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20 Years of Crackin' Crab



Rotary donates to the servers who help them out at their annual crab feed. Last year, the donation and the tips went to the Ramtown Karate Boosters. Photo courtesy Ramtown

By Rotary Club of Dixon

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Rotary Club of Dixon is well on its way preparing for the 20th Annual Crab Feed on Saturday, February 24, at the Dixon May Fair in Madden Hall, 655 South First Street. The event starts at 6 p.m. with a no-host bar and dinner at 7 p.m.

The dinner includes crab, pasta, salad, and bread. All seats are reserved and are being sold online for \$75 each. Groups of six (6) or more, please call Janice Beaman at (916) 240-0147. You can purchase your tickets directly online through Eventbrite at: <https://2024-dixon-rotary-crabfeed.eventbrite.com>.

Gather your group early to get your seats together. Along with great food you will have opportunities to win raffle baskets, buy desserts and bid on silent auction items. Then after dinner, dance to the tunes of "The Time Bandits". For any questions, you can also call Beaman.

The proceeds from this fundraiser will go toward High School scholarships for students going to a four-year college, two-year college, and trade school. Proceeds also go toward Remember-a-Vet (Wreaths Across America) and other veteran programs, school programs, local food pantries, community projects and grants, eradicating Polio worldwide, and much more.

Rotary is an international service organization with over 35,000 clubs and 1.2 million members in over 200 countries and is open to every race, culture, and creed. Rotary members are business, professional and community leaders who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

Our Rotary Club usually meets weekly to plan their club and service activities. For more information about the Rotary Club of Dixon or if you would like to attend a meeting, please call President Marianne MacDonald at 707-696-3384. ★

Downtown Dixon Revs Up '24 Calendar

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - If you're one who enjoys fun and socializing, get out your calendar as the Downtown Dixon Business Association Board has set dates for annual events that you won't want to miss.

The half-day Board Retreat had a two-page agenda for pursuing the mission to enhance the business environment and promote the revitalization of downtown as the cultural center of the community.

"I'm looking back at 2023 and saw the community really come out in numbers after dealing with Covid for two years," said DDBA President Jill Orr. "It was a big relief to see everyone enjoying our many events. Everyone I spoke to said that it's the best time they've ever had and that's what we want to hear. We want citizens to enjoy being in our community, socializing and meeting new friends."

Dates for the 2024 events are: Railroad Days will be over the weekend of June 22 and 23; The Art and Wine Stroll is August 17; Brewski Fest is October 12; Halloween Treat Trail is October 31; Holiday Open House is November 24, which is the Saturday before Thanksgiving as usual; and the Christmas Tree Lighting Festival is traditionally the first Thursday in December and is set for December 5.

The group is looking into reviving the spring Dixon Dash that was popular with youth and especially runners who benefitted the youth track as well as cross-country teams. The event was originally organized by Kathy King when students and the community rallied around Coach Tom Crumpacker of Dixon High School who had been diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia. Crumpacker has since recovered. The Dash went on for several years but stopped with the pandemic shutdown. If anyone is interested in volunteering to help bring it back, please call (707) 678-8400 or message through their Facebook page: DowntownDixonBusinessAssociationDDBA. Their website is www.downtowndixon.com. ★

Anderson Construction Woes Anger Parents

Photo and story by Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Frustrated and angry parents of students at Anderson Elementary School filled the Dixon School Board Meeting last week demanding answers and explanations as to why they weren't informed of the school's plan to deal with safety concerns after an electrical main panel caught fire causing all power loss to the school.

The panel arched and smoked about 4:30 p.m. on the day before children were to go back to school after the winter break so at first, the school was closed for three days, according to parent Tracy Curry.

"Then they brought in three huge generators that go through about 200 gallons of diesel per day and placed them near the classrooms, so the children are getting sick and getting headaches from the fumes," she said. "There has been flat out, no communication. They are not telling us what's



Parents and teachers from Anderson Elementary School blasted Dixon Unified School District Superintendent for lack of communication about a main electrical panel blowing and leaving the campus without power resulting in generators being brought in and making students sick.

happening. It reeks of lack of transparency. "

Dixon Unified School District Superintendent Brian Dolan gave a report on the situation stating that they did not know the cause of the electrical outage or what happened.

"It was similar to the emergency when a gun was brought on campus. It was a fast-moving situation. We'd communicate

what we knew for sure and sometimes there is a delay in communication," he explained. "Our biggest tool is the Parent Square app as it is most efficient." He defended himself stating that he did not issue a 'gag order' to teachers as some social media commentators said and clarified that he told them to refer people to the District. "Sometimes the info [on

social media] is not accurate and sometimes the info is not accurate at all," he said. A Fire Inspector came and found that the fire alarms were not operating. The system was checked, and the batteries were not charging so the school has a 'Fire Watch' in place 24-hours a day with trained security staff.

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A Little of This and That

By Debra Dingman

The Little Windmill

After running my column about the new chamber logo with a contemporary sunflower graphic in a circle of yellow and green, I wondered about the old logo with a windmill and how long ago it was created and by whom. One of our readers responded.

Mary Heeney called and told me that when she worked at the Dixon Tribune, young David DeLeon penned the drawing. David was the advertising manager there for many years while I was the short-term editor. But then some years later, he became my advertising rep for the Davis Enterprise, and we worked together for a few years while I advertised my little children's clothing and toy store in downtown Davis, and also in Dixon, which I owned for several years while my last child was a little person.

I knew David had an artistic eye, and I still had his phone number, so I called him. He said he did create it "back in the day," and he was surprised no one ever changed it sooner.

"There was a barn with a windmill that I had seen, and I felt it represented the area at the time," he said. Every time he saw it around town, he'd think, "There's my little windmill." It lasted at least 40 years.

Pedrick Road Fog – YIKES!!

If you drive out in the morning on Pedrick Road — the part that runs in front of Campbell's Soup — you are going to drive most likely in the middle of the road because of both the dangerous potholes and now the lack of ability to see because of fog. One local citizen who takes that road daily to work in Woodland made the necessary calls to find out that it was not Solano County's responsibility but, in fact, the City of Dixon's.

She made phone calls to find out the procedure to request the fix, and emphasized the need to stop putting drivers in danger. She sent me a copy of those emails. A work order was issued on February 2, 2023, but the road has never been repaired. She just sent me a new email that reminds city staff of her original request:

"Needs fog lines and yellow repainted and potholes filled. Location: Pedrick road between railroad crossing and the freeway, especially in front of Campbell's Factory. On foggy days, it is so scary to drive! Solano County says it's the city's job to fix this road. They notified you already. This is my second time."

Her request is now a year old, and the fog season is back. "I am trying to understand why nothing has been done on this work order," she said. ★

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complaint through the Williams Complaint Act, Kelly Pidgeon James, parent of an Anderson student and PTO President, cited that it was only by luck that the fire occurred while a worker was walking by and able to report it before further damage.

"This incident highlights how the negligent maintenance and lack of modernization and repairs at Anderson pose a threat," she wrote. "The DUSD is not providing safe facilities or safe learning environments at Anderson."

Dolan recommended the students stay at Anderson for the next 30 days and February 16-19, the students be moved with all their necessary materials from Anderson to most likely Tremont or Gretchen Higgins.

"None of us want to return to any kind of remote learning. That is a disastrous situation in my mind. But we will not return to Anderson this year," he responded to Board Trustee Julian Cueva's

question about what plan they were going to implement.

"Nothing is off the table," Cuevas told the audience.

The only set plan by the end of the Board meeting was to have another meeting this week. In a lengthy public comment period, the electrical panel needed to replace the old one is apparently part of supply chain issues from China that are being experienced throughout California, said Mike Monson, an Electrician whose wife is a teacher.

Mike Hamilton, whose business works with generators, said that there are 100-foot cords and that the generators could be moved further away from the classrooms.

About 25 parents carrying signs protested in front of the school last Friday and made the nightly newscasts. Phone calls to the DUSD were not returned by press time about a reported 25 parents withdrawing their children to the DUSD Distance Learning Program since. ★

Dixon News Briefs



Francisco Camarena is ready to fire up the grill and is officially open for business at 183 North First Street next to First Northern Bank. The name of his Mexican Food Restaurant is Taqueria Fran. Photo by Debra Dingman

MPG Staff

Plan for Aging

What? I'm going to get old? The Solano Master Plan for Aging is holding a forum to address the needs of older and disabled adults on Tuesday, January 30, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Solano County Events Center, Conference Room A at 601 Texas Street in Fairfield.

Solano County, in collaboration with Napa/Solano Area on Aging and Innovative Health Solutions (IHS), will unveil the Solano Master Plan for Aging (MPA), a strategic initiative to address the evolving needs of the growing population of older and disabled adults in Solano County. The plan is shaped with active input from community leaders and professionals to ensure a targeted, impactful approach.

The MPA is a proactive response to the observable diversification and accelerated growth of the older adult population in Solano County and the State of California. In the next decade, the number of older adults in Solano County is expected to double, representing 20% of the county's population. The plan outlines evidence-based approaches and five strategic plan goals to address this demographic shift and its unique challenges. Visit www.mpasolano.org or register at inovativehealth.com/mpasolano. Phone is (707) 766-0192.

Valentine Cookie Class

You can make special Valentines on Sunday, February 4, from noon to 2 p.m. at Every Baking Moment. All supplies will be provided. The 2-hour session is \$50. Please call or text to sign up (707) 693-0112. Every Baking Moment is located at 143 North First Street in downtown Dixon.

Valentine's Charcuterie Couples Workshop

On Tuesday, February 13 at 6 p.m. couples can enjoy a very different kind of

fun! During this 2-hour class you will learn selection, pairing, cutting, and styling of artisanal cheeses and charcuterie. They will have fun charcuterie games (for prizes), complimentary champagne, and a fun surprise technique. Tickets are \$80-\$95 Learn more at thecreativespacedixon.com/classesworkshops.

Buddies Needed

Team Dixon is hosting its annual Parent and Buddy Meeting on Wednesday, January 31. Come hear all about what is planned for this year as well as volunteer opportunities about baseball. This meeting is intended for special needs parents and buddies (usually high school age students.) If you are unable to find care for your special needs child, please plan on supervising during the meeting. It will be from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Dixon United Methodist Church, 209 North Jefferson Street.

No Dinner

There will be no Veteran's Dinner at the Veterans Memorial Hall on Friday, January 26, due to a memorial service.

Fundraising Dinner

Mark your calendars for Monday, February 12, for the annual Dixon Women's Improvement Club Scholarships and Grants Fundraising Dinner. At Bud's Pub & Grill, 100 South First Street in downtown Dixon. Tickets are now on sale. Dinners can be eaten inside or taken home from 4:30 to 8 p.m. Call to pre-order at (707) 678-4745 after 4 p.m. on that day if you want to do pick up.

Entrée choices are Prime Rib or Tri-tip, Chicken, Salmon, Pasta, or Vegetarian dish. They also include dinner salad, garlic roasted red potatoes, and bread. There will be a huge drawing for all kinds of goods and services during the evening. Tickets are \$35 per person and can be purchased by any of the DWIC members or at the Dixon Independent Voice newspaper office at (707) 678-8917. ★

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(L-R) Teacher Mr. Stidham, Regina Loza Hernandez and her mother, Rebeca Quetzalli Hernandez Agular. SI Courtesy Photo

SI Press Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Regina Loza Hernandez was nominated Soroptimists International Young Woman of the Month by Mr. Stidham, her art teacher at Dixon High School. Mr. Stidham admires the hard work, dedication to her

education, generous nature, and kindness that Regina displays daily. She inspires her classmates and teachers with her amazing art skills. Regina is the daughter of Rebeca Quetzalli Hernandez Agular and Luis Octavio Loza Franco. She has two sisters, Hanniz and Erendirha.

The family migrated from Mexico to the U.S. four years ago. Regina finished 8th grade at C.A. Jacobs. Regina learned English after she moved to Dixon which was accelerated in school. She proudly speaks English and helps her mom with translation.

Regina faced some prejudice when she came to the U.S. It has been a challenge meeting new people in Dixon. A few years later now, Regina has made friends with other migrant students at Dixon High School. They have formed a bond and connection that has made school fun.

Regina's loves to draw and paint in her spare time. It is a great way for her to express her feelings without words.

Regina plans to go to Sac City College then transfer to Sac State and get her credential to teach high school Spanish. Her parents are very proud of Regina's plans. She wants to help other migrant students in the future. Regina looks forward to learning how to create lesson plans and develop work that will match her students' abilities and help them improve their Spanish. Regina's tip for success is to "trust yourself and always push yourself further!"

Congratulations Regina! Wishing you the best in your future! ★

Dixon's Tomelloso Honored as Public Hero



Dixon Fire Chief Todd McNeal, Congressman Mike Thompson, and Dixon Fire Captain Andrew Tomelloso. Courtesy photo

US Congressman Mike Thompson News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Rep. Mike Thompson (CA-04) announced Andrew Tomelloso as one of Solano County's Public Safety Heroes. Each year, Thompson honors law enforcement officers and first responders in our community who have gone above and beyond the call of duty.

"Our first responders and law enforcement are the first line of defense for our communities and work to keep us safe. Our district is home to outstanding public safety officials who go above and beyond in their service, and I am proud to recognize them each year as Public Safety Heroes," said Thompson. "Andrew Tomelloso's commitment to service is evident through his work as a firefighter and paramedic in Dixon. He is working to make the Fire Department more efficient and exemplifies a true leader."

Andrew Tomelloso was born in Vallejo, California and grew up in Dixon, California where he earned his high school diploma. Since then, Mr. Tomelloso has completed the National College of Technical Instruction Paramedic program, the State Fire Marshall Company Officer Program, and is a certified California Specialized Training Institute Hazmat Technician. He is currently enrolled at

Columbia Southern to complete an AS/BS degree. Mr. Tomelloso began his career assisting emergency room patients, until he joined the Dixon Fire Department in February 2014 where he has since been serving as a firefighter and paramedic. Mr. Tomelloso's calm demeanor and approachability within the Dixon Fire Department makes him a valued leader and a respected colleague. As a newly promoted captain he is playing an essential role in helping make the department stronger, more resilient, and more capable. Mr. Tomelloso is the Dixon Professional Firefighters Association (DPFA) Local 4665 Vice President, the grant committee chair, the Dixon Fire Department Public Education lead, and a Solano County Hazmat team member, as well as being the Solano County Rotary Firefighter of the Year for both the years of 2017 and 2020.

As a captain and paramedic, Mr. Tomelloso is tasked with Public Education within the Fire Department. He demonstrates incredible willingness to contribute and respond to the needs of our community in fire safety, adult and youth education programs, and CPR training. Mr. Tomelloso's dedication to the Dixon Fire Department and our community has resulted in top caliber education deliveries that impact the lives and wellbeing of our citizens. ★

New Electric UTV Voucher Program Announced

Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - Yolo County and The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District (District) are excited to announce the launch of the new Zero-Emission UTV Voucher Program which offers monetary incentives for local agricultural operators to support the transition from diesel or gasoline-powered UTVs to zero-emission UTVs. Partnering with CARB, Yolo County and the District are expanding the FARMER program by offering these incentives to foster sustainable practices within our local agricultural community. The benefits of transitioning include reduced pollutant

emissions as well as cost savings with lower fuel expenses.

The Program will provide vouchers to qualifying Applicants for up to 75% of the eligible cost of new equipment, with a maximum eligible funding amount of \$13,500. Yolo County residents may be able to receive increased incentives. To qualify for this voucher program, applicants must have an existing, operational diesel or gasoline powered UTV with less than 25 horsepower and agree to destroy or render it permanently inoperable. In addition to emitting zero tailpipe emissions, the new equipment must not have been previously owned and must be indicated as new by the dealer at the time of purchase.

A list of eligible equipment and maximum voucher amounts can be found on the District's website at <http://www.ysaqmd.org/incentives/zeroemissionutvprogram>. For questions about the Zero-Emission UTV Voucher Program, contact the District by phone at (530) 757-3650 or email grants@ysaqmd.org.

Learn more about the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District, additional incentive programs, register to receive air quality alerts and the District's newsletter Air Aware at www.ysaqmd.org. Connect with the District on Facebook or X @YoloSolanoAir, or Nextdoor at Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District. ★

Rotary Plays Santa for Veterans



Recently, nineteen Veterans living in the two Veterans homes and the Habitat for Humanity House in Dixon each received gift cards from the Rotary Club of Dixon, large trays of cookies from Rick and Janet Fuller, and filled Christmas stockings from Cecil Denning and Wayne Holland who were representing the VFW and the American Legion Post 208. Pictured standing are: Paul Jensen, Denning, Veterans Rep Julie Shaw, Dixon's Veteran of the Year Dan Schaffer, and Holland. Sitting is landale Weber. Photo by Janice Beaman



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Calling the Unlikely

Commentary by Jeff Myers

I love shopping for old treasures! Used bookstores, antique shops, eBay, Craigslist, “junk” shops...I could spend hours browsing these places. It drives my wife crazy, but I’ve scored some great things over the years. A 1946 Philco, a vintage set of Churchill’s WWII autobiographies, countless books and collectibles and nearly every piece of furniture we own. It’s great to take something someone else has discarded and give it new life and a new purpose in a new setting.

God is the original “junker.” His whole plan for this world seems to center around scooping up all of us ordinary misfit toys and doing extraordinary things. Jesus demonstrates this when he calls his twelve closest followers. One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray and spent the night praying to God. When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles: Simon (whom he named Peter), his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot, Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor. (Luke 6:12-16).

Jesus was quickly becoming the most sought-after rabbi in the entire country. Any rabbi would recruit the best and brightest young men from synagogues to be their followers. This would ensure that the rabbi’s interpretation

of Scripture would live on through his followers. That list above of Jesus’ disciples was most definitely not a list of the best and the brightest. They were professional fishermen, traitor tax collectors for the Romans, members of local terrorist cells, thieves, and others who were likely simply following in their father’s line of work. The fact that they were making their livings these ways meant that other rabbis had already taken a hard pass.

But Jesus saw treasure where others had seen trash. He saw potential world-changers in a bunch of ragamuffins. Whether you’re looking for a job, a boyfriend, an acceptance letter or some clarity about your place in the world, know this: rejection is not the end of your story! That “no” is only bringing you closer to the “yes” that is most fulfilling to you. The good that you imagine for yourself pales in comparison to the best that God has waiting for you.

As someone who’s a bit of a dreamer, I’ve had a few of my dreams come to fruition, but most of my dreams have been crushed or altered. However, I’ve learned that God’s dreams for me are always better! He dreams for me that I don’t have the courage to dream for myself. So don’t just pray for doors to be opened. Sincerely pray that God would close the doors that aren’t yours to walk through. Allow him to assign purpose and beauty to your life, even if others don’t see it!

Jeff Myers is Lead Pastor of Living Hope Church in Dixon, CA ★



Imperial Valley Farm Harvests Jalapeños as Sriracha Supplies Improve

A vegetable farmer in the Imperial Valley has pulled off an improbable feat that may be helping to solve an urgent supply shortage—at least for those who crave some extra heat in their rice, soup, noodles or stir-fry. If you tried to buy a bottle of Huy Fong Foods’ Sriracha in recent years, you may have gone home emptyhanded. The company shuttered its processing plant in 2022 after running out of its key ingredient: fresh jalapeños. Now, Huy Fong is in production again, and a mystery buyer contracted massive quantities of the pepper from Imperial Valley grower Alex Jack of Jack Brothers, Inc.

Farmers are Turning to Automation for Transplanting

With farm labor costs increasing, growers continue to look to automation to do jobs traditionally done by people. In vegetable farming, equipment commonly used to plant delicate seedlings still requires a crew. Manufacturers of fully automated transplanters want to change that, and early adopters such as Yolo County farmer Ray Yeung say the machines are ready for prime time, though they may be cost prohibitive for some farms. Yeung was the first in California to acquire the Agriplanter by Agriplant, one of several fully automated models now used in the state.

Desert Lettuce Trials Show Promise for Shallow Drip Irrigation

Desert lettuce growers may be able to save more than 10 inches of water by converting to shallow buried drip irrigation. Two years into a three-year study, University of California Cooperative Extension Irrigation and Water Management Advisor Ali Montazar said shallow irrigation paired with high-tech moisture sensors have shown promise for significantly reducing water and nitrogen use. Preliminary results show that converting to drip does not significantly affect yield. And Montazar said drip produces higher quality lettuce by reducing disease pressure.

Report: Fresh Produce Supply Chain Still Faces Challenges

Global challenges, including weather extremes, geopolitical tensions and a decreasing and more expensive workforce continue to affect players along the fresh produce supply chain, including growers and suppliers of fruits, vegetables, nuts and flowers. These observations were reported by RaboResearch Food and Agribusiness, a market research division of Rabobank, in its report, “The state of the global fresh produce industry.” Blueberries were especially hard hit, the report said, noting that the berry was absent last fall in many U.S. supermarkets. ★

New Solano Childcare Bootcamp Helps Industry Rebound



A new class of childcare providers celebrates their completion of one of the Childcare Entrepreneurship Bootcamps. Photo courtesy of Napa-Solano Small Business Development Center

Napa-Solano Small Business Development Center

DIXON, CA (MPG) - It’s been almost four years since the COVID-19 pandemic decimated Solano County’s childcare industry, forcing almost half of the region’s providers to close their doors.

Today, the industry has rebounded in Solano County, with nearly as many providers in operation as there were pre-pandemic and dozens more in the process of obtaining state licensing. There is still a great need for childcare providers, but the current recovery trend is promising.

Much of the growth has occurred in recent months, thanks to the new Childcare Entrepreneurship Bootcamp, a free 25-hour training for new childcare providers offered through a partnership with the Workforce Development Board of Solano County and Solano Family and Children Services.

This in-person training, offered to each cohort over a three-month period, includes a combination of classroom learning, group activities, and panel discussions. Participants learn childcare best business practices, marketing for their business, infant, and toddler development, and receive access to provider resources and a business start-up kit.

“We also work hand in hand with each individual as they go through the process of becoming a licensed childcare provider,” said Cinda-Rae Clemente, Resource and Referral Program Manager for Solano Family and Children’s Services. “We help them with their application for licensing and we help them prepare for their home visits, so they are ready for Community Care licensing to come out and do their inspections.”

By the end of the bootcamp, participants obtain a certificate of completion and are ready to submit all necessary licensing documentation to Community Care. Ideally, they would be licensed to care for children in just a few months.

Four cohorts, each with 10 to 12 participants, are being funded through Solano County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars. The first three were in 2023 with a fourth planned in 2024.

The Spanish cohort in particular has been especially well attended, and Clemente said there are additional Spanish-speaking providers interested in future programs.

“We are lacking in providers in general, but we are really lacking in providers who can take Spanish speaking families” she said. “We’ve tried to recruit for years, and this program has been the first time we’ve been able to find this many Spanish-speaking individuals who can provide

these services to our families.”

Joselyn Jones went through the first cohort in the fall and is now fully licensed by the state. In just the last couple months, she has set up a website for her childcare and is in the process of changing her business structure to a LLC.

“Soon, I will be working with a child needing extra assistance, so I am grateful for the training I received for inclusion/special needs,” she said. “I would not have been able to purchase many of the items we have on my own as a new provider and business owner so I am forever grateful for all the help provided from the trainings, workshops, funds, toys, and just being available to answer my questions.”

Another participant, Elizabeth Caratachea, is interested in taking additional classes in the future. “Not only will the knowledge help me, but it will also benefit the children who are under our care,” she said.

The Workforce Development Board of Solano County has been a major champion of the childcare cohorts. As the number of providers decreased during the pandemic, the lack of childcare became a major barrier for individuals who wanted to return to the workforce.

“Having access to stable childcare is a vital component for parents who want to enter the workforce or

maintain their current employment,” said Heather Henry, Executive Director of the Workforce Development Board of Solano County. “The significant decrease of family childcare providers during the COVID pandemic catalyzed the need for this initiative that blends workforce development and entrepreneurship.”

For Solano WDB, partnering with Solano Family and Children Services was an obvious choice given the no-cost services the organization already offers childcare providers and parents. In addition, the Solano-Napa Small Business Development Center provides one-on-one business advising for all participants.

One trend that Clemente has seen in the bootcamps is that many of the participants are people who were not expecting to be childcare providers four years ago. Many do not have a childcare background. Some were in the ‘corporate world’ four years ago, she said, or were teachers at schools.

“For many of them, it’s just been the perfect time to make that career change because they were already at home with their children,” she said. “Others are looking for a new opportunity, and this is a way for them to have their own business.”

Solano Family and Children Services welcomes new childcare providers in their program. To learn more about opening a family childcare business, contact the organization at (707) 863-3950 ext. 752. ★

Streaming Soon: “CADETS” — The Making of A CHP Officer

California Highway Patrol Press Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Highway Patrol (CHP) will give the public an inside look at its live-in training facility with this month’s release of the new reality series, Cadets. Premiering Jan. 17 on the CHP’s YouTube page, the nine-part docu-series focuses on a cadet class navigating the six-month journey through the CHP Academy on the way to becoming officers.

The release of Cadets is part of the CHP’s ongoing, multi-year recruitment



The mission of the CHP is to provide the highest level of Safety, Service, and Security. Images courtesy of the CHP

campaign to recruit and hire 1,000 officers. A trailer for the series, produced entirely by CHP staff, is available online.

“Cadets is not just a series; it’s a testament to the CHP’s commitment to

excellence, diversity, and the relentless pursuit of transforming individuals from all walks of life into dedicated officers ready to serve the community,” said CHP Commissioner Sean Duryee. “We are

excited to offer a start-to-finish look inside our Academy as future law enforcement officers are brought to life.”

Viewers will “ride along” with nine cadets as they overcome physical

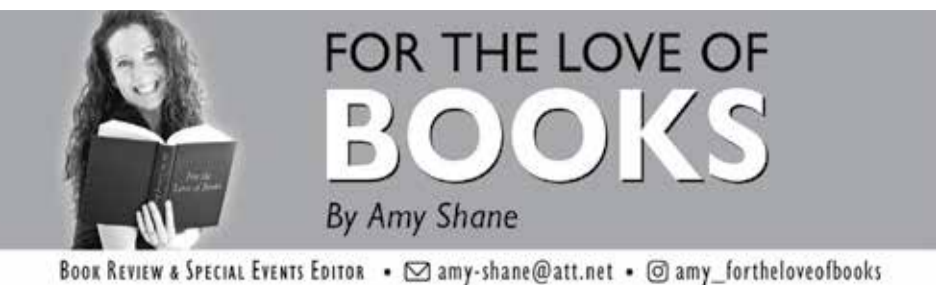
and mental adversity throughout the journey to earning their badge and becoming a CHP officer. The audience will also hear firsthand from the cadets as they speak candidly about their experience.

“By sharing their experiences, in their own words, we hope to inspire more service-minded individuals to follow in their footsteps and join us for a rewarding career in law enforcement,” added Commissioner Duryee.

If you are interested in an exciting career that offers diversity, challenges, and opportunities, the CHP invites you to apply to become a part of our professional organization.

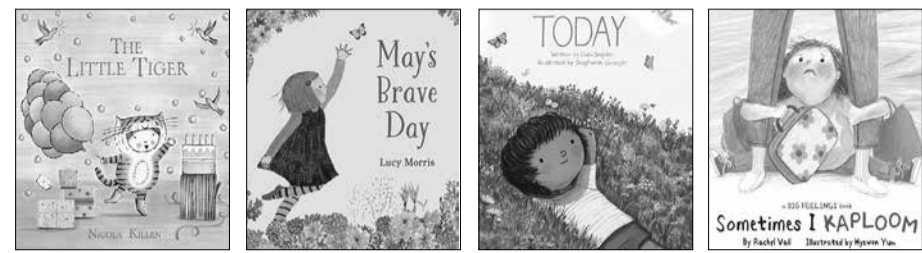
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FOR THE LOVE OF BOOKS
By Amy Shane
BOOK REVIEW & SPECIAL EVENTS EDITOR • ✉ amy-shane@att.net • 📷 amy_fortheloveofbooks

New Children's Books for the New Year



The Little Tiger by Nicola Killen, Simon and Schuster Children's

Ollie's Birthday wish has come true. A brand-new tiger suit, and she had the perfect ROAR to go with it. Then, Ollie spots a bunch of balloons as they float past the window. With a roar and a leap, she finally catches them, and away she goes, landing perfectly in front of a grove of trees. But what is going on? To Ollie's delight, it was a surprise party just for her.

Come along on this wonderful birthday adventure full of joy and imaginative play. Nicola Killen delivers another excellent Ollie adventure book, full of wonder, with adorable illustrations and soft color hues.

May's Brave Day by Lucy Morris, Bloomsbury

"Some days, we are brave. Some Days, we need an extra bit of courage."

May's tummy was full of butterflies, which is how she felt when she was worried and not brave. Sometimes, she can find

courage, but today was not one of them. May even went to the garden where she usually does her best thinking. May wished she could be a bee or a butterfly and have her worries fly away. However, May's mother reminded her that everyone worries about new things, and she would eventually find her own wings to fly.

May's Brave Day is a beautiful exploration of accepting and embracing worry while discovering ways to find your own courage.

Today by Gabi Snyder and Stephanie Graegin; Simon and Schuster Children's

Some days are way too long, and some are way too short. Today seems to take forever when waiting for that fun trip, but today can also go too fast when you are having the best day.

Today is a beautiful exploration of mindfulness and appreciating the moment of now. Follow one little boy as he experiences each type of day: good, bad, fast, slow, and

those you keep close to your heart.

Sometimes I Kaploom (A Big Feelings Book) by Rachel Vail, illus- trated by Hyewon Yum; Scholastic

Katie Honors is really brave. She can climb really high and even sleep in her own bed. Katie even can hold back tears and say bye to her mom, sometimes. Sometimes, Katie Kaplooms. Sometimes, Katie wants to cry out loud and not hear what everyone around her is saying. She wants to scream and cry. Luckily, Katie's mom loves her even when she Kaplooms and reminds her that she can still be brave.

Sometimes, I Kaploom is a wonderful children's story exploring the world of children's emotions and breaking it down into small, understandable scenes. This story reminds children it's ok to be brave and scared while also helping them get in control of their feelings. A wonderful addition to the Big Feelings series, which is an excellent addition for any child or classroom library. ★



Riley Reviews

"MEAN GIRLS" NOT SO MEMORABLE REBOOT;
"RESCUE BOWL" ON TV

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

"MEAN GIRLS" RATED PG-13
Screenwriter and director John Hughes was legendary as the creative force behind many memorable films. He tapped into zeitgeist of the coming-of-age teenage human condition in comedies that included "Sixteen Candles," "The Breakfast Club" and "Weird Science."

Best of all was "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," which remains a favorite. Matthew Broderick was outstanding as the slacker titular character, a manipulator and con artist as he ditched high school for a day with two friends enjoying the best of Chicago that included a Cubs game at Wrigley Field.

The whole point of bringing up Hughes is that you would be far better off insofar as being entertained by watching his films from the Eighties than spending time with "Mean Girls," which is essentially a remake of the Broadway musical of the same that was an adaption of the 2004 film.

What we get with the new "Mean Girls" is the same old story of the new girl at the high school finagling her way into the social hierarchy of the popular girl group known as the Plastics, an oddly fitting name for the vacuous teens.

The difference between the two films is that the new version, such as it is considering that Tina Fey was writer of both along with the Broadway musical, are musical numbers that would work best in a stage production.

The role of Cady Heron, originally played to perfection by Lindsay Lohan, now belongs to Angourie Rice. As with the 2004 film, Cady transfers to North Shore High School after being homeschooled in Africa, which would seem to result in a serious case of culture shock.

At first, Cady falls in with two other outsiders, Janis (Auli'i Cravalho) and Damian (Jaquel Spivey). Janis was once friends with Regina (Renee Rapp), the rich mean girl who is the leader of the Plastics. But that friendship dissolved when Regina outed Janis as a lesbian.

Though warned by her friends to avoid the Plastics, Cady is invited to become part of Queen Bee Regina's clique, which includes the bubbly and dimwitted Karen (Avantika) and insecure Gretchen (Bebe Wood).

Of course, Regina has ulterior motives; after all, she's as fake as the name "Plastics" would imply. While Cady is bright, she feigns a lack of math skills to get closer to Regina's ex-boyfriend Aaron (Christopher Briney).

Naturally, Cady's infatuation sends Regina into a spiral of cruelty and malicious jealousy, which leads to vindictive backstabbing that one might expect from a borderline sociopath. High school is a brutal breeding ground for broken souls.

Aside from a cameo appearance by Lindsay Lohan as a math quiz moderator, Tina Fey reprises her role as math teacher Ms. Norbury, while Tim Meadows is once again the beleaguered school principal Mr. Duvall, who looks ten years overdue for retirement.

Granted, many of the newcomers as students demonstrate passion and energy, but in the end the inevitable question is why was there a pressing need to bother with a reboot that adds nothing of weight to the overworked teen angst.

Midway through the Nineties, Amy Heckerling, as writer and director, delivered "Clueless," an appealing coming-of-age teen comedy. She also directed 1982's "Fast Times at Ridgemont High," a teen comedy that greatly amused with Sean Penn's stoner slacker Jeff Spicoli.

There are just too many good teen comedies from three to four decades ago to revisit than bothering with an unmemorable remake, unless there's some weird fascination with the Plastics. "Mean Girls" will likely find its audience, but this reviewer does not fall into that camp.

"RESCUE BOWL"

PRECEDES THE SUPER BOWL

Super Bowl Sunday on February 11th will be preceded by Great American Family's annual "Great American Rescue Bowl" that has been created in partnership with the North Shore Animal League America.

The program is a fun interactive way to raise awareness of the huge number of wonderful animals in local shelters across the country and has been highly successful at increasing the adoption rate several fold during Super Bowl weekend.

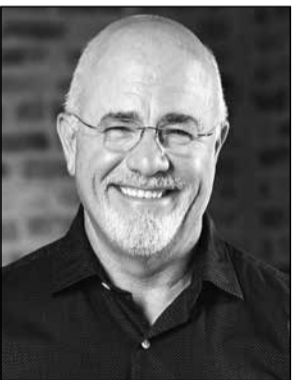
Renowned animal advocate and best-selling author, Beth Stern, who has personally placed more than 2,000 fosters over the years, returns to host "Great American Rescue Bowl."

An active member of the Animal League America Board, Beth Stern is joined in hosting duties by TV personality and producer, Brian Balthazar, and 13-time Emmy-winning morning news anchor, Dan Mannarino.

Since 1944, North Shore Animal League America has saved more than 1.1 million pet lives through the organization's medical care, vaccination programs, and the ultimate pet life savers – rescue and adoption.

"Great American Rescue Bowl 2024" features a tail-biter of a bowl game between The Adorables versus The Cuddlers with a halftime show that will melt hearts. Spoiler alert: The status of each furry player is – adopted!

Animal lovers are bound to be touched by the Animal League's pioneering as the no-kill movement and architect of the happy ending for more than a million deserving shelter pets for 80 years. ★



Dave Ramsey Says

say about being so far behind with his bill, but at the same time you need to let him know that you can't function as his bank. You're a small business, and you need your money. Some kind of understanding and agreement have to be reached.

For starters, a fair request would be asking him to help things along by trying as best he can to get current on his bill as soon as possible. At the very least, he needs to do something to reduce the amount owed within 10 days. You've provided services for him, and you're owed money that's long past due, so there's nothing wrong with this. I'd also establish an understanding that once he's caught up on the past due amount that all payments for services going forward will be due within 14 days after delivery.

Now, he may not like this. If he pushes back too hard, you may have to switch to a cash-only

basis with payment due on delivery. If it were me, and he didn't like any of these options, I'd politely suggest he take his business elsewhere.

Like I said, he's probably not a bad guy, just another small business person who's disorganized. That's not an uncommon thing. But you definitely need to correct this behavior before it gets any further out of hand. You've got a business and a livelihood to think about, too!

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national best-selling 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 ★

Be Fair, But Firm

Dear Dave,

My husband and I have run our own small business for nearly 10 years. Our largest client, who is also a friend, is almost three months behind on the bill. He has always been good in the past about paying on time, but we work on a 30-day payment period. Can you give us any advice on how we should handle this?

– Melissa

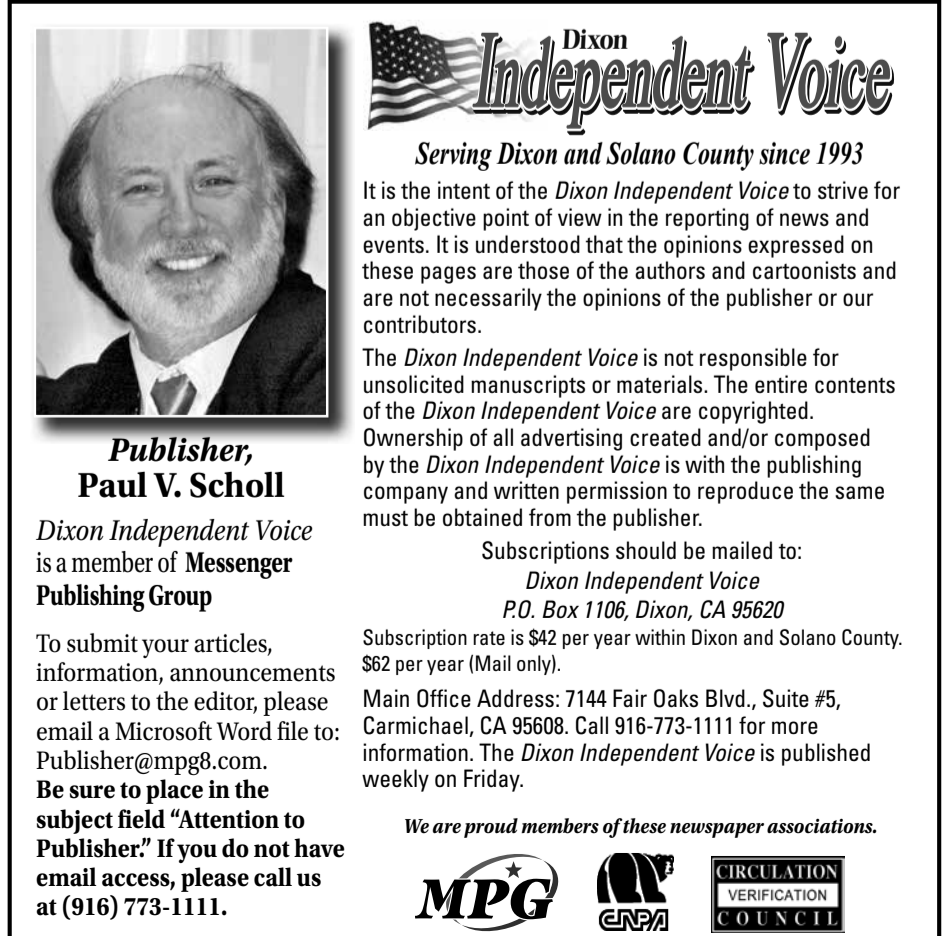
Dear Melissa,

In my mind, there's no reason to level accusations or make threats in a situation like this. There are personal dynamics involved, and my guess is he's probably not trying to outright cheat you.

If it were me, I'd go to his office or ask him out to lunch, and then have a friendly sit-down talk. Listen to what he has to



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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: **Comprehensive Update to Dixon Zoning Ordinance, Various Edits to the Dixon Municipal Code, Amendments to the General Plan 2040 Text and Land Use Map -** The project entails the following City-initiated amendments:

Comprehensive Update to Zoning Ordinance – Repeal the existing City of Dixon Zoning Ordinance as Title 18 of Dixon Municipal Code (DMC), and adopt a comprehensive update to the Zoning Ordinance. The Zoning Ordinance governs matters such as permitted and conditional uses of property, development standards, and administrative procedures for land use permits. Purposes of the comprehensive update to the Zoning Ordinance include conforming the Zoning Ordinance to the recently adopted *Dixon General Plan 2040*, complying with new State/Federal laws, and reorganizing, modernizing, and streamlining the Zoning Ordinance. The comprehensive update to the Zoning Ordinance will apply citywide to all parcels located within the City of Dixon. A public review draft of the new Zoning Ordinance was prepared and published on December 1, 2023.

Comprehensive Update to Zoning Map - A comprehensive update to the City of Dixon Zoning Map is proposed to 1) reclassify 5,400 parcels to new zoning districts and 2) rezone 731 parcels to conform to the *General Plan 2040* land use designations assigned to those parcels. The comprehensive update to the Zoning Map has the potential to affect all parcels located within the City of Dixon. A public review draft of the proposed Zoning Map was prepared and published on December 1, 2023.

Various Municipal Code Amendments – As a result of the comprehensive Zoning Ordinance update, various minor amendments to other sections of the DMC are also proposed to reorganize sections of the DMC and to ensure consistency with the new Zoning Ordinance. The associated DMC amendments will apply citywide to all parcels located within the City of Dixon. The associated edits to the DMC will amend the following sections:

- Cannabis Business Pilot Program (DMC Sections 6.12.040.B.2 and 6.12.040.E)
- Kennels and Catteries – Generally (DMC Section 7.03.010)
- Bees (DMC Section 7.04.050)
- Noise Control (DMC Section 9.05.010)
- Emergency Medical Service First Responder Fee (DMC Section 11.14.070)
- Shopping Car Regulation (DMC Section 11.15.040)
- Trucks and Truck Routes within the City Limits (DMC Section 12.06.050)
- Street Trees (DMC Section 13.05.030)
- Water (DMC Section 14.02.275)
- General Provisions of Subdivision Ordinance (DMC Section 17.01.040)

General Plan Text Amendments - The *General Plan 2040* text amendments consist of text revisions to the following land use designations: "Downtown Mixed Use" (DMU) and "Campus Mixed Use" (CAMU). The DMU and CAMU land use descriptions are contained in the Land Use and Community Character Chapter of the *General Plan 2040* (Page 3-15). The text amendments clarify the intent, rules, and standards of the DMU and CAMU land use designations. The General Plan text amendments will affect all parcels located in the CAMU and DMU land use designations within the City of Dixon.

General Plan Land Use Map Amendments –The General Plan Land Use Map is proposed for an amendment to correct mapping errors that occurred during the original development of the *General Plan 2040* Land Use Map, and also to better reflect current zoning, ownership, and use of existing parcels. The General Plan Land Use Map amendment will affect the following parcels, which are located in different areas of the City: APNs 108-110-190; 108-110-470; 108-110-500; 108-261-270; 108-300-090; 108-300-100; 0109-030-110; 113-063-020; 113-111-050; 113-111-060; 113-111-070; 113-111-080; 113-111-110; 113-111-120; 113-111-130; 113-111-140; 113-111-150; 113-111-160; 113-255-020; 113-286-360; 113-321-130; 113-334-090; 113-342-190; 113-361-110; 113-423-100; 114-055-030; 114-055-040; 114-055-050; 114-100-040; 114-171-370; 115-060-150; 115-090-080; 116-062-070; 116-062-080; 116-062-090; 116-063-070; 116-063-080 + 3 public right of way properties.

CEQA: In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), it has been determined no further environmental review is required for the project. The Environmental Impact Report that was certified for the original *General Plan 2040* applies to this project and there are no additional significant impacts, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15162 (*Subsequent EIR*). This project is also exempt from environmental review, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) (Commonsense Exemption).

HEARING DATE & LOCATION: **Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.** 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: You may view the City's project website at www.cityofdixon.us/zoingupdate to view the Public Review Draft of the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map, General Plan text amendments, General Plan Land Use Map amendment, and associated Municipal Code Amendments, as well as all videos, documents and staff reports from prior meetings related to this project.

For additional information, you may contact **Raffi Boloyan, Community Development Director**, at (707) 678-7000 x 1114, or rboloyan@cityofdixon.us. You may 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. The staff report for this item will be issued at least 72 hours before the meeting at <https://www.cityofdixon.us/MeetingAgendasMinutesVideos> and will also be placed on the project website.

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 their recommendation on the project. The Planning Commission will serve in an advisory role in this matter, reviewing the item and making their recommendation to the City Council. The City Council will hold a separate, duly noticed public hearing at a future date to consider adoption of the project items.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Prior to 4:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting, written comments can be: 1) emailed to PlanningCommission@cityofdixon.us, or 2) mailed/dropped off to: City of Dixon, Planning Commission, 600 East A St., Dixon, CA 95620 and must be received by 4:30 p.m. 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)).

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Mirador Construction Inc., 1652 W Texas Street Suite 101A, Fairfield, CA 94533.
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Ana Siebert-Ralstin, 520 West D Street N, Dixon, CA 95620.
Date filed in Solano County: January 5, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
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Publish: Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, 9, 2024
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NOTICE OF STUDY SESSIONS CAMPUS/DIXON 257 PROJECT

The City of Dixon City Council and Planning Commission will hold separate study sessions open to the public to discuss the following project:

PROJECT: **The Campus/Dixon 257 Project - Vacant 260-Acre Site in Northeast Quadrant Specific Plan Area.** The study sessions will review a proposed project that would consist of a phased, approximately 260-acre mixed-use development that includes the following:

- An approximately 48-acre research and development site with up to 650,000 square feet of research and development uses, known as the Dixon Opportunity Center (DOC), to be located at the east end of the site along Pedrick Road.
- 2.5 acres of commercial uses are proposed in the southeast corner of the DOC.
- Approximately 144 acres of low, medium, and high-density residential uses with up to 1,041 units. The high-density residential site would be located contiguous to the DOC. The medium-density and low-density residential uses would be located in the southern portion of the site.
- The project would also include roads, open space and parks, and an approximately 25-acre detention basin.

The project application proposes an amendment to the Northeast Quadrant Specific Plan (NEQSP); Rezoning of the project site from Professional & Admin Office (PAO-PUD), Neighborhood Commercial (CN-PUD), and Light Industrial (ML-PUD) to Campus Mixed Use Planned Development (CAMU-PD) to be consistent with the General Plan 2040; a Large-Lot Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map; Design Guidelines; and a Development Agreement.

The project site is located generally east of I-80, west of Pedrick Road, and north of Vaughn Road within the City's NEQSP, and comprises nearly forty percent (40%) of the NEQSP's total 643+/- acres. The site is bounded by Pedrick Road and Solano County unincorporated agricultural lands to the east, industrial designated lands to the north and south, and lands designated as regional commercial and industrial to the west. The project site was previously known as "Dixon Downs."

Consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), a Notice of Preparation (NOP) was released on August 30, 2023, for a 30-day review period ending September 29, 2023, informing responsible agencies, other public agencies, and interested parties of the City's intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Following the NOP review period, the City has commenced the preparation of a Draft EIR, which is anticipated to be completed and released for a 45-day public review period in Spring 2024. The City will provide notice of the 45-day public review period to inform the public of the availability of the Draft EIR and how to submit comments.

STUDY SESSION DATES & LOCATION: **CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION: Tuesday, February 6, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.** This Study Session is scheduled prior to the City Council regular meeting that same evening. 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.

PLANNING COMMISSION STUDY SESSION: Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. This 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: You can view the project plans and other studies and application materials on the project page at www.cityofdixon.us/environmentalreviewdocuments under the heading of "Dixon 257/The Campus." You may also contact **Brian Millar**, Project Planner, by phone at (530) 902-9218 or by email at bmillar@cityofdixon.us. You may 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. The staff report and agenda documents for the study sessions will be made available prior to the meetings at <https://www.cityofdixon.us/MeetingAgendasMinutesVideos>.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN: The two (2) study sessions scheduled for the project are only intended for City Councilmembers, Planning Commissioners, and members of the public to learn more about the project details; no decisions will be made at the study sessions. All interested parties are invited to attend the public study sessions and are welcome to express opinions on the project.

Hearings to consider approval of the project are not yet scheduled. At future dates, the project will be presented to the Planning Commission and then to the City Council at duly-noticed public hearings following completion of a Draft EIR. The Planning Commission will make recommendations on the project to the City Council, who will then consider the proposal at a public hearing before taking action on the project.

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

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DIXON POLICE LOG

Sunday, January 21, 2024

1151 - Theft report taken in the 1200 block of Stratford Avenue.
1313 - Theft report taken in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive.

Saturday, January 20

1512 - Shoplifting 2000 block North First Street

Friday, January 19

1800 - Grand theft investigation at a business in the 200 block of East Dorset Dr.
2100 - Welfare check in the 100 block of Heritage Lane.
2130 - Traffic Accident Investigation in the 100 block of Dorset Drive.
0000 - John Wallace (70) of Washington State was contacted in the 1400 block of Market Lane and later arrested for terrorist threats and brandishing a weapon.
0620 - Domestic Battery 300 block East Mayes Street. The male half was located and arrested for domestic battery. He was booked into the Solano County Jail.
0800 - Vandalism 200 block East Broadway Street.
0800 - Vandalism 1500 block Austin Drive.
0955 - Vandalism 450 East Mayes Street

Thursday, January 18

1820 Hours - Hit and Run investigation in the area of Sierra and North Washington.
1830 Hours - Death Investigation in the 800 block of Royal Elf Drive.
1122 - Warrant arrest in the 200 block of West A Street. Miguel Romero (38), of Woodland, was arrested for a Failure to Appear warrant out of Dixon. He was also arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance.
1246 - Stolen vehicle reported in the 1100 block of Watson Ranch.
1432 - Welfare check in the 400 block of Brians Way.

Wednesday, January 17

2030 Hours - Death Investigation in the 2000 block of Duncan Drive.
2230 Hours - Thomas Gamboa Jr (42) of Sacramento was contacted during a traffic stop in the area of North First Street and West A Street and later arrested for DUI and an outstanding out of State warrant.
1122 - Domestic dispute in the 900 block of Mason Court.
1152 - Fraud reported in the 1200 block of Hillview Drive.
1503 - Warrant arrest in the 700 block of West F Street. Julie Wanderstadt (48), of Dixon, was arrested for a Probation Violation and a warrant. She was transported to the Solano County Jail.

Tuesday, January 16

1930 - Coroners report was taken in the 700 block of Michele Ct.
1241 - Vandalism report taken in the 100 block of South 7th Street.
1247 - Fraud report taken in the 1300 block of Estates Drive.
1642 - Hit and run accident reported in the 100 block of North 1st Street.

Monday, January 15

1303 - Traffic collision reported in the area of Pitt School Road and W/80.
1650 - Theft reported in the 1200 block of Stratford Avenue.
1654 - Court order violation in the 1200 block of Lavender Lane.

Sunday, January 14

0640 - Commercial burglary reported in the 200 block of North 1st Street.
0650 - Informational report taken in the 100 block of Heritage Lane.
1244 - Domestic dispute in the 300 block of Easy Mayes Street.
1434 - Theft reported in the 1200 block of Stratford Avenue. Quishad Vanlieu (27), of Fairfield, was arrested for Burglary, Conspiracy, Petty Theft with Priors, Prohibited Person with Firearm, Carry Loaded Firearm in Public, and Unregistered Firearm. He will be transported to the Solano County Jail.
1540 - Domestic disputes in the 400 block of Ellesmere Drive.

Saturday, January 13

1905 - Hit and Run collision report was taken in the 1800 block of North 1st St.
1047 - Domestic dispute reported in the 1300 block of West F Street.

Friday, January 12

1939 - A traffic collision report was taken at the intersection of North 1st at East H. St.
2249 - A recovered stolen vehicle report was taken in the 500 block of West D St.
0134 - Possession of suspected drug paraphernalia arrest report was taken in the 100 block of Gateway Dr. Officers contacted (S) Derek Killian of Sacramento. Killian was arrested, cited, and released.
0850 - Threats made in the 1500 block of North 1st Street.
0908 - Fraud reported in the 100 block of Heritage Lane.

Thursday, January 11

1800 - Theft report was taken in the 2000 block of North 1st St.
0908 - Informational report taken in the 400 block of East A Street.
1027 - Two-vehicle non-injury traffic collision in the area of South 2nd Street and East A Street.

Wednesday, January 10

1800 - Non injury traffic accident reported in the 1200 block of Stratford Avenue.
1805 - Found wallet report taken at the PD. The wallet was found in Davis.
2152 - Non injury traffic accident in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive.
2224 - Arson report taken in the 100 block of North 4th Street. Two vehicles parked in a car port were destroyed by fire.

Tuesday, January 09

1800 - Grand theft report taken in the 700 block of Evans Road.
2215 - Verbal argument in the 1300 block of West H Street resulted in the arrest of Joshua Dunbarr (44) of Dixon for disturbing the peace. He was taken to county jail.
0912 - Theft report 1200 block Stratford Ave.
1459 - Fraud report 1400 blk Ary Lane. 1559 Fraud Report 200 blk Archer Place.
1615 - Fraud Report 1200 blk Stratford Ave. Nancy Scala (60) of Pleasanton was arrested for Burglary, False Personation, Passing a Fictitious Check, Forgery, False ID to police, and a felony out of county warrant. She was booked into the Solano County Jail.

Monday, January 08

1800 - Hit and run accident reported in the 1300 block of West F Street
0814 - Fraud Report 1400 block Reed Drive.
1436 - Battery report 300 block South Jefferson Street. Howard Swails (64) of Dixon was arrested for elder abuse and booked into the Solano County Jail.
1623 - Burglary report 1000 block Newgate Way.
1642 - Vandalism report 200 block West H Street.
1700 - Theft attempt 200 block Stratford Ave.

Sunday, January 07

1800 - Information report taken at the PD. RP thinks her credit card was skimmed at a local convenience store and used in La Habra the following day.
0825 - Vehicle Collision Stratford Ave at Pitt School Road.
1626 - Threats Report 1300 block West H Street. Aaron Larson (30) of Dixon was arrested for criminal threats and was booked into the Solano County Jail.

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Wow, what I was about to dub the roller coaster Kings suddenly went into a four-game slide, and suddenly they are only five games above five hundred.

From an impressive 4th place in the Western Conference, to suddenly 8th, has a numbing effect, and gives fans and pundits alike a chance to pause and wonder what's to come.

Being a glass half-full guy, I believe in this team, and with Mr. Sabonis turning Mr. double-double into Mr. triple-double, we only need to shoot free throws with more accuracy, and give him a little more help on the boards.

For sure the players have to own give-away games to Milwaukee and Phoenix, back-to-back, in what are two of the worst losses in Kings history.

But the coaching staff has got to up their game. Better coaching could have won both games, and just as the Kings who are dead last in free throw shooting need to improve greatly, so does this coaching staff.

In today's NBA, it seems there's a coach for every player, but no one is teaching our players how to make an unguarded 15-foot shot with no defense. Seems implausible, but neither fans nor coaches should take this lightly. We are simply losing games due to our inability to shoot free throws.

So, first order of business moving forward, get out of 30th position in free throw shooting.

Secondly, Monte McNair needs to show that his blockbuster trade for Domantis Sabonis was not a fluke. Waiting till the midnight hour of the trading deadline is really not the desired approach, so like the rest of the fans, I'm waiting with baited breath to see what Monte is going to do this year.

Laurie Markkanen with the Utah Jazz is the quintessential fit for what ails the Kings. Domantis Sabonis leads the NBA in rebounding, but he can't do it alone. Starting next to Sabonis is forward Harrison Barnes who has managed to average 10 points and a whopping 2.8 rebounds per game.

Harrison simply doesn't bring it every game, and with only five players on the floor we need more than what he brings.

Markkanen rebounds at a clip four times better than Barnes, and is averaging 24 points per game. Pundits have said Utah may consider a Markkanen for Murray trade and I would hope Monte McNair would take a hard look.

This is not a mark on Murray, but 7-footers that can play forward and shoot are a commodity that can't be ignored, and the likelihood of Murray growing another 4 inches seems unlikely. Currently Keegan is giving the Kings 5.5 rebounds a game and 16 points. Not bad, but it pales in comparison to what Markkanen is doing.

Without question, many Kings fans are adamantly opposed to moving Murray, but if the Kings can actually talk the Jazz into this trade, look out opposing teams.

There have been other trade rumors, and one has Tobias Harris or Jerami Grant coming to the Kings, but for which Kings player is unknown. It is believed that Harrison Barnes would be in the conversation, but both Grant and Harris are tweeners, and the Kings don't need any more tweeners than they already have.

Both Murray and Barnes are 6'8," and so are Harris and Grant. Just swapping names is not what any Kings fan is hoping for, so I'll remain in the Laurie Markkanen camp and say my prayers.

Honestly, for this writer, as long as the Kings aren't including Sabonis, Fox, and Monk in any trade possibilities, I'm open to anything that will improve this team. We were just 10 games over five hundred, and we need to get back there and beyond as soon as possible.

I'm extremely optimistic, and a lot of that comes from what I've seen in Monte McNair. He's young, and to some degree still unproven, but right now would be just the time to make an indelible mark that says, "I've arrived!"

If you have a great trade you'd like to share, let me know at vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com.

Until next time, enjoy the games! ★

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HE DOES WHAT NOW?

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PLUG THAT IN OVER THERE

WOW! IT SURE IS TOUGH BEING SICK

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Father, Daughter Treated for Diabetes by Same UC Davis Team

UC Davis Health News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - It was December 2022 and Erik and Wendi Ramirez and their two daughters, Emma and Elena, were traveling from Corning to Chico to celebrate Emma's 7th birthday. The family looked at Christmas lights and went to a trampoline park. It had been a fun day, but something just wasn't right.

Their daughter, Elena, who was 9 at the time, needed frequent bathroom breaks. It was unlike her, and the past few days, Erik and Wendi had also noticed changes in Elena's behavior. She was lethargic and had no interest in watching soccer, her favorite sport. Both were concerned.

A type 1 diabetic himself, Erik knew the signs, which often start suddenly.

"I told my wife we needed to check her blood sugar when we got home," Erik said. "I didn't want to believe that it could be diabetes, but I wanted to rule it out."

Elena couldn't even make the 30-minute trip without stopping. The family pulled over at Woodson Bridge State Recreation Area, a spot all too familiar to Erik, so Elena could use the restroom.

Erik had stopped at the same place when he was a 10-year-old kid. It was the same situation. He had not been feeling well. He had to use the restroom more often. Eventually, he couldn't walk. It was on their way to the emergency room in Chico that his parents stopped at the bridge so he could use the restroom.

"Every time I cross that bridge, I think of that day," Erik recalled. "I was so confused at the time and now, here I was with my own daughter in the same place."

"Erik was losing his mind," recounted Wendi. "We were both so nervous."

When Erik went to the hospital 24 years earlier, he was life flighted to UC Davis Children's Hospital. He worried Elena's fate would be the same.



When the family arrived at the emergency room, Elena's blood sugar had dropped to 400+, still well above normal levels. Photo courtesy Pexels-Pixabay

The family arrived home and tested Elena's blood sugar. The first meter wouldn't read. They got another. Same result. They had meters all over the house since Erik had to test routinely. None gave a reading. Erik and Wendi were beside themselves.

"Erik was freaking out," Wendi said. "I was checking myself to see if the meter was reading and it was working. We eventually got a reading for Elena, and it was over 600." The expected values for normal fasting blood glucose concentration are between 70 mg/dL and 100 mg/dL.

"I dropped to my knees," Erik tearfully remembered. "It was the worst day of my life because I knew what was in store."

Just like two decades prior, the Ramirez family got in the car and drove from Corning to the nearest hospital in Chico.

"My wife and I were both crying in the car. It's been such a struggle for me over the years," Erik said. "I didn't want it to be true."

When the family arrived at the emergency room, Elena's blood sugar had dropped to 400+, still well above normal levels. The team



A family health history of diabetes means children are more likely to develop the chronic disease. Photo courtesy Pexels-Photomix-Company

there felt it was best for the family to go to UC Davis Children's Hospital, where pediatric endocrinology specialists could provide treatment.

It was as Erik and Wendi suspected. Elena had type 1 diabetes.

More than 37 million people in the United States have diabetes and type 1 diabetes accounts for about 5-10% of all diagnosed cases. Type 1 diabetes was once called insulin-dependent or juvenile diabetes, but it can develop at any age. A family health history of diabetes means children are more likely to develop the chronic disease.

The good news? Her parents

had identified it quickly, so it had not progressed like Erik's diabetes had.

Elena spent three days in the hospital, where she and her family learned about her condition.

"The staff was great at communicating with us, explaining everything," Wendi said. "We thought it was cool there were [medical] residents involved in the treatment. The more the merrier."

Although Elena had a lot of attention during her hospital stay, she still felt sad about her diagnosis, until she recognized that she had a "dia-buddy" who knew just what she was feeling.

"I had this [medical] bracelet

on that had diabetes written on it. I said to my dad that I couldn't believe it," Elena said. "But since my dad has it, too, I felt I wasn't alone."

Not only does Elena have her dad to help her through her new diagnosis, but she also has the same care team helping to manage her diabetes.

"We went to the clinic, and it looked the same. I specifically remember the fish tank," Erik said. "It was really emotional. And then, we walked in, and nurse Sultanna Iden asked me if I remembered her."

"When I met Elena and Erik, I realized I had been Erik's diabetes nurse years ago," said pediatric endocrinology nurse, Sultanna Iden. "I remember taking care of him with Dr. Styne and it was so great to see him as an adult raising a family of his own."

"I never would have thought I'd share the same nurse and doctor with my daughter," Erik marveled. "It made me sentimental."

"It was a bittersweet moment," Wendi added. "It was really special for Erik."

Type 1 diabetes is not something the family welcomed, but it has created a special bond between father and daughter.

"When Elena was diagnosed, she was quite sad," remembers Iden. "At her last visit she was smiling and joking with dad, saying he was her rock. It was so nice to see daughter and dad being just daughter and dad, realizing that diabetes doesn't need to get in the way of their lives."

"She's really strong and I'm going to help her handle this," Erik said of Elena, now 10. "She's my dia-buddy and together, we're going to make every day better and better."

Wendi is grateful that UC Davis Children's Hospital could help her daughter like they had helped her husband so many years before.

"Everyone has been so great," Wendi said. "They really know how to take care of your child. Trust them." ★

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