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### Dixon May Fair News Release

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - With gate admission of \$15 for adults, the Dixon May Fair, May 7 to 10, is hands-down the best value in entertainment in the area. However, there are also a number of discounted days and tickets available. For the price of admission, fair visitors are treated to live concerts, strolling entertainers, an art and photography show, a garden show, livestock shows, train rides and free entertainment and activities for children. On May 9, Saturday, a Classic Car Show is included.

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Plan ahead for your visit to the Dixon May Fair and save money by purchasing tickets in advance or planning to attend on one of the discounted days. For more information and a complete schedule visit DixonMayFair.com. ★

## Council Debates Proposed Relocation of Private Catholic School

By Shaunna Boyd

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - At its April 21 meeting, the Dixon City Council considered the proposed development of a vacant lot at the corner of East A Street and North Second Street. The development would be a new location for the Valley of the Sacred Heart Academy — a private school currently housed at the nearby St. Peter's Catholic Church at 105 South Second St.

The two-story, 11,539-square-foot educational center would be built on a 0.517-acre site and include 10 parking spaces, landscaping improvements, an entrance off North Second Street, and an exit along East A Street. Student drop off would mostly continue at St. Peter's Catholic Church, where students would begin the day by attending mass and then be walked to the new location. The church would also continue to allow additional parking on their site.

The project requires a Zoning Text Amendment, to allow for private school use within the Downtown Mixed-Use (DMX) District. Staff said that use was previously allowed, but when the Downtown zoning was updated in 2024, private schools were no longer permitted. Staff suggested that it was "slightly too heavy handed in its prohibition of such institutional uses throughout the entirety of the DMX zone," so this would be a return to a previous type of use.

Lot line adjustments would be needed to combine three parcels into the full site, and a Conditional Use Permit would include limitations on special events, seasonal sales and after-hours use. There would also be an enrollment limit of 120 students, up from the current enrollment of 88 students. The development would feature a Spanish colonial revival design, including entry columns, a tower, balcony, varying roof lines, and a variety of building materials — all of which would need to be approved through Design Review.

To minimize possible traffic impacts, the applicant plans to convert the intersection at A Street and Second Street from a two-way to a four-way stop sign.

The Dixon Police Department submitted concerns about motorist, cyclist and pedestrian safety, as well as downstream effects on the

## Tomelloso Named Firefighter of the Year

By Kendall Brown

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Fire Captain Andrew Tomelloso was named the 2025 Firefighter of the Year during the annual Celebrate Dixon on March 14, an honor he said came as a surprise and carried special meaning because his colleagues awarded it.

"I was kind of shocked," said Tomelloso. "It's a humble experience to get it because that award for our department is voted on by our peers. So, for me, it was one of those moments that shows how much your guys care about you."

Tomelloso, a lifelong resident of Dixon, said the recognition reflects both his personal commitment and his role as a leader within Dixon Fire Department.

"Personally, it lets you know you're doing something right," he said. "I know as a captain, I'm taking care of them the best I can."

Tomelloso said his path to firefighting was shaped by a life-changing event early in his childhood. He



As a fire captain, Tomelloso said his responsibilities include overseeing his engine company and managing emergency scenes. According to Tomelloso, it's his job to make sure his crew gets home safe. Photo courtesy of Dixon Fire Department

recalled an incident when he and his twin brother were infants and his brother stopped breathing after returning home from the hospital.

"My mom called the

fire department, the firefighter came in and saved his life, and that changed all our lives," he said. "That's why I wanted to be a firefighter, to give people a chance and take care

of my community." As a fire captain, Tomelloso said his responsibilities include overseeing his engine company and managing

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# Spring Sports Season Concludes with Busy May Schedule



Solo Youth Rugby's high school team enters postseason play in May, with playoffs held May 5, followed by a championship match May 9 and an All-Stars event May 16. Photo by Nicolas Brown



Dixon Girls Softball games will continue into mid-May, with the season concluding during week 10. Key matchups include the Dixon HUNTR/X against the Dixon Bobcats on May 13 and the Bobcats versus the Diamond Daisies on May 14 at Hall Park. Photo by Nicolas Brown



Dixon Dolphins Swim Team will continue its season at 7 a.m. May 2 with an intersquad meet at Pat Granucci Aquatics Center, 450 E. Mayes St. This meet is for Dixon Dolphins swimmers only. Swimmers will compete in all events to set times before the first league meet. Photo courtesy of Dixon Dolphins Swim Team

By Kendall Brown

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - The spring youth sports season in Dixon is drawing to a close, highlighted by a full schedule of games across baseball, softball, rugby and swimming throughout May.

Dixon Little League Baseball is wrapping up regular season play with divisions beginning competition continuing through May. In the AA division, the next game will be played May 2 with the Mets facing the Tigers and will conclude May 21 with the Orioles taking on the Mets at the Dixon Little League Complex. AAA teams will also play May 2, including matchups such as the Marlins versus the A's,

the Padre's versus the Dodgers and the Blue Jays versus the Giants. The season will finish May 21 with the Marlins playing the Blue Jays in a rescheduled game.

Single A baseball play will continue May 1 with contests including the River Cats versus the Lugnuts, the Trash Pandas versus the Hooks and the Blue Rocks versus the Mudcats, all from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The season will conclude May 2 with the River Cats facing the Trash Pandas. Tee Ball teams will hold their final slate of games May 2, featuring matchups such as the Rattlers versus the Red Wings and the Grasshoppers versus the Hot Rods.

For more information, visit

[dixonlittleleague.org](http://dixonlittleleague.org) or email [support@dixonlittleleague.org](mailto:support@dixonlittleleague.org).

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For more information, visit [dixongirlssoftball.com](http://dixongirlssoftball.com).

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For more information, visit [dixondolphins.swimtopia.com](http://dixondolphins.swimtopia.com) or email [dixondolphinsinfo@gmail.com](mailto:dixondolphinsinfo@gmail.com).

Off the field, Dixon Youth Football and Cheer have ongoing registration for the 2026 season, including cheer fittings scheduled for May 14 and a second session to be announced. In-person registration events are set for May 18 and June 22. Dixon Youth Flag Football will play its final championship game May 3.

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

With multiple programs concluding or transitioning into postseason and summer schedules, Dixon's spring sports season reflects continued participation across a range of youth athletics programs in the community. ★

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emergency scenes.

"My job is kind of two roles," he said. "On incidents, my job is to manage the scene. Back at the station, I manage the people. My job is to make sure they come home safe at the end of the day."

He said the department faces several ongoing challenges, including mental health concerns among first responders and occupational risks.

"Public safety suicides have gone up tenfold over the last couple of years," said Tomelloso. "Cancer is a big one still among firefighters."

According to Tomelloso, serving in a smaller department presents its own demands. Dixon Fire Department operates a single station covering roughly 320 square miles.

"We're small, so we feel everything," said Tomelloso. "We're going to need the growth, the staffing and the facilities."

Balancing work and family life remains a challenge, he said, noting the long hours required by the job.

"I prioritize my family. My kids are my number one," he said. "I try to navigate it best I can, but I'm not always

good at it."

Tomelloso emphasized that integrity and professionalism are key traits for firefighters.

"Doing the right thing when no one's looking," he said. "It's pride and professionalism."

Looking ahead, he said he plans to continue his education after recently earning an associate degree in emergency medical services and working toward a bachelor's degree in fire administration.

"My goal is to keep growing," he said.

For young people interested in firefighting, Tomelloso encouraged education and hands-on experience.

"You will always see something new, learn something new," he said. "Start doing ride-alongs, engage with your local fire department. Stay humble."

He also expressed appreciation for his family's support.

"I'd like to thank my kids for sharing their dad with the community," said Tomelloso. "It's not an easy thing to do. I also want to thank my family for their support. I couldn't do it without any of them." ★

## Council Debates Proposed Relocation of Private Catholic School

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East A Street and First Street corridors from the proposed four-way stop. They also questioned whether the traffic study considered the development's proximity to John Knight Middle School and how it would impact an already congested area.

Mayor Steven Bird echoed concerns about the four-way stop, and he suggested other options like employing trained crossing guards.

Vice Mayor Jim Ernest said the building design was beautiful, but he worried its central location would compete with the community's goals for downtown and exacerbate existing parking issues.

Councilmember Thom Bogue said the design would enhance the aesthetics of downtown, but he worried about insufficient parking, which would then "bleed out into the street."

Lourdes Gonzalez spoke on behalf of the applicant, stating that this relocation has been in process for more than 10 years, with a lot of money and planning invested into the project. She said the school is expanding at the community's request, to provide the educational diversity parents are looking for. The academy has a long wait list, and she said families come to the school from surrounding counties and as far away as San Francisco.

During public comments, a couple of residents said they believe the academy offers a good curriculum with better outcomes than the public schools. A former student spoke in support of the expansion, stating that the school inspired her love of science.

Another resident worried that the development would only benefit a small segment of the community, while increasing traffic congestion and decreasing walkability downtown.

A resident called in with concerns that the expanded enrollment will further impact traffic congestion during school drop-off and pick-up times, since the commute to John Knight Middle School is "already difficult." She also wondered whether having a school in the downtown area would impact future businesses, like new restaurants applying for liquor licenses. She added that because the academy is a private school that charges tuition, it would not necessarily increase educational opportunities for local students, since many Dixon families could not afford the cost.

Councilmember Kevin Johnson expressed concerns that the traffic study was limited to only the direct area of the project, instead of considering potential

impacts to the surrounding corridors. He worried about "unintended consequences" and said it is the council's obligation ensure a thorough review.

Vice Mayor Ernest said the community wants a thriving downtown, and he wants to ensure the academy wouldn't impact other businesses. He also suggested the use permit should require staggered start and end times to reduce congestion with the nearby middle school.

The council directed staff to bring additional information back to the council, including options instead of a four-way stop, possible challenges for future businesses and further review of traffic impacts.

The item was continued to a future meeting.

Next, the council considered options to address an ongoing issue with raised median along a segment of West A Street, newly constructed as part of road improvements by the Homestead developer. The median is close to the Highway 80 interchange and restricts left-turn access to local business in that area, such as the Wienerschnitzel restaurant.

Staff explained that A Street is a critical arterial in the city, with various current uses as well as planned commercial and residential growth. Traffic demand will only increase as the area develops, so the city needs a comprehensive traffic strategy to ensure safety and access.

To address both immediate and long-term challenges, staff identified three potential studies: a Left-Turn Feasibility Study for that specific location, estimated at \$28,000; a West A Street Access Management and Mitigation Study to look at the full corridor, at \$30,000-\$50,000; or a long-term West A Street/I-80 Interchange study, at \$70,000-\$100,000.

If the council want to investigate all the options, staff said it would be most cost-effective to combine them into one study.

Vice Mayor Ernest said that area is called "the Gateway" for a reason, and they need to be more proactive about ensuring this corridor works as it should. The council directed staff to move forward with a combined study, as well as to find ways to create immediate access to the affected businesses.

Councilmember Johnson said this item was an interesting parallel to the prior item, demonstrating the potential for unintended consequences and why full traffic analysis is so important.

The next meeting of the Dixon City Council is scheduled for May 5. ★

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## DIXON POLICE LOG

### Friday, April 24, 2026

**1447** An informational report was taken in the 200 block of North First Street.  
**2057** 602.5 PC, Enter a private residence without permission, report taken in the 300 block of Ostergard Alley.

### Thursday, April 23

**0918** An informational report was taken in the 100 block of Rennert Way.  
**1319** A vandalism report was taken at the intersection of Sierra Drive at North Washington Street.  
**1421** A vandalism report was taken in the 500 block of West C Street.

### Wednesday, April 22

**1116** Trespassing arrest report was taken in the 2500 block of Plaza Court. Officers contacted (S) Kunyan Huang (43) of Monterey Park. A citizen's arrest was signed, and she was taken into custody. Huang was taken to the Solano County Jail and released to their staff.

**1240** Late domestic violence report was taken in the 1400 block of Ary Lane.

### Tuesday, April 21

**1946** Fraud report in the 2500 block of North First Street.  
**2044** Fraud report in the 500 block of East D Street.

**2049** Battery investigation in the 400 block of Miller Court.

### Monday, April 20

No reports taken.

### Sunday, April 19

**1812** Violation of a court order in the 600 block of McKenzie Drive.  
**1906** Information report taken in the 2200 block of Mourning Dove Drive.  
**2105** Welfare check/medical call in the 400 block of Hillcrest Circle.  
**2140** Domestic violence investigation in the 1200 block of Jacobs Drive.

### Saturday, April 18

**1911** 243 (e)(1) PC, domestic battery, arrest in the 200 block of South Jackson Street. Suspect Robert Zayas (46-year-old, male, out of Dixon) was arrested without incident. He was transported to Solano County jail and booked.  
**2000** 273.5 PC, Corporal injury to a spouse, report taken at the 2200.

### Friday, April 17

**0931** A warrant, possession of narcotics and probation violation arrest report was taken in the 800 block of Elm Drive. Officers contacted (S) Katherine Beauregard (45) of Dixon. A records check revealed she had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. Incident to arrest suspect narcotics was found on her person. Beauregard is also on probation. She was arrested and transported to the Solano County Jail.

**1200** A stolen vehicle report was taken in the 1700 block of North Lincoln Street.

**1212** A Vandalism report was taken at Northwest Park.

**1221** A confidential report was taken in the 1400 block of Ary Lane.

**1856** 11-82, Non-Injury Collision, in the 600 block of North Almond Street.

**2017** 242 PC, Battery report, taken at the intersection of Fulmor Drive and Weigand Way.

### Thursday, April 16

**0739** A confidential report was taken in the 1500 block of Valley Glen Drive.

**0903** A fraud report was taken at the Dixon Police Department.

**1723** A confidential report was taken in the 900 block of Business Park Drive.

**1805** 11-82 Non-Injury Collision, at the intersection of East C Street and North Second Street.

**2010** 422 PC, Criminal Threats report, taken in the 1300 block of Hawthorne Court.

**0001** 243 (e)(1) PC, Domestic Battery arrest, in the 1200 block of North First Street. Suspect Destiny Raney (38-year-old, female, out of Vacaville) was arrested. Suspect Raney was transported to Solano County Jail and booked without incident.

### Wednesday, April 15

**0820** Theft Report 900 block Business Park Drive.

**1030** Domestic Battery Report 1400 block Ary Lane.

**1420** Suspicious Circumstances 1000 block North First Street. Ricardo Ayala-Rendon (41) was arrested for an outstanding warrant and public intoxication and was booked into the Solano County Jail.

**1850** Male placed on a mental health hold in the 300 block of North Adams.

**1956** Unlawful fire set at Northwest Park.

**0214** Vandalism report in the 500 block of Park Drive.

**0303** Suspicious vehicle in the 1100 block of North Lincoln Street led to the arrest of Brandon Menodza (20) of Fairfield for DUI and Gavin Anderson (21) of Fairfield for shoplifting.

### Tuesday, April 14

**1111** Pedestrian stop in the 800 block of North Adams Street resulted in the arrest of Ford Wood (28) for a warrant. He was taken to jail.

**1323** Traffic stop in the 400 block of South First Street resulted in the arrest of Pedro Carmona-Leon (45) for two misdemeanor warrants. He was taken to jail.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026000559 The following persons are doing business as: Dixondeals, 520 West B Street, Dixon, CA 95620. James McDonald, 520 West B Street, Dixon, CA 95620. Date filed in Solano County: March 26, 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 March 25, 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: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026 DIXONDEALS 5-1-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026000606 The following persons are doing business as: Mr. Scientific, Mister Scientific, 1128 Western Street Suite 5, Fairfield, CA 94533. Max R Bickford, 1128 Western Street Suite 5, Fairfield, CA 94533. Date filed in Solano County: April 1, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 27, 2023

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026000632 The following persons are doing business as: Kett's Catering, 1670 Lassen Court, Dixon, CA 95620. John James Kett and James Mayoral, PO Box 43, Dixon, CA 95620. Date filed in Solano County: April 6, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on:

January 1, 2026 This Business is conducted by: A General Partnership. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration April 5, 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: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026 KETTS 5-1-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026000499 The following persons are doing business as: Village Heat, 1344 W L Street, Benicia, CA 94510. Kameron Rojas, 1344 W L Street, Benicia, CA 94510 Date filed in Solano County: March 18, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026000723 The following persons are doing business as: Bradley Addison Skincare Company, April's Herbals, Bam! Bakery, 1207 Pheasant Drive, Suisun City, CA 94585. Bam Legacy Holdings LLC, 1207 Pheasant Drive, Suisun City, CA 94585. Date filed in Solano County: April 17, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026000616 The following persons are doing business as: Napa Valley Honey Co, Napa Valley Honey Company, 379 Danbury Circle, Vacaville, CA 95687. Terry Bergstrom, 379 Danbury Circle, Vacaville, CA 95687. Date filed in Solano County: April 2, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: August 24, 2024

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration April 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: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026 NAPA 5-22-26

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #CU26-01875

Ernesto Cesar Paez. filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Ernesto Cesar Paez to Ernesto Ceaser Gamba.

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. May 21, 2026, 8:30 a.m. Department 12, Room 8, Superior Court of California, County of Solano, Old Solano Court House, 580 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533 Judge of the Superior Court: Wendy Getty Dated: March 19, 2026 Publish: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026 PAEZ 5-1-26

SUMMONS

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NUMBER: CL25-04382 NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: Jose Luis Delgado Ponce, and DOES 1-40, inclusive, YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company. NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Website (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov) en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de

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The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Solano Superior Court, 580 Texas Street, Fairfield, CA 94533

The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: (El nombre, la dirección y el numero de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Richard L. Mahfouz II, Clerkin, Sinclair & Mahfouz, LLP, 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 120, San Diego, CA 92108; phone 619-308-6550 Date: (Fecha) May 12, 2025 Clerk (Secretario) B. Pool, Deputy (Adjunto)

April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2026 PONCE 5-15-26

TRUSTEE SALE

APN: 0114-242-120 TS No: CA06000317-25-1 TO No: 250701329-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d) (1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED August 25, 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On June 12, 2026 at 09:00 AM, Santa Clara St. Entrance, Vallejo City Hall, 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA 94590, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on September 7, 2022 as Instrument No. 202200058377, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Solano County, California, executed by JOSUE SAINT-JUSTE AND GEMINI S NAVAS FINOL, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS COMMUNITY PROPERTY WITH RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for UNITED WHOLESALE MORTGAGE, LLC as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST 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: 1325 VALLEY GLEN DR, DIXON, CA 95620 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any,

under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$583,256.76 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on 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 California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. 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 visit the Internet Website address www.Auction.com or call Auction.com at 800.280.2832 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA06000317-25-1. 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 NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER

CITY OF DIXON REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

LEGAL NOTICE PUBLICATION SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF DIXON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Dixon ("City") is requesting sealed bids ("Bid" or "Bids") from newspapers that are qualified bidders ("Bidder" or "Bidders") to provide legal notice printing and publishing services for the City for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year ("Project"), in accordance with this Request for Proposals ("RFP").

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

LOCATION OF PUBLICATION: Eligible Bidders must be qualified newspapers of general circulation in the City.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The printing to be done hereunder will consist of printing and publishing all legal notices for the City required to be printed in a newspaper of general circulation, including, but not limited to, ordinances, resolutions, legal notices, regulations, and advertisements of whatever kind or nature for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

FACTORS CONSIDERED IN SELECTING BIDS:

A successful Bid shall be based upon a weighting, as shown below, of all the following factors (the "Factors"):

- (1) Bid price (50%).
- (2) Number of days newspaper is circulated per week (50%).

Each factor shall be weighted based on the percentage indicated. In the event of a tie, the City Council will have the absolute discretion to award the bid to any of the bidders who tied.

PROCESS:

SUBMISSION OF BIDS: Qualified and interested parties may submit Bids to the Administrative City Clerk at City Hall, located at 600 East A Street, Dixon, California, no later than 3:00 p.m. on May 22, 2026, at which time all Bids will be publicly opened and read by the Administrative City Clerk. No late Bids will be considered. Bidders may mail Bids at their own risk.

GENERAL LEGAL REQUIREMENTS: Each Bid submitted to the Administrative City Clerk must be in a sealed envelope clearly marked as follows:

Proposal for Official City Newspaper for Advertising to be opened at 3:00 p.m., May 22, 2026.

Each Bid must be submitted using the forms provided in this RFP packet. Once a Bid has been submitted to the Administrative City Clerk, it may not be withdrawn.

QUESTIONS: Questions may be submitted by email to the Administrative City Clerk at [irui@cityofdixonca.gov](mailto:irui@cityofdixonca.gov) or by mail to City Hall, located at 600 East A Street, Dixon, California, until 5:00 p.m. on May 8, 2026. The City cannot guarantee that it will be able to respond to every inquiry it receives.

AWARD OF CONTRACT: The award of the contract will be made to the Bidder who the City determines is most capable of providing services that fulfill all of the listed Factors. Each of the Factors will be weighted by the City Council by the percentages indicated above. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Bids received in response to this RFP, to negotiate with any qualified source, or cancel, in whole or in part, this RFP if it is in the best interest of the City to do so. Bidders may be required to submit revisions to their Bids, as may result from contract negotiations, or to include additions or deletions to the scope of work.

All survey information, data, and material ensuing from the Project shall be the sole property of the City and shall not be reproduced and published without the written consent of the City. The City Council reserves the right to waive Bid errors or to reject any and all Bids and re-advertise for Bids. By responding to this RFP, the Bidder agrees that the City may audit the Bidder's records and files to verify that the information in their Bid is true and accurate. There is no mandatory City audit requirement. In the event of a tie, the City Council will have the absolute discretion to award the bid to any of the bidders who tied.

Dated: May 1, 2026

Lupe Ruiz  
Administrative City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN AND WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN AND HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED PLANS CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE – DIXON DISTRICT

California Water Code (CWC) sections 10610 through 10656, known as the "Urban Water Management Planning Act" (Act), require all urban water suppliers that provide water for municipal purposes either directly or indirectly to more than 3,000 customers or supply more than 3,000 acre-feet of water annually to prepare an Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) at least once every five years.

UWMPs support a water supplier's long-term resource planning to confirm that adequate water supplies are available to meet existing and future water demands under defined conditions. The UWMP must describe and evaluate sources of supply, reasonable and practical efficient uses, reclamation, and demand management activities. The components of the plan may vary according to an individual community or area's characteristics and its capabilities to efficiently use and conserve water. The UWMP must also address measures for residential, commercial, governmental, and industrial water demand management.

Further, Section 10632 of the CWC requires that every urban water supplier shall prepare and adopt a Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) as part of its plan (UWMP). Section 10632.2 provides that, "An urban water supplier shall follow, where feasible and appropriate, the prescribed procedures and implement determined shortage response actions in its water shortage contingency plan...or reasonable alternative actions, provided that descriptions of the alternative actions are submitted with the annual water shortage assessment report pursuant to Section 10632.1." The WSCP will be incorporated as an appendix of the UWMP.

California Water Service's (Cal Water) Dixon District, located in Solano County, serves the City of Dixon. As a defined urban water supplier, Cal Water is preparing an update to its UWMP that will address water service conditions in the Dixon District. Cal Water intends to adopt and file that UWMP plan, and the incorporated WSCP, as required with the Department of Water Resources, the California State Library, and any applicable city or county within which Cal Water provides service no later than 30 days after adoption.

Schedule of upcoming actions:

On or about April 20, 2026, an electronic copy of the draft 2025 UWMP and WSCP will be available for review. After a public review period, a public meeting to receive comments on the draft UWMP and WSCP for the Dixon District will be held online on May 20, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. The UWMP, WSCP, and additional information on the public meeting, including a link to participate, are available at: [www.calwater.com/conservation/uwmp2025](http://www.calwater.com/conservation/uwmp2025)

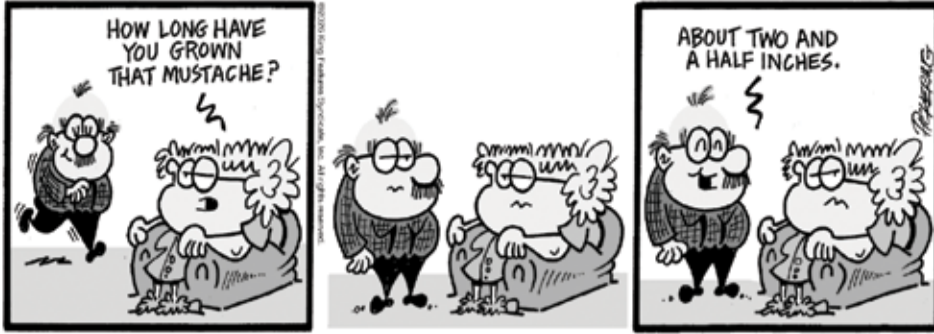
If you are unable to attend the scheduled public meeting but want to provide comments regarding the proposed UWMP or WSCP, you may send your comments through the inquiry form, located at the URL above. Cal Water will receive comments on the draft 2025 UWMP and WSCP through May 23, 2026.

Please share this notice with others who may have interest in this matter.

# COMICS & PUZZLES

## The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



## Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



## TIGER

by Bud Blake



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# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



## A Top Five Pick?

While it's true that the interest in basketball has dropped a notch with the end of the 2025/2026 season there remains a vibrant group of Sacramento Kings fans that are still very much engaged.

That is perhaps the singular prevailing reason the Kings fought through the potential move of the team to Seattle Washington just a dozen years ago and not only remained in Sacramento but built a state-of-the-art arena to boot.

But exactly where are we today? Are the Kings going through another tepid off season waiting for the inevitable uninspiring beginning of a new season or is something of real substance in the air.

In less than 2 weeks, ping pong balls will once again determine the fate of organizations all over this country, and in truth the Kings stand a better than average chance of grasping one of the top prospects from the college ranks.

From my perspective, with the draft being as deep as has been prognosticated, I believe the Kings will garner one of the top five picks, and if that is the case, there will be players available that can make an immediate impact on this franchise.

At the very least the new arrival will put butts in the seats and provide renewed enthusiasm for what the upcoming season might become.

What the Kings want and what will be actually available are two different things, so be prepared to get a game changer but not necessarily a future all-star.

Assuming A.J. Dybantsa, Cameron Boozer, and Caleb Wilson are already gone, it's quite likely the Kings may have to take a player of smaller stature, and that could be one Darius Acuff Jr.

All that Darius did for the Arkansas Razorback's last season was put up 23.5 points per game, 3.1 rebounds and 6.4 assists with a field goal percentage of 48%.

Unlike experiments of the past, the Kings would be getting what experts and pundits believe is a legitimate blue chipper, a player that by himself can make the needle move in a positive direction.

Playoff teams rarely operate effectively without a true point guard, and since the departure of DeAaron Fox, the Kings have found themselves floundering in that category.

*All the best Kings fans!* ★

## California's Candidates for Governor Must Prioritize Schools' Education Deficits



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

For years, polls about California voter attitudes have found public schools a consistent concern.

In a very recent Public Policy Institute of California poll, responses were mixed about whether the public school system is moving in the right direction, but 89% said it needs to change.

That concern is well founded, given that California's students don't do very well in national tests of academic skills, vis-à-vis those in other states. It's one of California's most vexing — and most important — issues and should be commanding attention from those who hold public office.

Nevertheless, when the six leading candidates for governor responded to questions during a 90-minute televised debate Wednesday night, education came up only once in a question from a viewer, not the debate moderators, and was directed at Republican Steve Hilton.

Asked how he would improve schools, Hilton responded with "learn from what works in other states." It was actually a valid response, because California officials have generally resisted learning about learning from other states that have succeeded in raising test scores — Mississippi on reading, for instance.

Candidates' intentions

about the single largest item in the state's budget — \$81.3 billion this year — are particularly important because outgoing Gov. Gavin Newsom has proposed to downgrade the state school superintendent's position to that of an advisory role, while vesting primary responsibility for education in whoever succeeds him next January.

Moderators of future debates should make at least an effort to explore the candidates' approaches to education, particularly how they would raise academic achievement that now is mediocre at best.

On the positive side of the public school situation, California has finally embraced phonics as the most effective way of teaching elementary students to read, although it's not yet mandatory. And on Wednesday, a few hours before the televised debate snubbed education, the Senate Education Committee advanced legislation to do something about California's even lower ranking in math skills.

Just 37% of California students perform at grade level in math, and the state ranks 43rd nationally in fourth-grade math proficiency. Moreover, there are distinct gaps between kids from families that struggle to afford living in California and their more privileged classmates.

Senate Bill 1067 would establish a statewide math screening system for kids in kindergarten and 1st and 2nd grades, to identify those who struggle with numbers and need extra help. It's modeled after a similar system to gauge reading skills.

The bill is backed by

EdVoice, an education reform advocate, and carried by Sen. Akilah Weber Pierson, a San Diego Democrat and daughter of Secretary of State Shirley Weber, who tirelessly championed educational reform while a state legislator.

"California has already taken an important step forward by identifying and addressing reading challenges early with K-2 universal screening for reading difficulties. SB 1067 applies that same common-sense approach to math," Marshall Tuck, CEO of EdVoice, said in a statement. "Students who struggle with foundational math skills in the early grades continue to fall further behind without timely, targeted intervention. This bill helps prepare students for future success in school, career, and life."

Mastering basic reading and math skills in the early years of school are not only important unto themselves, but they're vital for students to climb the educational ladder as high as their innate intelligences allow and to segue into productive and satisfying careers that support the larger economy.

While California has no shortage of existential issues, none is more vital than doing something about its education deficit. The Legislature at long last seems to be getting the message, but the next governor must get it too.

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

## Social Security Matters

### Should I Collect SS Now or Wait Two Years Until Age 70?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Dear Rusty:** I am 67 and 9 months old, collecting a modest SS survivor benefit with plans to collect my own much larger benefit at age 70. I was confident this plan was a good one; but recent turbulent events make me nervous that cuts could come to Social Security at any time without warning. Would it be prudent to file for my own Social Security as soon as possible so that my benefit might be "grandfathered" in before any sudden and drastic cuts occur? I do not generally panic, but these are unprecedented times. I would be quite comfortable with the benefit listed on my 2024 statement for my current age; I was just hoping to maximize the benefit by waiting.

When I go to the Social Security website to view my 2025 annual statement to see the personalized monthly retirement benefit estimates for ages 68, 69, and 70, that section no longer shows. This omission makes me uncomfortable. Can I find out what my current benefit estimate would be for ages 68, 69, and 70? Or should I just rely on the 2024 statement? **Signed: Nervous in Portland**

**Dear Nervous:** Please do not be nervous that recent "turbulent events" pose a threat to your future Social Security benefits. Those events do not, in any way, jeopardize your future Social Security benefits, because Social Security is completely separate from all other federal political issues and finances. The primary problem with Social Security became an issue long before the current administration took office.

The Trustees of Social Security have been warning Congress for decades that Social Security's finances

require Congressional attention. The fact is that Social Security revenue (as predicted decades ago) became insufficient to pay all benefit obligations in about 2021. Since that time, money from Social Security's reserved funds (Trust Funds) has been used to pay full benefits to all. In 2020, there was nearly \$3 trillion in SS reserved funds, but that has now dwindled to about \$2.5 trillion as reserves are used to supplement SS payments. And that problem continues. The Trustees of SS now predict that the reserves will be fully depleted in about 2032, at which time — lacking program reform by Congress — Social Security will be forced to pay out only what it receives in revenue. And that would mean an estimated cut of about 23% to everyone's monthly SS benefit. In the unlikely event that happens, wouldn't a 23% reduction to your larger age 70 benefit be better than a 23% cut to your lower age 68 benefit?

No one wants those cuts to happen — least of all politicians — because it would amount to political suicide (seniors are, after all, a very large voting bloc). Thus, we believe that Congress will act to reform Social Security to prevent any general benefit cuts from happening. It will, however, require Congressional bipartisanship because the reforms needed for Social Security are likely unsavory to some. Those reforms may include SS tax increases and changes to the basic structure of the SS program to align it with today's demographic reality. The program needs reform, which Congress has, unfortunately, neglected to provide for many years. And this neglect will likely also continue, at least through the forthcoming mid-term elections. It seems the nature of Congress is to wait until the last possible moment to offer corrective legislation.

Here's what to keep in mind: Congress already knows how to reform Social Security to avoid any future benefit cuts

— they just lack the bipartisanship to accomplish that reform. For our part, the Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC) has offered to Congress a common-sense reform plan via its "Social Security Guarantee (SSG)." AMAC's proposal has received a positive reception in Congressional circles, and we are optimistic that the proposal will provide financial stability to the program for generations. AMAC continues to advocate for SS reform in Washington, D.C. on a regular basis, even more intensely as the depletion of the SS Trust Funds grows closer.

We do not suggest changing your strategy for claiming Social Security benefits based upon fear the program will cut benefits. That's because it's unlikely that all benefits will be cut because we believe Congress will eventually enact reform. And even in the unlikely event that Congress neglects to reform the program by 2032, the percentage of reduction to a higher monthly SS benefit amount would be better than a similar reduction to a lower benefit amount. In other words, your original plan is still a prudent one.

Regarding your question about your estimated benefits, I expect your most recent SS statement didn't include future benefits because you are already collecting SS survivor benefits. You can contact SSA at 1.800.772.1213 to obtain the future SS retirement estimates you seek.

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## Yes, of Course, War Settles Things

the first Christian emperor of Rome, won the Battle of Milvian Bridge in 312. Later, Christendom benefited from Ferdinand and Isabella taking back Granada from its Muslim rulers in 1492, and from the Holy Roman Emperor defeating the Ottoman besiegers of Vienna in 1683.

Certainly, it would have been better if all this could have been amiably worked out among the relevant parties, but that's not how the world usually works.

In the early 19th century, Europe had a Napoleon problem -- a world-historical military genius determined to bend the continent to his will through force of arms. After serial failures, the Allies finally solved this problem in the War of the Seventh Coalition. The ensuing diplomatic settlement at the Congress of Vienna forged a peace that lasted nearly a century, but wouldn't have been possible without victory at Waterloo.

In the early 20th century, Europe had a Hitler problem -- a fanatical, race-obsessed militarist who wanted his Third Reich to dominate Europe. This problem, too, was solved by force and led to a lasting peace, although a very tense one during the Cold War. If it's true that war should usually be the last resort, the Allies would have been better off if it had been the first resort against Hitler, checking him when he was relatively weak.

More parochially, the United States wouldn't be what it is today absent two existential wars. When the colonies began agitating for independence,

the British weren't simply going to cede what they considered sovereign territories, especially given their economic and strategic value. The American cause -- and all the good that has flowed from it -- depended on prevailing in a grinding eight-year war.

About a hundred years later, it all could have collapsed had the United States not prevailed in the Civil War, an appallingly bloody conflict that extinguished American slavery and preserved the foundation for the nation's gathering greatness.

TITLE: None of this is a warrant for heedless warmongering, or a reason to dismiss, say, the sheer cynical brutishness of the Roman destruction of Carthage in the Third Punic War, or the horrors of Passchendaele. That war is terrible; however, it doesn't mean that it's ineffective.

In our times, Russia invaded Ukraine in 2022 in the erroneous, but not crazy, belief that a sharp, decisive military campaign would topple the Western-oriented government in Kyiv and force the creation of a regime more to the Kremlin's liking. This was a war that never should have been launched, yet Ukraine had no alternative but to fight it.

If Kyiv wants to protect its sovereign territory and eventually get a tolerable diplomatic outcome, war is the answer -- as, sadly, it has been so often throughout human history.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2026 by King Features Synd., Inc.* ★

# Dixon News Briefs



Dixon Women's Improvement Club (DWIC) is hosting its annual scholarships and community grants dinner from 5 to 8 p.m. May 1. Held in the banquet room at Pedro's Cocina, 1423 Market Lane, the event will include raffle prizes, a silent auction, and dinner. Photo courtesy of Dixon Women's Improvement Club

By MPG Staff

## Star Wars-Inspired Cookie Class

Every Baking Moment is hosting a Star Wars-inspired cookie decorating class from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. May 2. Held at the shop, 143 N. First St., the class will involve decorating seven cookies and will educate patrons on icing, piping and flooding techniques, as well as texture and detail. Participation costs \$50 per person.

For more information, visit [everybakingmoment.com](http://everybakingmoment.com) or call 707-693-0112.

## Dixon Chamber Connections Networking

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce is hosting a networking event from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. May 21. This free in-person event, held at Joystick Gaming Lounge, 420 Gateway Drive, Suite C, allows local professionals to connect. Offering a diverse range of potential connections, attendees are encouraged to bring business cards. Mountain Mike's Pizza is the location and lunch sponsor.

For more information, visit [dixonchamber.org](http://dixonchamber.org) or call 707-678-2650.

## Ribbon Cutting at Dwelley Family Wines

Dixon Chamber of Commerce is hosting a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the newly opened Dwelley Family Winery from noon to 1 p.m. May 1. Held at the winery, 800 Business Park Dr., Suite G, the event will celebrate the opening of the business and its new tasting room.

For more information, visit [dixonchamber.org](http://dixonchamber.org) or call 707-678-2650.

## Dixon High Sports

Dixon High School Coed Varsity Track Team will compete away at noon May 1. Hosted at Casa Roble High School, 9151 Oak Ave., Orangevale, the Rams will take on the Casa Roble Rams. The Boys Varsity Track Team will compete against the Bella Vista High School Broncos at 11:30 a.m. May 2 at Bella Vista High School, 8301 Madison Ave., Fair Oaks.

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

## Dixon Community Theater Presents "Cinderella"

Dixon Community Theater newest production, Rodger and Hammerstein's "Cinderella," will have its final four showings from May 1 to May 3. Held at the Dixon Performing Arts Center, 555 College Way, the production will have 7 p.m. evening showtimes May 1 and 2. Matinees at 2 p.m. will be held May 2 and 3. Tickets are already on sale online, but can be purchased at the door.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [dixoncommunitytheater.org](http://dixoncommunitytheater.org) or

email [info@dixoncommunitytheater.org](mailto:info@dixoncommunitytheater.org).

## Dixon Teen Center Hiring

Dixon Teen Center is looking to hire a Teen Center Coordinator. The requirements of the position include excellent people skills, especially with teens, coordination experience, and availability every Friday and Saturday from 4 to 8 p.m.

For more information or to apply, visit Dixon Teen Center on Facebook or call either 707-695-2724 or 707-344-3544.

## Scholarships & Community Grants Dinner

Dixon Women's Improvement Club (DWIC) is hosting its annual scholarships and community grants dinner from 5 to 8 p.m. May 1. Held in the banquet room at Pedro's Cocina, 1423 Market Lane, the event will include raffle prizes, a silent auction, and dinner. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. and tickets are \$40 per person. Tickets can be purchased by calling or buying tickets in person at Every Baking Moment, 143 N. First St., every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, visit Dixon Women's Improvement Club on Facebook or call 916-601-3371.

## Kids Homework Help

Dixon Library is hosting after-school homework help courtesy of Dixon High School Key Club from 4 to 5 p.m. May 4. Held at the library, 230 N. First St., the free event offers homework support to students in kindergarten through 6th grade on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited.

For more information, visit [solano.library.libnet.info/events](http://solano.library.libnet.info/events) or call 1-866-572-7587.

## Harvest Table Talk

Harvest at Dixon is hosting a causal talk series to interact with the community and allow them to ask questions throughout the month of May. The first session is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Jacky's Mexican Restaurant, 127 N. First St. The second session will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. May 14 virtually, the link of which is available online. The final session will be in-person from 3 to 5 p.m. May 20 at Joystick Gaming Lounge, 420 Gateway Dr., Suite C.

For more information, visit [harvestatdixon.com](http://harvestatdixon.com) or call 707-710-8277.

## Lunch Bunch at Pedro's Cocina

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce is hosting another lunch bunch networking event from noon to 1:30 p.m. May 19. Held at Mountain Mike's Pizza, 1700 N. First St., the free event offers guests a no-host lunch and networking opportunities.

For more information, visit [dixonchamber.org](http://dixonchamber.org), or call 707-678-2650. ★



# Riley Reviews

"THRASH" PROVES TO BE STANDARD FARE FOR A SHARK DISASTER FILM

A Film and TV Review  
by Tim Riley

## "THRASH" Rated R on Netflix

Fascination with sharks is realized most popularly every year with Discovery Channel's annual week-long programming with "Shark Week" that first launched in 1988 and is expected to return this summer.

While Discovery Channel has not yet released news about the 2026 schedule, an idea of innovative programming was last year's "Dancing With Sharks," which featured an underwater dance competition between expert divers and their shark partners.

Other platforms get in on the action for shows about these aquatic creatures. National Geographic returns this summer with "Sharkest," with over 25 hours of hair-raising programming that brings viewers closer than ever to the ocean's fiercest fish.

The announced lineup includes "Sharks Up Close with Bertie Gregory," where the wildlife filmmaker embarks on a daring cage-free dive to capture the raw power and beauty of great whites on film.

Last year, National Geographic premiered "Jaws@50: The Definitive Inside Story," the authorized documentary that marked the 50th anniversary of the film that redefined Hollywood with a summer blockbuster that helped spark a global movement in shark conservation.

Not all sharks are apex predators, but several species fit that category, which are organisms at the top of the food chain that include tiger sharks, great white sharks, hammerhead sharks, thresher sharks, among other others.

For the Netflix film "Thrash," the terror comes to the fictional coastal small town of Annieville, South Carolina with Category 5 Hurricane Henry bringing a storm surge unleashing predator bull sharks in rapidly rising waters.

As the levees fail to hold and floodwaters rise in the streets, the townsfolk in danger, with a few exceptions, deserve a rooting interest to survive the death and destruction wreaked by the sharks taking over the coastal town.

On the sympathy scale, two young ladies rank at the top for our empathy. A very pregnant Lisa (Phoebe Dynevor) gets trapped in a car while surging waters thwart her ability to comply with an evacuation order and threaten to overwhelm her vehicle.

One must wonder why Lisa is driving around town talking to her mother on a cell phone when she should have been heading to a hospital after being warned by emergency alerts and news broadcasts.

Meanwhile, eighteen-year-old Dakota (Whitney Peak), orphaned by the recent death of her mother, suffers from panic attacks from leaving her home. We know

of her condition from the camera lingering on a view of Xanax pills sitting on a table.

Despite the risk, Dakota decides to shelter at home until her marine biologist uncle (Djimon Hounsou), currently at sea tracking a great white shark, can make his way up the coast with his crew to rescue her.

From inside her home, Dakota becomes aware of the imminent deadly danger facing Lisa outside her home and is forced to reckon with the dilemma of overcoming her fear or letting the expecting mother drown while her labor pains are increasing.

In another part of town, a subplot of a dysfunctional family adds a mix of drama and wackiness. A pair of dreadful foster parents abuses their three charges only to get welfare checks they splurge on themselves.

The hillbilly father dismisses the storm as something that will blow over and mistakenly believes the durable windows will hold off the surging water. You already know how that is how going to work out.

The siblings, eldest Ron (Stacy Caulesen), Dee (Ayla Browne) and Will (Dante Ubaldi), are cleverer than the adults, showing how some ingenuity and the tactical use of dynamite are smart maneuvers.

Of course, there are a lot of stock characters who do not fare as well, serving no real purpose other than being gruesomely killed or dismembered by the ravenous sharks.

"Thrash" does not seem to know what kind of film it wants to be. A stupid film can be immensely entertaining, or in the case of this one, where many characters are too dumb or naive to recognize danger and take precautions, turns out to be a little too absurd for its own good.

Whereas "Thrash" fails to lean into how laughable it should be, the "Sharknado" franchise, which garnered a cult following its five sequels, became increasingly comedic with silly plots, low-rent special effects and a great parody of disaster films.

"Thrash" should have taken cues from "Sharknado" on how to evolve into a "so-bad-it's-good" cult classic. If you are okay with brainless entertainment, "Thrash" could be worth a look, but keep in mind it's not intentionally meant to be farcical.

Apparently, "Sharknado" has not run its course. A prequel is expected with "Sharknado Origins," where teenage versions of the characters firstly played by Ian Ziering and Tara Reid cross paths on the beach and sparks fly just before the sky darkens and sharks erupt from the ocean.

Thinking about "Thrash" a bit more and recognizing its less than stellar production values, inadequate dialogue, and overall inanity, the inevitable conclusion is that one should view this film knowing its limitations. ★

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