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Chamber Announces Schedule Changes

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixon Chamber of Commerce has announced upcoming schedule changes, extended fundraising efforts and a slate of community events hosted by chamber members in early 2026.

The chamber office, 220 N. Jefferson St., will be closed from Dec. 22 through Jan. 2. Current chamber hours are 8 to 11 a.m. Monday through Thursday, with appointments available on Fridays. The office is closed Saturdays and Sundays. Beginning Jan. 20, the chamber will expand its operating hours to 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, while remaining closed on weekends.

The chamber has also extended its Second Annual Giving Tree Fundraiser through Dec. 31. The fundraiser allows residents to make donations benefiting three local student support programs: the Dixon High Rams Vault, Maine Prairie High Vault and the Anderson Nest. The fundraising goal is \$3,000, with \$1,000 designated for each program. A nonperishable food donation barrel provided by Cornerstone Church of Dixon is also available as part of the effort.

Several chamber-member organizations have announced events scheduled for January and beyond.

American Legion Post 208 will host a Hobo Beef Stew Dinner and Raffle on Jan. 16 at Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 N. First St. The host bar opens at 4:30 p.m., with dinner served at 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 per person. Additional information and tickets are available by calling 530-304-5385.

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce will also host a Chamber Connections Networking event from noon to 1:30 p.m. Jan. 1 at The Farmstead at Dixon, 350 Gateway Drive. The free, in-person event is designed to bring together local professionals, entrepreneurs and business owners. Attendees are encouraged to bring business cards.

The Dixon Library, located at 230 N. First St., will offer several programs for various age groups in early January. The library will be closed from Dec. 22 through Jan. 3 for its winter program break.

An "Afternoon Adventures: Firework Painting" program is scheduled from 2 to 3 p.m. Jan. 9. The program is part

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Council Rejects Residential Parking Zone Ordinance

By Shaunna Boyd

DIXON, CA (MPG) - At the Dec. 16 meeting of the Dixon City Council, the approval of eight additional License Plate Recognition (LPR) cameras was considered, at a total year-one cost of \$29,200.

Vice Mayor Thom Bogue questioned the justification for adding these cameras, and Police Chief Robert Thompson explained the city currently has 12 of these cameras covering six locations. As the department has been using the system, they've identified gaps in coverage that could be solved by adding cameras to four new locations.

Chief Thompson called the cameras "transformational technology" that help investigate incidents more quickly and efficiently, so the gaps are "impairing investigations."

Chief Thompson said the cameras are tied to a regional network, so the information is shared in real-time among neighboring jurisdictions, which is an invaluable resource.

The council voted unanimously to approve the purchase.

A public hearing was held to place a real property lien for delinquent transient occupancy taxes on the Motel 6 operating at 1480 Ary Lane.

Finance Director Kate Zawadzki said the property owner has been notified numerous times of the past-due amounts and of this public hearing. The total proposed lien is \$242,931.88, which includes past due taxes from the last two years, as well as penalties for non-payment.

The council voted unanimously to approve the lien, which will be filed with Solano County Recorder's Office.

Public Works Director Louren Kotow presented an update on the city's on-demand transit service, Read-Ride. Seniors receive a reduced rate of \$2.25 per fare, and residents over 80 years old receive free rides under the Golden Pass program.

Program operations are funded through a \$1 million grant, and to remain eligible, the city needs to show that 10 percent of fares are recovered toward operations.

Kotow said the number of Golden

Pass rides are outpacing regular ridership, with the city recovering approximately 8 percent of fares.

The recovery cost requirement has been waived in recent years during the pandemic recovery period, but Kotow said the rule could be imposed at any time.

Possible options include either limiting the number of Golden Pass rides per person per month, or allocating general funds to subsidize the program, at approximately \$5,600 per year.

A subsidy would ensure the program can continue as-is, without risk of losing the grant funding.

Council directed staff to draft a budget amendment for \$7,000 to subsidize the program.

Councilmember Johnson had previously requested an update about the status of Hexavalent Chromium, or Chrome 6, compliance issues in the city. The update was presented by Water Operations Supervisor Josh Hudson, who explained that Chrome 6 is a heavy metal, which can be naturally occurring and is toxic in high

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Dixon News Briefs

Giving Tree Delivers More Than 350 Gifts to Families



With heavy rain and flooding on the horizon, Dixon Fire Department is offering sandbags to the community throughout the week. The fire station, 205 Ford Way, is open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By MPG Staff

Dixon Chamber Connections Networking

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce is hosting a networking event from noon to 1:30 p.m. Jan. 1. 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.

Christmas Tree Recycling Fundraiser

Boy Scout Troop 152 is hosting a tree recycling fundraiser Jan. 3 and 10. Dixonites can sign up online to have their Christmas trees recycled by local Boy Scouts after the New Year for a donation. No donation is too small, but a suggested donation of \$20 per tree is appreciated. Proceeds will fund campouts, service projects, equipment, leadership training and year-round adventure for the troop.

For more information or to sign up, visit troop152dixon.com or call 707-676-6152.

Read to a Dog

Dixon Library is hosting Read to a Dog from 3 to 4 p.m. Dec. 29. Hosted at the library, 230 N. First St., the activity provides children ages five to 12 with the opportunity to read aloud to certified therapy dogs. The program offers a relaxed, non-judgmental environment aimed at improving reading fluency and building positive reading experiences.

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

Easy as Pizza

Soroptimist International of Dixon is partnering with Pizza Guys for a fundraiser all day Jan. 12. Held at Pizza Guys, 1455 Ary Lane, attendees are encouraged to mention Soroptimist when they order to participate. A portion of sales will be donated to the club for community grants.

For more information, visit the Dixon Calendar and Events Facebook page or call 707-693-6666.

Dixon Girls Softball Registration

Dixon Girls Softball has opened registration for the Spring 2026 season. Regular registration lasts until Dec. 31, with late registration lasting from Jan. 1 to Jan. 15. Regular registration costs \$225 and late registration costs \$250. Dixon Girls Softball is also looking for dedicated and enthusiastic coaches to join their 12U Travel and 10U Select teams for the upcoming season.

For more information or to register, visit dixongirlssoftball.com or email infor@dixongirlssoftball.com. Coaching applications are available on the Dixon Girls

Softball Facebook page.

Dixon Library Book Club

Dixon Library is hosting its monthly morning book club meeting from 11 a.m. to noon Jan. 8. The morning book club is a monthly, adult-oriented group that will be reading "They Called Us Enemy" by George Takei. Coffee and tea will be provided for attendees, and the meeting itself will be in the library's front room, 230 N. First St.

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

Friendly Bookworm Christmas Sale

The Friendly Bookworm is hosting a Christmas sale until Jan. 3. Located at 230 N. First St., next to the library, the bookstore is offering 50% off all Christmas merchandise, including books, jigsaw puzzles, movies, greeting cards, toys and music CDs. Notably, the shop will be closed Dec. 24 to Dec. 26 and Dec. 31 to Jan. 31.

For more information, visit the Friends of the Dixon Library Facebook page or call 707-624-0144.

Sandbags Available

With heavy rain and flooding on the horizon, Dixon Fire Department is offering sandbags to the community throughout the week. The fire station, 205 Ford Way, is open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sand is available on the northwest corner of A St. and Jackson St. To report flooding during business hours, call 707-678-7030. For all other issues during business hours, call 707-678-7000. After hours, call 707-678-7080.

For more information, visit the City of Dixon, CA Facebook page or call 707-678-7060.

Cat Show at the May Fair

The Cat Fanciers' Association Northwest Region Cat Show, titled "Cats Royale," will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 10. Held in Madden Hall, 655 S. First St., exhibitor hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with public visiting hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$10 for children, students with identification and seniors, and \$40 for families. The show will feature a variety of cat breeds and include a costume contest.

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

New Year's Cake Class

Every Baking Moment is offering a New Year's themed cake baking class from 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 30. Held at the shop, 143 N. First St., the class will educate attendees on how to decorate a 6" cake to take home. The program is \$50 per person and all supplies will be provided.

For more information, or to sign up, visit everybakingmoment.com or call 707-693-0112. ★



Dignity Health Woodland Memorial Hospital provided more than 350 holiday gifts to 42 local families this season through its annual Giving Tree program. Courtesy photo

Dignity Health News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - Dignity Health Woodland Memorial Hospital provided more than 350 holiday gifts to 42 local families this season through its annual Giving Tree program, in partnership with the Yolo County Children's Alliance.

The Giving Tree program, now a holiday tradition at Woodland Memorial Hospital, supports children, single parents, caregivers and teens from families living well below the poverty level throughout Yolo County.

Giving Tree tags displayed holiday wishes from families served by the alliance, helping connect hospital staff directly with community needs. Hundreds of hospital employees and medical providers participated, donating gifts that brought holiday cheer and essential support to families facing financial hardship.

"The Giving Tree program reflects our commitment to caring for the whole person and supporting families beyond the walls of the hospital," said Dr. Ashley Sens, chief medical officer at Woodland Memorial Hospital and a board member

of the Yolo County Children's Alliance.

"By working together, we can help strengthen families and support the well-being of children across our community."

"Support from community partners like Woodland Memorial Hospital makes a meaningful difference for families across Yolo County," said Jeneba Lahai, Executive Director of the Yolo County Children's Alliance. "These gifts help ensure children and caregivers feel supported during the holidays and reinforce that they are not alone."

The initiative aligns with the missions of both organizations. Woodland Memorial Hospital, part of CommonSpirit Health, is committed to providing compassionate, high-quality care while addressing social factors that impact health.

The Yolo County Children's Alliance works to advocate for children and families, provide access to critical resources and promote long-term stability for those most in need. To learn more about the Yolo County Children's Alliance, visit YoloKids.org. ★

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concentrations. The federal maximum contaminant level (MCL) is 100 parts per billion (ppb) of total chromium.

California previously had a 50 ppb MCL, but recently changed it to 10 ppb. This change puts the city's water system in violation, at a range of 16-27 ppb. The city has a three-year deadline to get the water system below that level, due Oct. 1, 2027.

The city has submitted a compliance plan to the state for review. Compliance options include water treatments and drilling deeper wells, all of which will be costly undertakings.

The city is part of a lawsuit against the state for imposing this unfunded mandate. A hearing on the merits of the case is scheduled for Jan. 21, 2026.

Councilmember Johnson said this mandate will result in a significant increase for ratepayers.

The council considered a potential ordinance establishing a residential permit parking zone on North 4th St., between East A St. and East C St., adjacent to John Knight Middle School.

Many homes in that neighborhood only have street parking available, which was frequently taken up by staff from the middle school, despite requests by the school and the city for staff to park in their designated parking lot.

Residents were frequently inconvenienced, particularly those with medical or mobility issues, as well as when attempting to receive services or deliveries.

The council previously approved temporary signs designating the area as a residential parking zone. But without an official ordinance in place, the police department has no enforcement ability.

Establishing a residential parking zone with permits for residents would allow for enforcement, including fines and potentially

even towing unauthorized vehicles.

However, the police department expressed concerns with such an ordinance, stating that it would impose administrative and regulatory obligations on the department that they don't have the staffing or resources to support.

In addition, the police department stated that a parking management program is not a public safety function, and the operation of such a program would divert officers away from their essential patrol and investigative duties.

Staff said the temporary signage had improved the issue, and the school superintendent recently reminded staff not to park on the street, so the problem was mostly resolved.

Vice Mayor Thom Bogue, who has long been a proponent of an enforceable residential parking zone at this location, said that while there has been recent voluntary compliance, the problem just moved to another neighborhood down the road.

Councilmember Jim Ernest said that the city doesn't have enough funding and staffing to implement this kind of program for the houses on just one street. And he cautioned that if they did establish residential parking here, many other neighborhoods throughout the city would start requesting the same.

Councilmembers Kevin Johnson and Don Hendershot agreed that the ordinance was probably not the right solution.

Vice Mayor Bogue accused the rest of the council of "flipflopping" now that staff said the ordinance would be too difficult to implement. He motioned approval of the ordinance, which failed 1-4, with only his vote in support.

Councilmember Ernest said he would support installing permanent signage on the street to encourage continued voluntary compliance.

The next meeting of the Dixon City Council is scheduled for January 6, 2026. ★

New Postage Rules in Effect

Solano County News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Effective Dec. 24, USPS will treat the machine-applied postmark date as: "The date of the first automated processing operation at a USPS processing facility."

This is not the same as the date the taxpayer dropped the item at the post office, a lobby/retail acceptance date, or the stamped date on metered mail or postage labels applied by the sender.

For example, if mail is dropped off at the USPS on Day 1, it may not receive its first processing scan until Day 2 (or later) -- so the official "postmark date" under the new rule could be later than the actual mailing date.

The postmark delay is expected to become more common with the USPS's implementation of its Regional Transportation Optimization initiative, which shifts mail movement into regional legs rather than routing it from local post offices to local processing

plans, i.e., mail will move through regional hubs.

The new USPS rule outlines these methods to ensure a postmark is on the date of delivery.

USPS customers may request a manual postmark by presenting a mail piece at a retail counter and request a "manual (local) postmark". This postmark is applied at the time of acceptance, so the date aligns with the date the USPS took possession.

Another option for customers is a Postage Validation Imprint (PVI). When a customer pays for postage at a retail counter, the postage validation imprint (PVI) label applied by the employee also indicates the date of acceptance.

Additionally, customers may purchase a Certificate of Mailing, or use Registered or Certified Mail, to obtain a receipt that serves as evidence of the date the item was presented for mailing.

For more information, visit solanocounty.gov. ★

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Serenity Saddles Supports Riders with Special Needs

Chamber Announces Schedule Changes



The Dixon Library, located at 230 N. First St., will offer several programs for various age groups in early January. The library will be closed from Dec. 22 through Jan. 3 for its winter program break. Photo by Kendall Brown

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of an after-school series for school-age children and their families and will feature a hands-on art activity celebrating the new year.

From 1 to 3 p.m. Jan. 10, the library will host the Dixon Youth Air Protectors Showcase. The event will focus on local air quality hazards and bicycle rack placement, in partnership with Sustainable Solano. Registration is required, with space limited to 35 participants.

The library will also provide Drop-In Senior Tech Help from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Jan. 13 at the Dixon Senior/Multi-Use Center, 210 S. Fifth St. The monthly program occurs on the second Tuesday of each month and offers 90 minutes of technology assistance without an appointment. Additional information is available at solanolibrary.com or by calling 1-866-572-7587.

Joystick Gaming Lounge, 420 Gateway Drive, Suite C, has announced several January events. Pokémon Night will be held from 6



Joystick Gaming Lounge, 420 Gateway Drive, Suite C, has announced several January events, including a Pokémon Night from 6 to 8 p.m. Jan. 3 and a Street Fighter tournament from 6 to 10 p.m. Jan. 9. Photo courtesy of Joystick Gaming Lounge

to 8 p.m. Jan. 3 with a \$5 entry fee. A Street Fighter Tournament is scheduled from 6 to 10 p.m. Jan. 9, with a \$15 entry fee and online registration available. Joystick will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and will close at 5 p.m. Dec. 31. For more information, visit joystickdixon.com or call 707-676-5697.

Dixon Little League has opened registration for its Spring 2026 season. Registration closes Jan. 4, with fees set at \$180 for Tee Ball and \$210 for AA

through Juniors. Opening Weekend is scheduled for March 6 and 7.

It's All About the Scrapbook, 1670 N. Lincoln St., Suite B, will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Christmas Eve and closed Christmas Day. The shop will host a Crafters Flea Market March 5 and 6, with early bird tickets available Jan. 2.

For more information about chamber activities and member events, residents are encouraged to visit dixonchamber.org or call 707-678-2650 during operating hours. ★

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Serenity Saddles Therapeutic Riding Program has been providing equine-assisted activities to children and adults with special needs in the Dixon area since its founding in September 2019.

Located at JBar 4 Ranch, 7778 Nunes Road, Serenity Saddles serves a wide variety of clients through a therapeutic riding program designed to address cognitive, physical and social development. The program is directed by Renee Croog, an Advanced Therapeutic Riding Instructor certified through PATH International, the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship.

"Changing one life at a time is our mission statement," said Croog. "Healing and support are delivered with understanding, empathy and care."

Serenity Saddles works with individuals with a wide range of disabilities and conditions, including cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, ADHD, ADD, depression and anxiety. The program also serves accident victims, veterans and individuals preparing to enter the workforce. Participants include children in the school system as well as adults seeking physical, emotional or social support.

The therapeutic riding classes are tailored to meet each rider's individual needs and abilities. According to Croog, the movement of the horse plays a key role in the physical benefits of the program.

"The horse's movements help strengthen the upper body core, lower extremities and coordination," said Croog. "They're learning how to move their arms and legs in coordination with the horse, like steering techniques."

Cognitive development is also emphasized during sessions. Riders learn sequencing, balance and communication skills while engaging in horsemanship activities. Croog said the program sometimes works alongside occupational therapists to support participant growth and goal setting.

Emotional and social benefits are fostered through interaction with the horses and the supportive environment. Croog described the bond that develops between rider and horse as an important part of the experience.

"The mental part is the bond with the horse; brushing them, feeling their fur, the attention the horse gives to the child or adult, they learn to return it," said Croog. "They're almost like big dogs; they're very affectionate."

Participants are given individualized goals

to track progress over time. Croog said the changes can be seen through improved confidence, engagement and communication.

"We give our clients goals to track their improvement," said Croog.

Serenity Saddles also hosts community events to raise funds and increase awareness of therapeutic riding. Dec. 20, the program held its annual Pony Rides and Santa event, which included pony rides, arts and crafts, photos with Santa, cookies and hot cocoa.

Croog said the event serves as both a fundraiser and an opportunity to welcome the broader community.

"That was a fundraising event that we do every year," said Croog.

Proceeds help with facility upkeep and provide scholarships for participants who cannot afford lessons.

Pony rides were offered for \$10, while other activities were free. Croog said affordability was a priority.

"We do that so they can have a really nice time going into the holidays," said Croog.

Despite rainy weather, Croog said the turnout was strong.

"We got a great crowd, around 80 percent of our usual response," said Croog. "We even still had people walking in at the last minute."

Croog credited J Bar 4 Ranch for its continued support.

"We've been there six years now, and they've been nothing but kind to us," said Croog.

Community events also help introduce new families to the program.

"People come and they realize we're there," said Croog. "When we open to the public, word of mouth helps us grow."

Croog expressed gratitude to those who support Serenity Saddles.

"We would not survive without our volunteers; they are the backbone of this business," said Croog.

She also thanked office administrator Aimee Jenkins and assistant manager Aurora Scott.

For families considering therapeutic riding, Croog emphasized flexibility and training.

"We're very flexible with our hours and tailor our program to everyone's needs," said Croog. "We have a very friendly atmosphere, trained instructors and we're a PATH-certified center."

For more information, visit serenitysaddles.com or call 707-392-4102. ★

Busy Bees Thank General Electric



The Busy Bees at the Dixon Senior Center would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to General Electric of Dixon for their generous donation of winter craft materials. Photo courtesy of Dixon Senior Center

Dixon Senior Center News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Busy Bees at the Dixon Senior Center would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to General Electric of Dixon for their generous donation of winter craft materials. Their contribution included fabric for warm lap blankets, yarn for cozy knit hats and dried flowers and leaves for creating festive wreaths.

In addition to the supplies, the Busy Bees

were treated to tea, cookies, chocolate and popcorn to enjoy while crafting together, making the experience even more special.

Donations like these help keep our Busy Bees buzzing and truly reflect the spirit of generosity and community that this season is all about. Dixon Senior Center and the Busy Bees are deeply grateful for General Electric's kindness and support.

Thank you again -- your generosity is greatly appreciated. ★

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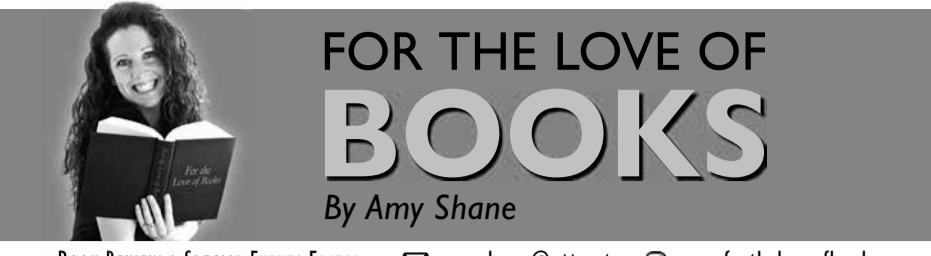
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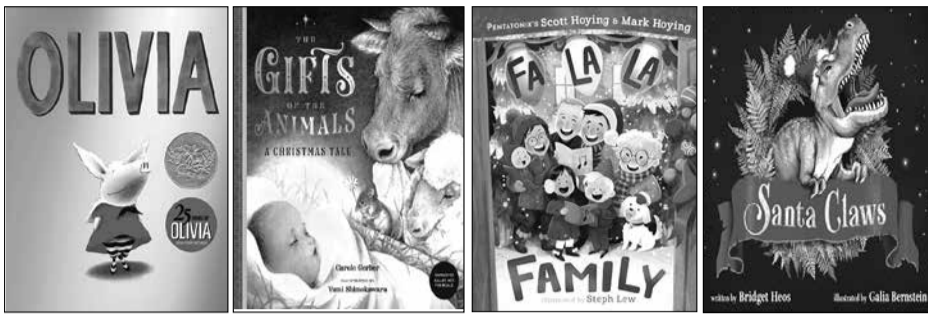
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A Little Extra Holiday Book Magic



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by In Falconer, Atheneum Books For Young Readers

Give the gift of 25 years of Olivia in this commemorative picture book. Olivia is here again to have fun with a whole new audience. Olivia, wakes up ready to go and fills her day with getting ready, dressing up, dancing, art, and so much more. But is she ready for bed yet?

Parents and grandparents will delight in this new silver cover edition of Olivia, Complete with a sticker sheet inside. The beloved, darling little pig, Olivia, has delighted audiences for 25 years and is the perfect gift for any reader or occasion.

Christmas Fairies for Ouma

by Lindsey McDivitt and Katarzyna Bukiert; Familius

Follow the extraordinary path one little letter takes to get to a little girl's Ouma (grandma). One snowy day, Tessa draws a beautiful card full of faeries for her grandmother, all the way in Cape Town, South Africa. And from the hands of one kind stranger to the next, the little Christmas card makes its way to Ouma. A beautiful celebration of 10,000 miles and all the beautiful places along the way.

Gifts of the Animals: A Christmas Tale

by Carole Gerber and Yumi Shimokawara; Familius

Stunningly illustrated and beautifully narrated, this Christmas story is a must-have. While everyone knows the story

of Christmas, this beautiful story highlights the story given by the animals and the beautiful gifts they have to bestow. The Gifts of the Animals is a wonderful and unique collaboration between the poet Carole Gerber and the renowned Japanese artist Yumi Shimokawara. A perfect book to add to any Christmas Library.

Fa La La Family

by Pentatonix's Scott Hoying and Mark Hoying, illustrated by Steph Lew; Henry Holt

"Christmas is for Families, Families of all kinds"

A true celebration of family, far and wide. Whether your family is big or small, full of furry friends, near or far, family is the greatest gift of all. Christmas is also the perfect time to celebrate with music, and Scott and Mark are here to guide you through. With a QR code to hear them sing and sheet music in the back, readers will be ready to fa-la-la the whole night through.

Santa Claws

by Bridget Heos, Galia Bernstein; Henry Holt and Company

Dinosaur lovers rejoice with Santa Claws. While children write letters to Santa, hatchling dinosaurs write letters to Santa Claws. Step inside the world of dinosaurs at Christmas, with hanging stockings and Santa soaring through the sky. A wonderful dino-riffic treat and a perfect Christmas story for all the young paleontologists out there. ★



Riley Reviews

“SONG SUNG BLUE” DELIGHTS FOR ITS HOMAGE TO THE POWER OF MUSIC

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

“SONG SUNG BLUE” Rated PG-13

Just in time for the height of the holiday season, the musical drama “Song Sung Blue” being released on Christmas Day does not necessarily make it a “Christmas movie” but the compelling story of a musical act experiencing success as well as heartbreak to overcome hardship seems fitting for the time.

The musical journey of Milwaukee husband and wife Mike and Claire Sardina (Hugh Jackman and Kate Hudson, respectively), when they form a Neal Diamond tribute band, is an incredibly moving love story of the unpredictable joys and sorrows for the challenges they must face.

What adds to the fascination of “Song Sung Blue” is that it is based on a true story that came to the attention of writer and director Craig Brewer when he saw the 2008 documentary of the same title about the working-class couple who underwent pain and loss in their lives but found love and salvation in singing.

At its core, as Craig Brewer reportedly observes in the press notes, “Song Sung Blue” is about rooting “for underdogs because their struggle is our song. We need to see real people triumph over adversity – not just superheroes in capes.”

A recovering alcoholic and Vietnam vet, Mike is a small-time musician on the gigging circuit. He moonlights as an auto mechanic to support what he really loves most, performing in dive bars, carnivals, and restaurants, even before an unresponsive audience.

A single mom to teenager Rachel (Ella Anderson) and precocious adolescent Dayna (Hudson Hensley), Claire meets as a hairdresser but suffers periods of depression that are alleviated to some extent by honing her skills as a singer.

Also divorced, Mike's teenaged daughter Angelina (singer-songwriter King Princess), who is from Florida where she lives with her mother, ends up bonding with Rachel after sharing a joint.

Mike and Claire meet at the Wisconsin State Fair as part of the entertainment for a Legends tribute to artists ranging from Elvis and Barbra Streisand to Willie Nelson and Buddy Holly, the latter being portrayed by Michael Imperioli's Mark Shurilla, the event promoter.

With this group of impersonators, Mike is tasked with going on the show as Don Ho, the Hawaiian pop musician, to sing his best-known song “Tiny Bubbles.” Rebellious at the thought of debasing himself to sing a shopworn classic, Mike abruptly quits the show.

However, Mike is intrigued by Claire's

impersonation of country and western legend Patsy Cline and proceeds to exchange banter that soon inevitably leads to a fast romance and marriage. For her part, Claire wants Mike to perform Neil Diamond songs.

Sporting long hair and a sparkling overcoat, Mike insists on his rock persona of “Lightning,” and lets it be known that he's not a Neil Diamond impersonator. He prefers to be referred to as a “Neil Diamond interpreter;” a distinction that's mainly semantics.

As Mike and Claire kick around ideas for their musical act, Mike suggests that his partner take on the moniker of Thunder to his Lightning and thus is born the “Lightning & Thunder” tribute band backed up by musicians known as The Esquires.

Show promoter Mark Shurilla joins them on guitar, as he decides that impersonating Buddy Holly, who died at the age of 22, is a hard act to keep up when one is already thirty years older.

Mike's dentist, Dr. Dave Watson (Fisher Stevens), serves as the band manager, for what looks like pro bono work that's only reward is being part of the music scene. Meanwhile, show booker Tom D'Amato (Jim Belushi) promises gigs at casinos.

An engagement at a venue for motorcycle enthusiasts turns disastrous when the audience turns out to be bikers, who could care less about a rendition of “Sweet Caroline” as they probably want to hear Guns N' Roses or Black Sabbath.

Not a fan of heavy metal or rebellious anthems, Mike insists on starting an engagement with the soulful, mystical Neil Diamond song “Soolaimon,” a spiritual mantra that's not exactly what the audience is expecting as the opener.

Nevertheless, Lightning & Thunder perform on the Midwest circuit and develop a following that leads to a big break when Eddie Vedder (John Beckwith) reaches out with a request for them to be the opening act for Pearl Jam in Milwaukee.

While their career is taking off, sudden tragedy strikes in a horrific accident that sidelines Claire, who sinks to a level of despair affecting her mental health. Just to keep things going, Mike sings and host karaoke nights at a family restaurant.

“Song Sung Blue” turns into a rollercoaster ride of highs and lows, with Claire eventually returning to the fold for a big reunion concert, only to find that Mike has his share of physical problems consistent with a heart condition.

Hugh Jackman and Kate Hudson have great chemistry, which shines with the revelatory power of their characters' love for music and each other. Appreciation of Neil Diamond's repertoire is a bonus for this musical tribute. ★

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



DIXON POLICE LOG

Friday, December 12, 2025

- 1220 - Informational report taken in the 400 block of East A Street.
- 1229 - Missing person report taken in the 100 block of Heritage Lane.
- 1601 - Arrest in the 100 block of Heritage Lane. John Obrien (65), of Dixon, was arrested for Battery and Trespassing. He was transported to the Solano County Jail.

Thursday, December 11

- 0747 - Vandalism to a vehicle reported in the 200 block of South Seventh Street.
- 1009 - Fraud reported in the 1200 block of Baylor Way.
- 1109 - Suspicious person in the 500 block of West F Street. Oscar Orozco (34), of Dixon, was arrested for Drunk in Public, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Probation Violation. He was transported to the Solano County Jail.
- 1337 - Two-vehicle non-injury traffic collision in the area of North First Street and Stratford Avenue.
- 1719 - Suspicious circumstance reported in the 1000 block of Fielder Court.
- 1723 - Two-vehicle non-injury traffic collision in the 2300 block of North First Street.

Wednesday, December 10

- 0650 - Theft Report 900 block Merrill Drive.
- 1100 - Court Order violation at Dixon Police Department.
- 1130 - Industrial Accident 1900 block North First Street.
- 1305 - Fraud Report 600 block Monk Court.
- 1310 - Parking Complaint 600 block South Lincoln Street.
- 1610 - Fraud report 2000 block Rehrmann.

Tuesday, December 9

- 0940 - Indecent Exposure 1200 block Stratford Avenue.
- 1525 - Found Property Valley Glen Drive.

Monday, December 8

- 1010 - Vandalism report taken at Northwest Park.
- 1058 - Found property report taken at the police department.
- 1110 - Theft report taken in the 100 block of Heritage Lane.
- 1209 - Abandoned vehicle towed in the 1300 block of Dawson Drive.
- 1246 - Theft report taken in the 300 block of South Jefferson Street.
- 1515 - Restraining order violation reported at the police department.

Sunday, December 7

- 0731 - Missing persons report taken in the 100 block of Heritage Lane.
- 1142 - Vehicle towed from El Dorado Court.
- 1543 - Vandalism report in the 500 block of South First Street.
- 1709 - Burglary report taken in the 1100 block of Dawson Drive.
- 1811 - Officers responded to a vehicle stopped in the roadway on North First Street with no lights on. Officers contacted the driver, who drove away and ultimately stopped on Seivers Road at Pedrick Road. During the subsequent encounter, an officer-involved shooting occurred.
- 1818 - Battery Report 1500 block Valley Glen Drive.

Saturday, December 6

- 0753 - Theft report taken in the 100 block of Dorset Drive.
- 0859 - Vandalism and Trespassing report taken in the 100 block of South Second Street.
- 1646 - Felony battery report taken in the 200 block of West A Street.
- 2240 - Vaka Katoa Sr (42) of Dixon was contacted in the 900 block of North Adams Street and later arrested for public intoxication.
- 0137 - Christian Chavez (23) of Dixon was contacted in the 400 block of West Chestnut Street and later arrested for DUI and hit-and-run.

Friday, December 5

- 0820 - Non-injury vehicle collision at North First and A Street.
- 1040 - Suspicious Circumstances at Northwest Park.
- 1120 - Suspicious person in the 1400 block of Ary Lane. Jesse Gonzales (27) of Vacaville was arrested for carrying a concealed dirk or dagger, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of controlled substances.

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by Jeff Pickering

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...SINCE I'M IN THE DOG HOUSE!

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS **POPEYE** BY GARY HIGGINS

THOUGH OUR TIME TOGETHER IS BRIEF IT IS NO LESS IMPORTANT TO ME, MY LOVE FOR YOU IS, AND ALWAYS WILL BE, TRUE.

STOP RECITIN' SONNETS 'T VER BURGER AN EAT IT WEIRDO.

EXCUSE ME FOR APPRECIATING CULINARY ART!

PERFECTION AS ALWAYS, ROUGH HOUSE, A LITTLE EXTRA FOR YOUR TROUBLE.

SEE YOU AT DINNER, WIMP!

I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE YOU HAPPY 'T SEE WIMPY OR HIM PAVIN' FER FOOD.

HE'S CURRENTLY MY BEST CUSTOMER!

HOW'D WIMPY GET MONEY AN' TH' WILL T PAY FER ANTHIN'?

HE GOT A JOB! AND HE'S GOOD AT IT!

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

WHOA, BOYS, LAST FARM ON THE ROUTE. A FAMILY WITH A LITTLE FELLA NAMED GERALD LIVES HERE.

I RECALL THE ELVES HAVING SOME ISSUE AS TO WHERE TO PLACE HIM, ON THE NAUGHTY OR NICE LIST.

WOW, THERE'S ACTUALLY A DISCLAIMER AFTER HIS NAME.

NOT ON EARTH COULD WIMPY DO FER A JOB?

HE'S A MALL SANTA! MOST POPULAR IN THE COUNTY.

WHO KNEW ALL WIMPY NEEDED T' STRAIGHTEN UP WAS T' WORK FER KIDS?

... ANOTHER TRICK IS TO MENTION TO YOUR DAD HE LEFT HIS PHONE UNLOCKED. IF HE ASKS IF YOU LOOKED AT IT JUST GIVE HIM A DISAPPOINTED LOOK.

SANTA GUARANTEES YOU'LL GET WHAT YOU WANT THIS CHRISTMAS! (WITH THESE WPS)

YOU'LL BE SURPRISED AT HOW GIVING HELL BE FOR CHRISTMAS.

THIS IS WHY I STILL BELIEVE IN YOU.

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

I'M A SNOWFLAKE, A ONE-OF-A-KIND WONDER OF NATURE! I AM LIKE NO OTHER. UNIQUE... SPECIAL... I AM WINTER'S PRECIOUS PIXIE! I AM...

AAAAAAGH!

WHOOOSH WHOOOSH WHOOOSH

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

NO

NOPE

NOT DOWN HERE

NOTHING

NOT IN HERE

NO WELL, THIS CHRISTMAS

...IF WE ARE GETTING ANYTHING, IT MUST BE AWFUL SMALL

GRIN THE BEAR IT by Dave T. Phipps

MY WIFE WANTS TO INVITE YOU GUYS FOR DINNER. YOU STRIKE ME AS A GUY WHO LIKES MYSTERY AND A BIT OF DANGER, RIGHT?

"Don't look at the picture, OK?"

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- CLUES**
- ACROSS**
- Hot Springs and such
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 - Wharton degree, acr.
 - Artist's inspiration
 - "Move head to show attention"
 - Angry growl
 - Shamu, e.g.
 - Diva's number
 - Put on fancy dress (2 words)
 - "Making facial expression showing pain"
 - Mine passage
 - Single-handedly
 - Assistance
 - Made according to specifications
 - Economizes
 - Biochemistry acr.
 - Aerie baby
 - Genesis skipper
 - Leaves out
 - "Some look up and to the right when telling one"
 - Watcher
 - "The Forsyte ___" by John Galsworthy
 - Forty winks
 - Fraternity letter T
 - "Said "easy peasy" with fingers"
 - Like a weight lifter, usually
 - Weasel-related onomatopoeia
 - Undo laces
 - Helicopter sound
 - "Showing low self-esteem or boredom"
 - 100 centimes
 - Purl partner
 - From square one
 - Frustration, in a comic book
 - "At ___, soldier!"
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- DOWN**
- Urban haze
 - Make like a cat
 - Ascus, pl.
 - Same as sea moss (2 words)
 - Rice wine
 - Dress with a flare
 - Rudolph, when older
 - Famous Christmas guests
 - Like some champagnes
 - High mountain
 - Toyota truck model
 - Part of flight
 - "Showing agreement"
 - Healing plants
 - Be in a cast
 - "Show anger with arms"
 - Unnerve
 - Eurasian antelope
 - "___ but not heard"
 - Much, in Italy
 - Song of praise
 - "I don't know" move
 - "One's smiling because one's ___"
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 - "Showing impatience with fingers"
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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.

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

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

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

Anderson PTO – Meets monthly at 7 p.m. at Anderson Elementary School, 415 East C St. Email

andersonroadrunnerspto@gmail.com for dates.

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

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

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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.

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

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

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

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

Dixon Historical Society – Meets quarterly on the third Sunday of Feb., Apr., Aug., and Oct. from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Dixon United Methodist Church Social Hall located at 209 N. Jefferson St. in Dixon. Meetings include a historical representation and announcements of upcoming events. Anyone interested in the history of Dixon, and its surrounding areas, is welcome! You do not need to be a member to attend, and all presentations are free to the community. The Dixon History Museum is open for visits, Thursdays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fridays 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For further information, please contact us at www.dixonhistoricalsociety.org. Email dhs.dixonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com, or call 707-693-3044.

Dixon Kiwanis Club – an International civic organization serving the community through

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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 707-624-0144.

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

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

Living With Cancer – Support Group for people who have or have had cancer meets the first, third, and fifth Tuesday of every month, 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the Dining conference room at Woodland Memorial Hospital, 1325 Cottonwood St., Woodland. Free.

Narcotics Anonymous – Open meetings are held every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Dixon United Methodist, 209 N. Jefferson St. (Corner of West B and N. Jefferson). For helpline information and other meetings, go to www.napasolanona.org.

Northern Solano Democratic Club (NSDC) – Meets on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at IBEW, 30 Orange Tree Circle, Vacaville (behind Home Depot). For more information, contact Jeanie White 615-260-7896 or email pres.nsdcd@gmail.com. Visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/northernolanodem/.

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.

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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.

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Newsom's \$18 Billion Budget Gap Has Roots in Pandemic Aid Ending



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

When Gov. Gavin Newsom unveils his first draft of the state's 2026-27 budget next month, he'll reveal whether he intends to deal squarely with its chronic, multi-billion-dollar deficit or punt the shortfall to his successor.

Legislative Analyst Gabe Petek, the Legislature's independent fiscal advisor, estimates the state faces an \$18 billion gap between projected spending and likely revenues next year and, if left unaddressed, the deficit will grow to \$35 billion a year.

Meanwhile, Petek says, the state has rung up \$21.6 billion in off-the-books debt to cover deficits in recent fiscal years.

Petek and others have warned about the possibility of a serious recession afflicting the national economy which would exacerbate the budget's imbalance and strain California's emergency reserves, which have already been tapped to cover shortfalls.

Even without a recession, California's economy is, in Petek's words, "sluggish." Jobs are shrinking, and at 5.6% of the labor force, California's unemployment rate remains the highest of any state.

The recent history of papering over deficits with gimmicks and borrowed money is not an encouraging

signal of a forthright approach. However, perhaps Newsom will opt to balance California's books before embarking on a near-certain presidential campaign.

Unfortunately, the state is not alone in being plagued by yawning gaps between income and outgo. Throughout California, school districts, cities, counties and other units of local government are facing deficits rooted in the same dynamics that led to red ink in state finances – immense injections of federal relief funds during the COVID-19 pandemic.

It's been estimated that the feds pumped as much as \$600 billion into California through state and local governments to counteract the pandemic's economic impacts, not counting many other billions that businesses and individuals received directly.

The federal aid gave officials cash to spend with few safeguards and fueled a short-lived jolt of taxes, particularly income taxes.

The Newsom administration interpreted the windfall as a permanent increase in revenue that led the governor to declare, in 2022, a \$97.5 billion surplus. He and the Legislature immediately ramped up spending. But the surplus never materialized, and eventually the administration acknowledged that it had over-estimated revenues by \$165 billion four years.

By then, however, the additional spending, especially for an expansion of medical care, was lodged in state law, and the state was left with what is termed a "structural deficit" in the \$20 billion range.

Meanwhile, local governments and school districts were using their pandemic

aid to satisfy the demands by employee unions for salary increases, which often could not be covered once the federal aid vanished. Inflation in living costs ratcheted up union salary demands even further.

A new report by the Fiscal Crisis & Management Assistance Team, which monitors California school district finances, examined the chronically troubled Sacramento City Unified School District and described how federal aid led to its financial quicksand.

The report catalogued the district's history of overspending revenues and said, "This (federal) funding masked the district's existing structural deficit, delaying the necessary actions to be taken to address it."

Even after the federal aid stopped, the district continued to sign union contracts calling for raises that it could not afford. And it failed to implement the cost-saving steps it had pledged to balance its budget, the analysis found.

The budget problems in other school districts – Oakland Unified is a notorious example – and in local governments such as the City of Los Angeles have a similar ring. School trustees and city council members, elected with union support, squandered federal aid. Then they approved unsustainable contracts and blamed the resulting deficits on insufficient revenue.

Dan Walters is one of the most decorated and widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column four times a week that offers his view and analysis of the state's political, economic, social and demographic trends. ★

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



As the vaunted Houston Rockets entered Golden One Arena Sunday night with a gaudy 17-8 record was there anyone that could have conceived the Sacramento Kings would rebound the Rockets 55-47? You would be hard pressed to find someone, but that's exactly what the Kings did, resulting in a hard fought 125-124 win!

Sitting just behind the Kings bench I was saddened by the number of empty seats that I gazed upon, and I found myself wondering why so many fans made the decision to stay home just days before Christmas.

Why not take the family out and celebrate the great careers of players like Russell Westbrook and DeMar DeRozan, leading the team to a holiday victory? That's exactly what they did, and coming back from a double deficit hole in the fourth quarter the Kings ended regulation on a torrid 17-2 frenetic scoring stretch that sent the game into overtime.

Future hall of famer Russell Westbrook hit a 3-pointer with just seconds left in regulation to put a hard-fought contest into overtime, much to the delight of Golden One holiday crowd.

DeMar DeRozan led the Kings with 27 big points while teammate Russell Westbrook added 21 points of his own to go with 13 monster rebounds. Yes, Kings fans, the veterans came to play and, on this night, they came to win!

All knotted at 112 apiece the Kings would end their losing streak after suffering back-to-back losses to the Portland Trailblazers, and it was an unlikely 3-pointer from Dennis Schroder with 2.2 seconds left on the clock that would propel the Kings to victory.

Kevin Durant's 20-footer with one second remaining would miss the mark sending home a jubilant Sacramento Kings crowd. No one seemed to mind the rain as fans made their way to their cars, because on this night, the hometown ballers put on a show.

Doug Christie's decision to finally focus on the young players is starting to pay dividends, but his reluctance to play Devin Carter and Keon Ellis is a mystery to me.

Rather than give minutes to Devin Carter, the organization sent this 1st round draft choice to the G-league where he will get

all the minutes he wants. While I agree that court time is what Carter needs, I believe real NBA talent is what he needs to be up against.

If the Kings want to see what the team's youth have to offer let's put them all out there. Both Carter and Ellis represent the defensive presence that coach Christie has been barking about, so why not let them show what they can do. Finally, put together a real plan of attack and get the message out there. Let the veterans do what they do, while giving substantial minutes to the young players at the same time.

Most of all, find a rotation that makes sense and not something new every game. Putting Malik Monk of the bench for two and three games at a time makes absolutely no sense, and it belittles a talent that took considerably less money to stay in Sacramento. Malik showed where his heart is, now show Malik that you value his skills.

Once again, the inability to access talent accurately rises to the top, and this coaching staff needs to get it together.

Games like this victory over the Thunder do not have to be an aberration if this coaching staff will find rotations that make sense. It's not rocket science, so do it!

Without question this team misses Domantas Sabonis and apparently, he is not returning anytime soon, so use your veterans wisely and play the legs off the youngsters.

Fans have their favorite players, and if the messaging coming from Kings is correct, some of your favorite players may soon be taking up residence elsewhere. I for one, hope Domantas Sabonis remains a foundation piece and Sacramento fans can witness his high intensity style of play for years to come.

In the meantime, remember this: The Sacramento Kings have proven on any given night this team can defeat any NBA team in America. The talent is here, and now is the time to come and see future hall-of-famers in action. Get out and support this team because they are playing hard!

Keep the faith Kings fans and have a very Merry Christmas!

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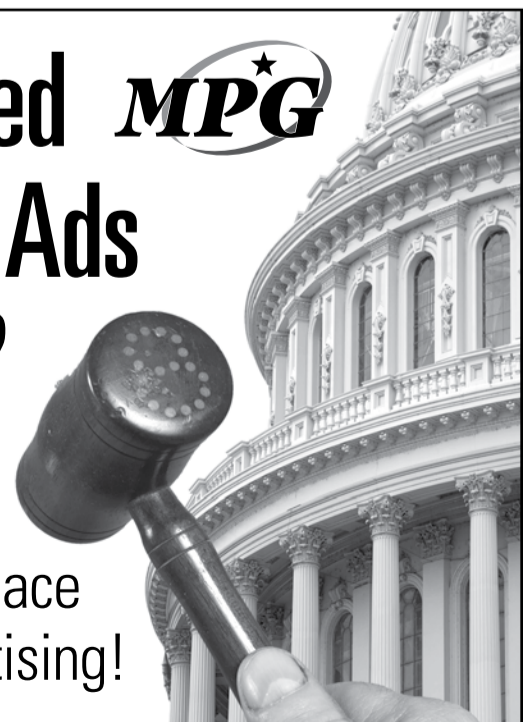
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Pamela J Melders, 2551 Turri Court, Fairfield, CA 94533. Date filed in Solano County: November 13, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 8, 2026

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS PROBATE CODE § 19003 CASE NO. PR25-00759

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO

IN RE: THE 2009 RONNIE DEAN FRYE AND DENISE MILLER FRYE REVOCABLE TRUST RONNIE DEAN FRYE: Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the creditors and contingent creditors of the Decedent, RONNIE DEAN FRYE, deceased June 17, 2025, that all persons and entities having claims against the Decedent are required to file a creditors claim with the Solano County Superior Court, 600 Union Avenue, Fairfield, California 94533, and mail a copy to Gary R. Lieberman, Esq. 7 Mt. Lassen Drive, Suite A-150, San Rafael, California, Attorney for Trustee, within four (4) months after the date of first publication of Notice to Creditors, or if notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, within thirty (30) days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you. A claim form may be obtained from the court clerk. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail with return receipt requested. Dated: November 17, 2025 Gary R. Lieberman, Esq. Attorney Denise Miller Frye Published 12/26/2025. 01/02/2026, 01/09/2026 1-9-26

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The following persons are doing business as: James Boat Fiberglass & Upholstery, 420 Gateway Drive Suite A, Dixon, CA 95620.

James Darren White, 420 Gateway Drive Suite A, Dixon, CA 95620. Date filed in Solano County: October 24, 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 October 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.)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001790

The following persons are doing business as: Fuel For Function, 7158 Browns Valley Road, Vacaville, CA 95688. Fuel For Function LLC, 7158 Browns Valley, Vacaville, CA 95688. Date filed in Solano County: December 16, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration December 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.)

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TRUSTEE SALE

T.S. No.: 24-12947 Loan No.: *****4405 APN: 0114-161-220

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/21/2005. 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. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: JASON E JONES AND TARA M. JONES, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS Duly Appointed Trustee: Prestige Default Services, LLC Recorded 10/31/2005 as Instrument No. 200500168064 The subject Deed of Trust was modified by Loan Modification recorded on 09/02/2021 as Instrument No.202100092752. of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Solano County, California, Date of Sale: 1/15/2026 at 9:30 AM Place of Sale: At the Santa Clara Street entrance to the City Hall, 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA 94590 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$494,848.05 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 1155 MOSSWOOD LANE DIXON, California 95620 A.P.N.: 0114-161-220 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained

by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. All checks payable to Prestige Default Services, LLC. 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 (866) 539-4173 or visit this Internet Website https://www.servicelink.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case 24-12947. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (866) 539-4173, or visit this internet website https://www.servicelink.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case 24-12947 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 12/10/2025 Prestige Default Services, LLC 1920 Old Tustin Ave. Santa Ana, California 92705 Questions: 949-427-2010 Sale Line: (866) 539-4173 Martha Nuno, Senior Foreclosure Coordinator PPP #25-009383 Published 12/19/2025. 12/26/2025, 01/02/2026 DIXON INDEPENDENT VOICE 1-2-26

LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, or cash equivalent if deemed acceptable to the trustee, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.** Trustor(s): **TAMMY STEWART, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY** Recorded: 6/10/2022 as Instrument No. 202200040584 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of SOLANO County, California; Date of Sale: 1/22/2026 at 9:30 AM Place of Sale: **At the Santa Clara Street entrance to the City Hall, 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA 94590** Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: **\$723,213.64** The purported property address is: **625 CYPRESS ST, DIXON, CA 95620** Assessor's Parcel No.: **0114-143-100** All bidders, at the date, time, and place of the scheduled sale, will be required to show satisfactory support to the auctioneer of their ability to pay the amount they intend to bid, unless arrangements have been made with the trustee prior to the scheduled sale. **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 **866-539-4173** for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website <https://www.servicelink.auction.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: **CA-25-1011391-AB**. 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 **619-645-7711**, or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: **CA-25-1011391-AB** to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. **NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OWNER-OCCUPANT:** Any prospective owner-occupant as defined in Section 2924m of the California Civil Code who is the last and highest bidder at the trustee's sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION by 5 p.m. on the next business day following the trustee's sale at the address set forth in the below signature block. **NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE POST-SALE OVER BIDDERS:** For post-sale information in accordance with Section 2924m(e) of the California Civil Code, use file number CA-25-1011391-AB and call (866) 645-7711 or login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com>. The above statutorily mandated notices to Tenant, Prospective Owner-Occupant, and Prospective Post-Sale Over Bidders are brief summaries of what may be required under Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. Compliance with all relevant provisions will be required. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders rights against the real property only. Date: **QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 2763 Camino Del Rio S San Diego, CA 92108 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 866-539-4173 Or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Post-Sale Information (CCC 2924m(e)): (866) 645-7711 Reinstatement or Payoff Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION TS No.: CA-25-1011391-AB IDS** Pub #0282138 12/26/2025 1/2/2026 1/9/2026 DIXON INDEPENDENT VOICE 1-9-26



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Fisk's Cyclery Marks Nearly 50 Years

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - For nearly five decades, Fisk's Cyclery, 539 N. Adams St., has been a fixture in Dixon, serving generations of riders from casual cyclists to experienced enthusiasts seeking reliable repairs.

The family-owned bike shop has operated since 1976 under owner Jim Fisk, who opened the business during the national bicycle boom of the 1970s. Fisk's Cyclery is open 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Fisk said his interest in business began early.

"Ever since I was a kid, I liked to make money," said Fisk.

As a teenager, Fisk worked multiple jobs and later decided to start a bike shop rather than attend college. With financial help from his parents, who supported his brothers through school, Fisk launched his business shortly after graduating from Fairfield High School.

"I started my shop in '76, and I chose to build in Dixon because we could grow with the town," said Fisk.

Since then, Fisk has worked steadily, often six days a week, until recently scaling back. Now 71, he said he takes two days off each week but remains deeply involved in daily operations.

"Customer service is number one and I do everything," said Fisk. "When repairs are done, I know they're done right."

Fisk's Cyclery is a full-service bike shop offering professional repairs on all makes and models, including electric bicycles. Services range from major tune-ups to minor adjustments, with an emphasis on fast turnaround. The shop also laces and trues motorcycle wheels, which involves adjusting the tension of the spokes, and sells bicycles and accessories from brands such as Redline, Eastern Bikes and Diamondback.



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According to Fisk, affordability and practicality guide his business decisions.

"I carry everyday everything, from tires, to tubes, to grips; the stuff people use regularly," said Fisk. "Too many shops carry expensive stuff for the image, but then it doesn't sell. I carry what I sell."

While the shop sells bikes primarily to families and recreational riders, Fisk said many owners of high-end bicycles rely on the shop for service.

"All the people who have expensive bikes come for my service rather than bikes," said Fisk.

Fisk attributes Dixon's strong cycling culture to the city's size and infrastructure.

"Dixon's small and it's safe to ride a bike," said Fisk. "You can go anywhere in Dixon through the neighborhoods, and a lot of the



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new areas have bike routes and lanes built in."

The rise of electric bicycles has also changed the local cycling landscape. Fisk said e-bikes have expanded the market, particularly

among older riders.

"The market for older people who wouldn't get bicycles are getting e-bikes," said Fisk. "You have more energy to go longer without all the pedaling."

Despite changes in technology and trends, Fisk said his philosophy has remained consistent.

"They pay good money, I give good service," said Fisk. "It's not them against me or me against them; we work together."

According to Fisk, he has no immediate plans to retire, though he may consider it in the coming years.

"I just love my work so much," said Fisk. "If you take care of your customers, they take care of you."

Even as some longtime customers no longer ride, Fisk said many still stop by the shop.

"There are people whose kids are long gone and they don't ride bikes, but they still stop by just to say hi," said Fisk.

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