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Dixon Native Serves Up Flavor



Anthony Echarte, left, has catered a wide variety of events, including weddings, ribbon-cuttings and, most recently, Hungry Heroes, where he served California Highway Patrol with other pitmasters in the area. Photo courtesy of Anthony Echarte/Pun vs. Food Catering

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - For lifelong Dixon resident Anthony Echarte, what began as a social media passion project has grown into a barbecue catering business known as Pun vs. Food.

Inspired by television personalities such as Guy Fieri and the show "Man vs. Food," Echarte turned a borrowed grill into a full-scale catering operation in 2022.

"Pun vs. Food started as a content page in 2018," said Echarte. "About six months in, my brother gave me one of his old grills and it kind of just morphed from there."



According to Anthony Echarte, Dixonites should employ his services due to his full-flavored barbecue and sides. He frequently offers pre-orders for major holidays such as Christmas, the Fourth of July and Super Bowl weekend. Photo courtesy of Anthony Echarte/Pun vs. Food Catering

Echarte, who graduated in 2005, still lives in town from Dixon High School with his wife and two

children, who attend local schools. His parents also reside in Dixon. In addition to running Pun vs. Food, Echarte works in the parts department for a wine bottling supplier in Napa.

Although Echarte describes his catering as a side business, it has quickly gained recognition.

"I've done ribbon cuttings, weddings and I have been part of the Grillin' and Chillin' competition team, Los Borrachos Cocineros (roughly translates to 'the drunken cooks'). We actually won one year," Echarte said.

According to Echarte, he is open to "cooking a lot of dishes" but barbecue

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Get Inspired for All Your Home and Garden Projects



The Solano County Home & Garden Show returns to the Dixon Fairgrounds from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both Sept. 20 and 21, bringing together the best in home improvement, landscaping and garden design. Photo courtesy of Solano Home and Garden Show

Solano County Home and Garden Show News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Solano County Home & Garden Show returns to the Dixon Fairgrounds on Saturday, Sept. 20 and Sunday, Sept. 21, bringing together the best in home improvement, landscaping and garden design.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both Sept. 20 and Sept. 21, this family-friendly event offers everything you need to kickstart your next project.

Guest speaker Ahmed Hassan, the original host from HGTV's "Yard Crashers," will join the show for live demos and an exclusive question-and-answer session. Don't miss the opportunity to get professional tips and advice straight from the expert!

Meet Northern California's top home improvement companies, get quotes, compare services and find the right professionals for your home projects, remodeling or maintenance projects, all in one convenient location.

Take advantage of exclusive, event-only specials and discounts and shop with local crafters and food vendors. Enjoy unique handmade goods, delicious bites and refreshing beverages from local vendors.

Stay awhile and enjoy the sounds of local musician Alan Brownlee while you explore and play bingo scavenger hunt.

Don't miss out, rain or shine.

The event takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 20 and 21 at the Dixon Fairgrounds, located at 655 S. First St. in Dixon.

Visit SolanoHomeShow.com for a \$3 OFF coupon. Tickets sold at the gate are cash only.

For more information and to get your discount coupon, visit SolanoHomeShow.com or call 707-655-8439.

Follow the Solano County Home & Garden Show on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube. ★

Historical Society Hosts Trivia Event



The Dixon Women's Improvement, initially established in 1899 as the Shakespeare Club, has existed in perpetuity to support the needs of women and the Dixon community as a whole. Teri Brown, alongside Jewel Fink and Diane Schroeder, researched 102 years of recorded meeting minutes in preparation for this presentation.

Story by Kendall Brown and photos by Nicolas Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Dixon Historical Society hosted a trivia-style presentation Aug. 17, highlighting the legacy of the Dixon Women's Improvement Club, the city's oldest women's organization established in 1899.

According to Kim

Schroeder-Evans, Dixon Historical Society president and improvement club member, the presentation was the idea of her mother and improvement club member Diane Schroeder.

More than 20 attendees gathered at Dixon United Methodist Church, 209 N. Jefferson St., from 2 to 4 p.m. Aug. 17 for the themed presentation, led by Teri Brown, the current Dixon Women's Improvement Club president.

The event celebrated the club's history of civic contributions, including its instrumental role in establishing Dixon's first public library.

"I found five things that we are known for and continue to be known for: Carnegie Library, Dixon Women's Improvement Park, scholarships, community grants and our Community Resource Guide,"

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Dixon News Briefs

Historical Society Hosts Trivia Event



Kiwanis Club of Dixon will host an open house from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Sept. 8 at Joystick Gaming Lounge, 420 Gateway Drive, Suite C. The club invites Dixonites to learn about the schools, opportunities that Kiwanis Club offers students and how residents can get involved with Kiwanis and the community. Photo courtesy of Kiwanis Club of Dixon

By MPG Staff

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 dixonchamber.org or call 707-635-3303.

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 dixonchamber.org or call 916-416-2876.

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.

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 solanalibrary.org or call 1-866-572-7587.

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.

Veterans' Dinner

American Legion Post 208 is hosting a Veterans' Dinner from 4 to 9 p.m. Aug. 22. The dinner, held at Veterans' Memorial Hall, 1305 N. First St., offers an all-you-can-eat meal for \$12 per guest. Dishes include meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans and a roll. The bar opens at 4:30 p.m. with dinner served by 5:30 p.m.

For more information, visit American Legion Post 208's Facebook page or call 707-678-6308.

Dixon Chamber Connections Networking

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce is hosting a networking event from noon to 1:30 p.m. Sept. 4. This free in-person event, held at The Farmstead at Dixon, 350 Gateway Drive, allows local professionals to connect. Offering a diverse range of potential connections, attendees are encouraged to bring business cards.

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

Dixon High School Football

The Dixon High School Rams Football Team will host their first home games Aug. 22. Held at Finney Field, 555 College Way, games will begin at 5 p.m. for Junior Varsity and 7 p.m. for Varsity. The Rams will take on the Marysville Indians.

For more information, visit dixonrams.com or call 707-693-6330.

Comedy Night with Dixon Family Services

Dixon Family Services is hosting a comedy night in honor of its 40th anniversary from 6 to 10 p.m. Sept. 27. Held at Olde Vet's Hall, 231 N. First St., the event offers a no-host bar, dessert auction and dinner catered by Bud's Pub & Grill for \$65 per ticket. Tickets are on sale now.

For more information, visit givebutter.com/DFScomedynight or call 707-678-0442.

DMCS 20TH Anniversary

Dixon Montessori Charter School is hosting a 20th anniversary celebration from 4 to 7 p.m. Sept. 13. Held on school grounds, 355 N. Almond St., the free event offers families food, limited anniversary swag, prizes and live entertainment.

For more information, visit the Dixon Montessori Charter School Facebook page or call 707-678-8953. ★



More than 20 attendees gathered at Dixon United Methodist Church, 209 N. Jefferson St., from 2 to 4 p.m. Aug. 17 for a trivia-style presentation on Dixon Women's Improvement Club History, hosted by the Dixon Historical Society. Discussion was led by Teri Brown, the current Dixon Women's Improvement Club president.

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Brown said

After community announcements and a moment of thanks to supporters, Brown began her presentation with an interactive trivia session.

Prizes were awarded to the top three tables as participants tested their knowledge of the club's evolution, from its inception as the Shakespeare Club to its current community outreach projects. In time, the club eventually evolved into a study club, then an art club and finally the Dixon Women's Improvement Club in 1905.

"All these women's clubs were avenues for women to learn," Brown said

Brown highlighted the club's early advocacy for public services, including a successful 1911 petition to secure a \$10,000 Carnegie grant for the Dixon Library, the first in Solano County.

"Our library is the first in Solano County," said Brown. "With a library, you can travel everywhere without leaving your home."

Attendees also learned about the club's impact on local recreation, including the establishment of the Dixon Women's Improvement Park and preservation efforts. The park's largest parcel was

donated by Oscar C. Schultze.

The club awarded its first scholarship in 1970, \$200 at the time, which is equivalent to more than \$1,700 today. This year, the club awarded \$6,000 in scholarships and has distributed 97 scholarships totaling \$75,000 to date. It has also granted \$24,000 across 45 community grants since 2017.

Brown thanked club members Diane Schroeder and Jewel Fink for their help reading more than a century of handwritten meeting minutes. According to Brown, the club was officially recognized as a nonprofit organization in July 2019.

Museum curator Frank McKinney also addressed the audience, introducing updates to the museum's displays under the new exhibit title, "Dixon: A Walkthrough History."

"You've got the artifacts, the sound and the actual narrative of Dixon, so come check it out," McKinney said.

The museum at 125 W. A St. is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays and from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Memberships include event access, announcements and a quarterly newsletter.

The historical society's final presentation of the year will be held Oct. 19. ★

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remains the focus. He frequently offers pre-orders for major holidays such as Christmas, the Fourth of July and Super Bowl weekend.

"Christmas has been a big seller," Echarte said.

Echarte often relies on friends to assist during large events. He has also cooked for a San Francisco 49ers football camp, including the team's right tackle, Colton McKivitz.

"Not to brag but that's a feather in my cap," Echarte said.

The name "Pun" is a nickname that Echarte has had since he was 14.

"People don't even know my real name at this point," joked Echarte.

While Echarte does not currently plan to open a brick-and-mortar location, pop-ups might be on his horizon.

"I enjoy catering because it's at-will and fits my schedule," said Echarte. "It's more catered to my needs, no



Lifelong Dixon resident Anthony Echarte, inspired by television personalities such as Guy Fieri and the show "Man vs. Food," began Pun vs. Food Catering in 2022. According to Echarte, his specialty is barbecue. Photo courtesy of Anthony Echarte/Pun vs. Food Catering

pun intended."

Echarte sources ingredients locally from Super La Favorita Super Market.

According to Echarte, Dixonites should employ his services for high-quality, flavorful barbecue and sides.

"You'll get a full-flavored meal from each side

to each protein. Whether it's my baked beans, elote salad or mac and cheese, nothing is bland. For good-quality barbecue, I'm the one to call," Echarte said.

For more information, visit the Pun vs. Food Facebook page or call Echarte at 707-761-4548. ★



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Back-to-School Kickoff Celebration Honors Superintendent



This year's Back-to-School Kickoff celebration offered a morning convocation filled with inspiration and connection. The event also offered a full day of training and professional development for administrators, teachers and paraeducators who support more than 400 remarkable students in special education and Solano County Office of Education's court and community schools. Photo courtesy of the Solano County Office of Education

Solano County Office of Education News Release

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - More than 400 staff members from across Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) gathered Aug. 11 at the Sunrise Event Center in Vacaville to celebrate the beginning of the 2025-26 school year.

This year's Back-to-School Kickoff celebration offered a morning convocation filled with inspiration and connection. The event also offered a full day of training and professional development for administrators, teachers and paraeducators who support more than 400 remarkable students in special education and Solano County Office of Education's court and

community schools.

A highlight of the morning was the keynote address by retiring Solano County Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson, whose theme, "Unlocking Endless Possibilities," resonated with the audience. Estrella-Henderson emphasized that every employee plays a vital part in supporting students, removing barriers and empowering them to achieve their full potential.

"We each play a crucial role in unlocking endless possibilities for our students," Estrella-Henderson told the audience. "Together, we build meaningful relationships, remove barriers and lay the foundation for student success."

She concluded the morning by saying, "It has been an incredible honor to be a part of education in Solano County for over 40 years and to serve as county superintendent of schools since 2017. Today, we celebrate the many accomplishments we've achieved for Solano County students and I look forward to cheering you on as you continue to create even more positive opportunities for students in the years to come."

In addition to the keynote, attendees were treated to a video featuring staff across Solano County Office of Education, who shared their perspectives on their keys to success in their respective roles and what it means to unlock endless possibilities for students. The video offered a

glimpse into the diverse roles within the county office and the shared commitment to student success.

A surprise farewell tribute video honored Estrella-Henderson's years of service to the students and staff at Solano County Office of Education. The tribute highlighted Estrella-Henderson's dedication to education, her leadership in advancing Solano County Office of Education's mission and the lasting impact she has made on the community.

Solano County Office of Education's Back-to-School Kickoff celebration was a successful day of strengthening skills and deepening commitment to educational excellence. The

event was a powerful reminder of the shared responsibility and collective effort to support all students across Solano County.

Solano County Office of Education provides leadership, support and fiscal oversight for charter schools and Benicia, Dixon, Fairfield-Suisun, Travis, Vacaville, and Vallejo school districts which serve approximately 60,000 students.

Solano County Superintendent of Schools Estrella-Henderson was elected by Solano County voters. The superintendent is a state constitutional officer who serves as the chief executive officer of Solano County Office of Education and as a liaison between local school districts and the state. ★

Set Sail with Kid-Friendly 'Treasure Island'

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixon Community Theater is charting a new course this fall with its upcoming production of "Treasure Island," a youth-focused adaptation of the Robert Louis Stevenson classic.

Auditions were held Aug. 13 and 14 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 N. First St.

Directed by longtime theater contributor Angel Gatchel, the production aims to provide a fun, educational and accessible theatrical experience for local children.

Kelly Pidgeon James, vice-president of the Community Theater, said the organization's goal is to reach as many youth as possible.

"We had 21 kids audition the first night and at least six or seven more the second," said James. "At least half of the cast will be newcomers. It's really exciting. Our goal is to reach as many kids as possible. We're the only free activity available to everyone in Dixon."

With a cast size expected to reach around 30 children ranging from 6 to 16 years old, "Treasure Island" is being adapted to be more accessible for younger performers.

"We're very careful to arrange the dialogue so everyone has lines suited to their level,"



Auditions were handled, from left, Dixon Community Theater President Cheryl Sommers, teen ambassador Joshua Benson, board member Angel Gatchel, Vice-President Kelly Pidgeon James and singer/songwriter Angi Wolf. Photo by Nicolas Brown

James said.

Callbacks were announced Aug. 16 on the organization's website and Facebook page. Rehearsals will start the following weekend. The show is scheduled to open in October, just in time for the Halloween season.

"We just wrapped 'Alice's Wonderland,'

which was flowery and whimsical," said James. "This time, we wanted something with more action and adventure. It helps us expand what we teach the kids."

For Gatchel, stepping into the director's chair is a new and meaningful experience.

"I'm super excited to give something back

to the community, especially the children," said Gatchel. "When I saw the opportunity to do something kid-oriented, I said, 'Let's do it.'"

Gatchel emphasized that casting is focused less on talent and more on passion and willingness.

"We're looking for people who want to try something new and grow. A lot of kids came in quietly and now they won't stop talking," Gatchel said.

Musical support is being led by Angi Wolf, who is also contributing original music.

"We want to put them in a position where they're not only learning but feeling good about what they're doing," Wolf said.

James encouraged the community to support the October production.

"Come see what Dixon Community Theater has to offer. 'Alice's Wonderland' was our biggest production yet and Treasure Island is going to build on that momentum," James said.

Performance dates are Oct. 17, Oct. 18 and Oct. 19. Ticket information will be announced in the coming weeks.

For more information, visit dixoncommunitytheater.com or call 707-903-8387. ★

Dixon High Football Helps Library

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - On Aug. 1, Dixon High School Football Varsity and Junior Varsity boys helped distribute wood chips at the Dixon Library Community Garden, 230 N. First St.

Several key figures in the athletic organization were there, including varsity head coach Wes Besseghini and varsity defensive backs coach Charles King.

Coach Besseghini's father, Jim Besseghini, provided wheelbarrows and other equipment. Coach Besseghini's sister, Kara Morriera of Besseghini Construction,

also lent a helping hand.

Dixon Women's Improvement Club President Teri Brown, who regularly volunteers at the community garden, said that they needed more volunteers to spread approximately 50 yards of wood chips. Brown spoke to library branch manager Nancy Redfield and suggested they enlist help from the football team.

"(Coach) Besseghini is always looking for volunteer opportunities for his players, so I thought it was a good call," said Brown. "They made short work of the massive wood chip pile and their hard work was greatly appreciated. Teamwork makes the dream work." ★



Dixon High School Varsity and Junior Varsity Football players supported the Dixon Library Community Garden by spreading about 50 yards of wood chips. Led by varsity coach Wes Besseghini (center), the teens were successful in this endeavor. Photo courtesy of Teri Brown



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Accomplice to the Villain

by Hannah Nicole Maehrler

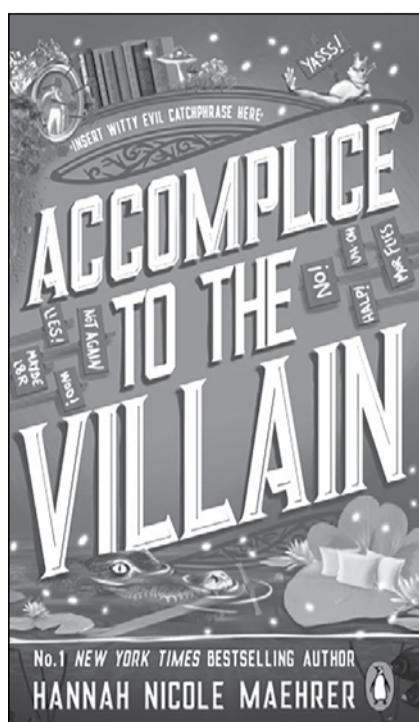
When Evie Sage landed a job with the Kingdom's most notorious Villain, she knew her life would be different, but never expected it to change so drastically. Besides heads strung across the ceiling, screams coming from the dungeon, and a crown-wearing frog who expresses his unwanted comments through signs, this was just a typical assistant job. Unless, of course, you count that impossible, temperamental, and slightly sexy boss.

But as with all great jobs, there were some setbacks, and somehow, Evie always found her life or the Villains hanging in the balance.

After the last year of catastrophes, and now deemed the Villain's apprentice, both Evie and the Villain definitely need to get their act together—or maybe they should finally get together. One thing is for certain: Evie has saved the Villains' lives a few times, and he can't forget.

Now, as the Villain's right-hand woman, there's more at play than Evie and the Villain's secret desire for each other. Rennedawn's magic is crumbling, and they must figure out the truth behind the magical prophecy before they lose it all, and each other. The only certainty they still have is their not-so-hidden desires for each other, and if they don't face them soon, one of them will likely erupt into smoldering ash at any moment.

Evie may have started as an assistant, but now she has proven her worth, and her true evilness, and now it's time to transition



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from Apprentice to Accomplice and even into "The Wicked Woman." After all, she's always wanted to wield a dagger straight to the Villain's heart.

With quick wit and cantor around every corner, readers will instantly fall for this fairytale turned on its head as they get an inside look at just how hard it is to be a notorious Villain and the one who assists him. A unique, refreshing series full of wicked intent and picking up right at the cliffhanger ending, throwing readers headfirst into another one. After all, don't villains love a great cliff?

This #1 New York Times Bestselling, binge-worthy series is taking the reading world by storm and leading readers straight into a villainous trap—a sexy villainous trap. Told in multiple perspectives, this time including Kingsley the Frog, and a few other notable characters, where readers will have a chance to delve straight into Evie and the Villain's minds, allowing a glimpse of their subtle feelings and the slow burn of unknowing desire. The continued slow build of feelings only adds to the adventure and storyline, making readers yearn for one of them to slip up and finally throw themselves at one another. But who will be the first to break? Readers will be screaming for Evie and the Villain, but secretly enjoying the villainous way the author keeps them apart. In true villainess fashion, Hannah Nicole Maehrler steals her readers' hearts with this wonderfully villainous tale. ★

Solano Public Health Celebrates National Breastfeeding Month

Solano County News Release

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Solano County Department of Health and Social Services, Public Health Division joins the California Department of Public Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, United States Breastfeeding Committee and World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action in celebrating National Breastfeeding Month in August.

Throughout August, communities nationwide host activities and events to raise awareness and provide support to breastfeeding families. Each week of National Breastfeeding Month highlights a different topic: Aug. 1 to 7 is Prioritize Breastfeeding; Create Sustainable Support Systems; Aug. 8 to 14 is Indigenous Milk Medicine Week; Aug. 15 to 21 is Native Hawaiian, Asian American and Pacific Islander Week; and August 25 to 31 is Black Breastfeeding Week.

In Solano County, the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) provides year-round breastfeeding support through individualized counseling, breastfeeding support groups and access to breast pumps.

Alongside these efforts, the Solano County Breastfeeding Coalition held its eighth annual National Breastfeeding Month Celebration and Resource Fair earlier this



Throughout August, communities nationwide host activities and events to raise awareness and provide support to breastfeeding families. Image by Stones Gucci from Pixabay

month and is now leading a month-long milk drive. Interested donors can complete a brief screening, receive free shipping supplies and mail in their milk or drop it off at the Solano County Collection Center anytime throughout August.

"When families have access to consistent encouragement, shared experiences and trusted resources, breastfeeding success becomes a shared community achievement," said Andrea Cabezas, Regional Breastfeeding Liaison. "Celebrating National Breastfeeding Month helps shine a light on policies, programs and community networks that empower families to breastfeed successfully. Some families are unaware that they can donate extra breast milk, and we hope to inspire more families to participate and ensure this vital resource is available for babies who

need it most."

Those interested in supporting local families are encouraged to learn more about milk donation.

"When my daughter faced complications at birth, donor breast milk played a vital role in her recovery. It's more than just nutrition: breast milk delivers essential antibodies and immune support that protect vulnerable babies and help them heal when it matters most," said Tatiana Martin, Women, Infants and Children Breastfeeding Peer Counselor. "This is why we're encouraging parents to consider becoming milk donors. Your gift could be lifesaving."

For more details on breastfeeding support through Women, Infants and Children or the milk drive, contact Andrea Cabezas at 707-784-8329 or ABCabezas@solanocounty.gov. ★



A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

"NOBODY 2" RATED R

Four years ago, along came a nebbish as the titular figure in the appropriately titled "Nobody," in which Hutch Mansell (Bob Odenkirk), an outwardly passive family man unveiled his true nature after petty thieves broke into his house, attacked his son, and stole his daughter's treasured bracelet.

Although he was ostensibly a lunchpail worker at a mundane job, Hutch's profession as a workaholic assassin enabled him to track down the thieves, but the real story was what happened on the late-night ride home on a municipal bus.

The sudden transformation from an ostensible milquetoast to a streetfighter with special skills like that of a martial artist led to a serious beatdown of five thugs who harassed and threatened a couple of passengers.

To say that things didn't turn out so well for the menacing hoodlums is the proverbial understatement. Brazenly unloading the bullets from his handgun, Hutch proved that all he needed were his fists, feet, and the nearest blunt instrument to vanquish the goons.

Similar to a "John Wick" movie, what ensued in "Nobody" was a battery of gun battles, explosions, car crashes, and fist fights resulting in an orgy of intense action. The tone of ridiculously violent action now carries over to the second round of Hutch's simmering penchant for violence.

With "Nobody 2," Hutch's beleaguered everyman is now working overtime in a war with assorted criminals as he's in a huge bind of having to repay \$30 million belonging to a Russian mob that he torched in the first film.

Meanwhile, Hutch is trying to repair his fractured family life due to his frequent absences. His beloved wife Becca (Connie Nielsen) is becoming as equally estranged from her husband as the children Brady (Gage Munroe) and Sammy (Paisley Cadorath) are from their father.

After pummeling five thugs in a hotel elevator, and then facing off with machine gun toting Corsicans and a subsequent violent encounter with Brazilians with machetes, Hutch has to reckon with how his non-stop killing of criminals on behalf of other criminals is stretching home life to a breaking point.

The family needs a break, and when Becca mentions it, Hutch seizes the moment and decides the family would bond by taking a road trip to Wisconsin to the water park that was the only vacation he ever had as a kid with his father David

Riley Reviews

"NOBODY 2" TURNS FAMILY VACATION INTO AN ORGY OF VIOLENT ACTION

(Christopher Lloyd) and brother Harry (RZA).

Because of fond memories from his childhood, Hutch pulls his elderly father out of the retirement home to join the family vacation. That David has already demonstrated his proficiency with firearms just might come in handy at some point.

The amusement park in the summer resort town of Plummerville has seen better days. The hotel accommodations are barely adequate; it's not a four-star resort by any means. The park's rides and attractions are rather mundane. But the family is willing to make the most of it.

It doesn't take long for things to get interesting. An altercation at the arcade is a little unsettling, but it gets worse when a security guard slaps Hutch's young daughter on the head.

Not wanting a confrontation in front of his family, Hutch returns to the scene under a pretext of having forgotten his cell phone, and proceeds to pummel the offending park workers.

Of course, this clash at the park draws the attention of the town's sinister Sheriff Abel (Colin Hanks), who has ulterior motives of concern that a stranger poses a threat for causing trouble. That the lawman is psychotic adds another edge to his wickedness.

Hutch also gets sideways with crooked theme park owner Wyatt Martin (John Ortiz), who has so much to hide in that his ramshackle resort is a cover for a massive illegal operation that is under the protection of the corrupt sheriff.

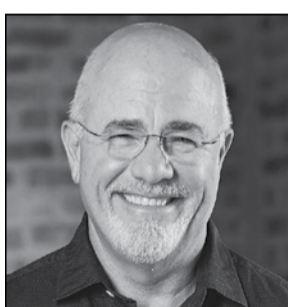
The criminal enterprise belongs to female crime boss Lendina (Sharon Stone), also a casino owner, who treats a cheating customer at cards by nailing his hand to the table with a knife.

With slicked-back hair and wearing dark glasses and a sharp suit, Lendina is the epitome of a viciously unhinged psycho who goes to great lengths to send goons to attack Hutch on a duck boat.

The ensuing fight scene on the boat is so wild that the unarmed Hutch uses everything he can grasp as a weapon, from flotation devices and fire extinguisher to an anchor he plants in a goon's back.

Despite all the violence courtesy of an unassuming suburban family man, the "Nobody" films are delightfully amusing in that the nerdy Hutch is so improbably preposterous as the slickly brutal avenger.

While lack of familiarity with the original film is only detrimental in that you missed out on the fun, "Nobody 2" can stand on its own for delivering ridiculous action-filled pleasure in a crisp running time of about ninety minutes. ★



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

I can't afford my student loan payments. Is the best approach to send them what I can afford, even if it's not the minimum payment, or not send anything at all until I'm in a better financial position?

— Sydney

Dear Sydney,

Here's the deal. Those guys aren't going to stop calling and bugging you, no matter which of those options you choose. But then, you probably already know that. The benefit, however, of sending them \$20 or \$25—if the minimum payment is \$50—is you're forcing yourself to start thinking in terms of planning and living on a budget. My advice? Do everything you can to honor your commitments. That's the moral, legal and spiritual thing to

Dave Ramsey Says

Honor Your Obligations

do in these kinds of situations.

You know, lots of times when people say they can't afford something, what they're really saying is they don't want to give up fun stuff in order to honor their obligations. If that's the case, I'm not the guy you need to be talking to or want on your team. You accepted the responsibilities that came with borrowing money. That means if you don't get to eat in restaurants, go on vacation or buy cool new gadgets until you repay the debt, that that's how it is.

However, if you're already living on a crazy-tight, rice and beans budget, and \$20 is literally all you can squeeze out, then give them \$20 a month. That way, at the very least, you're trying to honor your obligation. And you can tell them with a clean conscience it really is all you can afford.

But there's a bright spot

in all this. If you're already scrimping and saving and paying all the money you have—first toward running your household, then secondly to your creditors—you'll find an amazing thing starts to happen. Your dollars start to stretch a little bit further. This will help you clean up your student loan mess and enable you to have a little better life in the process.

Good luck, Sydney. You can do this!

— 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. 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.
 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 August 7, 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 22, 29 Sept 5, 12, 2025
MARLER 9-12-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001169
 The following persons are doing business as: Altec Industries Inc, 1450 N Street, Dixon, CA 95620. Altec Industries Inc, 210 Iverness

tious 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. Jutin 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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001226
 The following persons are doing business as: Marler Home Repair & Renovations, 1820 Dailey Drive, Dixon, CA 95620. Benjamin Wayne Marler, P.O. Box 1015, Dixon, CA 95620.
 Date filed in Solano County: August 8, 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 7, 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
KHINDA 8-22-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001266
 The following persons are doing business as: 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

Center Drive, Birmingham, AL 35242.
 Date filed in Solano County: July 29, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 18, 1974
 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 28, 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 22, 29 Sept 5, 12, 2025
ALTEC 9-12-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001233
 The following persons are doing business as: Burgerzone, 600 Kentucky Street #1001, Fairfield, CA 94533. Cisneros Inc, 600 Kentucky Street #1001, Fairfield, CA 94533.
 Date filed in Solano County: August 11, 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 August 7, 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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BURGERZONE 9-12-25

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 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 postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (916) 939-0772, or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the 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. 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 exclusive 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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People vs. Keith Scott Williamson

County of Solano, District Attorney's Office News Release

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - In Department One of the Solano County Superior Court, before Judge Jeffrey C. Kauffman, the jury found the defendant, Keith Scott Williamson, guilty of four separate counts of grand theft and one count of petty theft on Aug. 7.

The defendant, who is the owner of Winters Auto Body and Paint Shop in Winters was found to have committed theft by false pretenses on five separate customers at his shop.

Judge Kauffman remanded the defendant forthwith, noting that the collective economic losses to the victims totaled approximately \$90,000. The defendant is scheduled to be sentenced at 9 a.m. Sept. 4 in Department One.

The crimes occurred between 2017 and 2020. Each customer paid the defendant to perform restoration body work, a new paint job, and in some cases for a complete overhaul on their classic vehicles, which included three Ford Mustangs, a Jeep and a Chevrolet pickup truck.

The defendant performed only minimal body repairs but did not complete the work on any of the vehicles. The vehicles remained unfinished in the defendant's shop for months or in some cases for years. The defendant gave various reasons and excuses for the extended delays. The defendant refused to provide refunds to all five customers, who then resorted to filing complaints with the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR).

Over the years, this case was continued and delayed in court on numerous occasions. We are grateful that, despite all the delays, the victims never gave up on the criminal justice system.

We are proud of Deputy District Attorney Judy Ycasas for her unwavering commitment to seeking justice for all those who were scammed by the defendant.

Former Bureau of Automotive Repair representative Timothy Wilson and Bureau of Automotive Repair representative Michael Colozzi investigated the case. The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Judy Ycasas. ★

Arrest Made

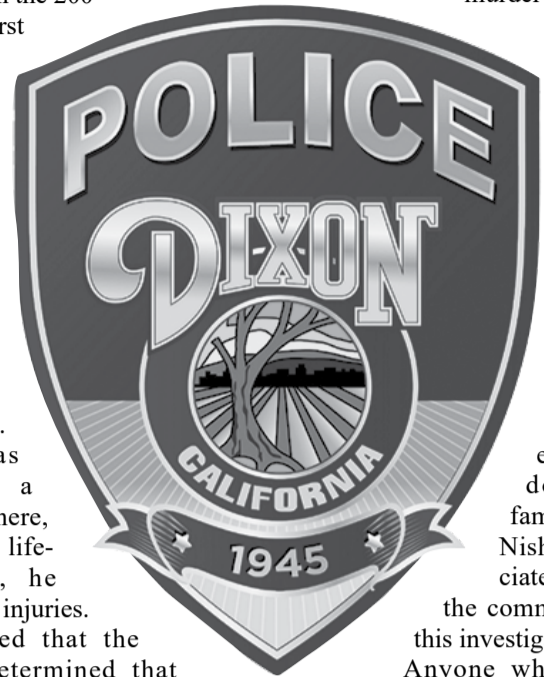
Dixon Police Department News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Dixon Police Department received a 911 call reporting a physical altercation inside Luke's Lounge, located in the 200 block of North First St on Aug. 16 at approximately 2 a.m.

Responding officers arrived within minutes and located Kane Nishimoto, 21, of Vacaville, suffering from critical injuries to his torso. Nishimoto was transported to a local hospital, where, despite extensive life-saving efforts, he succumbed to his injuries.

Police reported that the investigation determined that Nishimoto and Brian Sweeney, 44, were engaged in a physical altercation inside the establishment. During that altercation, Nishimoto sustained the injuries that ultimately resulted in his death. Detectives identified Sweeney as a person

of interest in this case. On Aug. 18, Sweeney turned himself in at the Dixon Police Department, accompanied by his attorney. He was taken into custody without incident and booked into the Solano County Jail on charges of murder (PC 187(a)).



At this time, no other suspects remain outstanding. This case remains under active investigation by the Dixon Police Department Investigations Division.

The Dixon Police Department extends its condolences to the family and friends of Nishimoto and appreciates the assistance of the community throughout this investigation.

Anyone who witnessed the incident or who may have relevant information regarding the incident is urged to contact the Dixon Police Department at 707-678-7080 or investigations@dixonpoliceca.org. Callers can remain anonymous. ★



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- *The Coaches ____ or The AP Top 25 ____
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- 1/168th of a week
- Purse to match a gown
- Karl of politics
- Model builder's wood choice
- *YDS, TD or INT
- Black like certain tree
- *Last season's NFL MVP
- *Worth 6 points
- Way, way off
- Owl cries
- Come and ____ it
- Ape
- Stucco or aluminum on a house wall, pl.
- *"Wheel of Fortune" request
- Bette Green's "Summer of my ____ Soldier"
- Stag, not doe
- Like an uncomfortable mattress
- European Economic Community
- *NFL Hall of Famer Greene or comedian Hart
- Seed coat
- Cylindrical flower cluster
- Stir or fuss
- City in Illinois
- #10 Down's counterpart
- Small dog's bark
- Adams of "Summer Of '69" fame
- *Point value of a safety in football, pl.
- *Worth 3 points in football (2 words)
- Behind a stern
- Raise the roof
- Classroom parasites
- Blooper
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- Some are slippery
- Scraps
- Ballpark fig.
- Dark loaves

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- *Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Graham
- Molokai party
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- R2-D2, e.g.
- Declares to be true
- *College, home to football's Nittany Lions
- *Football intermission
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- *What the NFL's Jim Brown famously did
- Fixed up
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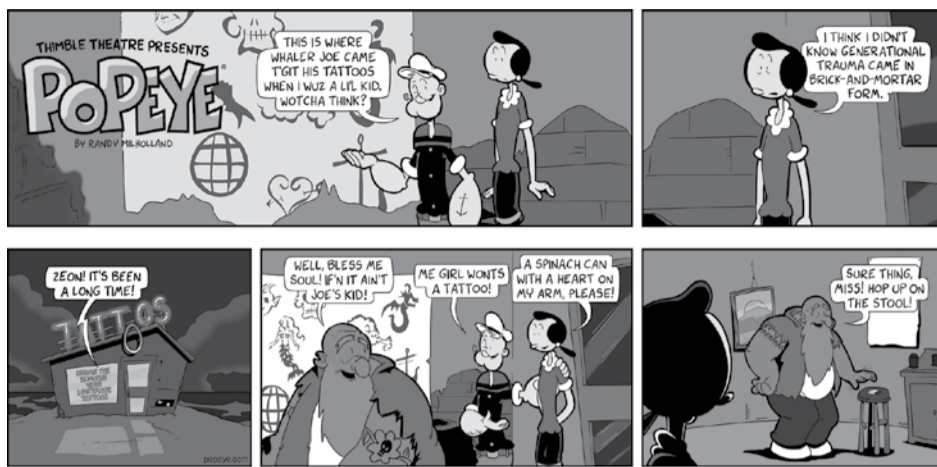
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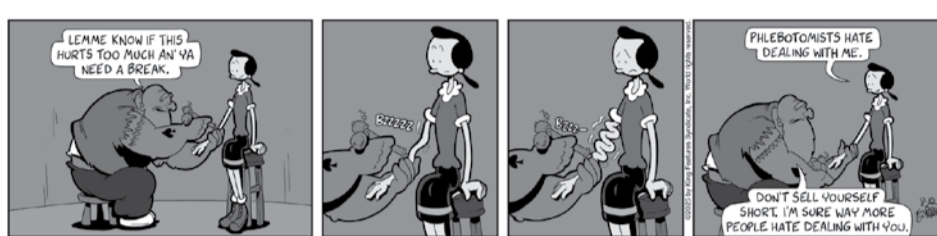
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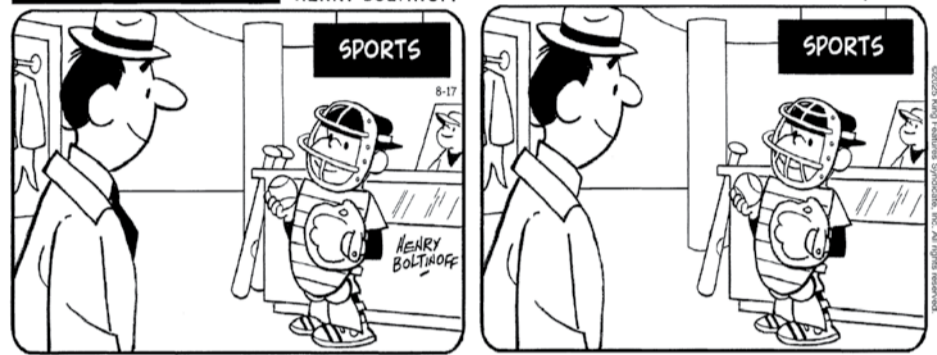
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Community Calendar

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

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

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

City Council

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

Planning Commission

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

Parks & Recreation Commission

– Meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

Transportation Advisory Commission

– Meets the third Wednesday of every EVEN month at 7 p.m.

Dixon Adult Literacy Program

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

Dixon Boat Club

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

Dixon Downtown Business Association

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

Dixon Game & Conservation Club

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

Dixon Historical Society

– Meets quarterly on the third Sunday of Feb., Apr., Aug., and Oct. from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Dixon United Methodist Church Social Hall located at 209 N. Jefferson St. in Dixon. Meetings include a historical representation and announcements of upcoming events. Anyone interested in the history of Dixon, and its surrounding areas, is welcome! You do not need to be a member to attend, and all presentations are free to the community. The Dixon History Museum is open for visits, Thursdays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fridays 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For further information, please contact us at www.dixon-historical-society.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/third Wednesdays at Bud's Pub & Grill from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Website: <http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/dixonca>. Facebook page: Dixon Lions Club.

Dixon Rotary Club

– Meets on most Wednesdays at noon at The Creative Space, 160 West A. St.,

Dixon. Rotary is the world's first and oldest service club organization with over 1.4 million members working locally and internationally to improve health and sanitation, combat hunger, provide education, and promote peace. For more information and meeting confirmation, contact Rotary President Marlene Vega at 707-678-9368.

Dixon Scottish Cultural Association

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

Dixon Senior Club

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

Dixon Toastmasters/Public Speaking Club

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

Dixon Women's Improvement Club

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

Dixon Youth Soccer Board Meetings

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

Domestic Violence Support Group

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

Dry Dock

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

Fairfield/Suisun Bass Reapers

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

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. ★

Food & Farm NEWS

Dairies use in Vitro Fertilization to Tap Strong Beef Market

Recent improvements in cattle reproductive technology have given dairy farmers access to a lucrative market segment. Within the past few years, more dairies have begun transferring beef cattle embryos to dairy cow surrogates, earning money amid soaring demand for the calves. "It's becoming a much bigger piece of the puzzle," Tulare County dairy farmer Blake Wilbur said. Retired dairy cows have long been used for low-priced steaks and ground beef. And during the past decade, breeding a portion of dairy herds with beef genetics has become common, as dairies earn a higher price for crossbred calves. More recently, embryos made through in vitro fertilization have enabled dairies to sell purebred calves into the beef supply chain.

USDA Fields Questions About Plan to Slash Staff, Facilities

As the U.S. Department of Agriculture moves forward with its reorganization, questions remain about how the changes will affect farmers. USDA Deputy Secretary Stephen Vaden responded to concerns and fielded questions late last month about the reorganization during a hearing of the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry. Sen. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., a member of the committee, asked why a USDA hub was not placed in California, the No. 1 agriculture-producing state. In response, Vaden said the proposed hub in Utah is closer to California than Washington, D.C., and said that hub locations were chosen to lower the cost of living for federal employees. Agricultural stakeholders have until Aug. 26 to weigh in on USDA's sweeping reorganization plan, which Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins announced late last month.

Low Prices, other Woes Put Squeeze on Farm Economy

California farmers continue to face significant economic challenges as they contend with lower commodity prices and soaring production costs that have been made worse by inflation, regulatory burdens, trade disruptions and other financial headwinds. That was a central message from the State Board of Food and Agriculture meeting last week in Sacramento, where industry leaders pointed to current and trending conditions that have impacted farm profitability and threaten the long-term viability of some farms. Inflation, pest control restrictions, regulatory uncertainty, water constraints, and rising labor and capital costs have created "a level of instability that we have not seen in decades," said Alexi Rodriguez, president and CEO of the Almond Alliance.

Farmers Grapple with Pest Challenges Due to Neglected Farmland

Farmers continue to face pest exposure from abandoned or poorly maintained farmland. The sagging farm economy has left many farmers unable to maintain their farmland, with the winegrape sector alone having lost almost 35,000 acres of vineyards during the past year. "There are more and more abandoned fields and orchards," Jenny Holtermann, president of the Kern County Farm Bureau, said in a recent episode of the Voice of California Agriculture podcast, which is produced by the California Farm Bureau. Holtermann spoke with podcast host Gary Sack about the burden of untended lands on neighboring farms. "Whenever there's an abandoned field around you, you have to consider the pests associated with that," Holtermann said. "When you have abandoned fields, our land values are also decreasing." ★

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How Do Cell Phones Work?

– Colleen, Michigan

Dear Colleen,

When I was little, I liked to move the radio dial in the car. I could hear different channels with music or talking. Plus, static in between.

My friend Ben Belzer reminded me of that when we talked about your question. He's an engineer at Washington State University.

"Your cell phone is basically a digital radio," Belzer said.

Any place with cell phone coverage gets divided into cells. They could be six-sided hexagons like the cells in a beehive. Or they could be any shape with flat sides. The size of the cell depends on how many people live there. A cell tower stands in the middle of each cell.

Let's say you want to text to me in Washington. You type "hi" into your phone.

The computer in your phone translates "hi" into binary code. That's computer language. It's made of a string of 0s and 1s.

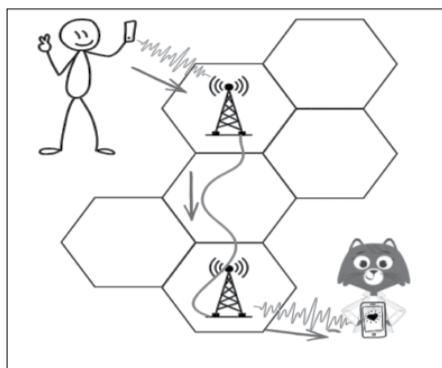
The letter h is 01101000 in binary code. The letter i is 01101001. So, "hi" looks like this: 01101000 01101001.

Your phone sends out invisible energy called radio waves. A transmitter inside your phone uses those waves to send me your message. It changes the radio waves—like how tall or fast the wave is—to represent the 0s and 1s in your message. That's called modulating.

Your phone beams the modulated radio waves from your phone. They zoom through the air to the nearest cell tower. An antenna there catches the waves. Then, the cell tower sends the message all the way to the cell tower closest to me. Usually, it

sends it through cables buried underground. Once it arrives at my nearest cell tower, that tower beams the radio waves to my phone.

A chip in my phone decodes the radio waves back into 0s and 1s. Then a processor in my phone converts those digits back into letters I can understand. It shows up as "hi" on my screen.



Every cell contains a cell tower. Messages travel through the air to the cell tower. They often move down cables between towers.



Claude Shannon figured out how to send information through binary code—like our phones do. Here, he's working with a robot "mouse" he invented with researcher Betty Shannon. It was one of the first-ever experiments with artificial intelligence. Image: Bell Labs

Something similar happens if you send me a picture or voice call me.

For a picture, your phone's computer breaks the image into dots called pixels. Then it maps the color and position of each dot using binary code. It's kind of like how you graph information in math class—but with way more information than we can handle.

For a voice call, the microphone inside your phone picks up the vibrations of your voice. Those vibrations move a tiny magnet and coil to make electricity. Then your phone's

chip translates that electrical signal into binary code.

From there, your picture or voice travels from your phone to mine just like the text message did. All that happens incredibly fast. It's so quick that we don't even hear a delay when we chat on the phone.

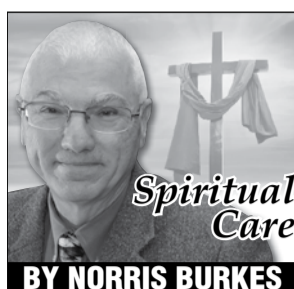
When it comes to communication, cell phones really tower above the rest.

Sincerely,

Dr. Universe

The Pending Deportation of Roger Williams

By Jeffery Jones and Norris Burkes



BY NORRIS BURKES

With all the recent swarm of INS arrests, I feel fortunate they aren't deporting any white male Baptists such as myself.

I can hear you saying, "Oh Norris, don't be ridiculous. You're 'America's Favorite Chaplain' – a National Treasure."

Trustfully, I felt safe until my new friend, Professor Jeffrey Jones shared a story he wrote called, "The Attempted Deportation of Roger Williams."

Jones is a Baptist like me, so Roger Williams is our main guy.

According to Jones, Williams arrived February 5, 1631 in the Boston harbor on the Lyon. He came with other migrants seeking to escape the religious and political oppression of English Puritans. He had feared his unorthodox religious views would get him arrested in England.

He hoped to find greater freedoms in Boston but was soon forced to migrate again, this time to Salem. Even there, however, he encountered religious restrictions imposed by both church and state.

That summer he migrated to Plymouth. He spent a year there before his growing family found bigger accommodations back in Salem, Massachusetts.

At first, the town welcomed his return. A local church asked him to be their teacher and the Williams family settled into a comfortable house.

While Roger served the church, he simultaneously sought to develop relationships with local Native Americans. However, political leaders back in Boston expressed concern over Williams' unorthodox beliefs and most especially on his view of Native American land ownership.

Town leaders met with him on several occasions demanding his silence on these controversial topics. At first, Williams agreed to accommodate their wishes. but it wasn't long before he found that silence in the face of oppression is not a viable option.

Most significantly, he opposed the government's attempt to enforce the first four of the Ten Commandments. Williams believed that government had no role to play in one's personal faith.

Williams objected with succinct clarity, "Forced worship stinks in God's nostrils."

His protest threatened the puritan arrangement of joining the church with the state, an essential part of the Puritan vision of the "City on the hill."

Williams would not go unchallenged.

Religious and civic leaders saw him as a threat to colony unity and demanded Williams' banishment. The magistrates agreed. And on a frigid November day, Williams received a removal

order telling him to self-deport within six weeks.

Williams happened to be very ill at the time, so the magistrates permitted him to stay until spring, provided he did not speak publicly. With no official church position, he wisely agreed to silence.

However, Williams continued to meet with a small group of friends in his home. The magistrates saw those meetings as a clear violation of their agreement and immediately sent agents to deport Williams on the next ship.

Warned of his pending arrest and near certain death if he remained in Salem, Williams risked life and limb as a fugitive in the wilderness.

Nearly dead, he stumbled into sanctuary with the Native Americans he had befriended and whose language he knew. The food and shelter they provided enabled him to regain his strength.

He then established a colony in Providence Rode Island where his religious freedom became a reality with the creation of the first Baptist church in America.

Jones and I see how Williams' story offers challenging insights about oppression and freedom, brutality and compassion. Today, few can really say they aren't next, even a Baptist dude such as myself.

Disclaimer: Roger Williams was an "American Treasure." I'm not. But there is talk about sending me back to Texas.

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DIXON POLICE LOG

Tuesday, August 12

1118 - A sexual assault report was taken at the Dixon Police Department.
1212 - An informational report was taken at the Dixon Police Department.

Monday, August 11

0907 - A fraud report was taken in the 1200 block of Tufts Lane.
0921 - A traffic collision report was taken at the intersection of Pitt School at Stratford Avenue.
1000 - An informational report was taken in the 400 block of East A St.
1643 - A public intoxication and obstruct an officer arrest report was taken in the 100 block of West A St. Officers contacted (S) Stephanie Starline (36) of Rancho Cordova and (S) Michael Gluck (43) of Mountain House. They were both arrested and transported to the Solano County Jail.
1910 - Fraud report in the 200 block of Archer Place.

Sunday, August 10

1052 - A suspicious circumstance report was taken at the Dixon Police Department.
1633 - A battery arrest report was taken in the 1100 block of Pitt School Road. Officers contacted (S) Kelvin Alonso Guevara (39-year-old out of Dixon), and he was arrested. He was taken to the Solano County Jail and released to their staff.
2030 - Assisted the fire department with an intoxicated male at Hall Park.
0345 - Domestic violence investigation

Saturday, August 9

1052 - Information report taken via telephone.
2011 - Probable Cause arrest for 245 PC, assault with a deadly weapon, 273.5 PC, corporal injury to a cohabitant and 273 (a) PC, child abuse, at the intersection of Folsom Fair Circle and Arizona Court. Suspect Edward Gonzales (25-year-old, out of Dixon) was pulled over in his vehicle and arrested without incident.
2245 - Administrative citation for DMC 18.22.120(A)(3), possession of illegal fireworks, at Veteran's Park.

Friday, August 8

1101 - Missing Person report 600 block West F Street. The subject was located and returned home.
1428 - raffle Stop 300 block West A Street. Benjamin Nye (26) of Dixon was arrested for resisting arrest, vandalism, and disobeying a court order. He was booked into the Solano County Jail.
1504 - Hit and Run report 1200 block Pitt School Road.
1836 - Non-injury hit and run report taken in the 600 block of West A Street.

Thursday, August 7

1744 - Court order violation report taken in the 100 block of South First Street.
2157 - Non-injury hit and run report taken in the 100 block of North First Street.
2250 - Assault with a deadly weapon and domestic violence report taken in the 1100 block of Valley Glen Drive.

Wednesday, August 6

0710 A court order violation arrest report was taken at the Dixon Police Department. Officer later arrested (S) Rafael Velazquez Jauregui, 50-year-old out of Williams, CA. Rafael was taken to the Solano County Jail and released to their staff.
0815 - An informational report was taken in the 600 block of Sierra Dr.
1204 - A fraud report was taken in the 700 block of East D. St.
2035 - Confidential report taken in the 400 block of Berkshire Drive.
2044 - Child custody order violation reported at the Police Department.



September Events at Dixon Library for Teens and Adults

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Throughout September, Dixon Public Library is hosting several events aimed at educating and uplifting both teens and adults as the holiday season approaches.

Regarding youth-focused activities, the library is holding Nintendo Switch Game Days every Tuesday from Sept. 2 to Dec. 2. From 3:30 to 5 p.m., tweens and teens aged 10 to 18 can visit the library at 230 N. First St. to play games and unwind after school.

On Sept. 10, the library will host a special teen meet and greet with Dixon Unified School District Superintendent Brett Barley from 4 to 5 p.m. The event is open to youths aged 10 to 18.

Additionally, the library will present Teen Chalk Art on the Sidewalk from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sept. 20. Youths aged 10 to 18 can showcase their creativity in this art-focused event. Registration is recommended but not mandatory.

For adults, the library offers a variety of activities, including Poppin' Bottles & Pop Culture Reads on Sept. 3. This event takes place on the first Wednesday of every month from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Pip Wine Bar, 116 N. First St. Each month, members select and read a book based on a rotating theme.

For September, the theme is Double Trouble, encouraging attendees to read books featuring twins, clones or doppelgängers. Snacks and wine will be provided, so participants must be 21 or older.

The library is also hosting a local history talk from 4 to 5 p.m. Sept. 9 to celebrate the 175th anniversary of California's statehood. Dixon Historical Society members will educate guests about the state's history and Dixon's role in California's heritage.

Finally, the library will host



The Dixon Public Library hosts two adult-oriented book clubs, one that runs on the first Wednesday every month at the Pip Wine Bar, 116 N. First St., and the other being the monthly Morning Book Club. Poppin' Bottles & Pop Culture Reads is from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Sept. 3. The Morning Book Club is from 11 a.m. to noon Sept. 11. Photo courtesy of Dixon Public Library



its monthly morning book club from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sept. 11. Located in the library's front room, the club will discuss "All the Sinners Bleed" by S.A. Cosby. Coffee and tea will be available.

For more information about September events at the library, visit solanolibrary.com or call 866-572-7587. ★

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Girl Scouts Celebrate Capitol Bridging Ceremony

Girl Scouts Heart of Central California News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Girl Scouts Heart of Central California (GSHCC) hosted its annual Capitol Bridging Ceremony on June 21, bringing together Girl Scouts of all ages for a memorable morning of reflection, celebration and advancement.

Held at the iconic Tower Bridge in Sacramento, the event invited girls and their adult volunteers or troop leaders to celebrate the accomplishments of the past year, connect with fellow Girl Scouts and bridge to the next level in their Girl Scout journey.

This cherished tradition highlights the spirit of Girl Scouting growth, sisterhood and service, providing a unique moment for girls to set new goals, honor their achievements and be inspired by the community around them.

"We are always excited to



Through various programs and initiatives, Girl Scouts Heart of Central California empowers girls to take the lead in their lives and communities. Photo courtesy of Girl Scouts Heart of Central California

welcome Girl Scouts and their families to the Capitol Bridging Ceremony and celebrate each girl's progress and the strong community that surrounds

them," said Claudine Niski, a learning and development specialist for Older Girl Trainings at Girl Scouts Heart of Central California.

The Capitol Bridging Ceremony is one of the most symbolic events of the year for Girl Scouts Heart of Central California and reflects the

organization's continued commitment to building girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.

Through various programs and initiatives, the organization empowers girls to take the lead in their lives and communities.

Headquartered in Sacramento, Girl Scouts Heart of Central California serves over 16,000 girl and adult members across 18 counties, including Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Mariposa, Merced, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tuolumne, Yolo and Yuba.

Backed by trusted adult volunteers, mentors and millions of alums, Girl Scouts lead the way as they find their voices and make changes that affect the issues most important to them. To join us, volunteer, reconnect or donate, visit www.girlscoutshcc.org. ★



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