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## Local Artists Featured at Art Uncorked



Funds raised from Art Uncorked will support the organization's scholarship and awards program, as well as broader community outreach efforts. Photo courtesy of Soroptimist International of Dixon

By Kendall Brown

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Soroptimist International of Dixon hosted its annual Art Uncorked fundraiser from 4 to 7 p.m. Feb. 21 at the American Legion Hall, 1305 N. First St.

The art and wine event featured work by 20 local and regional artists, along with wine, mocktails and appetizers for \$45 per person.

Barbara Rigdon, president of Soroptimist International of Dixon, said the event was created three years ago as the organization explored alternative fundraising ideas.



Soroptimist International of Dixon hosted its annual Art Uncorked fundraiser from 4 to 7 p.m. Feb. 21 at the American Legion Hall, 1305 N. First St. The art and wine event featured work by 20 local and regional artists, along with wine, mocktails and appetizers for \$45 per person. Photo courtesy of Soroptimist International of Dixon

“While exploring alternative fundraising ideas, we realized there was a wealth of artistic talent within our community and its surroundings, including young women and girls,” said Rigdon. “We wanted to create an opportunity to raise awareness of this talent and integrate it into our fundraising efforts.”

According to Rigdon, the event has grown steadily and continues to draw interest from artists and attendees.

This year’s showcase includes artwork across multiple media, including photography,

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## Council Approves Transportation Plan and Development Outreach Plan

By Shaunna Boyd

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - At the Feb. 17 meeting of the Dixon City Council, an update to the Capital Facilities Fees (CFF), also known as development impact fees, which are collected to cover the increased cost of services and infrastructure was considered. Council briefly discussed this at a prior meeting, but requested more information from staff before proceeding.

The Capital Facilities Fees are adjusted annually based on inflation or deflation in construction costs. The adjustment can be based on the Construction Cost Index (CCI) averaged across 20 major cities across the country, or on the closest of those cities. In previous years, the city has followed the 20-city average, which this year would necessitate a 2.4% increase.

Instead, staff recommended using the closest of those cities, San Francisco, to better represent costs in the northern California region, resulting in a 0.5% decrease this year.

Councilmember Thom Bogue said he appreciated the additional information, and the council voted unanimously to approve the update.

The council considered a resolution approving the Community-Based Transportation Plan (CBTP), which engages residents in identifying transportation needs and challenges.

Public Works Director Louren Kotow said the city is partnering with Solano County Transportation Authority in the development of the plan, which includes prioritizing the identified issues and developing strategies to address them.

Having an active Community-Based Transportation Plan will guide planning and implementation efforts, making the city more competitive for funding grants to support priority projects.

The council voted unanimously to adopt the Community-Based Transportation Plan.

The council considered a \$150,000 contract with Tripepi Smith & Associates, Inc., for a 2026 Development Outreach and Communications plan, which is a council-identified goal for this year. The entire project cost is \$267,000, with some funded through developer

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## Youth Sports Programs Open Spring Seasons

By Kendall Brown

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Youth athletes across Dixon are preparing for a full slate of spring sports as local rugby, football, baseball and soccer programs open registration and begin practices in the coming weeks.

The Solano-Yolo Rugby Club kicked off its youth season for U10, U12 and middle school teams on Dec. 9, 2025. Practices are scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Hall Park, 450 Hall Park Drive, and are held rain or shine. The club’s high school program began Jan. 6, 2026, with the same practice schedule.

Youth teams have competed at multi-team sites in a series of shorter games played in the morning. The youth schedule has two final games, the next of which is Feb. 28 at Chico. The season concludes with an end-of-year Bay Area tournament on March 7.

The high school



Baseball season begins with Opening Weekend on March 6 and 7 for Dixon Little League. Ahead of the opener, the league will host a Field Clean Up Day on March 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Dixon Little League fields. Photo by Nicolas Brown

preseason began Feb. 14 at De La Salle. On Feb. 28, Dixon hosts Lomarinda for the first side and Elk Grove for the second side. League play opens March 7 at Liberty, followed by home and away contests through April. Playoffs are scheduled for May 5, with the championship set for May 9.

For more information, visit [soloyouthrugby.com](http://soloyouthrugby.com) or email [solorugbyclub.info@gmail.com](mailto:solorugbyclub.info@gmail.com).

In football, Dixon Youth Football and Cheer has opened registration for its spring flag football season, which runs March 22 through May 3. The program is open to boys and girls in transitional kindergarten through eighth grade and is part of the NFL Flag official league. All games will be played in Dixon.

Registration closes March 8, the same day as the mandatory skills

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# Wilson Introduces Bill to Modernize E-Bike Safety Laws



Office of Lori D. Wilson News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - The California Medical Association (CMA) and Assemblymember Lori Wilson today announced the introduction of Assembly Bill 2346 to modernize California's electric bicycle (e-bike) safety standards in response to a sharp rise in serious injuries among children and teenagers.

The bill aims to reduce the growing number of severe e-bike injuries, including among California's youth. The bill proposes a comprehensive modernization of California's e-bike regulations to protect children and others sharing the road and to allow the state to effectively support safer e-bike use.

The legislation is informed by a state legislature-commissioned report from the Mineta Transportation Institute at San Jose State University, which highlighted how rapid technological advancements have outpaced current laws, leading to a proliferation of "out-of-class" vehicles that lack safety measures.

"As technology evolves, our laws must keep pace to ensure our streets remain safe for everyone, especially our children," said Assemblywoman Lori Wilson, Chair of the Assembly Transportation

Committee. "This bill provides parents with the information they need to keep their children safe and gives local communities the necessary tools to enforce safe speeds. We are taking an evidence-based approach to prevent tragedy before it strikes."

"Across California, we're seeing more and more children get seriously hurt while riding high-powered e-bikes that are marketed like toys but operate more like motorcycles," said Assemblymember Marc Berman, who is a joint author on AB 2346. "I am proud to join Assemblymember Wilson to crack down on those who misrepresent the speed and power of their products and put clear, enforceable guardrails in place to keep our kids safe. We can support innovation and active transportation options while making sure families aren't misled, and our neighborhoods aren't put at risk."

Physicians across the state have reported a sharp increase in severe trauma injuries related to these vehicles, particularly among children and teenagers. News reports have also documented alarming instances of minors modifying e-bikes to override speed limiters, allowing them to reach speeds far exceeding their classification.

"As physicians, we see the medical consequences of high-speed e-bike crashes every day," said California Medical Association President René Bravo, M.D.

"These are powerful motorized devices, not the bikes many parents

remember growing up with. When children ride them without helmets at high speeds, the injuries can be life-altering. This bill aligns safety rules with medical reality and helps prevent avoidable harm."

### Key provisions of AB 2346

To address these dangers and protect children, AB 2346 would enact the following provisions:

Beginning in 2029, it would be required that all e-bikes sold in California be equipped with integrated lights and speedometers to improve visibility and rider awareness. The bill would require manufacturers and distributors selling e-bikes in California to provide consumers with a summary of e-bike laws and regulations.

The bill would also require retailers and distributors to clearly disclose to consumers what type of e-bike they're selling and the maximum speed, battery wattage, age restrictions, helmet requirements of the device and a warning that modifying the e-bike speed limit is illegal.

Civil penalties would be imposed for any manufacturer, distributor or retailer that violates these disclosure requirements.

The bill would authorize local jurisdictions to adopt overall speed limits for e-bikes on bike and multi-use paths, or paths with appropriate signage, as well as to impose a statewide speed limit of 15 mph for any rider aged 15 years or younger.

The bill would set a statewide speed limit of 5 mph when riding on a sidewalk. ★

# Dixon News Briefs



Dixon Chamber of Commerce is hosting the annual Celebrate Dixon from 5 to 9 p.m. March 14. Held in Madden Hall at the Dixon may Fairgrounds, 655 S. First St., the event will celebrate several individuals and organizations in town, including the 63rd Annual Citizen of the Year. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By MPG Staff

### 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](mailto: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](http://dixondolphins.swimtopia.com) or email [dixondolphinsinfo@gmail.com](mailto:dixondolphinsinfo@gmail.com).

### Dixon High Sports

Dixon High School Boys Junior Varsity Baseball has a home game 4:15 p.m. March 13. Hosted at Dixon High School, 555 College Way, the Rams will take on the Rio Linda High School Knights.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit [dixonramsathletics.com](http://dixonramsathletics.com) or call 707-693-6330.

### Dixon Moose Lodge Bunco

Dixon Moose Lodge is hosting a Bunco Night at 1 p.m. March 7. Hosted at the lodge, 180 W. B St., the event offers pizza, salad and 50/50 raffles for a \$20 donation per person. Seating is limited, with only 48 players eligible for the event.

For more information or to register, visit Dixon Calendar and Events Facebook page or call 707-718-4602.

### Breakfast with the Bunny

Kiwanis Club of Dixon is hosting a family breakfast from 9 to 11 a.m. March 28 in honor of Easter. The event, held at American Legion hall, 1305 N. First St., will include a pancake and sausage breakfast for \$5 and an all-you-can-eat breakfast for \$10. Funds will support children in the community.

For more information, visit Dixon Calendar and Events Facebook page or call 707-635-3303.

### Softball Clinic

Dixon Girls Softball is hosting a clinic from 9 a.m. to noon Feb. 28. Held at Dixon High School Softball Field, 555

College Way, the clinic will focus on hitting, throwing/catching, fielding and game skills for \$50 per player. Lunch and shirts are provided.

For more information, visit the Dixon Girls Softball Facebook page or email [dixonsoftball1@gmail.com](mailto:dixonsoftball1@gmail.com).

### The House of Frankenstein

Dixon Community Theater is premiering its production of "The House of Frankenstein" at 7 p.m. Feb. 20. Held at Dixon Performing Arts Center, 555 College Way, the musical, written by Martin Downing and directed by David Cripe, will have multiple showings. Evening showings are scheduled at 7 p.m. Feb. 20, 21, 27 and 28. Matinees are scheduled for Sundays at 2 p.m., both Feb. 22 and March 1. Tickets cost \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors and children.

For more information, visit [dixoncommunitytheater.org](http://dixoncommunitytheater.org) or call 707-903-8387.

### Dixon FFA Tri-Tip Fundraiser

Dixon High School's Future Farmers of America (FFA) is hosting a tri-tip fundraiser from 1 to 4 p.m. Feb. 28. Held at the high school, 555 College Way, families can pick up a full meal that serves four, including a full tri-tip, beans, potato salad and rolls for \$70. Pre-sale tickets are available at Tractor Supply, 2000 N. First St., on weekends and the Ag Building at Dixon High School.

For more information, visit the Dixon Calendar and Events Facebook page or email [maria.c.torres@dixonusd.org](mailto:maria.c.torres@dixonusd.org).

### Dixon Rotary Crab Feed

Dixon Rotary Club is hosting its 22nd annual crab feed from 6 to 11:30 p.m. Feb. 28. Held in Madden Hall at the Dixon May Fair, 655 S. First St., the event includes a no-host bar at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., and dancing from 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$75 and are available online only.

For more information, visit [2026-dixon-rotary-crabfeed.eventbrite.com](http://2026-dixon-rotary-crabfeed.eventbrite.com) or call 916-240-0147.

### Celebrate Dixon

Dixon Chamber of Commerce is hosting the annual Celebrate Dixon from 5 to 9 p.m. March 14. Held in Madden Hall at the Dixon may Fairgrounds, 655 S. First St., the event will see the crowing of the 63rd Citizen of the Year, 30th Business of the Year, 3rd Nonprofit of the Year, as well as Educator of the Year, Firefighter of the Year, Police Officer of the Year and, new additions, Dixon Educator of the Year and Dixon Coach of the Year. Tickets cost \$75 per person and include dinner and raffles.

For more information, visit [dixonchamber.org](http://dixonchamber.org) or call 7070-678-2650. ★

# Council Approves Transportation Plan and Development Outreach Plan

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contributions. There has been an increase in development within the city in recent years, including applications for multiple housing developments and general plan amendments. Some residents have been outspoken about wanting more input into these potential projects and more transparency from the city on the application review process.

Staff presented the Development Outreach and Communications plan to serve that purpose – to proactively inform and engage the community about the development process, project proposals and opportunities for public participation. Through the plan, staff aims to increase engagement, educate the public through fact-based information and gather community input about their long-term vision for the city as well as major projects under consideration. Staff met with various local stakeholders

while developing the plan, such as Keep Dixon Green, Don't Double Dixon and the Dixon Chamber of Commerce.

City Attorney Doug White explained that the city is legally required to process and consider all development applications, and this plan will help the public better understand and engage with the process.

Councilmember Kevin Johnson said it's important to improve open communication with the public, and the plan was approved unanimously.

The council approved a renewed contract for City Engineer/Director of Utilities Christopher Fong.

They also approved Randy Shafer to serve as the city's Fire Chief, after holding the acting chief position since March 2025. Mayor Steven Bird said Shafer truly earned this permanent position, and the council unanimously approved his appointment.

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

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combine at Dixon High School. Players will participate in warmups and skill stations focusing on snaps, throws, route running, catching and flag pulling. Fees are \$100 for TK and kindergarten players and \$125 for first through eighth grade. Registration includes a jersey, flags and a mouth guard.

For more information, visit [dixonycf.com](http://dixonycf.com) or email [flagFB@dixonycf.com](mailto:flagFB@dixonycf.com).

Baseball season begins with Opening Weekend on March 6 and 7 for Dixon Little League. Ahead of the opener, the league will host a Field Clean Up Day on March 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Dixon Little League fields. Volunteers will prepare fields and facilities, clean

dugouts and organize equipment. Umpire training for ages 11 and older is scheduled from 2 to 4 p.m.

For more information, visit [dixonlittleleague.org](http://dixonlittleleague.org) or email [support@dixonlittleleague.org](mailto:support@dixonlittleleague.org).

Younger athletes can take part in the spring season of Soccer Shots Solano, with sessions beginning March 21. The 10-week program, running March 22 through May 31, is designed for children ages 2 to 8. The Classic program for ages 3.5 to 5.5 features 45-minute sessions focused on fundamental soccer skills and character development.

For more information, visit [soccershots.com/solano](http://soccershots.com/solano) or email [solano@soccershots.com](mailto:solano@soccershots.com). ★

# Delta National Heritage Area Passport Program Launches



Encouraging travelers to "capture stories, preserve memories and discover America's natural and historical treasures," the Passport Program provides stations at Delta venues where visitors can access free cancellation stamps to create a lasting memento of their adventures. Photo courtesy of the Delta Protection Commission

## Congressman John Garamendi News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - On Feb. 24, Congressman John Garamendi announced the launch of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area's Passport Program, a brand-new way to experience the cultural and natural riches of the California Delta.

"I have spent my career fighting to protect and elevate the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and today I'm proud to partner with the Delta Protection Commission and Diane Burgis to launch California's first and only National Heritage Area Passport Program," said Congressman Garamendi.

"This exciting new initiative will inspire a new generation to explore the Delta's breathtaking landscapes, rich history, and vibrant communities. Through the Passport Program, visitors can capture stories, preserve memories, and discover America's natural and cultural treasures in a hands-on way. I invite everyone to visit the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area and experience the Delta for themselves."

"The Passport program provides residents and visitors with a fun opportunity to explore the Delta and appreciate the tremendous variety of landscapes and communities within the NHA," says Delta Protection Commission Chair and Contra Costa County Supervisor Diane Burgis. "We are thrilled to be part of a popular National Park Service program that enhances the region's connection to America's important cultural, historic and natural resources."

California's first and only National Heritage Area (NHA) established Passport stamping stations as part of the "Passport to Your National Parks" program to

inspire visitation and exploration of this unique and culturally significant region.

Encouraging travelers to "capture stories, preserve memories and discover America's natural and historical treasures," the Passport Program provides stations at Delta venues where visitors can access free cancellation stamps to create a lasting memento of their adventures. Official passports may be purchased through the nonprofit partner of the National Park Service.

National Heritage Area sites offering Passport cancellation stations range from museums and libraries to California State Historic Parks and nature preserves. Locations span four of the five counties that make up the National Heritage Area: Sacramento County, Yolo County, Contra Costa County and Solano County.

The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area was designated by Congress in 2019 and is managed by the Delta Protection Commission, which supports the region's economic development while preserving its historical and cultural significance.

There are 62 National Heritage Areas across the United States. National Heritage Areas support historic preservation, natural resource conservation, recreation, heritage tourism and educational initiatives through public-private partnerships.

For more information about the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area Passport Program, contact Kira O'Donnell at 530-650-6362 or Blake Roberts at 530-650-6572.

To learn more about the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area or view the National Heritage Area fact sheet and Management Plan, visit the Delta Protection Commission's website, or call 916-375-4800. ★

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woodworking, jewelry, guitars and ukuleles, art animation, decoupage furnishings and sound bells made from scuba tanks.

"The selection process is determined by the type of art to ensure a diverse range," said Rigdon. "We connect with the community, local colleges, art clubs and rely on word of mouth, and so far, we have successfully included all the artists who applied, preserving the variety and showcasing incredible talent."

Rigdon said one of the goals for this year's Art Uncorked was to expand both participation and artistic offerings. The event increased to 20 artists from 16 last year and includes several new creative styles.

Among the featured participants is local craftsman James Stevens, known for making and repairing guitars and ukuleles in Dixon.

"We are fortunate to have James Stevens, an incredible maker and repairer of guitars and ukuleles, right here in Dixon," said Rigdon. "It's truly amazing to witness his craftsmanship and engage in conversation with him to discover how everything is created."

In addition to expanded artist participation, this year's event includes a landscape photographer, specialty handmade wearables and accessories, and additional sound bell pieces fashioned from scuba tanks.

Funds raised from Art Uncorked will support the organization's scholarship and awards program, as well as broader community outreach efforts.

"Our mission is to empower women and girls with access to education and training

needed to achieve success," said Rigdon. "Our outreach extends beyond that, and our funds are used for other causes such as school support, women's shelter, food banks and meals to those in need and more."

Attendance was similar to the 2025 event, which Rigdon said was impacted by a competitive schedule of February events. Organizers set a fundraising goal of \$5,000.

Rigdon said organizing the event involves coordinating multiple components, including budgeting and securing donations.

"As with any event, there are numerous components to manage, including staying on budget and getting donations; so, it's essential to stay organized," she said. "More difficult is effectively conveying and describing the event to spark interest and gather interest from as many as possible."

Rigdon credited the participating artists, donors and organizing committee for making the event possible, including Kristina Wiley, Patti Crotzer, Karen Walker and Jamie Meville.

"They not only create stunning art but are also incredibly genuine in their interactions with all the attendees," she said of the artists. She also thanked donors who helped provide charcuterie appetizer cups and PIP for the wine selection.

The organization's upcoming fundraisers include a bingo event March 18, and its annual "Swing for a Cause" golf tournament scheduled for April 10.

For more information, visit [si-dixon.org](http://si-dixon.org) or email [sidixon@soroptimist.net](mailto:sidixon@soroptimist.net). ★

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# Thompson Commends SCOTUS Ruling Striking Down Trump Tariffs, Announces Bill to Refund Americans



Rep. Thompson leads two bills to compensate families and small business owners for the losses they experience due to the Trump Trade War. Rep. Thompson's Illegal Tariff Refund Act, introduced Feb. 20, compensates Americans for the higher prices they paid due to the Trump Trade War. Photo courtesy of Office of Mike Thompson

**Office of Mike Thompson News Release**

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - On Feb. 20, Rep. Mike Thompson (CA-04) issued the following

statement in response to the Supreme Court's 6-3 ruling striking down the President's unlawful tariffs:

"This ruling is a win for the American people. For over a year, hardworking families and small business owners paid the price for the President's trade war — literally. Experts report that the average family in our district paid over \$1,900 more last year thanks to this President's unlawful tariffs. Not to mention this trade war has damaged our country's important relationships with our closest allies," said Thompson.

"The President never had the authority to put these tariffs in place without Congress's approval, and I am glad that the Supreme Court chose to uphold the rule of law today. As a member of the Litigation Task Force

and the ranking Member of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Tax Policy, I remain laser-focused on lowering costs for Americans, compensating people for the costs of this tariff war, and ensuring we hold this administration to account for their harmful actions," he continued.

Rep. Thompson leads two bills to compensate families and small business owners for the losses they experience due to the Trump Trade War.

Rep. Thompson's Illegal Tariff Refund Act, introduced Feb. 20, compensates Americans for the higher prices they paid due to the Trump Trade War. The legislation creates an "individual tariff refund credit" that would return money from unlawful tariffs directly to American households instead of corporations. If a court strikes

down a tariff and orders repayment, the Treasury Department would distribute the funds as IRS rebates calculated per person in each household. The premise is straightforward: tariffs operate economically like a tax on consumers through higher prices, so refunds should flow back to families who actually bore the cost.

The bill also includes a guardrail aimed squarely at corporate windfalls. Large companies would face a 100 percent excise tax on tariff refunds unless they can demonstrate they did not pass the tariff costs onto consumers.

Our specialty crop growers and wine producers were also hit hard by these tariffs. With the enactment of Trump's tariffs and trade barriers, our agricultural communities suffered significant

losses while foreign competitors filled the gap left by declining U.S. exports, strengthening their position while American producers are struggling with new market uncertainties.

That's why Rep. Thompson introduced the Specialty Crop & Wine Producer Tariff Relief Act, which provides direct support to specialty crop growers and wine producers facing economic losses from tariffs. The bill creates a direct pay program through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for specialty crop growers and wine producers experiencing "covered losses" caused by increased foreign tariffs. It also allows USDA to purchase surplus specialty crops for use in nutrition programs such as school meals and SNAP. ★

## Kids Like Me Are Proving Democracy Isn't Just for Adults

By Emily Brubaker

On Veterans' Day, middle schoolers from 39 states competed to be crowned the next champion of the National Civics Bee.

I was fortunate enough to emerge as the champion of 2024's inaugural edition of the Bee. As I walked off the stage then, it hit me that I, an eighth grader from Alaska, had just shown the country that young people can and should shape our democracy.

My journey into civics started with something deeply personal. I was born with a congenital condition that requires costly dental procedures. Too often, insurance companies refuse to cover them.

Instead of just accepting that reality, my family and I began working to pass the Ensuring Lasting Smiles Act in Congress. I told my story to lawmakers, explained why the bill mattered and asked them to act. Now, the bill has bipartisan sponsors in the House and Senate.

Civics isn't just about textbooks or history tests. And it's not something we have to wait until we're adults to do.

The National Civics Bee brought together students from across the country to test our belief in our own power to make a difference. The chance to win a \$100,000 scholarship called the Bill Daniels National Civics Award was certainly a draw, too.

During the competition, I loved seeing young people care about how our government truly works.

Sometimes, my classmates ask, "Why should we learn civics if we can't even vote yet?" My answer is simple. Civics is the toolkit for shaping our communities and our country.

Anyone can learn the basics: how a bill becomes law, or what local municipal bodies or school boards have the power to do in their communities. Anyone can speak up by writing to their lawmakers or sharing their ideas with elected officials. Anyone can get involved by helping at polling places on Election Day or volunteering in their community. Anyone can inspire others to become civically active and help friends, family and other community members understand why self-government matters.

Civics is the tool that lets us build the future we want.

Too many students never get a front-row seat to our democracy in action. Civics education often gets squeezed, buried between test prep and other subjects. The National Civics Bee was launched by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Daniels Fund to change that.

Adults have an important role to play. They can make civics a real priority in classrooms, support programs like the Civics Bee, and listen when young people speak up.

For me, the Civics Bee is just the beginning. I'll keep working to pass the Ensuring Lasting Smiles Act and encouraging my peers to step into civic life now, not later.

Democracy isn't a spectator sport. Young people don't have to wait until adulthood to bring about change. We can start right now. And our country will be stronger for it.

*Emily Brubaker is a ninth grader from Anchorage, Alaska, and the 2024 National Civics Bee champion. Applications for the 2026 National Civics Bee are open until February 3. For more information, visit NationalCivicsBee.org. This piece first ran in Newsweek.* ★

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, February 18, 2026**

1900 - Domestic violence incident in the 1000 block of Sierra Drive.

**Tuesday, February 17**

No reports taken.

**Monday, February 16**

1504 - Suspicious vehicle check in the 2400 block of North First Street resulted in the arrest of Brian Lewis (62) of Dixon for violation of probation after it was discovered he had alcohol in his system. He was cited and released.

1810 - Female placed on mental health hold.

**Sunday, February 15**

1940 - Informational report in the 1000 block of Columbia Drive.

**Saturday, February 14**

0817 - A warrant arrest report was taken in the 500 block of West A Street. Officers contacted (S) John Obrien (70) of Dixon. Obrien was arrested and taken to the Solano County Jail.

1002 - A false police report arrest was taken in the 1100 block of North First Street. Officers contacted (S) Solita Evans (37) of Vallejo. Evans was cited and released for making a false police report.

1425 - A vandalism report was taken at Northwest Park.

2016 - Information report taken at West A Street and South Lincoln Street.

2151 - Vehicle collision with injuries. Report taken at the intersection of Regency Parkway and North First Street.

0046 - Arrest for Corporal Injury to a Spouse in the 200 block of Arbor Grove. Suspect Whitney Courville (37-year-old, female out of Dixon) was arrested. She was transported to Solano County Jail without incident.

0147 - Felony Battery, robbery and sexual battery report taken at the Dixon Police Department.

**Friday, February 13**

0841 - Uriel Aguilera (31) out of Dixon was contacted during a traffic stop and arrested for an outstanding warrant.

1014 - Officer was flagged down by a store employee regarding a suspect throwing items within a business. Judith Jaimes, 40-year-old from Dixon, was placed under arrest for obstructing an officer and a violation of probation.

1124 - Fraud report taken in the police department lobby.

1447 - Christian Balboa-Hardison (32) of Dixon was located in the 1300 block of Stratford Avenue. Balboa-Hardison was placed under arrest for Driving Under the Influence.

0243 - Arrest at the intersection of Vaughn Road and Pedrick Road. Suspect Carlos Damian Figueroa (21-year-old, male, out of Rialto, CA) was arrested for driving under the influence. Figueroa was transported to the Dixon Police Department, processed and released on a citation.

**Thursday, February 12**

0920 - Burglary report 100 block Dorset Drive.

1400 - Pedestrian Stop Auction Lane at North First resulted in the arrest of Norma Cuyun (51) of Dixon for an outstanding bench warrant.

1511 - Welfare check 1500 block Valley Glen Drive.

1545 - Fraud Report 900 block West B Street.

**Wednesday, February 11**

1215 - Fraud report via telephone.

1340 - Found property 1900 block North First Street.

1430 - Welfare Check 100 block Heritage Lane.

1630 - Theft Report 100 block Heritage Lane.

**Tuesday, February 10**

0621 - 911 call 500 block South First Street resulted in the arrest of two subjects for domestic battery. They were booked into the Solano County Jail.

0715 - Stolen Vehicle Report 500 block Glenside Drive.

0925 - Burglary report 400 block North Jackson Street.

1615 - Suspicious Vehicle 1400 North First Street. Fern Griggs (39) was arrested for possession of controlled substances and controlled substance paraphernalia. She was transported to the Solano County Jail.

**Monday, February 9**

0820 - Burglary report Watson Ranch Way.

0924 - Collision Report 2200 block Folsom Fair Circle.

1310 - Suspicious Circumstances 400 block East C Street. Jesus Quiroz (55) of Dixon was arrested and booked into the Solano County Jail for 417.4 PC – Brandishing an imitation firearm.

1500 - Welfare check 1500 block Marenda Drive.

1600 - Theft report 500 block College Way.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026000110 The following persons are doing business as: Mario's Handyman, 1342 McKinley Street, Fairfield, CA 94533.

Mario Bracamontes Lopez, 1342 McKinley Street, Fairfield, CA 94533.

Date filed in Solano County: January 21, 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 20, 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: February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026 MARIOS 2-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026000117 The following persons are doing business as: Abjea Bookkeeping, 701 West D Street South, Dixon, CA 95620.

Casanova Consulting LLC, 701 West D Street South, Dixon, CA 95620.

Date filed in Solano County: January 22, 2026. 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 January 21, 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: February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026 ABEJA 2-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026000184 The following persons are doing business as: Napo's Taqueria, 483 North Adams, Dixon, CA 95620.

Olga Lydia Roa Velazquez, 483 North Adams, Dixon, CA 95620. Date filed in Solano County: February 2, 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 February 1, 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: Feb 13, 20, 27, March 6, 2026 NAPOS 3-6-26

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #CU26-00734

Alex Villalobos-Tijero filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Alex Villalobos-Tijero to Alex Tijero.

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 20, 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: February 11, 2026 Publish: Feb 27, March 6, 13, 20, 2026 TIJERO 3-20-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #CU26-00735

Yvette Villalobos filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Yvette Villalobos to Yvette Tijero.

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 20, 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: February 11, 2026 Publish: Feb 27, March 6, 13, 20, 2026 VILLALOBOS 3-20-26

TRUSTEE SALE

T.S. No.: 2024-10324-CA APN:

0116-130-190 Property Address: 260 HERITAGE LN, DIXON, CA 95620 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/8/2021. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: JOHN E. LONG and JENNIFER N. LONG, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS COMMUNITY PROPERTY WITH RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP Duly Appointed Trustee: Nestor Solutions, LLC Deed of Trust Recorded 10/15/2021 as Instrument No. 202100107274 in Book - Page - of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Solano County, California Date of Sale: 3/19/2026 at 9:30 AM Place of Sale: At the Santa Clara Street entrance to the City Hall at 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA 94590 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$507,328.67 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 260 HERITAGE LNDIXON, CA 95620 A.P.N.: 0116-130-190 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. Please be advised that the Trustee may require entity or trust bidders at this trustee's sale to provide information, documentation and/or certification of the vesting instructions and the data required to be reported pursuant to FinCEN regulations effective for transfers of residential real property to covered transferees on or after March 1, 2026. The required information must be provided to the trustee before a

trustee's deed upon sale will be issued for covered transfers. These federal regulations will require reporting if a trustee's deed is issued on or after March 1, 2026, even if the foreclosure sale is conducted prior to March 1, 2026. Additional information regarding these regulations and the required transferee information and certifications can be found at https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers and https://www.fincen.gov/re-faqs#D\_5.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call or (888) 902-3989 or visit these internet websites or www.nestortrustee.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2024-10324-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANTS: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call or (888) 902-3989 or visit these internet websites or www.nestortrustee.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2024-10324-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 2/2/2026 Nestor Solutions, LLC 214 5th Street, Suite 205Huntington Beach, California 92648 Sale Line: (888) 902-3989 Amanda Guillen, Trustee Sale Officer

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TS No. CA-25-1026332-CL Order No.: 250587064-CA-VOI

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 4/8/2022. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, or cash equivalent if deemed acceptable to the trustee, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): THOMAS E. CHAPMAN AND BRITTANY L. CHAPMAN, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS COMMUNITY PROPERTY WITH RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP. Recorded: 4/13/2022 as Instrument No. 202200026507 of Official Records in the office of the

Recorder of SOLANO County, California; Date of Sale: 4/1/2026 at 09:00 AM Place of Sale: At the Santa Clara St. Entrance of the Vallejo City Hall, located at 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA 94590 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$615,018.47 The purported property address is: 255 SCHOONER RIDGE CT, DIXON, CA 95620 Assessor's Parcel No. : 0108-252-150 All bidders, at the date, time, and place of the scheduled sale, will be required to show satisfactory support to the auctioneer of their ability to pay the amount they intend to bid, unless arrangements have been made with the trustee prior to the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. 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The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 800-280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website http://www.qualityloan.com, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-25-1026332-CL. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 619-645-7711, or visit this internet website http://www.qualityloan.com, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-25-1026332-CL to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OWNER-OCCUPANT: Any prospective owner-occupant as defined in Section 2924m of the California Civil Code who is the last and highest bidder at the trustee's sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION by 5 p.m. on the next business day following the trustee's sale at the address set forth in the below signature block. NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE POST-SALE OVER BIDDERS: For post-sale information in accordance with Section 2924m(e) of the California Civil Code, use file number CA-25-1026332-CL and call (866) 645-7711 or login to: http://www.qualityloan.com. The above statutorily mandated notices to Tenant, Prospective Owner-Occupant, and Prospective Post-Sale Over Bidders are brief summaries of what may be required under Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. Compliance with all relevant provisions will be required. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10

days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Date: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 2763 Camino Del Rio S San Diego, CA 92108 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 800-280-2832 Or Login to: http://www.qualityloan.com Post-Sale Information (CCC 2924m(e)): (866) 645-7711 Reinstatement or Payoff Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION TS No.: CA-25-1026332-CL IDSPub #0293126 2/20/2026 2/27/2026 3/6/2026 DIXON INDEPENDENT VOICE 3-6-26

T.S. NO.: 251028906 Notice of Unified Trustee's Sale Loan Number: 8390282101 APN: 0109-180-040 You Are In Default Under A Deed Of Trust Dated 7/31/2018 And Promissory Note And Loan Agreement Dated 7/31/2018. Unless You Take Action To Protect Your Property, It May Be Sold At A Public Sale. If You Need An Explanation Of The Nature Of The Proceedings Against You, You Should Contact A Lawyer. On 3/19/2026, 9:30 AM, Total Lender Solutions, Inc., as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded on 8/29/2018, as Document No. 201800058519, Book, Page, of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Solano, California, executed by Suneel Sharma, a married man, as his sole and separate property, as Trustor, Farm Credit West, FLCA, as Beneficiary. Will Sell At Public Auction To The Highest Bidder For Cash (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by Cash, a Cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At: Santa Clara Street entrance to City Hall, 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California, describing the land therein: The Southeast One Quarter Of Section 29, In Township 7 North, Range 1 East, MDB & M Excepting Therefrom That Portion Which Lies Within County Roads, Nos 318 And 560 Also Excepting Therefrom All That Portion Of Land Described In The Deed To State Of California Recorded July 6, 1944, Book 319, Page 530, Series No 5891, And All That Portion Described In The Deed To The State Of California, Recorded April 21, 1960, Book 1024, Page 445, Series No 7826 Also Excepting Therefrom Those Portion Of Land Described In The Grant Deeds To Solano Irrigation District, Both Which Recorded September 19, 1960, Book 1044, Page 279, Series No 18213 And Recorded September 19, 1960, Book 1044, Page 281, Series No 18214 A.P.N.: 0109-180-040 The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 5787 Midway Road Dixon Area, CA The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warrant, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by eum said Deed of trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of fiod trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trust created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$3,232,692.06 estimated. Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase the figure prior to sale. Beneficiary hereby elects to conduct a unified foreclosure sale pursuant to the provisions of California Commercial Code section 9604, et seq., and to include in the non judicial foreclosure of the real property interest described in the Promissory Note and Loan Agreement dated 7/31/2018, between the original trustor and the original beneficiary, as it may have been amended from time to time, and pursuant to any other instruments between the trustor and beneficiary referencing a security interest in personal property. Beneficiary reserves its right to evoke its election as to some or all of said personal property and/or fixtures, or to add additional personal property and/or fixtures to the election herein expressed, as Beneficiary's sole election, from time to time and at any time until the consummation of the Trustee's Sale to be conducted pursuant to the Deed of Trust and

this Notice of Trustee's Sale. See the Deed of Trust, if applicable. The personal property which was given as security for trustor's obligation is described See Attached Exhibit "A" Solano County. No warranty is made that any or all of the personal property still exists or is available for the successful bidder and no warranty is made as to the condition of any of the personal property, which shall be sold "as is" "where is". The beneficiary under the Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned, a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a Written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County here the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation Notice To Potential Bidders: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. Notice To Property Owner: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (877) 440-4460 or visit this Internet Web site www.mkconsultantsinc.com, using the file number assigned to this case 251028906. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Please be advised that the trustee may require entity or trust bidders at this trustee's sale to provide information, documentation and/or certification of the vesting instructions and the data required to be reported pursuant to FinCEN regulations effective for transfers of residential real property to covered transferees on or after March 1, Lor 2026. The required information must be provided to the trustee before a trustee's deed upon sale will be issued for covered transfers. Additional information regarding these regulations and the required transferee information and certifications can be found at https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers and https://www.fincen.gov/re-faqs#D\_5 2/10/2026 Total Lender Solutions, Inc. Rachel Seropian, Trustee Sale Officer Exhibit "A" (1) (A) all wells, irrigation and drainage pumps, motors, pipes, windmills, frost protection equipment, center pivot irrigators, sprinklers, drip line and emitters, filters, water measurement meters and control structures and other watering and irrigation equipment; and (B) all other water equipment now or hereafter affixed to or installed in any manner on the real property ("Property") in Solano County, CA, as further described in Exhibit A to the deed of trust dated July 31, 2018, and between Debtor as trustor and Secured Party as beneficiary thereunder, to be recorded in the County, and which may be supplemented or amended from time to time, or in connection with the operation of the Property (collectively "Water Equipment"); and (2) all now existing or after acquired rights, whether owned legally, of record, equitably or beneficially, to the diversion, storage, distribution and use of water, whether surface water, subterranean stream flow or groundwater, including but not limited to all riparian, appropriate, overlying, prescriptive rights, or otherwise, and whether or not appurtenant, now or hereafter relating or available to the Property or used in connection therewith including but not limited to all licenses, permits, decreed rights and any other water right of every kind or nature and that is appurtenant to, allocable to or used in connection with the Property (collectively "Water Rights"); and (3) all now existing or after acquired contractual entitlements or otherwise to the diversion, storage, distribution and use of water, whether surface water, subterranean stream flow or groundwater, including but not limited to all contractual entitlements arising under or derived from any contract with the United States of America, State of

The Southeast One Quarter Of Section 29, In Township 7 North, Range 1 East, MDB & M Excepting Therefrom All That Portion Of Land Described In The Deed To State Of California Recorded July 6, 1944, Book 319, Page 530, Series No 5891, And All That Portion Described In The Deed To The State Of California, Recorded April 21, 1960, Book 1024, Page 445, Series No 7826 Also Excepting Therefrom Those Portion Of Land Described In The Grant Deeds To Solano Irrigation District, Both Which Recorded September 19, 1960, Book 1044, Page 279, Series No 18213 And Recorded September 19, 1960, Book 1044, Page 281, Series No 18214 A.P.N.: 0109-180-040 The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 5787 Midway Road Dixon Area, CA The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warrant, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by eum said Deed of trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of fiod trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trust created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$3,232,692.06 estimated. Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase the figure prior to sale. Beneficiary hereby elects to conduct a unified foreclosure sale pursuant to the provisions of California Commercial Code section 9604, et seq., and to include in the non judicial foreclosure of the real property interest described in the Promissory Note and Loan Agreement dated 7/31/2018, between the original trustor and the original beneficiary, as it may have been amended from time to time, and pursuant to any other instruments between the trustor and beneficiary referencing a security interest in personal property. Beneficiary reserves its right to evoke its election as to some or all of said personal property and/or fixtures, or to add additional personal property and/or fixtures to the election herein expressed, as Beneficiary's sole election, from time to time and at any time until the consummation of the Trustee's Sale to be conducted pursuant to the Deed of Trust and

# Dixon High Students Hold Black History Month Unity Walk

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Students and staff at Dixon High School gathered at 11:14 a.m. Feb. 13 for a Black History Month Community Unity Walk at the campus, 555 College Way.

The event was organized by teacher Kristina Gregory and her Ethnic Studies class as part of the school's African American/Black Studies unit. Gregory, who teaches English 9, World History and Ethnic Studies, said the idea grew out of classroom lessons on the Civil Rights Movement and the theme of walking in unity.

"What inspired us to organize the community unity walk for Black History Month was that at Dixon High School, we embrace everyone in our school community and have heritage months represented and celebrated," said Gregory.

"In our Ethnic Studies class at the beginning of February, we started our African American/Black Studies unit and one of the lessons that we were going to, and actually did learn the week of the walk, was the Civil Rights Movement as well as walking in unity."

Gregory said the walk was designed as a meaningful way to connect classroom instruction with a shared community experience. She credited Brett Peterson's leadership class for helping organize the event.

Students spent a week preparing. Gregory informed classes that participants would walk in unity, peace and love in honor of Black History Month. The route and timing followed the school's annual Cancer Walk schedule held each October.

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Movement, including Malcolm X, Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, Medgar Evers, John Lewis, Angela Davis and Ida B. Wells, whom Gregory described as an original pioneer of the movement. Signs also remembered victims such as the Birmingham Four and the three Freedom Rider students.

Two phrases, namely "We Shall Overcome" and "A Change is Gonna Come," were included on banners to reflect themes associated with the era. Students in Martin Juarez's English class, who are reading To Kill a Mockingbird, also made signs for the event.

Gregory said the Selma march was a major inspiration.

According to Gregory, some community members mistakenly



Students and staff at Dixon High School gathered at 11:14 a.m. Feb. 13 for a Black History Month Community Unity Walk at the campus, 555 College Way. Photo courtesy of Dixon High School

believed the walk was a protest or walkout, possibly related to immigration enforcement issues in other parts of the state.

"I was honestly disappointed in this accusation that this was what our walk was about, as nowhere in all the information that was provided to the community was there any indication of protesting or a walkout," said Gregory.

Despite initial concerns, community members attended the event, with many choosing to walk or observe.

"On the day of our walk, we did have many community members come out and not only walk with us, but also observe, which in a way did bring us all together as a community," said Gregory.

Gregory said experiential learning helps students gain a broader understanding of their lessons.

"When students are a part of their lessons in class on this scale, they come to it with a wider knowledge and understanding, making this a more meaningful experience," said Gregory. "This may open more opportunities for students to not only maximize their learning, but also to exhibit their cultures, as well as other students' cultures."

One moment stood out to Gregory during the walk.

"There was one moment when a song came on that the students all knew and started singing out loud together, and all I could feel was that unity that was there in the 1960s was also there in 2026 with our community," said Gregory. "I had goosebumps and a tear in my eye at that very moment because we were really living the moment and stepping into the shoes of those we learned about in class."

Gregory said the school plans to hold the walk annually and thanked staff, district officials and local officers for supporting and ensuring the safety of participants.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE DIXON PLANNING COMMISSION

The Dixon Planning Commission will hold a hybrid PUBLIC HEARING to consider the following project:

**PROJECT:** 2000 West A Street (The Learning Experience) - Request for a Design Review (DR25-0191) approval for construction of a 9,995 sq. ft. daycare facility, along with a 12,342 sq. ft. playground area on a 1.21 acre lot (~52,708 sq. ft.). Other site improvements include fencing, landscaping, and 36 parking spaces. The facility could accommodate as many as 162 children between the ages of 6 months and 6 years old. Per Chapter 18.23 of the Dixon Municipal Code, Design Review before the Planning Commission is required for all new, non-residential construction that exceeds 5,000 sq. ft.; APN: 0113-020-220; Zoning District: Regional Commercial (CR); Dixon Plaza, LLC, owner; Jared Brown, applicant; File No: PLAPP25-0190, DR25-0191.

The California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") requires that this project be reviewed to determine if a study of potential environmental effects is required. It has been determined that this project will not have a significant effect on the environment and no environmental review will be completed. This project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption from the provisions of the CEQA Guidelines under 14 CRR Sections 15303 and 15332, [Classes 3 and 32: New Structures and In-fill Development]. If the Planning Commission determines that this project is in an environmentally-sensitive area, further study may be required.

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

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

**WHAT WILL HAPPEN:** All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing to express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposed application. Testimony from interested persons will be heard and considered by the Planning Commission prior to making any decision on the application. The meeting will be physically open to the public and all persons attending the meeting must abide by all State rules and public health guidelines, regarding masking and social distancing in City Council chambers.

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

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

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) at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

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### SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Dixon City Council adopted Ordinance No. 26-002, adding Chapter 2.14 to the Dixon Municipal Code to establish the Dixon Industrial Development Authority.

The Ordinance declares the need for, and establishes, the Dixon Industrial Development Authority to serve as the City's industrial development authority. The Authority is authorized to transact business and to exercise all powers conferred upon industrial development authorities under the California Industrial Development Financing Act. The jurisdiction of the Authority is limited to the incorporated boundaries of the City of Dixon.

This Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Dixon City Council held on the 3rd day of February 2026, and adopted at a regular meeting of the Dixon City Council held on the 17th day of February 2026, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Bogue, Hendershot, Johnson, Ernest, Bird  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

A copy of the full text of the adopted ordinance is available for public review at City Hall, 600 East A Street, Dixon, CA 95620 or at [www.cityofdixonca.gov](http://www.cityofdixonca.gov).

Kristin M. Janisch  
Elected City Clerk

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### SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Dixon City Council adopted Ordinance No. 26-003, amending Dixon Municipal Code Title 18 (Zoning Ordinance), Chapter 18.05 (Commercial and Mixed Use Districts), Chapter 18.12 (Affordable Housing Density Bonus), Chapter 18.19 (Standards for Specific Uses), and Chapter 18.35 (Definitions) as implanting actions of the Dixon 6th Cycle Housing Element (2023-2031).

This Ordinance makes amendments to the City of Dixon's Zoning Ordinance to implement specified housing programs contained in the City's 6th cycle housing element to ensure compliance with state law. The housing programs implemented include by-right affordable housing on previously identified sites, density bonuses for affordable housing projects and accessory dwelling unit development. To implement these programs, the Ordinance makes amendments that (1) incorporate new provisions for affordable housing development on certain previously-identified sites, (2) amend several chapters to impose consistent requirements for affordable housing density bonuses and (3) revise accessory dwelling unit development to comply with recent changes to state law.

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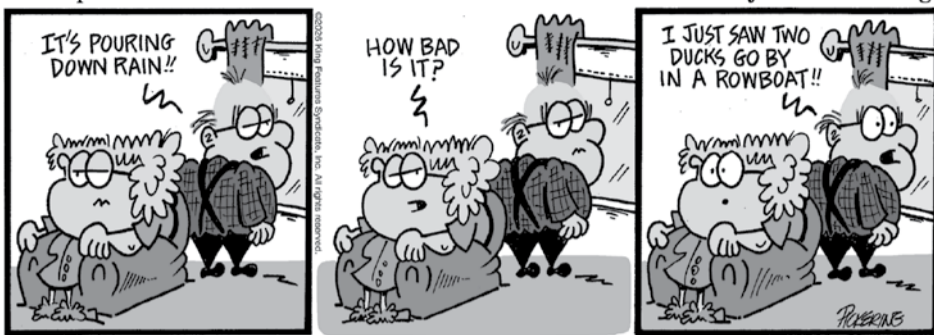
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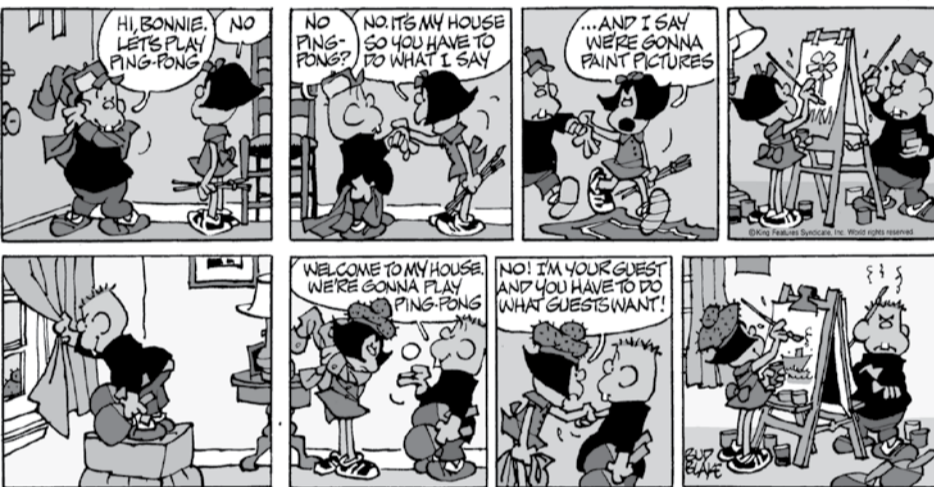
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by Dave T. Phipps



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  - Reach a high
  - Italian bowling
  - Entrepreneur Gary Vaynerchuk's alias, Gary
  - Jolly good one
  - Parallel grooves
  - Many, many moons
  - "Take it back!"
  - "Song Sung Blue" Best Actress nominee
  - "Movie with most 2026 Oscar nominations
  - Make a seam
  - Vampire's tooth
  - Tai's partner
  - South American monkey
  - Naphthenic acid + palmitic acid
  - Pilot's stunt
  - Forbidden, to a baby
  - Vampire of Greek mythology
  - Italian wine region
  - Not Astroturf
  - Alpine lift
  - Sports figures, e.g.
  - Cantina pot
  - Email folder
  - Not vivid and bright
  - Nessie's abode
  - Jamie Foxx won for his role in this 2004 biopic
  - Eagle's nest
  - Unreliable newspaper
  - \*2026 nominated film with Stone and Plemons
  - \*Chlo Zhao's nominee
  - Newton or Stern
  - Romanian money
  - Star-crossed one
  - To the point
  90. a.k.a. sodium hydroxide
  - Novelist Zola
  - Formerly, formerly
  - Aye-aye
  - "He \_\_\_ it like it is"
- DOWN**
- Not NBC or ABC
  - Reluctant
  - Pantyhose hue
  - DNA and RNA, e.g.
  - Cups and saucers
  20. e.g.
  - \*"One Battle After Another" Best Actor nominee
  - High IQ society
  - \*#7's nominated co-star
  - "Anything \_\_\_?"
  - Wing-shaped
  - K to Romans, pl.
  - Like athlete's foot
  - Behind on rent, e.g.
  - Night spot
  - At last
  - Necklace fastener
  - Popular garden perennial
  - I to Greeks, pl.
  - \*2026 nominated Benicio del \_\_\_
  - Benatar and Morita
  - Fly in \_\_\_ or a reminder of the past
  - Tarzan's swing rope
  - \*Fictional table tennis champ
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# First Northern Bank Welcomes Travis Hill

By MPG Staff

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - First Northern Bank announced Feb. 18 that Travis Hill has joined the organization as vice president and client relationship manager.

Hill will serve on the bank's Client Relationship Development Team. He will focus on expanding business relationships and supporting growth efforts in Solano County.

Amy Morin, senior vice president and client relationship manager team leader, said Hill's

background will support the bank's business development goals.

Hill brings 12 years of experience in sales, banking, finance, business development, commercial real estate, underwriting and portfolio relationship management.

He earned a Bachelor of Arts in history from Bryn Athyn College of the New Church.

Outside of work, Hill coaches competitive youth hockey teams. He also spends time hiking and traveling with his family. ★

# Top Concert Acts Coming to the 2026 California State Fair

Weekly Announcements Begin in March

## California State Fair News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The highly anticipated 2026 California State Fair Toyota Concert Series on the Sky River Casino Stage rolls out in March. From R&B and country to pop, each Monday will bring new excitement as top acts are revealed.

"We want our guests to explore everything that makes the California State Fair a treasured summer tradition," said Tom Martinez, CEO of Cal Expo and the California State Fair. "Music is a huge part of the Fair experience and we are committed to bring amazing, talented musicians to the stage."

We can't wait for you to join us to experience unforgettable concerts, award-winning wines, food, rides and exhibits at the 2026 California State Fair, which runs from July 17 through Aug. 2. The Fair opens at 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Friday through Sunday, the Fair opens at 10 a.m.

The nightly concerts are free with Fair admission, but fans who want to get closer to the stage can purchase tickets. Newsletter subscribers will receive exclusive pre-sale access to buy concert tickets before they go on sale to the general public.

For the latest updates, presale access, and full event details, visit [CAStateFair.com](http://CAStateFair.com) and sign up for the newsletter today.

## About the California State Fair

Cal Expo is home of the California State Fair, an international award-winning fair, receiving top honors at the International Association of Fairs and Expositions out of more than 1,100 fairs worldwide. For the past two years, the Fair was ranked the best State Fair in the nation. Established in 1854, the California State Fair is dedicated as a place to celebrate the best the state has to offer in agriculture, technology, and the diversity of its people, traditions, and trends that shape the Golden State's future. ★



Travis Hill recently joined First Northern Bank as vice president and client relationship manager. Photo courtesy of First Northern Bank

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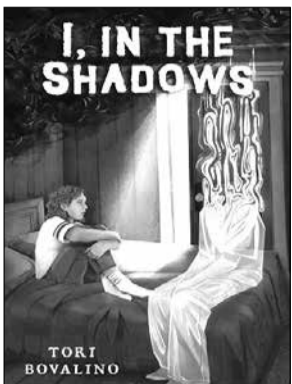
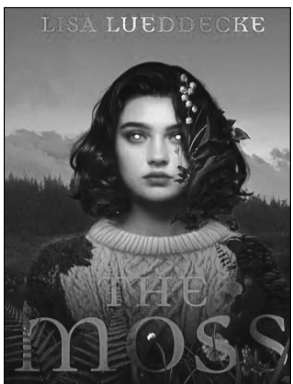
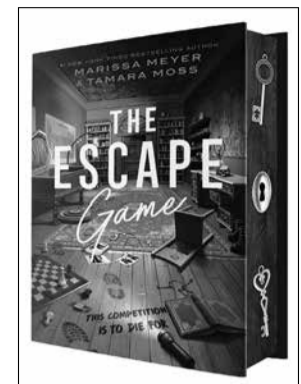
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# Can You Escape these Great Reads?



**The Escape Game**  
by Marissa Meyer and Tamara Moss; Putnam

What happens when you combine a murder mystery with a game show- you get a real murder mystery. Six months ago, The Escape Game ended with an actual murder, and no one knows who the killer really was, even though they all suspect her sister.

But now that the show has started an unprecedented Season 5, and Adi Carter and Beck are more than thrilled to be part of the show until they learn who the fourth member of their party is, the girl accused of her sister's death and Season 4's player, Sierra.

Each with their own motive to be part of the show, Sierra is here for justice, and they will all have to work together in order to win. Even with the high-stakes competition, none of them expected to uncover the clues to Alicia's true killer. Now the high-stakes competition comes at a new cost: their lives, and if they don't work together to solve the mystery of Alicia's killer, they might be next.

The perfect action-packed murder mystery book for those who love a great reality game show.

**The Moss**  
by Lisa Lueddecke; Simon & Schuster

It's been a year since Emma's sisters' disappearance. The police still have no leads, and some believe in her

father's involvement. But there is something more to her sister's disappearance, and Emma knows it has to be her to find her.

The more time she spends around the bogland known as the Moss, the more she feels the dark shadows of the misty bog starting to pull her in. Now, Emma will have to face the ghosts of her past in order to try and solve the mystery, but if she isn't careful, she could be the next one to disappear.

A dark and spooky read that takes place in a haunted house set in Maine. Perfect for fans who love an atmospheric read, set in Northern Maine.

**I, In the Shadows**  
by Tori Bovalino; Page Street YA

Drew is being haunted by a ghost in her bedroom. Liam has been dead for 10 months and has no idea how to move on. But Drew is more worried about what he will become if he doesn't move on. Drew and Liam are each opposite of one another, which makes them even more compatible as friends, but how long can you really be friends with a ghost?

But when they have an encounter with a ghost-eating monster, everything changes. Now they have to work together as a team to help each other and stop them from becoming monsters themselves.

A story perfect for those who love problem-solving and a good ghost story. ★



**Dare to Live Without Limits**  
by Bryan Golden  
**Forming Good Habits and Getting Rid of Bad Ones**

*"It is easier to prevent bad habits than to break them."*  
- Benjamin Franklin

*"The best way to break a bad habit is to drop it."* - Leo Aikman

It's easy to form habits. But it seems as if developing bad habits takes less effort than good ones. Before I cover how to form good habits, how do you differentiate between good and bad ones? Bad habits include any behavior patterns that are destructive to you, cause harm to others, or prevent you from achieving your goals.

It doesn't matter what habits other people have. A particular habit may be good for one person but bad for another. John is extremely well organized. He knows how to manage his time so that he gets a lot done. Organization is also important to Robin. However, she devotes so much time to it that there is little time left for anything else.

Although both John and Robin are very organized, John is much more productive. Robin is constantly frustrated about not being able to accomplish more. The same habit has different impacts on each of them.

What's important are your habits and how they impact your life. Don't compare yourself to others. Your concern should be focused on what you need to do. Consider your current habits. Which ones would you like to get rid of?

One good way of ending a bad habit is by replacing it with a good one. Eric had a bad habit of being late for work. Rather than trying to not be late, he decided to be early. Now he starts getting ready an hour earlier than he had been. With this approach, Eric can be up to an hour "late" and still get to work on time.

All habits take time to form. It is much easier to eliminate a bad habit before it takes hold. Getting into a good habit takes determination, repetition, patience, and persistence. A major

cause for disappointment is expecting to get into a good habit overnight.

A habit isn't formed in one step. It requires a process of successive steps. The first time you attempt a new course of action, it may not take hold. You may revert to your old habits. If you are to succeed, you must push yourself to focus on the new habit.

Sharon wanted to get into better shape. She joined a health club and worked out four times her first week. But she didn't lose weight or look any different. Feeling discouraged, Sharon didn't exercise at all for the next three weeks. She realized nothing positive would happen unless she resumed her exercise program. Shannon kept dragging herself back to the club until she began to see results.

When you are changing your behavior, you may encounter setbacks. If this happens, just get back on track. Janet was a junk food junkie. Her eating habits were impacting her weight. Janet decided to make a change to a healthier diet.

Janet started off well but had days where she reverted to her old eating habits. Rather than giving up when this happened, she simply got back to her better diet the next day. Even with the setbacks, Janet's improved diet has enabled her to lose weight and feel better.

In order to form a good habit, you must be motivated. If the habit is not appealing or the results are not important to you, you will not be successful. You have to really want the new habit to be part of your life. Good habits bring many rewards, so get started today.

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# Riley Reviews

## SLATE OF THRILLER FILMS RUNNING ON THE LIFETIME CHANNEL

**A Film and TV Review**  
by Tim Riley

**LIFETIME THRILLER MOVIES**

During February and March, seven new thrillers will debut on the Lifetime channel. Based on a true story, "The Dating App Killer: The Monica White Story" stars Lela Rochon as the titular character starting to date again and soon charmed by Anthony Robinson (Jarod Joseph) she met online.

As their relationship deepens, Monica decides to meet Anthony in person but is unaware he harbors a dangerous secret. After her birthday celebration, his demeanor turns menacing.

When she begins connecting the dots between Anthony's past and a string of murders haunting her community, Monica realizes she may be the key to ending this deadly rampage.

In "Double Double Trouble," Tami Roman stars as identical twin sisters. Reeling from a devastating miscarriage and collapse of her marriage, Drea struggles to rebuild her life when her twin sister Ali finds love with Ryan (Colin Lawrence), a man who represents everything Drea believes she's lost.

Old wounds, buried resentments, and twisted loyalties resurface, and Drea is pulled into a dangerous psychological battle with her twin, one that blurs identity, fractures reality, and leads to deadly consequences.

Following the success of Lifetime's "Buried Alive and Survived," the gripping new movie "Pushed off a Plane and Survived" is inspired by real stories from the original creative team.

This new story follows Jaynie (Eva Marcille) who miraculously cheats death after her husband Cole's (Tyler Lopley) betrayal. A skydiving trip turns into a nightmare when she plummets 4,000 feet from the sky.

Against all odds, Jaynie survives. As she recovers from her devastating injuries, what appeared to be a tragic accident soon unravels into a chilling tale of deception and survival.

Determined to expose the man she once loved as a con artist, Jaynie fights to uncover his web of lies and bring him to justice before it is too late.

Interesting fact: 22-year-old Yugoslavian flight attendant Vesna Vulovic holds the record for surviving the highest fall from a plane at 33,000 feet without a parachute in 1972. She recovered from multiple serious injuries for the most part.

In "Vanished in an Instant," Megan (Vinessa Antoine), a widowed high school teacher, sets out on a weekend road trip to reconnect with her rebellious teenage daughter, Whitney (Arista Arhin).

When a breakdown at a gas station ends with Whitney vanishing, police call it a runaway, but Megan knows better.

As disturbing clues emerge and a

shadowy figure traps Whitney in a deadly game of survival, mother and daughter are thrust onto parallel paths of terror.

With time running out, Megan makes a frantic, high-stakes race to uncover the truth of Whitney's disappearance before her daughter is lost forever.

"The Boy with My Son's Face" would be the story of any mother's nightmare. After severe postpartum depression pushes Susan Webster (Italia Ricci) to her limit, she's convinced by her husband Mark (Luke Camilleri) to start medication and hire a nanny, Amy (Siobhan Williams) to help with her infant son.

But one fateful night, tragedy strikes and the baby dies, and Susan is convicted for a crime she doesn't even remember committing.

Years later, out on parole and fighting to start over, Susan sees a photograph that stops her cold – a picture of a boy who looks exactly like her son, only older and very much alive.

Teaming up with her street-smart friend Cassie (Gigi Saul Guerrero), Susan looks for answers and uncovers a sinister network of deception and secrets that makes her question the very people she once trusted.

A psychological thriller blurring the line between dream and reality, guilt and innocence, "I Killed Him in My Sleep" follows Kelly Crawford (Abigail Breslin), a millennial struggling with financial strain, career uncertainty, and wedding she can't afford.

Desperate for money, Kelly enrolls in a sleep-study experiment that spirals into terror when she experiences a vivid, violent dream of a dying man, a bloody knife in her hand, and a voice accusing her of murder.

When a news report on the next day reveals a missing man who matches her dream, Kelly is drawn into a dangerous, emotionally charged pursuit of the truth – one that forces her to confront unsettling secrets and the shadows she may not be able to escape.

"The Man in the Window" sounds like an Alfred Hitchcock movie for more reasons than one of his mystery thrillers starring James Stewart and Grace Kelly was titled "Rear Window."

The Lifetime movie finds Sarah (Teri Polo) feeling like she's getting her life finally getting back on track when she starts dating Jack (Dylan Walsh), the handsome man who just moved in across the street.

But when a neighbor turns up dead, all signs point to Jack. With no one willing to believe her, Sarah is forced to risk everything to prove the man she's falling for is a killer.

"The Man in the Window" is not to be confused with Netflix's 2021 thriller "The Woman in the Window," in which an agoraphobic woman (Amy Adams) spied on her new neighbors and witnessed a crime. ★



**Food & Farm NEWS**

**Tricolored Blackbird Conservation Funding Threatened**

A U.S. Department of Agriculture program that pays farmers to protect tricolored blackbirds nesting on their land could be significantly impacted due to the omission of the program's primary payment scenario in a recent draft released by the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Tricolored blackbirds, which gained protection as threatened under the California Endangered Species Act in 2018, often nest in winter silage fields planted by dairy farmers. By agreeing to delay harvest where the birds nest, California farmers have helped save a species that once faced potential extinction. The tricolored blackbird Regional Conservation Partnership Program typically pays farmers \$700 to \$1,100 per acre to delay harvest of their silage crops. "The omission of silage delay as a payment scenario for the 2026 season would significantly hinder the ability to effectively protect tricolored blackbird colonies," said Richard Filgas, assistant director of policy advocacy for the California Farm Bureau.

**'Unrelenting' Fog Aids Central Valley Fruits and Nuts**

Farmers and researchers say persistent tule fog throughout the Central Valley in recent months could help the region's fruit and nut trees achieve the chilling hours they need to go into an effective winter dormancy, setting the trees up for a successful bloom and crop set. The low-lying fog layer, named after a sedge native to Central Valley marshes, is created by moist soils capped by a high-pressure

weather system. NASA described a tule fog blanket stretching 400 miles from Redding to Bakersfield from Nov. 24-Dec. 9, 2025, as "unrelenting." The dense fog returned in January for several more days. "I do believe that the chill may have been more effective this year because of so many days with fog," said Ted De Jong, a University of California, Davis, pomology professor emeritus. Around Davis, he said, "this has been one of the foggiest years since the '90s."

**Transplant Nurseries Celebrate Seed Improvements**

The supply chain for California-grown vegetables runs year-round thanks to a beneficial partnership between seed companies and transplant nurseries, whose products allow growers to gain a head start on the season, ensuring earlier harvests and higher, more uniform yields. Since the 1990s, transplant nurseries have provided vegetable growers a shortcut from seed germination to harvest, shaving up to 60 days off the time that leafy greens, cauliflower, melons, processing tomatoes and other vegetables are in the field. According to the Vegetable Transplant Nursery Association, seed quality is the single most important input for vegetable transplant production, and recent improvements have made a difference for nurseries. "Seed quality is a top priority, and the science behind today's seed makes it far more reliable and productive than it once was," said Nicole Nicks, general manager of Westside Transplant based in Los Banos. ★

# Free Seminar Inspires Future Women Leaders

## Solano County Superior Court News Release

**SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Young women will have a unique opportunity to hear directly from women with successful careers in a variety of professions at a free event, Girls on the Rise, taking place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 14 at the Solano County Events Center, 601 Texas St., Fairfield.

Presented by the Solano Superior Court and the Solano County Bar Association, 2026 marks the third year Girls on the Rise will be presented in Solano County. The event is designed to provide future women professionals with exposure to influential leaders who will share the stories of their career trajectories and engage in meaningful discussions about challenges and opportunities for women in a variety of professional fields.

"Girls on the Rise is about showing young women what's possible and helping them feel confident in pursuing a professional career path," said Solano County Judge Amyra Cobb-Hampton, who has spearheaded the program since its inception. "Our panelists help to demystify success and demonstrate that leadership is attainable for women of all different

backgrounds."

This year's panels are comprised of legal professionals, including lawyers and judges, medical professionals including doctors and nurses, and others in skilled trade fields. Participants will have opportunities to network with panelists throughout the event.

Retired Solano County Judge Christine Carringer, who founded the Girls on the Rise event along with Judge Cobb-Hampton, emphasized the collegiality of the event and the importance of the connections formed by the participants.

"Many of our program participants are just starting to think about what their futures will look like," she said. "Our panelists are inspirational yet approachable women who have a lot of helpful advice and guidance, and by sharing their stories, we hope that our future generation of women leaders will be encouraged to follow their dream career path and overcome any perceived obstacles."

Girls on the Rise is open to women and girls ages 15 to 25 and is free to attend, but space is limited, so advance registration is required. Lunch will be provided for participants. To register or learn more about Girls on the Rise, visit: [eventbrite.com/e/girls-on-the-rise](http://eventbrite.com/e/girls-on-the-rise). ★



Dave Ramsey

# Dave Ramsey Says The Game's Not for Everyone

Dear Dave,

I'm 38, and after looking and waiting for years, I think I've found a rental property scenario I like. My plan is to take \$30,000 out of my retirement account, and use it as a down payment on a property. My loan payment would be \$1,400 a month, but I could easily rent the place for \$1,800 a month. What are your thoughts?

- Colin

Dear Colin,

No offense, but I can tell you've never been a landlord before. Bringing in nearly \$1,800 a month, while paying out \$1,400 may seem like a nice place to be. But you've left one very important factor out of your equation—risk. Rental properties just sit there empty sometimes. And this happens to all rental properties. You'll also have repairs to contend with, renters who don't pay and other ex-

penses. See what I'm saying? You won't be able to count on an easy \$400 in your pocket every month.

Now, I love real estate. I understand the excitement and allure. But what you're really saying is you want to cash out part of your retirement, get hit with a penalty and take on debt, all to buy an investment property. This is not a good plan.

My advice is to save up, and pay cash for one small, decent rental property to see if the landlord game is really for you.

- Dave

## The Safest Place?

Dear Dave,

Where is the best place to keep my savings?

- Angie

Dear Angie,

In my mind, when it comes to savings, the idea is to park the money in a safe place—like a money market account or basic savings account—and keep it separate from the rest of your cash, so you don't accidentally spend it on the

wrong thing. I'm not really concerned with making money in a savings scenario, so things like setting money aside for an emergency fund or vacations fall into this category.

Investing, on the other hand, is when you're going to leave the money alone for a bare minimum of five to 10 years to grow it. Things like college planning and retirement fall into this category. In these instances, I recommend good, growth-stock mutual funds that have stable track records of at least 10 years.

I hope this helps, Angie!

- Dave

*Dave Ramsey is a nine-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.* ★

# Northern Bank Acquires Beacon Wealth Strategies

## First Northern Bank News Release

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - First Northern Advisors, a division of First Northern Bank, has announced the acquisition of Beacon Wealth Strategies, a well-respected independent financial advisory firm owned and operated by Tom Cicchini. This acquisition ensures the continued delivery of personalized wealth management services to Beacon Wealth Strategies' clients while strengthening First Northern Bank's wealth management platform through increased assets under management.

As part of this transition, Cicchini, the founder of Beacon Wealth Strategies, will join First Northern Advisors and work closely with clients and staff ahead of his planned retirement on June 30, 2026. During this transition period, clients will be supported by the experienced team of financial advisors at First Northern Advisors, ensuring continuity of service, trusted relationships and personalized attention.

"Beacon Wealth Strategies has built a reputation for providing thoughtful, personalized guidance to its clients," said Jeremiah Smith, President and CEO of First Northern Bank. "We are excited to welcome their clients to First Northern Advisors and look forward to continuing this legacy of trust and exceptional service."

Clients of Beacon Wealth Strategies will continue to have their accounts managed through Raymond James, ensuring stability, continuity and access to comprehensive investment resources.

This acquisition underscores First Northern Bank's ongoing commitment to expanding its wealth management services while maintaining the high level of personal service and long-standing client relationships that are central to its approach.

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