy Week

Ramtown Karate is hosting Buddy Week from Aug. 25 to Aug. 28. Held at the Ramtown dojo, 1680 N. Lincoln St., the event allows current Ramtown students to get their friends a free week of lessons. Students can grab a buddy pass at the front desk and invite friends of family members to train for free. A special sumo party will be held for students and their buddies Aug. 29.

For more information, visit ramtownkarate.com or call 707-678-4899.

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For more information or to purchase tickets, visit the Dixon Moose Lodge Facebook page or call 530-219-1653. ★



As a branch of an international organization, the Rotary Club is also dedicated to international efforts, including water filtration and the worldwide eradication of polio. Tad Smith, a retired biologist and a Rotary Club member, supports this cause with his research and knowledge. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By Kendall Brown and photos by Nicolas Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Rotary Club of Dixon, established in Dixon in 1930, is one of the larger nonprofit organizations in Dixon, boasting 50 members.

The organization hosts regular meetings at noon Wednesdays and now, to engage more Dixonites, the club is introducing additional bi-monthly 5:30 p.m. meetings, beginning on Aug. 20.

According to Rotary Club President Ben Voight, the initiative aims to offer working professionals and those unavailable during the day the opportunity to attend meetings and get involved.

"We're trying to have a night meeting, called mixers, once every two months or six a year," Voight said. "We're thinking it's a better opportunity for day workers."

The shift is part of a broader effort to expand membership and enhance the club's longstanding commitment to supporting local and international causes.

Members participate in a wide range of activities, according to Past Rotary President Marlene Vega, from mentorship at local schools to fundraising events that benefit scholarships, veterans and community programs.

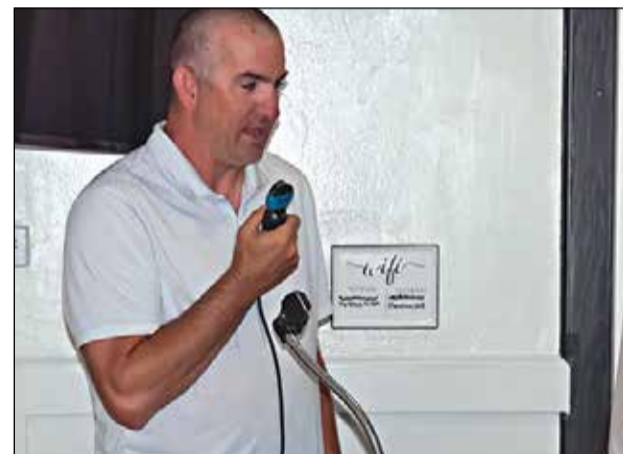
"Yes, we are an international group but we're here for Dixon," Vega said. "We help cook food for you, we give donations, we give out grants. We're here for everyone."

The Rotary Club of Dixon provides \$15,000 annually for school scholarships, according to Vega. Additionally, the club contributes 15 individual scholarships worth \$2,000 to \$500. The club, as a branch of an international organization, supports international efforts, including polio eradication and water filtration projects through University of California, Davis.

"We fill in holes where they're needed. For schools, we've given backpacks, we've given shoes and we've



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The Rotary Club of Dixon hosts regular meetings at noon on Wednesdays at the Venue, 160 W. A St. According to Club President Ben Voight, the organization will host night mixers, beginning Aug. 20, to give working Dixonites the opportunity to attend meetings and get involved. Photo by Nicolas Brown

given money for field trips," Voight said. "At Maine Prairie, we do mentorship; at DHS (Dixon High School), we do workshops; we help with veterans. We try to help with shortcomings and pot-holes in the community. Get in where you fit in."

The club is working this month to introduce new members "to do more good in the community," according to Rotary Club of Dixon Treasurer Janice Beaman.

"We're starting evening meetings to support new membership," Beaman said. "We are also looking for younger members and Dixonites who work out of town. Join us for maybe a short meeting, come see what we're about and get involved. We're just hoping to reach out to younger people and lunch is just a tough time to schedule for a working community."

According to Voight, the Aug. 20 mixer is not a required meeting for members but an addition. The

regular meeting is at noon Aug. 20 at The Venue, 160 W. A St.

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Annual events also include the Crab Feed, Pumpkin Patch and May Fair Pancake Breakfast.

Dues are \$175 per year, and while weekly meetings are held on Wednesdays, the new night schedule is intended to be a flexible alternative.

"It's a fun group with great camaraderie," Beaman said. "Almost all of our money goes right back into Dixon. It's your town. Get involved."

For more information, visit dixonrotary.org or call 916-240-0147. ★

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Solano County Constitution Essay Contest Returns

Contest Returns with Focus on Separation of Powers

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The 14th Annual Solano County Constitution Essay Contest, now titled the Constitution Literacy Youth Scholarship (CLYS) program, is underway for 2025 with a renewed focus on civic education and student engagement.

Organized by the Solano Constitution Discussion Group, the contest invites high school students in grades 10 through 12 across Solano to explore the foundational principles of the U.S. Constitution.

According to Darlina Bordon, a member of the Solano Constitution Discussion Group Leadership Team, understanding the Constitution is significant to today's youth.

"Understanding the U.S. Constitution is vital for today's youth as they begin to understand their rights and responsibilities as citizens," said Bordon. "For liberty and freedom to persist in our nation, it's crucial that young people understand our founding documents and can effectively express those core ideals and principles."

This year's essay prompt asks students to examine the theme: "Why is the 'Separation of Powers' as important today as it was when the Founders wrote the U.S. Constitution?"

Organizers say the topic underscores a core constitutional principle: that the federal government's division into separate branches is essential to preserving liberty.

"From Federalist No. 66 (1788), Alexander Hamilton reminds us, 'The division of [powers] into different departments, and the independence of each, are essential to the preservation of liberty,'" Bordon said.

Students are encouraged to examine concepts such as usurpation of power and enumerated powers, using historical sources and modern-day examples.

Most students learn about



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the contest through their high schools, where teachers in subjects such as U.S. history, government and English often integrate the assignment into their curriculum.

According to Brodon, contest judges will prioritize essays that demonstrate an understanding of 'Separation of Power,' along with originality, clarity of expression, logical organization and proper grammar and spelling.

Essays should be no more than 500 words and include analysis, citations and references to historical documents. Judge William Mattei emphasized that essays should showcase critical thinking and writing skills.

"Generally speaking, an essay of this type is a mini-treatise. The essay format should be an opportunity for the author to showcase their critical thinking and writing skills logically, factually and convincingly," Mattei said. "It should address the essayist's newly discovered personal insight(s) gleaned from their research. Their summary paragraph should convincingly convey their conviction



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about the topic to the reader. Properly executed, these elements should yield an interesting and engaging essay."

Judge Jeanne LaPointe considers this contest an opportunity for students to take their understanding and appreciation of the Constitution to the next level.

"Sometimes, even as adults engaging in the study of the Constitution, we find ourselves simply 'groking' principles of governance and other particular details when initially exposed to them," LaPointe said. "It is my hope that students will push through these early levels of understanding and take their study to the next level of deep appreciation for the meaning and power of our Constitution."

According to Bordon, students benefit academically and personally from the experience. The contest improves writing, analytical thinking and knowledge of the Constitution, while also fostering confidence and civic engagement. Scholarships are available, including a \$1,000 Grand Prize, \$500 Founders' Choice Awards, and

\$100 Best-of-School Awards for campuses with 30 or more entries.

Teachers, schools and libraries support the contest by displaying fliers, posting online announcements and encouraging student participation. The Solano Community Foundation manages the Constitution Education Project Fund, ensuring tax-deductible donations go directly toward student awards.

"From time to time, principals support the contest by posting directly to the school's website," Bordon said. "Teachers support by encouraging their students to enter the contest, facilitating classroom discussions, providing additional resource materials when appropriate and attending the awards banquet in November."

Organizers hope to expand the contest in the coming years and call on school administrators to support broader teacher involvement. Essays should be submitted by Oct. 25.

For more information, visit www.solanocdg.org, email info@solanocdg.org or call 707-249-9161. ★

Gearing Up for Sports



Dixon High School is set to kick off its 2025 fall sports season with a busy schedule spanning cross country, cheer, flag football, golf, football, volleyball and water polo. Football, under the direction of head coach Wes Besseghini, will host a jamboree on Aug. 15. The team then opens regular play with a home game against Marysville on Aug. 22. Photo by Nicolas Brown

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Winters away on Aug. 29. Game times are set for either 5 or 7 p.m., depending on final schedules. Amber Drewnowski returns as the varsity cheer coach.

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Girls' golf, coached by Ben Santos, opens the season against El Camino on Aug. 28. The match will be held at Wild Wings Golf Course, with tee time at 3 p.m.

Football, under the direction of head coach Wes Besseghini, will host a jamboree on Aug. 15. The team then opens regular play with a home game against Marysville on Aug. 22, followed by an away game at Winters on Aug. 29. Kickoff for each game is scheduled for either 5 or 7 p.m.

Volleyball begins with the Pioneer Jamboree at 5 p.m. Aug.

15. The team visits Vacaville High on Aug. 20 and hosts Pioneer on Aug. 25, with games for all levels beginning at 4:30 p.m. They will host Winters on Aug. 26 and travel to Will C. Wood on Aug. 28. Varsity coach Nikki Garcia leads the program.

Finally, water polo will participate in the Rio Linda Scrimmage Day on Aug. 23, with both varsity boys' and girls' teams competing. Coaches Kraig Katzenmeyer and Michael Vlak will oversee the season.

According to Dixon High

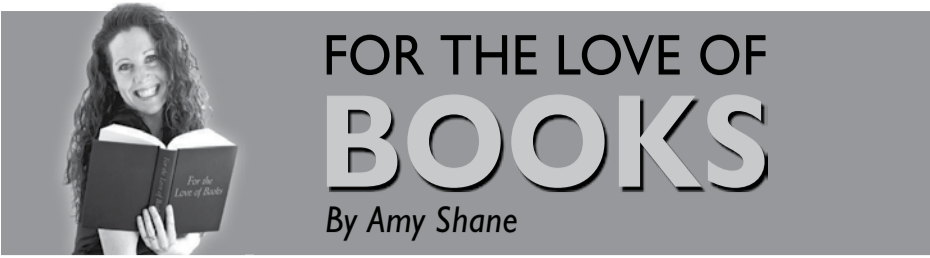
School Athletics Director Brett Peterson, clear expectations are set for athletes to keep them accountable on the field and in the classroom.

"We set clear expectations for sportsmanship, hold athletes accountable in the classroom and celebrate achievements in both areas equally," Peterson said. "We also have a captain's council on campus to help foster the growth of our team leaders. We highlight these achievements through student-athletes-of-the-week awards and our end-of-the-year athletic

awards banquet."

Both Roman and Peterson encourage Dixonites to get involved with Dixon High School Athletics through attending games, volunteering, supporting fundraisers and being a positive presence for student-athletes.

"We have also revamped our school booster club," said Roman. "This organization, known as DSAB, supports athletics at both John Knight Middle School and Dixon High School. Reach out and become a member." ★

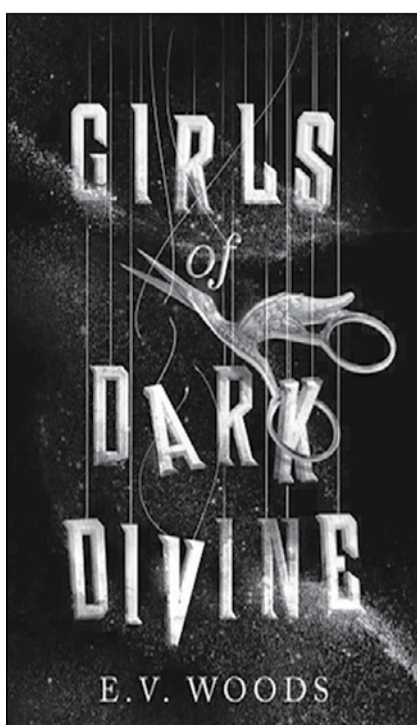


Girls of Dark Divine

by E.V. Woods

Known to enchant its audience with the most stunning array of grace and beauty, the Ballet Theater of New Kora is the place where girls dream of performing as a lead ballerina. But the theater holds a dark and twisted secret. Cursed by the mastermind behind the theater, every girl must fall to his will. Each girl, a perfect display of grace and beauty, now endlessly dances on the invisible strings of the curse, controlled by one man, Malcom. But the curse isn't just on stage; Malcom can control the magic and the girls off the stage as well.

Now each girl, trapped within the curse, must dance like a marionette doll on strings controlled by Malcom, until the curse overconsumes them, turning them to dust. But when the troupe is invited to perform in another city, this could be the chance to find a way to break free of the curse. The moment Emberlyn became the show's star, she knew it would have to be her to find a way to free them all. Then she meets a boy, made of shadows, with a magical connection to the girls. A connection that might help break the curse once and for all, freeing them from their life controlled by strings. Together, they come to learn the truth; however, the truth might be darker than they both could have ever



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expected, and there might be more than just her life at stake.

Woven with magical strings of love, loss, and control, *Girls of Dark Divine* is a hauntingly beautiful debut read. E.V. Woods spins a dark, magical tale that intertwines her readers' hearts into a story of ballet and magic, bringing them a tale that is both enchanting as it is haunting. The atmosphere of the story will captivate and intrigue readers, drawing them deeper into the narrative.

This gothic fantasy takes readers back to the theater into the alluring world of ballet, but also tugs at readers' hearts with magical strings. A gripping narrative captures readers from the very first pages, opening the story with the consuming curse, leaving the door open to one more girl's dream to be overconsumed with dark magic and control. With a fast tempo and a propelling story, readers will be engaged and excited to know there are no intermissions, and the third act will keep readers thoroughly gripped until the very end.

While this story is beautiful, unique, and magical, it also opens the door to more profound thought on the all-consuming control that can overtake our bodies and our hearts. Pick up this book for the premise, but stay for the tragic, haunting, magical, and alluring storyline. ★

Dixon Historical Society's August Events

Dixon Historical Society News Release

SUNDAY, AUG. 17:

Join the Dixon Historical Society for its third historical presentation of 2025. The Dixon Women's Improvement Club, the oldest women's club of Dixon since 1889, will present its history trivia presentation. This will be a fun and engaging way to learn about this part of Dixon's history. Join the society from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17, at the Dixon United Methodist Church Social Hall, 209 N. Jefferson St. Refreshments will follow the presentation. Visit the museum Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.

to 2 p.m., at 125 W. A St.

SATURDAY, AUG. 23:

The Dixon History Museum will be a stop on the Dixon Downtown Business Association's Wine Stroll again this year, from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23. Join us for Sally's Paddock local wine, light refreshments and view our new exhibits.

The Dixon Historical Society welcomes new volunteers and new board members. If you love history and enjoy planning fun events, then we want to meet you. Contact the Dixon Historical Society at dhs.dixon-historicalsociety.com and/or our museum curator Frank at frankm.dixonhistoricalsociety.com for more information on how you can get involved today. ★



A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

Riley Reviews

"HAPPY GILMORE 2" COMEDIC COMEBACK TOUR; US OPEN TENNIS FAN WEEK

"HAPPY GILMORE 2" ON NETFLIX
According to AI, 1980's "Caddyshack," starring Rodney Dangerfield, Chevy Chase, and Bill Murray, is considered by many to be the quintessential golf comedy, with Adam Sandler's 1996 "Happy Gilmore" highly rated. The robot is probably right in this instance.

Almost thirty years later, Sandler returns as the short-tempered eponymous hockey-obsessed golfer in Netflix's "Happy Gilmore 2." A lot of the original cast returns, with a notable exception of not another fistfight between Happy and Bob Barker.

The film leans so heavily into flashbacks and the numerous original cast members on hand that there is no need to watch the 1996 version to have a grasp on what unfolds. All you need to know is that Happy is still plagued with anger management issues at the core of his wacky persona.

Glory days on the course are gone. An incident during a 2014 tournament resulted in an errant golf ball turning lights-out for Happy's beloved bride Virginia (Julie Bowen). He's now an alcoholic with a minimum wage job stocking a grocery store. The house the family once owned went into foreclosure.

The Gilmore household consists of four rowdy sons and lone daughter Vienna (Sunny Sandler), a talented dancer who's been accepted into an elite Paris ballet school with a hefty price tag of \$300,000 for tuition.

Once at the top of his game, Happy ditched his clubs and vowed never to return to the game. Working at a supermarket does not afford Happy the ability to finance Vienna's education. He will have to unretire, which is not as simple as one might think, with his practice run a total misfire.

The eventual outcome is predictable, but there is plenty of hilarity with Happy's continuing antics, along with tapping a busboy to be his unorthodox caddy (Bad Bunny), who provides a lot of comic relief on the course.

Arch rival from the first film, Shooter McGavin (Christopher McDonald), is released from an insane asylum and fights Happy in a cemetery before they team up to take on a mutual enemy.

Cameo appearances come from golf legends like Lee Trevino (also in the original film), Nick Faldo, and Fred Couples. Infamous golf pro John Daly lives in Happy's garage. Jack Nicklaus orders ice tea and lemonade, apparently not knowing the combination drink is named for golf icon Arnold Palmer.

"Happy Gilmore" remains a cult classic comedy. The sequel may not quite

measure up to the same exalted status, but fans of Adam Sandler and the original should be satisfied overall. Amidst all the fun and insanity, Sandler's likeable flawed character's comeback is worth rooting for.

US OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT FAN WEEK

The last leg of the Grand Slam tennis tournaments concludes with the US Open getting under way on Sunday, August 24th, but fans get to enjoy a plethora of free admission events on the grounds of New York's Flushing Meadows beginning the week before.

On Monday, August 18th, the main attraction will be the opportunity to enjoy the Arthur Ashe Stadium experience for a pre-US Open Singles Men draw to watch top players practice throughout Fan Week from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Registration for the free Fan Access Pass is required for admission.

Running all day, the Louis Armstrong Stadium and the Grandstand allow fans to get an up-close look at their favorite players and the tournament's biggest stars as they prepare for the US Open Singles Main Draw.

On Courts 4-17, the US Open Qualifying Tournament will once again feature 128 men and 128 women competing for one of the final 16 spots in the Singles Main Draw. The Qualifying Tournament, running all day is free to the public.

The US Open Mixed Doubles Championship has been reimagined for this year for a blockbuster lineup where entrants include nine of the world's top-ten women and nine of the world's top-ten men. American teams consist Madison Keys and Frances Tiafoe and Taylor Townsend and Ben Shelton.

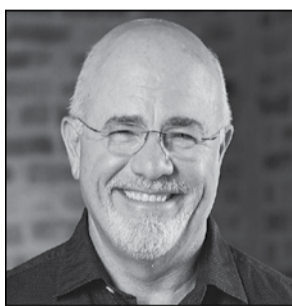
The competition takes place during the fan week on Tuesday, August 19th and Wednesday, August 20th, with \$1 million in prize money being awarded to the winning team. Moving this event to the fan week schedule allows it take center stage during the tournament.

On Thursday night, August 21st, the Stars of the Open presented by Chase returns to bring together an electrifying mix of legends and top players on the court to dazzle fans with their incredible skills.

This special event is expected to showcase the talents of Coco Gauff (who won her first major title here two years ago); former World No. 1 players Andre Agassi and Venus Williams; 2003 US Open champion Andy Roddick, also World No. 1 player; and the mercurial legend John McEnroe.

While participants are subject to change, teenage phenom Joao Fonseca will make his Stars of the Open debut. 2009 US Open champion Juan Martin del Potro will once again participate.

US Paralympian Casey Ratzlaff and Dana Mathewson, first American woman to win a Major wheelchair tennis title, will also debut. ★



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

I've run my own small business for about five years. So far, we're doing pretty well. At this point, I'd like to find ways for my company to reach out to our community, start becoming more involved and give back a little. Do you have any suggestions for meaningful steps that would show folks how much we care?

—Albert

Dear Albert,

This is a great question! The best leaders understand the concept of leadership involves a lot more than signing paychecks, hiring decisions and taking care of your team and your company. True leaders are also concerned about the health of their communities. They motivate themselves—and others—to act.

If you don't already consider yourself a leader with the community, I want you to think about this: You have the potential and opportunity to become one. Being a successful businessperson can open doors to becoming a leader in the

Dave Ramsey Says

Take Time to Get Involved

private sector as well. How do you do that? Think on a more personal level. And take time to consider the following ideas.

First, try making every contact a caring and friendly relationship moment. In today's culture of texts and emails, there's something special about a handwritten note. If you know someone who has a tough job or just needs a reminder that they're doing great work, let them know. People who compliment and inspire others gain respect and influence.

Also, find a cause you're passionate about. When an issue arises that's important to you, write letters to other entrepreneurs and politicians respectfully expressing your thoughts and ideas. Attend city council meetings, and tell your elected representatives why you care. Get to know these folks, and make your voice heard in a thoughtful manner.

Finally, true servant leaders put others first. Is there a ministry or nonprofit whose mission you identify with? If so, jump in, and give it your all. Invest your energy, resources and time, and you'll have the

opportunity to make a real difference. On top of that, make it a family affair. And by this, I mean your family at home and your team at work. Giving back to the community while sharing the experience with those you love and care about can be a bonding and learning experience everyone will remember for a long, long time.

Do you get what I'm saying, Albert? Leadership opportunities don't happen just at work. They're all around you. All you have to do is choose a course, engage and you'll be on your way toward making a huge positive difference in your community and the lives of people who live there.

—Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-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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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025000909
The following persons are doing business as: Whimsical Art, 844 Syracuse Drive, Vacaville, CA 95687.

Nicole Renee Sumpter, 844 Syracuse Drive, Vacaville, CA 95687.

Date filed in Solano County: June 10, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: October 21, 2024

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new Fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration June 9, 2030. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
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WHIMSICAL 8-15-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001076
The following persons are doing business as: La Topsy, 1020 Ackley Court, Dixon, CA 95620. Maria Guadalupe Diaz, 1020 Ackley Court, Dixon, CA 95620.

Date filed in Solano County: July 11, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new Fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration July 10, 2030. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
Publish: July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2025
LA 8-15-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001016
The following persons are doing business as: Finnegan Consulting, 1285 Stratford Avenue, Suite G, #221, Dixon, CA 95620.

Aaron Finnegan, 1285 Stratford Avenue, Suite G, #221, Dixon, CA 95620.

Date filed in Solano County: July 1, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: June 1, 2025

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new Fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration June 30, 2030. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
Publish: July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2025
FINNEGAN 8-15-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001107
The following persons are doing business as: Groundworx General Engineering, 710 Catalina Circle, Vallejo, CA 94589.

Ulysses Marcel Galvan, 710 Catalina Circle, Vallejo, CA 94589.

Date filed in Solano County: July 18, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new Fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration July 17, 2030. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)

Publish: July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2025
GROUNDWORX 8-15-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001019
The following persons are doing business as: Jackson Initiative LLC, 125 Sea Crest Circle, Vallejo, CA 94590.

Jackson Initiative LLC, 125 Sea Crest Circle, Vallejo, CA 94590.

Date filed in Solano County: July 1, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new Fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration June 30, 2030. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
Publish: July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2025
JACKSON 8-15-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001018
The following persons are doing business as: Minked Mills LLC, 125 Sea Crest Circle, Vallejo, CA 94590.

Minked Mills LLC, 125 Sea Crest Circle, Vallejo, CA 94590.

Date filed in Solano County: July 24, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: June 30, 2025

This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new Fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration June 30, 2030. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
Publish: July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2025
MINKED 8-15-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001089
The following persons are doing business as: GTO Drywall, 1755 Filmore Street, Apt #1, Fairfield, CA 94533.

Joe Castillo, 1755 Filmore Street Apt#1, Fairfield, CA 94533.

Date filed in Solano County: July 15, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration July 15, 2030. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
Publish: August 1, 8, 15, 22, 2025
GTO 8-22-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001087
The following persons are doing business as: Puptopia, 530 Cypress Street, Dixon, CA 95620.

Hailey Sky Cortez, 530 Cypress Street, Dixon, CA 95620.

Date filed in Solano County: July 15, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 1, 2025

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration July 14, 2030. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
Publish: August 1, 8, 15, 22, 2025
PUPTOPIA 8-22-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025000981
The following persons are doing business as: Glo Nailspa, 1160 Pitt School Road, Suite D, Dixon, CA 95620.

GLO8899LLC, 1160 Pitt School Road, Suite D, Dixon, CA 95620.

Date filed in Solano County: June 24, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Partnership. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration June 23, 2030. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
Publish: August 1, 8, 15, 22, 2025
GLO 8-22-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001144
The following persons are doing business as: Avanza Tax & Business Solutions, 870 E Travis Boulevard Suite L, Fairfield, CA 94533.

Birelas Inc, 870 E Travis Boulevard Suite L, Fairfield, CA 94533.

Date filed in Solano County: July 24, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration July 23, 2030. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
Publish: August 8, 15, 22, 29, 2025
AVANZA 8-29-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001104
The following persons are doing business as: Evelyn's Pizza, 712 Texas Street, Fairfield, CA 94533.

Avellino Lupi, 712 Texas Street, Fairfield, CA 94533.

Date filed in Solano County: July 17, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration July 16, 2030. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
Publish: August 8, 15, 22, 29, 2025
EVELYNS 8-29-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001033
The following persons are doing business as: Armor & Aura, 2450 Peach Tree Drive 17, Fairfield, CA 94533.

Andrea Nicole Clark, 2450 Peach Tree Drive 17, Fairfield, CA 94533.

Date filed in Solano County: July 3, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration July 2, 2030. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
Publish: August 8, 15, 22, 29, 2025
ARMOR 8-29-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001146
The following persons are doing business as: Bay Area General Contractors Inc, Bay Area Painting Inc, Arnoldo's All Phase Construction Services Inc, Shape General Contractors Inc, 126 Bret Harte Way, Vallejo, CA 94589.

Bay Area Painting Inc, 126 Bret Harte Way, Vallejo, CA 94589.

Date filed in Solano County: July 24, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: July 24, 2025

This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration July 23, 2030. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
Publish: August 15, 22, 29 Sept 5, 2025
BAY 9-5-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001201
The following persons are doing business as: GOODJUJU, 709 Capricorn Circle, Fairfield, CA 94533.

Justin Dee Long, 709 Capricorn Circle, Fairfield, CA 94533.

Date filed in Solano County: August 4, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration August 3, 2030. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
Publish: August 15, 22, 29 Sept 5, 2025
GOOD 9-5-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001219
The following persons are doing business as: LD Cycle, 1021 Mason Street, Suite 9, Vacaville, CA 95688.

Craig Damman, 1021 Mason Street, Suite 9, Vacaville, CA 95688.

Date filed in Solano County: August 7, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration August 6, 2030. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
Publish: August 15, 22, 29 Sept 5, 2025
LD 9-5-25

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

CASE #CU25-06462
Isaiah Gabriel Khinda filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Isaiah Gabriel Khinda to Isaiah Gabriel Cantu.

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 granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. September 29, 2025, 10:00 a.m. Department 7, Room 2, Superior Court of California, County of Solano, Old Solano Court House, 580 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533
Judge of the Superior Court: Christine A. Carringer
Dated: July 18, 2025
Publish: August 1, 8, 15, 22, 2025
KHINDA 8-22-25

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF LUPE RODRIGUEZ
CASE NO. PR25-00487

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Lupe Rodriguez.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Juanita R. Shoopman, in the Superior Court of California, County of Solano, requesting Juanita R. Shoopman be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: September 3, 2025, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 5; Superior Court of California, County of Solano, 600 Union Street, Fairfield, CA 94533.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Matthew R. Lucas, 2420 Martin Road, Suite 300, Fairfield, CA 94534; 707-427-7377
Publish: August 1, 8, 15, 2025
RODRIGUEZ 8-15-25

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF VICTOR LEON
CASE NO. PR25-00325

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Victor Leon.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Lizzeth Rodriguez, in the Superior Court of California, County of Solano, requesting Lizzeth Rodriguez be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: August 22, 2025, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 5; Room: 301 Superior Court of California, County of Solano, 600 Union Street, Fairfield, CA 94533.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: William Broderick-Villa, Broderick Legal Group, 1150 Ninth Street, Suite 1430, Modesto, CA 95354; 209-575-5008
Publish: August 8, 15, 22, 2025
LEON 8-22-25

TRUSTEE SALE

APN: 0114-075-110 TS No.: 25-09383CA TSG Order No.: 250187500 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED APRIL 26, 2021. 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. Affinia Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded May 5, 2021 as Document No.: 202100049743 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Solano County, California, executed by: Trevor B Gardner and Kerry Gardner, husband and wife as community property with right of survivorship, as Trustor, will be sold AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER for cash (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). 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, and as more fully described in the above referenced deed of trust. Sale Date: September 8, 2025 Sale Time: 9:30 AM Sale Location: At the Santa Clara Street entrance to the City Hall at 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA 94590 2 File No.:25-09383CA The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 205 W Cherry Street, 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 in an "AS IS" condition, 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, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$478,734.72 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. 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. 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, (916) 939-0772 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website, www.nationwideposting.com, for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, T.S.# 25-09383CA. 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

Family Services' Comedy Night

Dixon Family Services News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Comedian and Emcee, David Studebaker will return for this year's Comedy Night Sept. 27 at Olde Vet's Hall, 231 N. First St. Festivities begin at 6 p.m. with a no-host bar and raffle prizes.

Dinner is at 7 p.m., followed by a dessert auction, laughs, raffle prize winners and more laughs. Tickets are \$65 and available at Dixon Family Services (DFS). Call 707-678-0442 or email info@dixon-family-services.org for more information.

Comedy Night is Dixon Family Services' one annual fundraising event and is an opportunity for everyone to support the nonprofit organization while having a fun time.

Established in 1984, Dixon Family Services is the only Human Services and Family Resource Center serving low-income families in need of assistance in Dixon. They have programs on site and are also knowledgeable about other local human services agencies that may be specific to a caller's needs. They can provide contact information or do research, find

a good referrals and get back to the person seeking a particular type of service not offered at Dixon Family Services.

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce acknowledged Dixon Family Services as Dixon's Nonprofit of the Year in March 2025 at their annual Celebrate Dixon Event

Dixon Family Services Executive Director Cookie Powell said, "Please reach out now and let us know how you would like to participate, whether it be to purchase tickets, sponsor, donate a raffle prize, or other. There will be additional ways to support this fundraiser at the event, such as bidding on desserts, participating in the raffles, or bringing a decadent dessert that others can bid on. Event planners want to hear from you. Thank you."

You can also learn more about Comedy Night 2025 and purchase tickets at <https://givebutter.com/DFSCComedyNight2025>.

All proceeds of Comedy Night 2025 will directly support Dixon Family Services programs that assist families in need right here in Dixon.

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file number assigned to this case 25-09383CA 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 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. 3 File No.:25-09383CA If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and ex-

clusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. For Pre Sale Information Log On To: www.nationwideposting.com or Call: (916) 939-0772. For Post Sale Results please visit www.affinidefault.com or Call (866) 932-0360 Dated: August 1, 2025 By: Omar Solorzano Foreclosure Associate Affinia Default Services, LLC 301 E. Ocean Blvd., Suite 1720 Long Beach, CA 90802 (833) 290-7452 NPP0477298

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- 2021 movie "The Harder They..."
- Carry away, in a way
- *...Readers
- Weary walk
- Basketry stick
- *...time for preschoolers
- Plums and cherries genus
- Allegiance
- Crew propeller
- Rh in Rh disease
- Your majesty
- Miss of the Muppets
- Band event
- Asci, sing.
- Olympic castaway
- *Didn't fail
- Frozen H2O
- Took a penny-farthing, e.g.
- *Punctuation marks for famous words
- Maltese or Havanese, e.g.
- *Use Play-Doh
- Cheap trinket
- *3+x=10, e.g.
- Soviet place of exile
- Curtis, to friends
- Beehive state
- *Olden-day notebook
- Honey-producing facility
- Sushi restaurant soup
- Location of altar
- Type of poem
- Sing like Ella Fitzgerald

DOWN

- Mountain basin
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- Hiccup's Toothless, e.g.
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- International Civil Aviation Organization
- Retired, shortened
- Bard's before
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- Settle a debt
- Unethical loaner's practice
- Us, in Mexico
- Temporary store
- Reason to strike
- Prodded
- Totes or tugs
- Permissible
- Cease-fire
- Many affirmatives
- "Good grief!"
- Bro's counterpart
- *School alum
- Next step for juvenile
- Margaret, for short
- Describe as similar
- Elks' hangout
- Poppy derivative, pl.
- Marine cephalopod
- *Grading arch
- Big one at 7-Eleven
- Regrettably, exclamation
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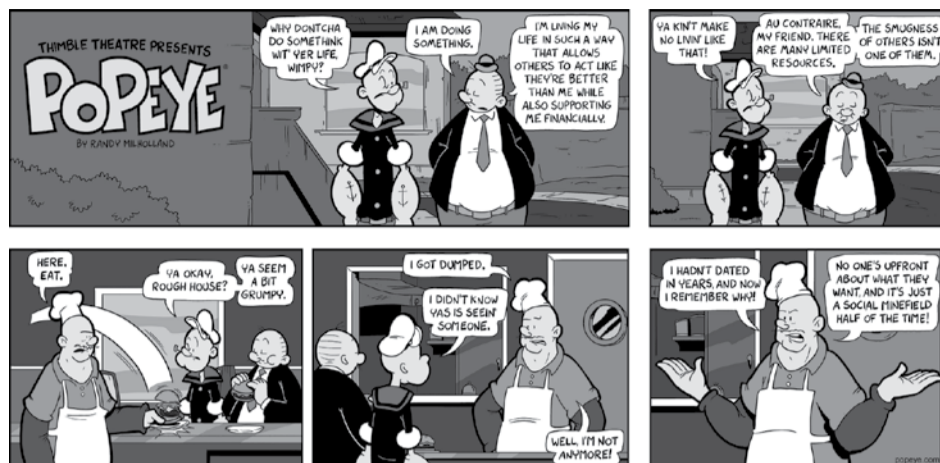
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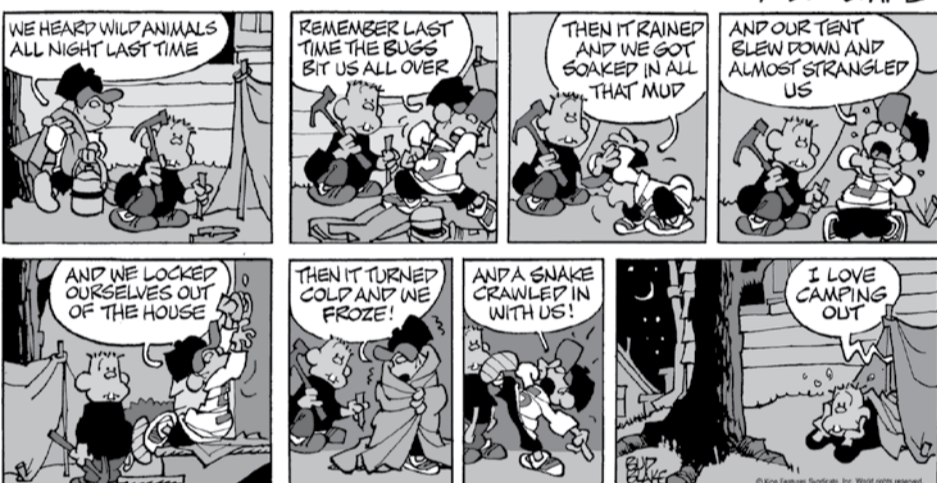
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Community Calendar

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.

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 andersonroadrunner-spto@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@troop-152dixon.com for more information. Check us out on the web @ troop-152dixon.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

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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 Mayses. 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.dixon-historicalsociety.org. Email dhs.dixonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com, or call 707-693-3044.

Dixon Kiwanis Club

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

Dixon Lions Club

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

Dixon Rotary Club

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

Dixon Scottish Cultural Association

– Open to anyone who is interested in

celebrating Scottish culture. Meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 1305 N. First St. For details, visit <https://scotsindixon.us/>.

Dixon Senior Club

– Meets the second Tuesday of each month from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Dixon Senior Multi-Use Center, 201 S. Fifth St. For more info, call 678-7022.

Dixon Toastmasters/Public Speaking Club

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

Dixon Women's Improvement Club

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

Dixon Youth Soccer Board Meetings

– The board will meet the third Tuesday of each month, except for December, at the Sutter West Medical Center Conference Room, at 7 p.m.

Domestic Violence Support Group

– Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m. at SafeQuest Solano, 1234 Empire St., Fairfield. Info 707-422-7345.

Dry Dock

– This Alcoholics Anonymous group meets Mondays, 7 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 to 11 a.m. at Dixon United Methodist Church, corner of B and N. Jefferson St.

Fairfield/Suisun Bass Reapers

– Meets first Tuesday of each month at RoundTable Pizza, 5085 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 information.

Independent Order of Oddfellows Montezuma Lodge #172

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

Lambtown Committee

– Meets third Monday each month at 6 p.m. at Veteran's Hall. Email John Knight at johnknightpto@gmail.com

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 help-line information and other meetings, go to www.napa-solanona.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.nsdcm@gmail.com. Visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/northernolanodems/.

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. ★

Food & Farm NEWS

Six Legacy Farms and Ranches Honored at Agricultural Heritage Club

The California Agricultural Heritage Club inducted six farms and ranches during last month's ceremony at the California State Fair, recognizing families with 100 years or more of continuous operation. Among the honorees were Locke Ranch in San Joaquin County and Hoskins/Pleasants Ranch in Solano County, both of which reached the 175-year milestone under long-standing family management. Additionally, Gowan's Family Orchard in Mendocino County and Tryon Ranches in Del Norte County, both 125 years, and San Gabriel Nursery and Florist in Los Angeles County and Heinke's Family Farm in Butte County, both 100 years, were recognized for their resilience, adaptation and legacy.

Breakthrough Could Hasten Breeding of Disease-resistant Crops

Farmers could be closer to growing crop varieties that are better at fighting off diseases thanks to a new scientific breakthrough. Researchers at the University of California, Davis, are using artificial intelligence to redesign a key immune receptor in plants, enabling the plants to strengthen their immune response. "We were able to resurrect a defeated receptor, one where the pathogen has won, and enable the plant to have a chance to resist infection in a much more targeted and precise way," said lead author Gitta Coaker, professor at the UC Davis Department of Plant Pathology. Coaker said the method has the potential to help researchers breed more disease-resistant varieties of hundreds of plant species, including staple crops such as tomatoes and potatoes.

Irrigation May Be Key to Maintaining Crop Yields in High Heat

Farmers have long struggled to keep crop yields up amid high temperatures. But it isn't the heat itself that is most responsible for zapping yields, according to a recent study by researchers at the University of California, Berkeley. The study found that soil moisture, not temperature, is the primary factor that determines crop productivity in high heat. "We've known for a long time that high temperatures are associated with low yields, but we didn't know why," said Vargas Zeppetello, a faculty member in the Department of Environmental Science, Policy and Management. The research could benefit future agricultural production by encouraging greater emphasis on irrigation and soil moisture during high heat events.

Farmers Share Experiences Adopting Regenerative Agriculture

About five years ago, Kings County farmer John Warmerdam began incorporating regenerative farming practices to grow peaches, plums, nectarines, cherries and almonds. Because he isn't certified organic, Warmerdam doesn't earn a premium when he sells his fruits and nuts, but he said he is still passionate about "doing the right thing." Last month, he and other farmers in the San Joaquin Valley shared their experiences implementing regenerative farming practices with researchers at a symposium organized by the University of California. Speakers at the event agreed that to succeed, regenerative agriculture needs more investment, improved markets and greater profit margins for farmers. ★

Ask DR. UNIVERSE

What was the largest dinosaur?

— Carlos, California

Dear Carlos,

Your question almost stumped me. I don't really have dinosaur scientist pals. So, I turned to an expert on finding answers.

My friend Emily Cukier is a science librarian at Washington State University. She helps students and scientists find information. I asked her what dinosaur is the largest—and how she figures that out.

Cukier told me that I should think hard about my question. Are we looking for the tallest dino? The longest? The heaviest? Those might be different answers.

So, what's the biggest dino? It turns out it's hard for scientists to say. We don't have complete skeletons. We definitely don't have their squishy, meaty parts.

Scientists measure the bones they find. They use computers to estimate the animal's size and weight. Sometimes scientists disagree about the estimate. Sometimes the estimate changes when we get new information.

A photo of a male scientist wearing jeans and a blazer, standing next to two dinosaur leg bones. The bones are about as wide as his body at their narrowest point and reach to his waist and shoulder,

respectively.

Right now, we think the largest dinosaurs were a group called sauropods. They were massive veggie eaters. They had strong, stout bodies with four legs and long tails. They had small heads set on long necks. The most famous sauropod is the Brontosaurus.

But the very biggest sauropods were titanosaurs. I see a few titanosaurs listed over and over in my reading: Dreadnoughtus, Argentinosaurus, Patagotitan, Puertasaurus and Sauroposeidon.

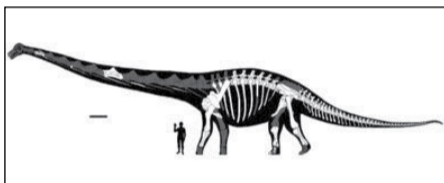
To learn more, I could do a new search for each of those dinosaurs. Or I could visit a library and check out books about them.

Cukier says that the way we get information is changing really fast. Everyone—even librarians—are working hard to learn the best ways to search.

By flexing your search skills early, the answers you find are sure to be



This dinosaur scientist found Dreadnoughtus leg bones in 2005. They used a computer program to figure out how big it probably was—and compared it with a human. Unlike most titanosaurs, we have about half of a Dreadnoughtus skeleton. So, our estimate for its size may be more reliable. Images: ArcaneHalveKnot CC BY-SA 4.0

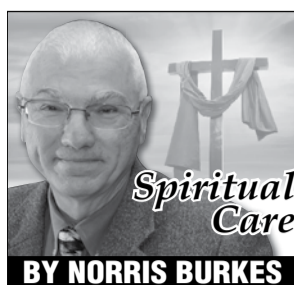


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Sincerely,

Dr. Universe

Plan to Live or Plan to Die



In 2015, I was serving as a hospital chaplain at St. Joseph Hospital in Stockton, California. My job could be a bit overwhelming as my Catholic employer required their chaplains to visit every newly-admitted patient.

So, as I approached the end of my shift one afternoon, I was in a hurry as I pushed open the last door on the 3rd floor ward.

That's where I found an elderly female patient lying in a darkened room. I spoke to her, but she seemed to be under heavy sedation. Since I couldn't offer much support, I made a retreat pivot in hopes of ending a long day.

But, my exit was blocked by the lanky silhouette of an elderly man standing in the doorway.

"Hello," I said, "I'm Norris Burkes, the hospital chaplain."

The man moved across the room to greet me, introducing himself with a broad smile. I don't remember his name, but his demeanor brought "Mr. Rogers" to mind.

Mr. Rogers told me the patient was Mrs. Rogers and proceeded to tell her story.

She was 75, he 86. It was their second marriage and he'd tried to make

her happy during their ten-years of matrimony, but from the beginning it seemed to him that she was prepping herself to die.

She'd struggled with frequent doctor visits for a bad back, memory issues, and poor eyesight. "It's as if," he said, "she was always searching for something more serious, like she needed a better reason to die."

"Depression can hit hard in the elderly," I said.

Mr. Rogers nodded at my conjecture, so I said more.

"I see you've decided to make her a DNR," referring to the medical order "Do Not Resuscitate." Since it's part of the job to clarify DNR to families, I added, "So if her heart stopped right now, we would do nothing to restart it."

"Yup. She states that preference in her living will."

Hoping to affirm their choice, I added, "It's good that she planned for this moment."

"I suppose it's a good idea to plan for death, but my wife seemed to be always trying to make death her plan," he said. "All she talked about was dying."

"If you're not planning to live, you are planning to die," he quipped.

Still aware that I was hearing a one-sided story about my patient, my sympathies tipped toward Mr. Rogers. He seemed fit, certain and thriving. Even with his own death likely close, he proclaimed to be

living his life to the fullest. After about twenty minutes, we both began walking to the door, ending our visit.

"Do you drive yourself here?" I asked.

"No, no," he said.

Oh, good," I said, expecting he'd long given up driving.

"I have a car, but home is just four miles away."

I squinted to find clarity in his answer.

"I rode my bike here. I only drive if it's raining."

Suddenly, the man's life philosophy came into sharper focus.

I had stopped riding my bike a few years previous out of safety concerns, but this octogenarian wasn't planning on braking his bike—or his life. He was still going full speed.

Looking back on that visit now, Mr. Rogers' influence on my life is clear.

Within a year of meeting him, my wife and I sold our house to embark on three years of travel. While we are back into home ownership, I've never forgotten Mr. Rogers' inspiration to keep planning for life and accept death only when it finally comes.

By the way, I'm back on a bike again. It's an e-bike, but it's getting me down the road.

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DIXON POLICE LOG



Tuesday, August 5

- 1011 - A fraud report was taken in the 700 block of Nancy Drive
- 1314 - A person under the influence arrest report was taken in the 600 block of Alma Court. Officers contacted (S) Oscar Orozco (34) of Dixon. Orozco was arrested and was transported to the Solano County Jail.
- 1437 - A child welfare services report was taken at the Dixon Police Department.
- 1654 - A fraud report was taken in the 1100 block of Weyand Way.
- 2000 - Missing person located in the 100 block of Dorset Drive.

Monday, August 4

- 1352 - An informational report was taken in the 1200 block of Dartmouth Circle.
- 1430 - A burglary report was taken in the 2100 block of Mourning Dove Drive.
- 1437 - A domestic violence arrest report was taken in the 1500 block of Valley Glen Drive. Officers determined (S) Dakodah Fernandez (32-year-old from Dixon) was the dominant aggressor, and she was taken into custody. Fernandez was transported to the Solano County Jail and released to their staff.
- 0011 - Suspicious vehicle check in the 100 block of Gateway Drive resulted in the arrest of Anthony Crespo (38) of Pennsylvania for a misdemeanor warrant. He was cited and released with a new court date.
- 0148 - Suspicious vehicle check in the 800 block of North Adams Street resulted in the arrest of Jose Ramirez-Rodriguez (28) of Dixon for possession of stolen property after he was located next to a burglarized vehicle at the Buckhorn Bar.

Sunday, August 3

- 1623 - A theft report was taken in the 2000 block of North First St.
- 2101 - Battery report taken in the 100 block of Heritage Lane.

Saturday, August 2

- 1641 - Court order violation report taken via telephone.
- 2113 - Mental health hold.
- 2157 - DUI arrest at the intersection of East C Street and North First Street. Suspect Jett Harris (20-year-old out of Dixon) was arrested for driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage.
- 2250 - Report taken for counterfeit currency being passed in the 200 block of East Dorset.
- 2316 - Reckless driving arrest at the intersection of North First Street and East A Street. Suspect Timothy Enriquez (18-year-old out of Dixon) was transported to the Dixon Police Department, cited and released without incident.

Friday, August 1

- 1116 - Court order violation report taken at the Police Department.
- 1241 - Grand theft report in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive.
- 1229 - Petty theft from a vehicle reported in the 1100 block of Justin Way. 1457 Information report taken at the Police Department.
- 1602 - DUI arrest in the 1300 block of Hemingway Court.
- 0020 - DUI arrest at the intersection of West A Street and I-80 eastbound on ramp. Suspect Leonardo Martinez (28-year-old male out of Fairfield) was arrested and taken to Solano County Jail without incident.

Thursday, July 31

- 1120 - Welfare check 100 block Dorset Drive.
- 1200 - Parking complaint 600 block Marin Court.
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- 1600 - Collision report North First at West E Street.
- 1652 - Confidential report at Dixon Police Department.
- 1805 - 5150 W&I hold. Subject was transported to hospital without incident.
- 1930 - Non-injury vehicle collision report taken at the intersection of North First Street and East Dorset Drive.
- 0302 - 5150 W&I hold. Subject was transported to hospital without incident.

Teachers Dive into Local Water Systems

Solano Resource Conservation District News Release

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Just days before heading back to their classrooms, 26 teachers from across Solano County traded desks for wetlands, boats and sunny trails as part of the Solano Water Institute for Teachers.

Hosted by Solano Resource Conservation District, this three-day outdoor professional development program immerses K-12 educators in the natural and managed water systems that define our region.

Over the course of the training, teachers engaged with local scientists and water professionals, deepened their understanding of regional environmental issues and explored hands-on activities they can bring back to their students. The experience combines field trips to local open spaces with interactive workshops aligned with California's Project WET curriculum, facilitated by long-time coordinator Brian Brown.

The Solano Water Institute for Teachers began with a full day exploring the Suisun Marsh at Rush Ranch Open Space. Teachers learned about wetland ecology and management from experts such as Steve Chappell from Suisun Resource Conservation District and Matt Ferner from the San Francisco Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve.

Teachers also practiced mindfulness exercises based on University of California, Berkeley's BEETLES Project. These activities were especially well received, with one participant noting, "This gave me new tools for getting my students grounded and present, especially right after lunch or recess."

Day two brought teachers to Lake Berryessa, where they boarded a boat to tour the reservoir and hear from representatives of Solano County Water Agency, California Department of Water Resources, City of Benicia and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. The group discussed everything from watershed health to state-level infrastructure challenges and gained a new appreciation for



The second day of the Solano Institute includes a boat tour of Lake Berryessa. Photo courtesy of Solano Resource Conservation District



Teachers work together on a soil analysis activity at Rush Ranch Open Space. Photo courtesy of Solano Resource Conservation District

the scale and complexity of California's water system.

During the question-and-answer session, teachers were eager to discover new opportunities to connect their students with local water experts.

On the Solano Institute's third day, teachers immersed themselves in the Project WET curriculum at Dunnell Nature Park & Education Center in Fairfield. Brian Brown led teachers through activities and facilitated discussions about how they can bring the curriculum into their classrooms.

Guest speakers from Solano County Parks and the United States Geological Survey shared ways for teachers to connect students with local resources, databases, and outdoor spaces.

"Coming into this, I didn't expect to have as much fun as I did. It was interesting and it was interactive," said Jesse Castillo, a Rodriguez High School teacher in Fairfield.

All participants will receive a cash stipend and can claim up to 27 hours of continuing education credit, including participation in a follow-up workshop in October where teachers will reflect on how they applied their learning in the classroom.

The Solano Water Institute for Teachers is funded by the Solano County Orderly Growth Committee. Support is from the California Department of Water Resources and the School Water Education Program (Solano County Water Agency; Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District; and the cities of Vacaville, Fairfield, Suisun City, Vallejo, Dixon and Benicia).

The workshop is hosted by Solano Resource Conservation District with facilitation from Brian Brown, California's Project WET coordinator.

For more information, visit: <https://www.solanorcd.org/projects-and-programs/education/educator-workshops.html> or email education@solanorcd.org.

Save the date. Next year's Solano Water Institute is tentatively scheduled for July 29 to July 31. To be added to the Solano Resource Conservation District's interest list, contact Sierra Cecchini at sierra.cecchini@solanorcd.org. ★

Council Hears Opposition to Proposed Development

By Shaunna Boyd

DIXON, CA (MPG) - At the Aug. 5 Dixon City Council meeting, Keep Dixon Green President Caitlin O'Halloran Hellar presented a petition with more than 700 signatures, asking the council to pause any consideration of new developments until after a "community listening session."

Keep Dixon Green is a local organization dedicated to preserving Dixon's open spaces and agricultural land.

"Take a pause. Engage the community that you love. Break bread with your community before you break ground with the developers," Hellar said.

She added that the community can help address any issues in the city that City Council says would be solved by new developments.

City attorney Douglas White clarified that the city is legally required to review every development proposal and private landowners have the right to make requests regarding their land's development. The city does not have any legal ability to pause the required review process, White added.

The council then considered an updated Joint Facility Use Agreement, which outlines the shared usage of facilities at no cost between the City of Dixon and the Dixon Unified School District.

First set in 1997 and amended in 2010, the agreement stipulates that the facilities can only be used when not in use by the other party. Public Works Director Louren Kotow said that there have been some conflicts and communication challenges between the city and the district since 2010.

Specifically, Kotow said, the district expanded and was using its own facilities so often that the city did not have many use opportunities. Meanwhile, the district was still frequently using city facilities so there was unequal usage, Kotow said.

Recent discussions between the city and district have finally resulted in an updated agreement to include use of gymnasiums, a multipurpose room, athletic fields, parking lots and classrooms owned by the district. The city facilities include the aquatic center, parts of various parks and ponds, the council chamber, Jim Stevens arena and the senior/multi-use center.

The majority of the city's usage is at the John Knight Middle School gym for 10 weeks on Saturdays for supplemental programming, such as holiday camps and sports camps. Currently, the city uses district facilities for a total of 92 hours per year. There is future potential to expand programming to include summer camps, which would add another 124 hours of use.

The district mainly uses the city's aquatic facility for the swim team and water polo, totaling 225 hours per year. The district accounts for 19% of the total aquatic center usage. With other facility uses, the district's total is 303 annual hours.

Councilmember Jim Ernest said that recreation is very important to the community, so he was "happy to have an agreement" that allows for expanded use of facilities.

Vice-Mayor Thom Bogue said he appreciated the work that went into the agreement "but this deal did not address the core issue." He said local sports teams used to be managed by the city, so they were able to use district facilities at no cost. But due to financial constraints, the city gave up the teams, which are now privately managed and paying to rent the facilities.

Bogue estimated that the teams pay an average of \$40,000 per year for facility use: "If you want to charge our local teams that kind of money, when we actually use very little of your facilities for anything really, then maybe we should start charging you those kind of fees for the use of our facilities to compensate for

what those teams are now going to have to pay because the city no longer manages them but they still exist."

During public comments, several speakers agreed that local sports teams are struggling to cover that cost.

Bogue made a motion to re-negotiate with the district, asking the district to offer reduced fees for the local teams. He said the district has a greater need for the city facilities, so the city should use that leverage to solve this problem. The council voted to approve the motion.

The council then heard an informational overview for an upcoming amendment to the Dixon General Plan 2040, which will also include consideration of the Harvest at Dixon master plan.

Submitted in December 2024, the Harvest at Dixon application proposes to develop 836 acres of vacant agricultural land into a residential and mixed-use community, with public facilities, infrastructure improvements, open space and parks. Located at the southeast corner of Dixon, the property is currently outside city boundaries, so the proposal also requests annexation into the city.

Because consideration of the annexation requires a General Plan amendment, a cost that will be covered by the developer, city staff are taking the opportunity to make other updates to the General Plan.

The General Plan 2040 was adopted in 2021, but at that time, a long-term view for growth and development of the city was not identified or incorporated. But an amendment will allow for expansion and clarification of the existing plan.

To amend the General Plan, the city will undergo a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review, which will include public engagement meetings and the creation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

The CEQA process began on July 21, with the issuance of a Notice of Preparation, allowing for a 30-day

comment period concluding on Aug. 19.

The CEQA topics under consideration include the city's existing boundaries and sphere of influence, as well as potential areas of expansion and planning areas, an urban growth boundary/green line, and the proposed annexation of the Harvest at Dixon property along with other potential areas for annexation.

Rob White, the Lewis Group vice-president of community planning, spoke on behalf of Harvest at Dixon. Rob White said that Harvest at Dixon welcomes public input and wants to listen and engage with the residents and City Council to develop a plan that will benefit Dixon.

Many community members spoke against the project during public comment, including some from Keep Dixon Green. Most speakers were worried that the development would ruin Dixon's small-town feel by cutting into greenbelts and rezoning agricultural land. Others worried that a rapid population increase would negatively impact the city's infrastructure.

Many commenters assumed these informational hearings are a sign that the project will be approved no matter what, with some accusing the council of ignoring residents' concerns. Others asked the council to improve communication about public meetings to ensure residents are informed and able to participate.

The councilmembers thanked the public for attending the meeting and sharing their opinions. Councilmember Don Hendershot reminded the public that they are still early in the review process and asked that everyone remain respectful. Councilmember Kevin Johnson said that continued public input will help them make the best decision for the community.

"We all live here too, and we're all in this together," Mayor Steven Bird said.

The next Dixon City Council meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Aug. 19 in the City Council Chambers, 600 East A St. ★