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By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixon Chamber of Commerce will host Celebrate Dixon from 5 to 9 p.m. March 14 at Denver Hall, 655 S. First St., recognizing residents, businesses and organizations for contributions to the community.

The annual event, now in its 63rd year, serves as the chamber's signature awards ceremony. Dinner will be catered by Bud's Pub & Grill, with a no-host bar provided by Dixon Rotary. Awards will follow the meal, along with raffles, a silent auction, dessert auction and a \$250 cash door prize.

Tickets are on sale and can be purchased at the Dixon Chamber of Commerce office, 220 N. Jefferson St., Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or online through Eventbrite.

Sara Echarte, chamber manager, said planning for Celebrate Dixon

began in November and involves a broad group of volunteers and organizers.

"My role is just kind of putting everything together," said Echarte. "It's a lot of behind-the-scenes stuff, inventory on decorations, coordinating committees and making sure all the pieces come together."

This year marks Echarte's first Celebrate Dixon as chamber manager. She said changes to the nomination process and award categories are aimed at increasing participation.

"I just got nominations live last week," said Echarte. "Usually, we have people write an essay and drop them off, but this year I did a Google form as well for convenience to entice more nominations."

Two new honors have been added this year: Dixon Educator of the Year and Dixon Coach of the Year. The coach award is open to nominations for any coach in the community,

including school, club and dance coaches.

Celebrate Dixon will recognize the Citizen of the Year, Business of the Year, Nonprofit of the Year and Ambassador of the Year, along with Firefighter of the Year, Police Officer of the Year, Veteran of the Year, Educator of the Year, Dixon Educator of the Year and Dixon Coach of the Year. Citizen, business, nonprofit and ambassador awards are voted on by the community, with business nominees required to be chamber members.

According to Echarte, expanding the awards reflects the range of contributions made by residents.

"A lot of people don't like that awards are being added," said Echarte. "But I personally think it's wonderful to see how many great people in this community should be recognized."

Crystal Rico, a member of the

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Council Approves Evidence Lockers

By Shaunna Boyd

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Jan. 20 meeting of the Dixon City Council began with a closed session. City Attorney Douglas White reported that direction was given to staff on three liability claims against the city. The council voted unanimously to reject claims made by Stephen Farrington and Victor Guerrero, "but the claim of Connie Corley, subject to certain language, was accepted" on a vote of 3-2, said White, with Councilmember Don Hendershot and Mayor Steven Bird dissenting.

Dixon Chief of Police Robert Thompson introduced a request for authorization to purchase and install new evidence pass-through lockers and an evidence preparation area for the Dixon Police Department Evidence Control Room.

These lockers are a vital component of ensuring secure evidence processing. Officers put evidence in the lockers, where it is unlocked and retrieved on the other side for processing by the evidence technicians. Chief Thompson said the existing cabinets are originals from 1989, and are made of pressed wood, which is not the most secure material.

Under the proposed contract with Systems & Space, Inc., the new lockers would be custom built to accommodate varying sizes and types of evidence, including biological and technological, for a cost not to exceed \$51,337.

The council voted 4-0 to approve the contract, with Councilmember Thom Bogue abstaining.

The council also heard an update about some major Capital Improvement Projects in the city.

The Police Department's second-story expansion is moving forward, with seven general contractors recently approved for the qualified bidders list. Staff expect to release the Request for Proposals (RFP) by the end of January, with bids due in March and the contract award expected in April. The estimated construction cost is \$5 million.

Fire Station 82 is currently undergoing redesign, as approved by the council last November. The updated plan should be 95% completed by March, to allow for permit review and final design over the following six to eight weeks. After full

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A Month of Love

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - February brings a range of community events in Dixon, with activities planned for youth, families, seniors, business owners and theatergoers throughout the month.

Dixon Library, 230 N. First St., will host several programs focused on youth engagement and education. A Teen Valentine's Day Cookie Decorating event is scheduled from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Feb. 4. The program is open to tweens and teens ages 10 to 18.

From 4 to 5 p.m. Feb. 11, the library will host a Teen Dating Violence Awareness program in partnership with the Solano Family Justice Center. Topics include safe relationships and recognizing interpersonal violence. The event is designed for tweens and teens ages 10 to 18. Seating is limited, and registration is recommended.

Nintendo Switch

Gamedays will continue at the library on Tuesdays from 3 to 4:30 p.m. through May 26. The gaming sessions are also geared

toward participants ages 10 to 18. For younger students, Kids Homework Help will be offered on

Mondays from 4 to 5 p.m. beginning Feb. 2 and continuing through May 4. The program is available

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The Dixon Community Theater will premiere its February production, "The House of Frankenstein," at 7 p.m. Feb. 20. Auditions for the theater's second production of the 2026 season, Rodger and Hammerstein's "Cinderella," will also take place in February, beginning Feb. 8. Photo courtesy of Dixon Community Theater



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plan approval and permitting, the bidding process is expected to take two months, beginning in the second quarter of 2026. The estimated construction cost is \$10 million.

The Parkway Boulevard Grade Separation project had some minor delays due to external agency coordination, but it is now moving forward and on track to have the funding obligation completed in the second quarter. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) revalidation is currently in final review by CalTrans, with expected approval by the

end of February.

The city expects to release the Request for Proposals in quarter 3, but bidding could be a long process due to the large-scale of the project. They hope to break ground before the end of the year. The estimated total construction costs are \$32 million, with \$25.2 million coming from Federal Railroad Administration grant and \$6.8 million in local matching funds.

Vice Mayor Jim Ernest said over the years he has frequently heard doubts from the public that these projects would ever move forward. He

commended City Manager Jim Lindley and city staff for their dedication: "The way the money's been budgeted, the way you guys kept going and kept going against all odds, and you're getting all three done. I think it's fantastic."

Councilmember Kevin Johnson said that as the process continues, if any of the deadlines listed in the update are not met, he would like an explanation for the delay at the next council meeting following that date.

The next meeting of the Dixon City Council is scheduled for Feb. 3. ★

Dixon News Briefs



Dixon Parks and Recreation Department is offering a babysitter training course from 2 to 5 p.m. Feb. 17 and 18. Photo courtesy of Dixon Parks and Recreation

Lawn Fawn Card Class

It's All About the Scrapbook is hosting a card-making class from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Jan. 31. Held at the shop, 1670 N. Lincoln St., the class will involve creating 6 cards, 2 of which will be interactive, and a bonus card using a Lawn Fawn stamp that participants can keep. The class, led by Julie Kelly, costs \$65 per person.

For more information or to register, visit itsallaboutthescrapbook.com or call 707-676-5252.

Dixon Moose Lodge Crab Feed

Dixon Moose Lodge will host a crab feed starting 5 p.m. Jan. 31. Held at the lodge, 1980 W. B St., the event includes a cocktail hour at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. and a raffle at 7:30 p.m. Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and crab for \$65 per person.

For more information, visit the Dixon Moose Lodge new page Facebook page or call 530-219-1653.

Art Uncorked

Soroptimist International of Dixon is hosting an art and wine event from 4 to 7 p.m. Feb. 21. Held at American Legion Hall, 1305 N. First St., the event offers art inspired by local artisans and wine, mocktails and appetizers for \$45 per person. All proceeds benefit women and children in the community.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit si-dixon.org/events or call 707-410-9846.

Drop-in Indoor Pickleball

Drop-in Indoor Pickleball is hosted from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Sunday from Jan. 4 to March 15. Held at John Knight Middle School, 455 E. A St., the activity, available for all ages, costs \$5 per person, paid at the door. Children under 14 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, visit the Dixon Calendar and Events Facebook page or contact dixonrecreation@cityofdixonca.gov.

Dixon Dolphins Swim Registration Now Open

The Dixon Dolphins Swim Team opened registration for returning swimmers Jan. 1. Open for ages 4 to 18, the season begins in early April and ends in late July. New swimmers can register Jan. 15, but must pass a swim assessment and be able to swim unassisted across the pool. Notably, payment plans are also available for registration costs. Early Bird registration ends Feb. 28 and costs \$315.

For more information, visit

dixondolphins.swimtopia.com or email dixondolphinsinfo@gmail.com.

Babysitter's Training Course

Dixon Parks and Recreation Department is offering a babysitter training course from 2 to 5 p.m. Feb. 17 and 18. Held at the Senior Multi-use Center, 201 S. Fifth St., the class educates teens from 11 to 16 years old on basic childcare and babysitting skills, allowing them to get their American Red Cross Certification for \$105 per person. Registration is due by Feb. 11.

For more information, visit cityofdixonca.parksrec.tylerapp.com or email dixonrecreation@cityofdixonca.gov.

Dixon High Sports

Dixon High School Boys Varsity Soccer has a home game 4 p.m. Jan. 30. Hosted at Dixon High School, 555 College Way, the Rams will take on the Winters High School Warriors.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit dixonramsathletics.com or call 707-693-6330.

Dixon Little League CPR Class

Dixon Little League is hosting a CPR class for managers and coaches from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Jan. 31. Held at Dixon Fire Department, 205 Ford Way, the free event is mandatory, as each team must have at least one CPR-certified individual.

For more information, visit Dixon Little League on Facebook or email support@dixonlittleleague.org.

Author Talk

Dixon Library is hosting an author talk with Mychal Threets from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Feb. 6. Held at the library, 230 N. First St., the event involves the discussion of Mychal Threets' new children's book "I'm So Happy You're Here: A Celebration of Library Joy." Advanced registration is encouraged due to limited seating.

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

Dixon Chamber Connections Networking

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce is hosting a networking event from noon to 1:30 p.m. Feb. 19. 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. ★

Third Annual Art Uncorked

Soroptimist International of Dixon News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Get ready for an exciting event that showcases an astonishing array of art, photography, woodworking, jewelry, guitars, ukuleles, art animation, decoupage furnishings and more.

Savor a variety of wines or try a special mocktail to be enjoyed with delightful appetizers while you explore the exhibition. This year's event features a fantastic lineup of both beloved returning artists and fresh

new faces, along with innovative art styles.

Something extraordinary is waiting for you!

All proceeds benefit women and children in our community.

The Third Annual Art Uncorked event will be hosted at American Legion Hall, 1305 N. First St., from 4 to 7 p.m. Feb. 21. Tickets for the event cost \$45 and include wine and appetizers. For additional information and to purchase tickets, visit si-dixon.org/events or call Karen Walker at 707-410-9846. ★

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

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

1236 Vandalism report taken in the 100 block of Heritage Lane.
1320 Report of cell phone fraud at the Dixon Police Department resulted in the removal of a stolen trailer in the 700 block of Walnut Park Avenue.
1844 A traffic collision report with injuries was taken at the intersection of South First Street at West A. Street.
2327 A confidential report was taken in the 1000 block of North First Street.

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

0600 Theft from a vehicle reported in the 600 block of South First Street.
0753 Burglary to two vehicles reported in the 100 block of Morning Glory Lane.
0758 Burglary to two vehicles reported in the 800 block of Green Drive.
2132 DMC code violation report was taken in the 400 block of Miller Court.

Monday, January 5, 2026

0830 Pedestrian stop in the 600 block of West D Street North resulted in the arrest of Flavio Ortiz (44) of Dixon for 2 outstanding warrants. He was taken to jail.
0953 Burglary reported in the 100 block of East Dorset Drive.
1151 Fraud report taken in the police department lobby.
1400 Investigations case.

Sunday, January 4, 2026

1948 A confidential report was taken in the 1500 block of Valley Glen Drive.

Saturday, January 3, 2026

1554 594 PC, vandalism report taken in the 1300 block of West H Street.
1556 10851 CVC, Stolen vehicle, recovered at the intersection of Commercial Way and Stratford Avenue.
1952 Mental health hold in the 2200 block of Mourning Dove Way.

Friday, January 2, 2026

0749 Theft report taken in the 1200 block of Stratford Avenue.
0858 653 (m) PC, Annoying phone calls, report taken in the 500 block of North Adams Street.
1257 Found property report taken at North West Park.
1648 602 (L) PC, Trespass and 647 (e) PC, illegal encampment report in the 1900 block of North First Street.
1900 Jesus Ramirez-Maravilla (29) of Dixon was arrested for illegal camping and trespassing in the 1900 block of North First Street.
1940 Stolen license plate report in the 1000 block of Peel Court.

Thursday, January 1, 2026

1604 Information report taken in the 800 block of Stratford Avenue.
1709 11350 H&S, Possession of fentanyl and 11364 H&S, Possession of drug paraphernalia arrest in the 600 block of North First Street. Suspect Oscar Orozco (34 year old of Dixon) was arrested without incident. He was cited and released.
2100 Vehicle burglary at a business in the 100 block of Dorset Drive.
2210 Sergio Garcia (21) of Dixon was contacted during a traffic stop and arrested for possession of a loaded concealed firearm on his person. Omar Navarro-Venegas (19) of Dixon was arrested for a probation violation. Omar Navarro-Venegas (20) of Dixon was arrested brandishing a firearm.

Wednesday, December 31, 2025

1035 487 PC, Grand theft report, taken in the 1900 block of North Lincoln Street.
1353 10851 CVC, Stolen Vehicle report, taken in the 300 block of North Jefferson Street.
1353 4462 (b) CVC, display fraudulent registration tabs report, taken in the 900 block of Regina Way.
2037 Vehicle accident with no injuries in the 600 block of North First Street.
0100 Alexander Leon (24) Of Dixon was arrested for robbery in the 1300 block of West H Street.

Tuesday, December 30, 2025

0911 Restraining order violation reported in the 200 block of East Chestnut Street.
1250 Fraud report taken in the 600 block of Meadowlark Lane.
0110 A public intoxication arrest report was taken in the 1300 block of West H St. Nelson was arrested for being in violation of 647(f) P.C. and was transported to the Solano County Jail.
0356 Sexual Assault report was taken in the 1900 block of North First Street.

Monday, December 29, 2025

1015 Fraud report taken at the police department.
1248 Vandalism report taken in the 200 block of Stratford Avenue.
1315 Suspicious person reported in the 100 block of North Adams Street resulted in the arrest of Tyler Wanderstadt (24) of Dixon for an outstanding warrant and drug paraphernalia. He was taken to county jail.

Sunday, December 28, 2025

1310 Fraud report taken in the 400 block of Barn Owl Lane.

Saturday, December 27, 2025

1127 Found property report taken in the 1400 block of Ary Lane.

Clean Slate Day Opens Doors to Second Chances

Solano County News Release

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG)

- From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 25, the Solano County Public Defender will host "Clean Slate Day" at the Solano County Event Center, located at 601 Texas St. in Fairfield. The event is designed to help individuals clear past records of felony and misdemeanor arrests and convictions.

Attorneys and paralegals from the Solano County Public Defender's Office and Alternate Defender's Office will be available to provide information on record-clearing options and to assist participants with preparing petitions for relief.

"Clean Slate Day is about second chances," said Elena D'Agustino, Solano County Public Defender. "We believe that everyone deserves the opportunity to move forward without the weight of past mistakes holding them back. This event is a step toward creating stronger, more equitable communities."

In addition to legal assistance, several community organizations will be on-site to connect participants with a wide range of supportive services, including employment opportunities, substance use and mental health treatment, voter registration, medical care, GED programs, financial literacy education, public benefits

and more.

To help ensure a smooth and efficient experience, the Public Defender's Office encourages participants to pre-register for Clean Slate Day by completing the intake form found by visiting solanocounty.gov. Pre-registration will help expedite the process, allowing more people to receive assistance throughout the day.

For further details about Clean Slate Day or other services provided by the Solano County Public Defender's Office, please call (707) 784-6700, email FreshStart@SolanoCounty.com, or follow the Public Defender's Office on social media at [@SolanoPubDef](https://www.facebook.com/SolanoPubDef). ★

Celebrate Dixon Expands Awards



Dixon Chamber of Commerce will host Celebrate Dixon from 5 to 9 p.m. March 14 at Denver Hall, 655 S. First St., recognizing residents, businesses and organizations for contributions to the community. Photo by Nicolas Brown

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Celebrate Dixon director team, said preparations include fundraising, décor planning and sponsorship coordination.

“We sell raffle tickets at the event,” said Rico. “There’s a lot of planning when it comes to table planning, décor, raffle baskets and sponsorships.”

According to Rico, the ceremony has evolved over the years to include more honorees.

“In the past there were fewer categories, but we’ve included more honorees,” said Rico. “We want to make sure we’re representing a diverse pool of people.”

The nomination process is underway, with a deadline of noon Feb. 5. Nominations must include a signed letter detailing the nominee’s service and community involvement. Submissions can be

made by mail, email, in person or through an online form available at dixonchamber.org.

“The nominations are key,” said Rico. “Even those that don’t win are recognized.”

Both Echarte and Rico said the event relies on support from chamber members, volunteers and local organizations, including the Lions Club, Soroptimist and Dixon Women’s Improvement Club.

“I hope attendees take away a great experience and the desire to come back next year,” said Echarte.

Rico added that she hopes the ceremony highlights community support and the collective effort behind Dixon’s annual celebration.

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

Abby Seibert is Soroptimist International’s Young Woman of the Month



Abby Seibert (Center) is Soroptimist International of Dixon’s Young Woman of the Month. She was presented by her teacher, Michael Vlach (Right), of Dixon High School’s social science department. The two were joined by Soroptimist President Barbara Rigdon (Left). Photo courtesy of Soroptimist International of Dixon

Soroptimist International of Dixon News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Abby Seibert has been named Soroptimist International of Dixon’s Young Woman of the Month. Seibert was presented by her teacher, Michael Vlach, of Dixon High School’s social science department. Vlach commented on how Seibert is “engaged and hanging on to the content”, “her work is thorough and communicates very clearly and puts in any work necessary to produce great knowledge of the concepts and to produce very cool products.”

Seibert is the daughter of Brian and Yvette Seibert, and she has two siblings, Roman and Ainsley.

Seibert has taken on very active roles in such organizations as Avid, the Key Club, the Public Service Academy (PSA) at Dixon High, and the Solano Youth Coalition. Within the Public Service Academy, she has held multiple leadership roles, currently holding the office of President of the Academy.

Seibert’s accomplishments she is most proud of are that she has achieved a 4.0 GPA all four years

of high school along with participating last summer in an eleven-day Global Glimpse service-learning trip to Costa Rica. Global Glimpse’s mission is for the youth of today to become leaders, listen to what communities need and try to support them as best as possible.

While in Costa Rica, Seibert supported and learned from the locals, dug trenches to put in a new pipe for clean water, spent the day teaching English words and fun activities to the local elementary school kids, and she used her voice to advocate for environmental rights. As Seibert wants to make a positive difference and make a mark on society, she has certainly already started this with her involvement in Global Glimpse.

Seibert continues to make a difference in her own community with her membership in the Solano Youth Coalition (SYC). Solano Youth Coalition involves teenagers and young adults who help shape local policies and programs that support safer, healthier communities. As one of the top students at Dixon High School, she represents

Solano County at the state level. Seibert is currently part of the Social Justice committee, where the committee collected information to make a presentation on intersectionality that ties with current issues facing our community.

Seibert’s community service activities through Avid and the Key Club have included helping set up and working at multiple local elementary school events; attending political meetings; making cards for the elderly; helping at the library; organizing the college and career fair at the high school, and more.

Seibert’s hobbies include reading, photography and music.

Something that grew out of the pandemic is Seibert’s love of psychology. Excited to become the first in her family to attend college, Seibert plans to major in Psychology at a UC campus, progressing to her Ph.D. in order to become a Lab Director of Psychology.

Soroptimist International of Dixon members know that Seibert has so much to offer and will no doubt change the world in many ways. Congratulations Seibert! ★

Dixon Rotary Crab Feed Returns



Rotary Club of Dixon will host its 22nd Annual Crab Feed Feb. 28 at Madden Hall at the Dixon May Fairgrounds, continuing a long-running fundraising tradition that supports scholarships and community programs. Photo courtesy of Rotary Club of Dixon

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Rotary Club of Dixon will host its 22nd Annual Crab Feed Feb. 28 at Madden Hall at the Dixon May Fairgrounds, continuing a long-running fundraising tradition that supports scholarships and community programs.

The event will be held at 655 S. First St. A no-host bar will open at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Dancing is scheduled from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., with live music by the Time Bandits beginning after 9 p.m. Tickets cost \$75 per person and include crab, butter, pasta, salad and bread. Tickets are sold online only.

Rotary Club of Dixon President Ben Voight said the annual crab feed is the club’s largest fundraiser and a key source of support for local causes.

“I think it’s an honor so many people want to come to our crab feed,” said Voight. “It’s our biggest and most successful event during the year. It’s an honor to keep something going this long.”

Funds raised during the event help support Rotary scholarships and community initiatives. According to Voight, local youth groups assist with the event by selling desserts, helping serve, setting up and cleaning up afterward.

“Rotary uses the money primarily for high school scholarships and other local organizations in the community,” said Voight.

Attendees can expect a traditional crab feed menu, along with raffle prizes and

auction items. According to Voight, the event includes wine, beer, soft drinks and alcohol, along with a range of raffle offerings.

“There’s a lot of raffle items,” said Voight. “There’s a quilt, there’s a trip to Montana, just a lot of great prizes, great food, great dancing. It’s a good time for the community to come together.”

Live entertainment has become a staple of the event. The Time Bandits will return this year, providing music for dancing late into the evening. A \$20 dancing-only option will be available after 9 p.m.

According to Voight, organizing the crab feed requires a large volunteer effort. Between Rotarians, spouses and friends, as many as 70 to 100 people help staff the event.

“It takes quite a lot of us to get this event underway,” he said.

As president, Voight said his responsibilities include overseeing the bar operations and checking in with volunteers throughout the evening.

“I run the bar side of things and I go around making sure the Rotarians have everything they need at their stations,” said Voight.

According to Voight, events such as the crab feed help strengthen connections between the Rotary Club, local businesses and residents. Many small businesses contribute baskets or items for the auction, providing visibility and community engagement.

“There’s a lot of opportunity to advertise,” said

Voight. “People learn about different businesses and services as well. It brings people together.”

Voight encouraged residents who have not previously attended the crab feed to consider participating this year.

“It’s a really good deal for the money,” said Voight. “It’s a great time and a good place to meet people in Dixon.”

He noted that about 200 tickets remain available at press time and that many attendees return year after year.

Planning the event requires significant coordination, though Voight believes the club’s members consistently step up.

“It’s always a lot of work, but no challenges,” said Voight. “Rotary always comes together. It’s an all-hands-on-deck affair.”

Looking ahead, Voight said the club has additional events planned, including a pancake breakfast during the Dixon May Fair and a corned beef meal for seniors around St. Patrick’s Day.

“I’m really grateful the community continues to support the crab feed,” said Voight. “It’s so popular it makes me think we may need a bigger venue.”

Voight would like to thank local businesses that donated raffle items, gift baskets and services as well as a special thanks to Rotarians Janice Beaman and Marc Monachello for their time and efforts.

For more information, visit the Dixon Calendar and Events Facebook page or call 916-240-0147. ★

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California's Nursing Shortage Will Not Fix Itself

We Need to Build the Pipeline

By Heather Brown, Dean,
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California Northstate
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California's nursing shortage is not a future problem. It is here, unevenly distributed, quietly worsening, and increasingly difficult to solve with piecemeal solutions.

Across the state, healthcare leaders have experienced a significant and growing shortage of registered nurses, nurse anesthetists, and nursing faculty for years. While some regions appear adequately staffed on paper, much of the state, particularly rural and Northern California, are heavily impacted by these shortages. By 2033, California is projected to need 61,000 additional registered nurses to meet demand.

What is often missing from this conversation is the question of how we build the workforce, not just for today, but for the next generation of care.

At California Northstate University (CNU), we believe the answer lies in designing

healthcare education differently: intentionally, collaboratively, and with community needs at the center.

California Northstate University was founded by clinicians with a simple premise: healthcare education should directly support the communities it serves. Today, our university brings undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs together under one roof, allowing students and faculty across medicine, pharmacy, psychology, dentistry, nursing, and the sciences to collaborate from the very beginning of their training.

Collaboration matters because healthcare does not happen in silos. Neither should education.

In January 2025, California Northstate University launched its Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program specifically to help meet regional workforce demand. In its first year alone, the university has committed more than \$600,000 in nursing scholarships, an average of \$18,000 per qualifying student annually, to help offset



Dr. Heather Brown. Courtesy pjphoto

the financial barriers many nursing students face.

These barriers have grown in recent years as changes to federal loan programs have treated nursing differently from other professional healthcare degrees; this increases the financial burden on students entering one of the most essential fields in our healthcare system. At a time when California needs nurses more than ever, that dynamic

deserves attention, and action.

Increasing the number of nursing students is only part of the solution.

A critical and often overlooked constraint is the shortage of nursing faculty. Across the country, qualified applicants are turned away from nursing programs each year not because of lack of interest, but because there are not enough educators to teach them. Without faculty, the pipeline narrows, no matter how great the need.

That is why California Northstate University is actively assessing future program growth, including the development of graduate nursing programs focused on education and leadership. A Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) pathway that prepares nurse educators and academic leaders is not just an academic expansion; it is a workforce strategy. The strategy recognizes that the sustainability of nursing depends on those willing and able to teach the next generation.

Our broader approach is equally intentional. With

undergraduate pre-med pathways and a BS-MD Honors Track and professional degrees in medicine, pharmacy, psychology, dentistry, and now nursing, California Northstate University is structured to move students from the classroom to the bedside. In a connected, collaborative environment students learn early what it means to work as part of a healthcare team, because that is how care is delivered in the real world.

California's healthcare challenges are complex, and no single institution can solve them alone. But universities have a responsibility to respond, not just by producing graduates, but by building systems that meet real workforce needs, anticipate future gaps, and lower barriers for those willing to serve.

The nursing shortage will not resolve itself. It will require investment, innovation, and a willingness to rethink how we educate healthcare professionals.

At California Northstate University, that work is already underway. ★

A Month of Love

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to students in kindergarten through sixth grade.

The Dixon Library Board and Solano County Library will host a community input meeting from 6 to 8 p.m. Feb. 5. Organizers are seeking public feedback as they plan a renovation and expansion of the Dixon Library. For more information, visit solanonline.com or call 1-866-572-7587.

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce has scheduled two networking events in

February. Lunch Bunch will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. Feb. 17 at Bud's Pub & Grill, 100 S. First St. The monthly meeting, held every third Tuesday, features a no-host lunch and networking among chamber members.

A Chamber Networking Lunch is planned from noon to 1:30 p.m. Feb. 19 at Farmstead at Dixon Senior Living, 350 Gateway Drive. The in-person event is open to local professionals, entrepreneurs and business owners. Attendees are

encouraged to bring business cards.

RE M E M O R A N C E F O U N D A T I O N, a Sacramento-based organization that supports grieving families emotionally and financially, will host a Senior Prom Party from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Feb. 26 at the Dixon Senior Center, 201 S. Fifth St. The event is free for residents ages 65 and older. Attendees may dress up, and senior resources will be available during the event. For more information, visit the Dixon

Chamber of Commerce Facebook page or call 707-678-2650.

The Dixon Community Theater will premiere its February production, "The House of Frankenstein," a comedy in two acts by Martin Downing, directed by David Cripe. Evening performances are scheduled for 7 p.m. Feb. 20, Feb. 21, Feb. 27 and Feb. 28. Matinee performances will be held at 2 p.m. Feb. 22 and March 1. All shows will take place at the Dixon Performing Arts Center, 555 College Way.

Tickets will be available online beginning Feb. 1.

Auditions for the theater's second production of the 2026 season, Rodger and Hammerstein's "Cinderella," will also take place in February. Auditions are scheduled from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Feb. 8, noon to 6 p.m. Feb. 9 for Dixon High School students and 6 to 9 p.m. Feb. 9 for non-Dixon High students. Auditions are open to teens aged 14 and older. Callbacks are invite-only and scheduled

from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Feb. 10. For more information, visit dixoncommunitytheater.org or email info@dixoncommunitytheater.org.

February also includes nationally recognized observances such as Black History Month, Valentine's Day on Feb. 14 and Presidents' Day on Feb. 16.

Together, the February schedule reflects a cross-section of Dixon's community life, with opportunities for learning, connection and participation across all ages. ★

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO
SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #CU26-00225

Cynthia Holsted Maraschino filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Cynthia Holsted Maraschino to Cynthia Lei Holsted.

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 peti-

tion 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. March 11, 2026, 9:00 a.m. Department 3, Room 301, Hall of Justice, 600 Union Avenue, Fairfield, CA 94533
Judge of the Superior Court:

Stephen Gizzi
Dated: January 20, 2026
Publish: Jan 30, Feb 6, 13, 20, 2026
MARASCHINO 2-20-26



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CITY OF DIXON NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the City of Dixon that sealed bids will be received, from pre-qualified bidders, online via Blueprint Express on **March 5, 2026**, until 3:00 p.m., at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read by the City Clerk. All bids will be considered for award by the City of Dixon City Council at their regular meeting on Tuesday, **April 7, 2026**, for the following project:

DIXON POLICE DEPARTMENT, SECOND STORY EXPANSION PROJECT #420-103

LOCATION OF WORK: 201 W A St, Dixon, CA 95620, Solano County.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The work includes:

1. Minor site demolition and improvements,
2. Some building demolition on the first floor,
3. Required Structural Improvements to add a Second Story which is approximately 3,000 square feet,
4. HVAC removal and replacement for the whole building,
5. Electrical Improvements to the whole building,
6. New interior for much of the first floor,
7. Exterior building improvements,
8. New interior for the second floor.

The engineer's estimate for this project is \$4,800,000

All bidders must be on the Final Qualified Bidders List in order for their bid to be considered responsive.

All work is to be done in accordance with said Plans and Specifications. A copy of the Plans and Specifications, including the Contract Documents, may be obtained by logging on www.blueprintexpress.com/dixon or by calling BPXpress Reprographics at (707) 745-3593. Paper Bid sets may be obtained from BPXpress at the bidders cost. All bidders must register and download the bid set from BPXpress Reprographics to receive addenda notifications.

All bidders must submit their bids online through the BPXpress bid portal to be considered responsive.

If you desire a copy of the plan holders list, call BPXpress Reprographics at (707) 745-3593 or check online at www.blueprintexpress.com/dixon.

All Work shall be completed no later than two hundred and sixty working days (260) (approximately 1 calendar year) after the date set in the Notice to Proceed. The City shall assess liquidated damages as provided for in the Contract Documents for delays in the completion of the Project.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any irregularity or informality in the bids, to make any award in what, alone, deems to be in the best interest of the City, and to reject the bid of any bidder who has been delinquent or unfaithful in any former contract with the City of Dixon. All bidders must be on the Final Qualified Bidders List in order for their bid to be considered responsive.

Each bid must be submitted using the City of Dixon forms provided in the Bid materials. Bids may be withdrawn at any time prior to bid opening.

Dixon Independent Voice 1-30, 2-6, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE DIXON PLANNING COMMISSION

The Dixon City Council will hold a hybrid **PUBLIC HEARING** to consider the following:

PROJECT: 1150 N First St (Dixon Wellness - Amended and Restated Development Agreement and Amendment to Conditional Use Permit). The City of Dixon Planning Commission will consider a recommendation to the City Council regarding a Development Agreement and Conditional Use Permit (CUP) amendment between the City of Dixon and M.E.H.C., Inc., doing business as Dixon Wellness. Dixon Wellness currently operates as a commercial cannabis business within the City, pursuant to an existing Development Agreement (DA) set to expire March 2026. The proposed DA clarifies Dixon Wellness's operational requirements moving forward and ensures compliance with the updated Dixon Municipal Code provisions applicable to commercial cannabis activities. Under the proposed agreement, Dixon Wellness's operations will remain substantially the same; however, there are proposed revisions to 1) terms of DA to reflect changes in the recently updated Cannabis Ordinance a; 2) revisions to the public benefit amount and minimum monthly benefit amount, and 3) clarity on cannabis delivery operations, subject to further City review and approval. The proposed CUP amendment would add a condition of approval to existing CUP (UP24-05) tying the CUP to the DA. Approval of the DA is not subject to environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. APN 0115-130-480; Zoning District: Corridor Mixed Use (CMX); Herman and Diane Schroeder, owner, Haley Andrew/Dixon Wellness, applicant; File No's: PLAPP26-0239/DA26-0240/UP26-0241.

HEARING DATE & LOCATION: Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 7:00pm. This meeting will be physically open to the public. All members of the public may participate in the meeting by attending the meeting or remotely participating via video conferencing at <http://www.zoom.us> or via teleconference by calling (669) 900-9128 (Entering Meeting ID: 988 621 1137 and Passcode: 604754) and will be given the opportunity to provide public comment.

MORE INFORMATION: Contact Raffi Boloyan, Community Development Director at (707) 678-7000 x1114 or rboloyan@cityofdixonca.gov. You can also come to City Hall, 600 East A St, Dixon, CA 95620 to look at the file for the proposed project. The office is open weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You can also view the staff report 72 hours before the meeting at <https://www.cityofdixon.us/MeetingAgendasMinutesVideos>.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN: All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing to express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposed revocation. Testimony from interested persons will be heard and considered by the Planning Commission prior to making a recommendation to the City Council. Following the Planning Commission review and recommendation, the project will be scheduled for a public hearing before the City Council for review and final action.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Prior to 4:30pm on the day of the meeting, written comments can be: 1) emailed to PlanningCommission@cityofdixon.us or 2) mailed/dropped off to: City of Dixon, Planning Commission, 600 East A St, Dixon, CA 95620 and must be received by 4:30pm on the day of the hearing. Copies of written comments received will be provided to the Planning Commission and will become part of the official record, but will not be read aloud at the meeting.

You may also attend the public hearing at the time and location listed above or participate remotely, to provide comments during the meeting. To speak or provide comments remotely during public comment period, you may 1) via video conferencing click on "raise hand" 2) via teleconference press *9, or 3) email comments/questions to publiccomment@cityofdixon.us

At the above time and place, all letters received will be noted and all interested parties will be heard. If you challenge in court the matter described above, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered at, or prior to, the above referenced public hearing (Government Code Section 65009 (b)(2)).

Appeals of decisions by the Planning Commission to the City Council shall be made in person at Dixon City Hall by completing the appeal application and submitting the required fee, within 10 calendar days of a decision (Dixon Municipal Code Sections 17.01.050 or 18.40).

Upon request, the agenda and the documents in the meeting agenda packet can be made available to persons with a disability. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City encourages those with disabilities to participate fully in the public meeting process. Any person requiring special assistance to participate in the meeting should call (707) 678-7000 (voice) or (707) 678-1489 (TTY) at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001837
The following persons are doing business as: Hat Bar BLCG, 608 First Street, Benicia, CA 94510. Baxter Landry, LLC, 30 N Gould Street, Suite R, Sheridan, WI 82801.
Date filed in Solano County: December 29, 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 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: Jan 16, 23, 30, Feb 6, 2026
HAT 2-6-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001808
The following persons are doing business as: Franco Trucking, 1480 Reed Drive, Dixon, CA 95620.
Heriberto Franco, 1480 Reed Drive, Dixon, CA 95620.
Date filed in Solano County: December 19, 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 December 18, 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: Jan 23, 30, Feb 6, 13, 2026
FRANCO 2-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026000040
The following persons are doing business as: Daydreamer Rentals, 1664 Homewood Court, Fairfield, CA 94534. Mercedes R Moreau, 1664 Homewood Court, Fairfield, CA 94534.
Date filed in Solano County: January 8, 2026. 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 January 7, 2031. 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: Jan 23, 30, Feb 6, 13, 2026
DAYDREAMER 2-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001677
The following persons are doing business as: Midnon Camacho Services, 1625 Park Lane Unit 16, Fairfield, CA 94533. Midnon Camacho, 1625 Park Lane Unit 16, Fairfield, CA 94533.
Date filed in Solano County: November 20, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: October 25, 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 November 19, 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: Jan 30, Feb 6, 13, 20, 2026
MIDNON 2-20-26

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SSUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #CU25-11717
Desiree Kojak filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Silas Thomas Kojak to Silas Thomas Basquez.

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. March 16, 2026, 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: December 22, 2025
Publish: January 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026
KOJAK 1-30-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #CU25-11496
Earl Gene Ramos Apiado filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Earl Gene Ramos Apiado to Earl Nazareno Ramos.
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. February 25, 2026, 9:00 a.m. Department 3, Room 301, Superior Court of California, County of Solano, Hall of Justice, 600 Union Avenue, Fairfield, CA 94533

Judge of the Superior Court: Stephen Gizzi
Dated: January 8, 2026
Publish: Jan 23, 30, Feb 6, 13, 2026
APIADO 2-13-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #CU26-00063
Annemarie Galletti filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Wyatt James Castillo to Wyatt James Galetti.
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. March 30, 2026, 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: Tim P. Kam
Dated: January 7, 2026
Publish: Jan 23, 30, Feb 6, 13, 2026
GALLETTI 2-13-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #CU26-00106
Wendy Sue Ludwig filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Wendy Sue Ludwig to Wendy Sue Lignons.
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. March 30, 2026, 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: Tim P. Kam
Dated: January 20, 2026
Publish: Jan 30, Feb 6, 13, 20, 2026
LUDWIG 2-20-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #CU25-11498
Angel Eunice Ramos Apiado filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Angel Eunice Ramos Apiado to Angel Eunice Selene Ramos.
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. April 27, 2026, 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: Tim P. Kam
Dated: January 21, 2026
Publish: Jan 30, Feb 6, 13, 20, 2026
APIADO 2-20-26



City of Dixon UNCLAIMED FUNDS NOTICE 2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, the Finance Director of the City of Dixon, County of Solano, State of California, declares that the following monetary sums have been held by the Finance Director and have remained unclaimed in the funds hereafter indicated for a period of over three (3) years and **will become the property of the City of Dixon on the 13th day of March, 2026**, a date not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than sixty (60) days after first publication of this Notice.

Any party of interest may, prior to the date designated herein above, file a claim with the Finance Director which includes the claimant's name, address, amount of claim, the grounds on which the claim is founded and the date, name, amount, and heading shown in this notice. The Finance Director may accept or reject the claim. If rejected, the party submitting the claim may, within 30 days of receiving notice of rejection, file and serve on the Finance Director a verified complaint seeking to recover all, or a designated part, of the unclaimed funds. This information and the stale dated check claim form are also available on the website of the City of Dixon at cityofdixonca.gov.

Contact Accounting Manager, Holly Alves at 707-678-7000 ext. 1108 for further information.

PAYEE	CHECK NUMBER	ISSUE DATE	AMOUNT	FUND
Solar Energy Designs	71948	09/27/2019	\$18.20	General
Vigor Construction	71958	09/27/2019	\$54.60	General
Deanna Elliot	73202	04/10/2020	\$64.00	General
Cole Ts Dixon Ca Lp	73661	05/26/2020	\$3,418.47	General
Cesar R. Deleon	73694	05/26/2020	\$466.39	General
Juliet J. Helmstreit	73825	05/26/2020	\$365.39	General
Stephen B. Lopez	73905	05/26/2020	\$365.39	General
Suzanne Lyons	73918	05/26/2020	\$3,163.62	General
Pg&E	75861	03/12/2021	\$700.00	Utilities
Les Wong	77135	09/24/2021	\$38.60	Utilities
Joycecuevas	77317	10/29/2021	\$171.23	Utilities
W Scott Cameron	77356	11/05/2021	\$21.71	Utilities
Demering Dezam	77526	11/24/2021	\$31.07	Successor Agency
Bonnie Abell	78314	03/31/2022	\$62.99	Utilities
Glenn Adams	78318	03/31/2022	\$62.50	Utilities
Asset View	78328	03/31/2022	\$105.45	Utilities
Nicholas & Danielle Ayers	78331	03/31/2022	\$57.70	Utilities
Sheila & Scott Babot	78332	03/31/2022	\$25.00	Utilities
Alejandro Barela	78337	03/31/2022	\$18.76	Utilities
Daniel & Alicia Barker	78338	03/31/2022	\$50.00	Utilities
Jennifer Blake	78348	03/31/2022	\$26.46	Utilities
Matt & Erin Borszcz	78353	03/31/2022	\$22.02	Utilities
Richard Bowes	78356	03/31/2022	\$37.19	Utilities
Bret & Rhiannon Brady	78357	03/31/2022	\$27.93	Utilities
Laura Caron	78375	03/31/2022	\$54.50	Utilities
Ben Casteneda	78377	03/31/2022	\$121.34	Utilities
Linda Catena	78378	03/31/2022	\$25.00	Utilities
Cemo Commercial	78380	03/31/2022	\$89.95	Utilities
Vickie Chaloux	78385	03/31/2022	\$48.50	Utilities
Cole Chastain	78388	03/31/2022	\$25.00	Utilities
Cindy Chaffee	78389	03/31/2022	\$25.00	Utilities
Roger Contreras	78397	03/31/2022	\$31.57	Utilities
Susan Cooper	78400	03/31/2022	\$25.00	Utilities
Chad Copeman	78401	03/31/2022	\$25.00	Utilities
Csb System	78408	03/31/2022	\$36.01	Utilities
Roberta Cucuk	78409	03/31/2022	\$57.90	Utilities
Cueva's Restaurant	78410	03/31/2022	\$175.00	Utilities
David Culppepper	78411	03/31/2022	\$46.41	Utilities
Marsha & Jerry Dallas	78415	03/31/2022	\$25.00	Utilities
Andrew & Jennifer Davis	78417	03/31/2022	\$137.12	Utilities
Trucie & Michael Dewit	78427	03/31/2022	\$100.85	Utilities
Alejandro Dominguez	78429	03/31/2022	\$46.74	Utilities
Zenaida Duarte	78433	03/31/2022	\$25.00	Utilities
Maribel Duran	78439	03/31/2022	\$100.00	Utilities
Jorge Farfan	78447	03/31/2022	\$26.10	Utilities
Fas-Ahm Utility Llc	78448	03/31/2022	\$25.33	Utilities
Rick Fernandez	78451	03/31/2022	\$58.90	Utilities
Fidelity Title	78453	03/31/2022	\$22.49	Utilities
Floors To Go	78456	03/31/2022	\$15.75	Utilities
James & Kristie Fordyce	78459	03/31/2022	\$83.04	Utilities
George & Debra Foulk	78460	03/31/2022	\$33.47	Utilities
Rachel & Curtis Frazier	78461	03/31/2022	\$39.84	Utilities
Troy Fry	78464	03/31/2022	\$25.00	Utilities
Flavio Garcia	78469	03/31/2022	\$26.99	Utilities
Sheri Goldsbrough	78476	03/31/2022	\$38.62	Utilities
Maria Gomez	78477	03/31/2022	\$28.40	Utilities
John Grah	78482	03/31/2022	\$115.44	Utilities
Joseph Graham	78483	03/31/2022	\$35.26	Utilities
Lawrence Green	78487	03/31/2022	\$56.30	Utilities
Brian Groscup	78490	03/31/2022	\$142.71	Utilities
Juana & Rigoberto Guerra	78491	03/31/2022	\$75.09	Utilities
David Guerrero	78492	03/31/2022	\$30.70	Utilities
Krista & Paul Harrell	78502	03/31/2022	\$72.68	Utilities
Doug Hicke	78510	03/31/2022	\$19.00	Utilities
Laura & Scott Hill	78513	03/31/2022	\$50.88	Utilities
Hillier Company	78514	03/31/2022	\$19.22	Utilities
Trina Hirsig	78516	03/31/2022	\$17.29	Utilities
Jeffrey Hoffman	78517	03/31/2022	\$79.87	Utilities
Melissa Holdener	78519	03/31/2022	\$59.25	Utilities
Mark Holdener	78521	03/31/2022	\$42.94	Utilities
Christopher Holdener	78522	03/31/2022	\$25.00	Utilities
Jennifer & Chad Hudson	78529	03/31/2022	\$34.87	Utilities
Dennis & Debbie Hundoble	78530	03/31/2022	\$224.31	Utilities
Jamie Jamison	78538	03/31/2022	\$25.00	Utilities

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Daniel & Kenya Jensen	78539	03/31/2022	\$25.00	Utilities
Mary Johannessen	78543	03/31/2022	\$25.00	Utilities
Jennifer Johnson	78545	03/31/2022	\$78.20	Utilities
Mark Kastilahn	78551	03/31/2022	\$27.03	Utilities
Kaufman & Broad	78552	03/31/2022	\$399.74	Utilities
Dan Kaufman	78553	03/31/2022	\$21.61	Utilities
Cecilia Keelan-Uhlik	78554	03/31/2022	\$21.80	Utilities
Patricia Keithley	78555	03/31/2022	\$27.65	Utilities
Joann & Jeff Kirby	78561	03/31/2022	\$25.00	Utilities
Kobra Associates	78563	03/31/2022	\$797.38	Utilities
Robert & Julie Kulinski	78566	03/31/2022	\$35.90	Utilities
Marijane Lagom	78568	03/31/2022	\$88.24	Utilities
Matt Lankford	78569	03/31/2022	\$46.83	Utilities
Jaime Leon	78576	03/31/2022	\$128.88	Utilities
Tracy Linyard	78578	03/31/2022	\$25.00	Utilities
Litton Loans Servicing	78580	03/31/2022	\$172.77	Utilities
Garry & Deborah Lowe	78584	03/31/2022	\$50.00	Utilities
Geronimo Lupercio	78586	03/31/2022	\$75.24	Utilities
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California Visitor's Guide Unveiled

Visit California News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The 2026 edition of the California Visitor's Guide featuring cover star Mandy Moore is now available. The comprehensive guide inspires travelers to explore California, complete with an insider's handbook on the state's hidden gems, a Route 66 road map to celebrate the route's centennial, travel tips and more.

"Mandy is a true embodiment of the California dream, a real-life Disney princess, and a wonderful ambassador for the Golden State," said Caroline Beteta, president and CEO of Visit California. "Her connection to California reflects the freedom, creativity and optimism that draw travelers here from around the world. This guide is filled with countless stories and experiences that inspire

unforgettable journeys across the state."

In Moore's profile, she shares how destinations across the state have shaped her sense of home, creativity and community – from her neighborhood roots in Altadena and time spent in Los Angeles County to family road trips along the Pacific Coast Highway and visits to the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

"Anywhere I am in California, I feel at home," said Moore. "I hope that California feels as proud of me as I am of it."

Available in print and online, the visitor's guide is packed with useful information for trip-planning, as well as inspired ideas for exploring lesser-known experiences across the state.

Highlights of the 2026 California Visitor's Guide include an insider's handbook to California's most intriguing and lesser-known experiences including an exploration



Visit California's comprehensive guide inspires travelers to explore California, complete with an insider's handbook on the state's hidden gems, a Route 66 road map to celebrate the route's centennial, travel tips and more. Photo courtesy of Visit California

of Route 66 (celebrating its Centennial in 2026) one of America's most storied highways, which winds through California's deserts, canyons and epic beachside conclusion, with essential stops and historic landmarks along the way. The guide also includes "Five Vacation Vibes,"

featuring five diverse, curated itineraries designed for every type of traveler; a spotlight on the Eastern Sierra's dramatic landscapes and showcasing why the region is a must-visit for nature lovers in 2026; gold medal-worthy snow getaways that traverse California's premier

snow destinations, with athlete-recommended spots; and expert advice on tackling California's multitude of options and offerings, including timing, logistics, seasonal considerations and tips from locals on how to maximize a California vacation. The 2026 Visitor's

Guide is available at California Welcome Centers, regional tourism offices and online at VisitCalifornia.com/travel-guides. It will also be distributed in March with three People Inc. publications: "Travel + Leisure, Food & Wine and Real Simple." ★

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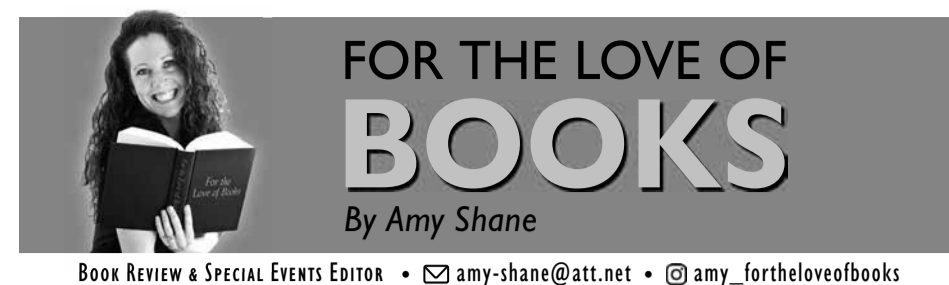
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TALKING DOGS AND FEMALE
GLADIATORS UP FOR DISCUSSION ON PBS

A Film and TV Review
by Tim Riley

"ELIE WIESEL: SOUL ON FIRE" HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE ON PBS

Fittingly timed with International Holocaust Remembrance Day, PBS, through its "American Masters" documentary platform, releases the film "Elie Wiesel: Soul on Fire," recounting the life of an author, educator, activist, and humanitarian committed to fighting antisemitism and injustice.

Famously saying "For the opposite of love, I have learned, is not hate, but indifference," Wiesel's sentiment in this statement underscored his commitment to recollecting his own experience as a survivor of the Holocaust.

With a devotion to justice that ran deep, Wiesel was one of the key figures who spearheaded the creation of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, which is dedicated to ensuring that "Never Again" is more than a slogan that the horrors of the Holocaust should never occur once more.

It's illuminating that the Museum's website contains a statement condemning the misuse of the Holocaust in public discourse, recognizing how comparing contemporary situations to Nazism is not only offensive to its victims, but also inaccurate and misrepresenting Holocaust history and the present.

"Elie Wiesel: Soul on Fire" begins with his early life in Romania and his family members tragic murders in the Nazi concentration camp of Auschwitz, followed by Wiesel's liberation from Buchenwald by American soldiers and his migration to France.

Born in 1928, Wiesel was raised in a Jewish family with three sisters. In 1944, shortly following German occupation, his life irrevocably changed after he and his family were deported to Auschwitz.

His mother and younger sister Tzipora were killed almost immediately, while Wiesel and his father were eventually forced to march to the concentration camp at Buchenwald. After the death of his father, Wiesel was liberated on April 11, 1945.

Wiesel was subsequently transported to France with other orphaned survivors known as the Buchenwald Boys. His sister Hilda discovered him through a photo in a French newspaper, and he eventually reunited with his sisters Beatrice and Hilda.

As a young man, Wiesel began his journalism career in Paris, where he used his writing talents to report on political and foreign affairs. During this time, he also led a children's choir and studied at the Sorbonne.

His writing of the memoir "Night,"

along with "Jews of Silence" and "Four Hasidic Masters," would be the foundation for his career as a speaker, writer and university professor, beginning in the Sixties and Seventies.

Although he frequently wrote about global events as a journalist, he was initially hesitant to recount his own experiences as a Holocaust survivor, which is easy to understand when one must relive unimaginable horrors.

It wasn't until he began writing the book "Night," first in Yiddish as "And the World Remained Silent," then in a shortened version in French titled "La Nuit" and finally in the English translation, that he was able to speak candidly about the horrors endured during the Holocaust.

In 1985, accepting a Congressional Medal of Honor from President Ronald Reagan, Wiesel expressed his gratitude as to how the American liberators "gave us back our lives, and what I felt for them then nourishes me to the end of my days."

In his career, Wiesel penned 57 books and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986. As a professor at Boston University for over thirty years, he influenced thousands of students, and his memoir "Night" is still read in schools around the world.

Wiesel died in 2016 at the age of 87 in New York City and is remembered as one of the most prominent Jewish writers, activists, and educators of the last 60 years. Every Holocaust Remembrance Day should include a memory of his life.

The Holocaust Museum features on its website oral testimonies of survivors, and what it was like to live through the horror, the actions they had to take to survive, and the choices they had to make.

For example, the story of Martin Weiss who at the age of 15 was deported with his family from Hungary and loaded onto cramped boxcars for a grueling journey to Auschwitz, a place they had never heard of before.

In his own words, Weiss recalled as they disembarked from the train, that "if you ever saw bedlam, or if you could imagine hell, that must have been it." And this was happening as "everybody was trying to hold on to their children."

It seemed almost incongruous to Weiss that once at the camp, the prisoners were surrounded by German police dogs, and this made no sense because "it was enclosed in a yard with electrified fences, and nobody could run any place."

Men were soon separated from women, and then everyone had to go through a line, and an officer would direct you to go left or right. "If you went to left, you went to your death. If you went to right, you went to work. This was our initiation or our first experience with Auschwitz."

"Elie Wiesel: Soul on Fire" adds authenticity to the documentary with interviews of the subject himself and family members. ★

X Marks the Haunt

by Lindsay Currie

Will Stone's life is not anything like the other kids in his class. With his mom running the Graceland Cemetery, Will spends an exceptional amount of time at the cemetery, which isn't normal for kids his age, or of any age, really. But Will loves it, especially since Graceland Cemetery is now an Arboretum as well. Will even has own project-decoding cemetery records, especially for the older part of the cemetery.

Everything was perfect, until Will's class scheduled a class trip to the cemetery. Now, Will has a new fear- everyone discovering who his mom is and where he spends his time. Even worse, what if the class bully, Chris, finds out that his mom runs the place? To Will's worst fear, Chris finds out, but instead of making fun of him, he has a mission of his own - sneak into the cemetery and film inside a crypt.

What could happen? Expect everything? And when a century-old key to the crypt goes missing, everything quickly falls apart. Will doesn't just have his mom to worry about. Something is happening to Graceland as well. Trees are starting to die, the lake starts to mysteriously drain, and Will swears there might be a ghost haunting him. Could all of this be tied to the missing key?

As more mysterious clues start surface, Will starts to fear that something dark has been unleashed in the cemetery. Now, it's



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up to Will, his best friends Stash, and his two new friends Michelle and Henry to find the missing key and return it. While also trying to figure out who, or what, is haunting the cemetery. But they will have to act quick if they want to save the cemetery. And what they are about to discover is more than they could ever imagine, putting their detective skills to the ultimate test.

X Marks the Haunt is the perfect scary read for middle schoolers. This book has everything a great ghost story needs- real characters, fast tempo, and a unique haunting mystery. Lindsay Currie is the queen of middle-grade horror, delivering just the perfect blend of storytelling, great characters, and a real cemetery full of fascinating facts. While readers dive into the story, they can also pull up real photos of Graceland cemetery, mausoleums, names from the book, headstones, and even the map, making the story even more believable and just a bit scarier. With her ability to make ghost stories feel real, Lindsay Currie will have readers grabbing their running shoes, a notebook, a camera, and a strong desire to head over to Graceland Cemetery to find all the locations of her books and maybe a ghost story of their own. This book is an absolute win and the perfect choice for anyone wanting to jump into a scary book, or for the younger spooky reader. ★

Dare to Live Without Limits

by Bryan Golden

The Tide Always Comes Back In



Suppose you know nothing about the ocean. One day you make your first visit to the beach. You stay there for six hours and watch with amazement as the water level drops. Not understanding the tide pattern, you would be alarmed that sea level is dropping due to some unknown cause.

In some coastal areas the fluctuation is 10 feet or more between high and low tide. This could cause someone with no perception of the tides a great deal of alarm. What if a hiker decided to make camp on an exposed beach during low tide? In six hours or less, the campsite would be underwater.

Obviously, anyone who lives by the sea needs to be aware of the working of the tides. Accommodations are made to coexist with the changes in sea level. In tidal zones, boat docks are designed to move up and down with the water level.

Other natural phenomena have caused problems for the uninitiated. For example, primitive societies didn't understand solar eclipses. There was a lot of stress when one occurred. At the times the sun was blocked by the moon, causing darkness during the day, they may have even thought the end of the world was upon them.

There are aspects of life, many outside your control, with their own recurring fluctuations. Understanding them is just as important to you as comprehension of tides is to a sailor. You have to be aware of the past and look far enough into the future to ascertain when circumstances are likely to change.

Even things you have control over fluctuate. You may have the best attitude. Your outlook can be 100% positive. Yet you will have off days where you don't feel too upbeat. But because of your strong mindset, you will quickly get back to a better emotional state.

It's important not to panic when you encounter a fluctuation. Acting rashly, based on a false premise that the situation is permanent, tends to exacerbate your situation. You may have to ignore the advice of others. Many people

tend to panic and encourage you to do the same.

The economy is one example of circumstances beyond your control that fluctuate. Economic downturns happen. They can even seem worse than they actually are due to all of the publicity they garner. Invariably, economic conditions improve as they always have.

Successful business owners understand this concept well. They take steps to weather downturns by reducing expenses and adjusting the products and services they sell. You can do things personally to prepare for economic variations.

Having enough savings, keeping your expenses low, and reducing discretionary spending, enables you to endure fluctuations. If your employment remains constant, you probably won't experience a downturn at all. Should you lose your job, being prepared will allow you to get through until things pick up.

With planning and preparation, you will be OK during fluctuations. People get into trouble when they don't understand cycles, are not prepared for them, or both. Without realizing the cyclic nature of events, you will mistakenly assume a condition is permanent. Any subsequent strategies will then be flawed.

In order to recognize the tides that impact you, you must look to past patterns to see how things have varied over time. It's easy to get caught up in today's circumstances and lose track of the fact that the situation isn't static.

You can't control the tides of life any more than you can limit the power of the ocean. You will be much better off when you use them to your advantage. Remember that the tide always comes back in.

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Fall Rains Reduced California Rice Yields

Rainstorms impacted California's rice crop this past fall by delaying harvest, increasing losses and reducing grain quality. Growers initially anticipated a high-yielding crop, but the final numbers are expected to show average production in 2025, according to University of California Cooperative Extension rice specialist Bruce Linquist. "Yields early on looked very good, and there was a lot of optimism," Linquist said. "But as the season progressed and you got later and later harvests, the yields started to drop, and you had pretty low quality and overall low head rice." George Tibbitts, who farms in Colusa County, said October rains made it difficult for farm equipment to navigate his rice fields. "This year for us has been the toughest one I can remember for getting things done during fall harvest," he said.

Lettuce Virus Cases Creep Back Up in Salinas Valley

After two years of lower levels of impatiens necrotic spot virus in the Salinas Valley, researchers have recorded a higher number of cases during the 2025 season. "I think we've been dodging the bullet the past few years, but it looks like whatever guardrails that existed are breaking down," said Richard Smith, a retired University of California Cooperative Extension vegetable crops adviser who has studied

INSV extensively. In 2022, the virus led to substantial yield losses in the Salinas Valley, causing a nationwide shortage of lettuce and record-high prices. Mark Mason, manager of Huntington Farms in Soledad, said his 2025 harvest of more than 4,000 acres of head, romaine and leaf lettuce was decent despite INSV showing up late in the season. "We caught the symptoms at the end of the harvest," Mason said. "We had some fields that were clean and some that were 40% losses."

Alfalfa Growers Face Rising Costs and Lower Returns

Rising input costs and low prices have left U.S. alfalfa growers struggling. Since 2023, most farmers have grown the crop at a loss, according to an analysis by the American Farm Bureau Federation. The organization pointed out that despite alfalfa's status as the fourth most valuable field crop in the nation, generating more than \$8 billion in farmgate value last year, it is not included in most farm safety-net programs such as the Trump administration's Farmer Bridge Assistant Program, which was created to soften economic losses for farmers impacted by international trade policies. AFBF economist Daniel Munch said trade conflicts, especially with China, were partly to blame for low alfalfa prices as U.S. growers have seen a reduction in export markets. As of the most recent Census of Agriculture in 2022, California led the nation in alfalfa production. ★

Republic FC Bolsters Frontline with Striker Kyle Edwards



Kyle Edwards signed a new contract with Republic FC and will be added to the team's roster pending league and federation approval. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

Sacramento Republic FC News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento Republic FC announced Jan. 15 that the Club has acquired forward Kyle Edwards from Hartford Athletic via transfer. Edwards has also signed a new contract with Republic FC and will be added to the team's roster pending league and federation approval.

"Kyle is a proven goalscorer in our league who has shown he can make an impact when he steps on the pitch," said Republic FC Head Coach Neill Collins. "We're looking forward to bringing him on board and introducing him to our incredible fanbase."

Edwards added, "I'm grateful for the opportunity to represent this amazing club and I can't wait to get started."

Edwards comes to the Indomitable City following a three-season stint in Hartford. His breakout came in 2025, when he led Athletic with 12 goals – a new club single-season record – while setting a league record with eight goals as a substitute. His strike rate of 0.95 goals per 90 minutes was the best mark by a player with at least 10 goals since 2020, earning him three Team of the Week selections. He also added three assists to help Hartford win its first trophy in the club's history.

The 28-year-old forward was drafted

86th overall in the 2020 MLS SuperDraft by Houston Dynamo FC and spent his first two seasons with Rio Grande Valley FC, Dynamo's reserve side in USL Championship. With RGV, he recorded six goals and two assists in 25 appearances. In 2022, he joined MLS NEXT Pro side Houston Dynamo 2 and in 13 appearances scored five goals and two assists. He also previously featured for USL League Two side Brazos Valley Cavalry FC in 2019 when he claimed a share of the Golden Boot with 14 goals.

Edwards' college career took him to Ranger College and the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. Across his four seasons, he amassed 51 goals in 57 appearances.

On the international stage, Edwards has been a regular on the roster for the St. Vincent and the Grenadines National Football Team, making over 30 appearances and adding six goals.

Republic FC's 2026 season officially kicks off on March 7 when the club hosts FC Tulsa at Heart Health Park. Season ticket memberships are on sale now, offering a range of benefits including discounts on merchandise and access to exclusive fan experiences, as well as priority seat selection in the new Republic Stadium at The Railyards. For more information, or to purchase a membership today, visit SacRepublicFC.com/Memberships. ★

Former Aggies Named to Hall of Fame



A pair of former Aggies have joined the ranks of some of the best in the history of college football, with Chris Petersen and Gary Patterson both being named to the College Football Hall of Fame as part of its Class of 2026. Photo courtesy of UC Davis Athletics

UC Davis Athletics News Release

IRVING, TX (MPG) - A pair of former Aggies have joined the ranks of some of the best in the history of college football, with Cal Aggie Athletics Hall of Famer Chris Petersen and Gary Patterson both being named to the College Football Hall of Fame as part of its Class of 2026.

"The legacy of coaching and leadership from the UC Davis tree can be seen all over the football world," said current head coach Tim Plough. "When someone refers to you as a 'Davis Guy' you wear that as a badge of honor. You know that it means you're a part of something bigger than you."

"I have always had a great deal of respect and admiration for coach Patterson and coach Petersen has been instrumental in mentoring me in my coaching career. I'm excited to see them both recognized for their incredible careers."

Petersen came to Davis in 1985, spending his final two seasons under center for the Aggies. Once his playing career wrapped up, the eventual multi-Coach of the Year honoree then transitioned to the sideline where he began his coaching career at Davis. From 1987-91, Petersen coached under College Football Hall of Famer Jim Sochor and Cal Aggie Athletics Hall of Famer Bob Foster.

The Aggie quarterback would then go on to have tremendous success at Boise State and Washington, going 147-38 over 14 seasons at those two programs. During that

stretch Petersen won 10 games or more ten times in all but four seasons led teams to seven conference titles, 14 bowl appearances and nine final AP Top 25 finishes, including three top five marks.

Patterson came to Davis early in his career, coaching the linebacker corps under coach Sochor in 1986. The lessons learned in Davis would eventually lead Patterson to Fort Worth, Texas and the TCU Horned Frogs where he would spend 22 years going 181-79 with 18 bowl appearances and a perfect 13-0 2010 season.

The Horned Frogs, led by Patterson, capped off their 2010 undefeated season by winning the 2011 Rose Bowl to go along with 11 bowl game victories that also included the 2010 Fiesta Bowl and 2024 Peach Bowl. Patterson also coached 21 First Team All-Americans and won six conference championships across three different conferences.

UC Davis, the No. 2 ranked public university by the Wall Street Journal, is home to 40,000 undergraduate students and 12,000 employees. Ranked #1 in Agriculture and Forestry as well as #1 in Veterinary Medicine, UC Davis is located in a true California college town nestled between world-class destinations such as the San Francisco Bay Area, Napa Valley and Lake Tahoe. Over 650 Aggie student-athletes compete in 25 Division I varsity sports, with 16 sports transitioning to the Mountain West Conference beginning in 2026-27. ★

Baron Championship Rings Named Official Partner of UC Davis Athletics

UC Davis Athletics News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - UC Davis Athletics has elevated its championship experience with the announcement of a new partnership with Baron Championship Rings as the Official Championship Ring Partner of UC Davis Athletics. The three-year agreement establishes Baron as the exclusive provider of championship rings for UC Davis Athletics, granting the company sole rights to use UC Davis Athletics marks on championship rings, Hall of Fame rings and any varsity ring program.

"Partnering with Baron Championship Rings allows us to celebrate Aggie Pride by honoring the achievements of our student-athletes, coaches and Hall of Fame members in a truly meaningful way," said Dr. Heather Hunter, Executive Director, Aggie Varsity Club. "This partnership also gives our letterwinners, past and present, the opportunity to commemorate their UC Davis student-athlete experience with a varsity ring that reflects their commitment and legacy."

As part of the partnership, Baron will collaborate closely with Aggie programs to design and produce custom pieces that reflect the pride and tradition of UC Davis Athletics, while also providing up to five complementary Hall of Fame rings each year to recognize inductees whose achievements have shaped the legacy of Aggie Athletics.

"Baron Championship Rings is incredibly proud to partner with UC Davis Athletics as their Official Championship Ring Provider," said Kevin Kloostera, Baron Championship Rings Senior Account Executive. "The Aggies have a rich tradition of excellence, and we're honored to help commemorate the achievements of their student-athletes with rings that celebrate their hard work, dedication and legacy. We look forward to creating meaningful pieces that will be treasured for years to come."

Baron specializes in producing customized, highly crafted rings for collegiate and professional sports programs, with a process focused on storytelling, precision and the championship journey. Through this partnership, UC Davis student-athletes, coaches and Hall of Fame honorees will have access

to a collaborative design experience that highlights the values and history of Aggie Athletics.

The first programs to work with Baron under the new partnership will be men's water polo and women's volleyball, both of which captured Big West titles this fall. The Aggie men's water polo team earned the Big West Tournament Championship, securing the conference crown with a dominant postseason run. At the same time, the women's volleyball program claimed the Big West regular season title behind a historic year on the court. Each team will collaborate with Baron to design custom championship rings that reflect the unique identity of their program and celebrate the student-athletes who helped deliver conference titles to Davis. The ring design process will highlight the journey, achievements and traditions that define both championship seasons, setting the standard for future Aggie programs and earning their place in UC Davis Athletics history.

The agreement reflects UC Davis Athletics' commitment to celebrating student-athlete success and the moments that define the Aggie experience on campus, in competition and throughout the alumni community.

About UC Davis Athletics:

UC Davis, the No. 2 ranked public university by the Wall Street Journal, is home to 40,000 undergraduate students and 12,000 employees. Ranked #1 in Agriculture and Forestry as well as #1 in Veterinary Medicine, UC Davis is located in a true California college town nestled between world-class destinations such as the San Francisco Bay Area, Napa Valley and Lake Tahoe. Over 650 Aggie student-athletes compete in 25 Division I varsity sports, with 16 sports transitioning to the Mountain West Conference beginning in 2026-27.

About Baron® Championship Rings:

As a Championship-focused brand, Baron® Championship Rings is relentlessly committed to designing and crafting superior, story-driven products. We take pride in creating Championship Rings that are not only visually stunning but also represent the hard work and dedication of the teams and individuals who earn them.

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Women's Basketball Wins Third Straight

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

FLAGSTAFF, AZ (MPG)

Sophomore guard Rubi Gray posted her first career double-double with a career-high tying 26 points and 11 rebounds, while Benthe Versteeg and Natalie Picton also finished in double figures, helping lead Sacramento State to its third-straight victory with a 78-59 win at Northern Arizona on Thursday, Jan. 15 in Flagstaff, Arizona.

The Hornets moved above the .500 mark with their ninth victory of the year, improving to 9-8 overall and 3-1 in Big Sky Conference play. The triumph gave Sacramento State its third, three-game winning streak of the season, while the three-straight wins in Big Sky since is the longest such streak since Feb. 8-15, 2024.

In winning three of their first four league games, the Hornets are off to their best conference start since they began the 2022-23 Big Sky campaign with four straight wins. Meanwhile, Sacramento State snapped a four-game skid in the series with the Lumberjacks, winning for only the ninth time in 31 chances in Flagstaff.

Led by a team-high 17 points from Naomi White, Northern Arizona fell to 6-12 overall and 2-3 in conference.

Gray's 26-point outburst matched her career high set against Cal State Fullerton on Nov. 21, nabbing her fourth 20-point performance of the year while setting new career marks for rebounds and three-pointers made (six). Her 10 field goals for the game fell



The hot-shooting Hornets hit just over 49 percent from the field for the game and finished with a season-high 11 makes from beyond the arc. Photo by Jyanne Bautista, director of creative content, Sacramento State Athletics

just one shy of her career high in the category.

She was joined in double figures by Versteeg, who tied her season highs with 18 points and eight field goals while narrowly missing out on her third double-double of the year, finishing with nine rebounds to go with four assists.

Picton completed the double-digit trio, adding 14 points for her 12th double-digit scoring performance of the year — and her third straight — while adding five rebounds, three assists and swiping four balls to log her 14th game this season with multiple steals.

Freshman Jaety Mandaquit added a career-high six assists to go with three points and four rebounds, while junior Elizabeth Abiara added seven rebounds and a pair of blocks.

Following a slow start that saw both teams struggle to find their shooting rhythm, the Hornets erased a four-point deficit with a 6-0 run that gave them their first lead of the night at 11-9 with 1:03 to play. The Lumberjacks drained a three-pointer just before the first quarter buzzer to regain the lead, but the advantage

would be short-lived.

Sacramento State opened the second quarter on a 10-0 run over the first 94 seconds of the period, building a nine-point lead that it would not relinquish. Northern Arizona got no closer than six points on its next possession following the run, but another burst — this a 12-3 run by the Hornets over the next four minutes — gave them a 15-point lead with 3:05 remaining and they never looked back.

A 13-point lead at half-time ballooned to as many as 20 points on a couple of occasions late in the third quarter and Sacramento State never allowed Northern Arizona to get closer than 13 points the rest of the way.

The hot-shooting Hornets hit just over 49 percent from the field for the game and finished with a season-high 11 makes from beyond the arc. Meanwhile, the defense was stout, holding the Lumberjacks to just under 35 percent for the game, 27 percent from three-point range overall, and outrebounding the host side by a 49-24 count. ★

Bubba's 33, Jagers Fundraiser Benefits American Tinnitus Association

Restaurants Donate 100% of Profits to Honor Late Founder Kent Taylor

Texas Roadhouse, Bubba's 33, Jagers News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On Monday, Feb. 2, all Texas Roadhouse, Bubba's 33 and Jagers locations invite the public to a fundraiser to support the American Tinnitus Association (ATA). To honor the company's late founder, Kent Taylor, the restaurants will donate 100% of all profits on Feb. 2 to the organization.

More than 26 million adults in the United States battle tinnitus. While commonly referred to as "ringing in the ears," tinnitus can manifest many different perceptions of sound, including buzzing, hissing, whistling, swooshing, and clicking. Tinnitus is the perception of sound when no actual external noise is present.

"For many years, Texas Roadhouse and Roadie Nation have been steadfast partners of the American Tinnitus Association, and we are deeply grateful for their continued support," says CEO Patrick A. Lynch. "This partnership represents the very best of philanthropy, and I am personally thankful for their long-standing commitment to the tinnitus community. Dine-to-Donate, as part of Tinnitus Awareness Week, powerfully amplifies our mission by helping fund research, expanding education, and reminding the millions of people living with tinnitus that they are not alone."

"Supporting ATA allows the Texas Roadhouse brands to continue the legacy of our founder, Kent Taylor, whose heart was always centered on helping others," says CEO and President Jerry Morgan. "Our partnership reflects a sincere dedication to shining a light on tinnitus, its prevention, and the meaningful steps individuals can take to manage this debilitating disease."

The American Tinnitus Association (ATA) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to people with tinnitus. The American Tinnitus Association helps individuals and families cope, funds research, advocates for better care, and provides trustworthy information to thousands of people every day. If you or a loved one need information or help managing tinnitus, contact the American Tinnitus Association at (800)

634-8978 or visit ata.org

Based in Louisville, Kentucky, founded by Kent Taylor, Texas Roadhouse opened its doors in 1993 and has more than 721 locations in 49 states and 10 foreign countries. The family-friendly restaurant is famous for Hand-Cut Steaks, Made-From-Scratch Sides, Fresh-Baked Bread, and a lively atmosphere. In 2022, Texas Roadhouse was named one of Fortune Magazine's Most Admired Companies. In 2024 Texas Roadhouse was also recognized as America's Customer Service Champions by USA Today and the Brand Icon Award by Nations Restaurant News. In addition to Texas Roadhouse, the company owns and operates Bubba's 33 and Jagers, for more information, visit www.texasroadhouse.com.

Bubba's 33, founded by Kent Taylor, founder of Texas Roadhouse, serves up "Food for All" with options featuring handcrafted pizza, bold burgers, signature pastas, ice-cold beer, and hand-crafted cocktails. The first Bubba's 33 opened in Fayetteville, North Carolina, in 2013 and has since grown to over 50 locations in 15 states. Bubba's 33 staff is dedicated to fun and providing the best service in town. On a national level, in 2017, Bubba's 33 was recognized by Nation's Restaurant News with the Hot Concept Award. Since, Bubba's 33 has won a host of local awards including Best Burger, Best Sports Bar, and Best New Business in Texarkana, TX. For more information, visit www.bubbas33.com.

Founded in 2014, by Texas Roadhouse's founder Kent Taylor, Jagers serves scratch-made food in a fast-casual setting. Menu offerings include double-stacked burgers; hand-breaded chicken tenders and sandwiches; fresh made-to-order salads; and hand-spun milkshakes. Jagers is a growing brand with 14 locations including multiple locations in Indiana, Kentucky, North Carolina, Texas and 1 international location. In 2020, Jagers was named a "Hot Concept" by Technomic as well as ranked #1 Burger in Indianapolis by Indianapolis Monthly. For more information, visit <http://www.eatjagers.com/>. ★

Aerospace Museum Awarding Aviation Scholarships



The Aerospace Museum of California's Private Pilot License Scholarship is designed as a comprehensive pilot development pipeline. Courtesy photo.

Aerospace Museum of California News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Thanks to the generosity of its major donors, the Aerospace Museum of California is proud to announce the return of its Private Pilot License (PPL) Scholarship Program. In 2026, the Museum will award three scholarships of \$12,500 each to exceptional and highly motivated students between the ages of 16 and 22 who aspire to become pilots.

Applications for the scholarship program are now open and will close on Feb. 14 at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Standard Time. Interested applicants can find full details and submit their application at <https://www.aerospaceca.org/ppl-scholarship>.

Unlike traditional financial aid programs, the Aerospace Museum of California's Private Pilot License Scholarship is designed as a comprehensive pilot development pipeline. In addition to financial support, scholarship recipients benefit from one-on-one mentoring, structured progress tracking, and clear accountability milestones.

Scholars are also actively engaged in museum programs and STEM outreach initiatives, reinforcing the Museum's commitment to education and community impact. The program is built around a core objective of achieving a 100 percent Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Private Pilot License certification success rate among scholarship recipients.

The ideal candidates for the program are students who demonstrate a strong and sustained desire to pursue a career in aviation. Additional consideration is given to applicants who are already involved in aviation-related organizations or activities, such as Civil Air Patrol, the Experimental Aircraft Association

(EAA), or flight schools. Applicants with prior flight training or those who have already completed the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airman Knowledge Test are also strongly encouraged to apply.

To be eligible, applicants must be between the ages of 16 and 22 and able to begin flight training within 30 days of receiving the scholarship award. Recipients must commit to ongoing mentoring, meet structured progress milestones, and complete a minimum of four hours per month of volunteer service with the Aerospace Museum of California.

The Museum's motto, "Where Dreams Take Flight," reflects more than inspiration; it represents a proven pathway into aviation careers. Through this scholarship program, the Aerospace Museum of California continues to transform passion for flight into real-world opportunities, helping the next generation of pilots earn their wings.

For questions or additional information, interested parties may contact the Aerospace Museum of California Scholarship Coordinator at Scholarship@AerospaceCA.org.

The Aerospace Museum of California encourages educators, parents, aviation mentors, and community members to share this opportunity with aspiring pilots.

About the Aerospace Museum of California

The Aerospace Museum of California is dedicated to preserving the history of aviation and aerospace while inspiring future generations through education, outreach, and hands-on experiences in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). ★

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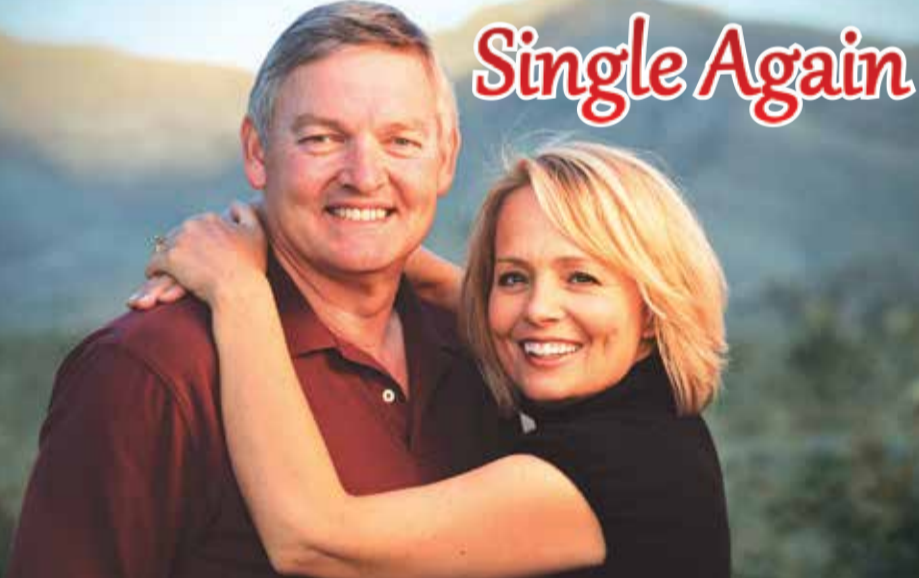
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