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Memorial Day Services Planned



Services will be held for Memorial Day at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery. Image by Liam Ortiz from Pixabay

Story by Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - This coming Monday, May 29, is far more than an extra day for boating at Lake Berryessa; it is a day that all Americans can show honor for those who served in the military and who have died. In Dixon, formal Memorial Day services will begin at 11 am with a solemn but brief ceremony at the Silveyville Cemetery 'Tomb of the Unknown' and the public is invited. There, veterans will expend a 21-gun salute and after that the group will move to the flagpole where they will 'raise the colors' while Veteran of the Year Roger Schaller plays the TAPS on his trumpet. A message will be given

by Mayor Steve Bird.

Citizens will note the large number of flags at the gravesites of veterans that have been placed as part of a long tradition by the Cub Scouts of Pack 253, Golden Empire Council along with Troop 152 Boy Scouts of Dixon.

There are 750 veterans including 16 at Tremont and maybe some out at Binghampton Cemetery, according to Silveyville Cemetery staff. The one gravesite headstone marked 'Tomb of the Unknown' is dedicated to a deceased U.S. service member whose remains have not been identified. Flags will be placed at all known veterans. The Silveyville Cemetery is at 800 South First Street, across from the Dixon May Fair.

The ceremony will then move and continue at 11:30 am to the Dixon Women's Improvement Club Park at the corner of North First and C Streets. There is a large, engraved marker and flags for the local Unknown Soldiers who were KIAs (Killed in Action.) It reads, "In memory of those who answered the call to arms and made the supreme sacrifice for their country and for freedom."

From World War I, there were Clarence Frese and Henry Misfeldt. From World War II, Dixon lost William Barnard, Joseph Bello, Leroy Cagle, Paul Doyle, Ellwood Norton, Keith Revelle, Sr., Lester Rohwer and Gilbert Smith. In the Korean War, Wyatt Duncan, Orlin

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DWIC Installs New Leaders; Awards Scholarships

Story and photos by Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Numerous new officers and Committee Chairs were installed in the oldest club in Dixon: the Dixon Women's Improvement Club established 124 years ago in 1899 to beautify and improve the town of Dixon. The founders were women from families who had settled in the Dixon area following the Gold Rush of 1849 and worked to improve their town, garnering most notably the Dixon Carnegie Library and Dixon Women's Improvement Club Park surrounding that library in downtown Dixon.

Outgoing President Carol Marshall highlighted the many experiences and achievements of the past year with the main one being the production of the Dixon Community Resource Guide, an online source listing contact information for variety of services, sports, schools, clubs, etc. It is



Students received \$1,000 scholarships each from the Dixon Women's Improvement Club. Pictured (L-R) Fernando Zavala, Gabrielle Leper, Eileen Barrios, DWIC President Carol Marshall, Scholarship Chair Diane Schroeder, Abigail Ayala, Grace Gabby, and Melany Menezes.

easily available through a Google search.

This year's theme was Cinco de Mayo and was coordinated by Past President Jewel Fink. There was a menu of tasty Mexican foods including carnitas, chicken fajitas, chiles rellenos and tossed salad prepared and served

by Pedro's Cocina. Tables were decorated with miniature piñatas.

Fifty guests enjoyed cheesecake for dessert while 2023 Scholarship recipients from both Dixon High School and Maine Prairie High School were recognized by Diane Schroeder with Scholarships

for \$1,000 each. Each graduate told the members where they would be going to school and what they planned to major in. They were: Abigail Ayala: UCLA - Pediatric Trauma Medicine; Eileen Barrios: CSU-Sacramento - Nursing; Grace Gabby:

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May Fair Parade 2023 Winners Announced

By MPG Staff

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Here are the winners in their individual classes entered for the Dixon May Fair 2023:

Sweepstakes Award went to Solano County Sheriff's Posse with 1st place to the Mounted Group, Senior with the California Highway Patrol; another 1st to the Charro Mounted Group, Rancho El Zapatillo; and another 1st place to Mounted Group, Working Vaquero also from Rancho El Zapatillo.

The Best in Show went to Soroptimist International.

For floats and in the adult category, 1st went to St. Peters Catholic Church, 2nd to Grace Fellowship-Grace Kids Club; and 3rd to Downtown Dixon Business Association.

For youth Local Floats, all winners were Dixon Girls Softball teams with 1st went to Green Hornets; 2nd to Pixie Chicks, and 3rd to Dixon Destroyers.

Commercial float winners were First Northern Bank for 1st place; Cattlemen's took 2nd and Gone Fishin Marine took 3rd place.

For the Musical unit in the high school division, Dixon High School took First Place. And for Drum/Pipe category, it was the Dixon Scottish Cultural Association. For Open category, 1st was nabbed by the Band of the Golden West; 2nd was The United Promotions, and 3rd was Grupo Norteno Dobles.

Drill and dance team category winners for Senior spot was Recology with their garbage can routine and for junior, it was the Dixon Dance Studio.

Military Color Guard 1st place winner was the Dixon VFW Post 8151 and in open category, 1st place was Dixon High School and 2nd place went to the Scottish American Military Post.

Dixon High School Drum Major also took a 1st place.

Auto awards dominated the parade winners with Valley Farm Transport getting 1st in the Antique category. In the Classic Auto category, 1st went to Recology with Big Green; a 1932 Ford Duce from Ruiz Rods took 2nd and 3rd went to James Hilton.

In the Auto Milestone category, 1st was won by a 57 Chevy Bel Air by Ruiz Rods and 2nd was also from Ruiz Rods and was a 55 Chevy Bel Air. Third Place went to Tom Breunig.

Custom Built Auto category 1st place went to Sam Fernandez.

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Life's too SHORT

Perfect for Elegant Gatherings

By Debra Dingman

Most people might not know what Cherie Fanning of Bud's Pub & Grill can arrange with her crew but because I do know, I want to share about what a gem we have in the center of town.

I first discovered the secret when I asked for her help in putting together a monumental event: the founding of the Dixon Kiwanis Club in November of 2009. Fifty guests were expected, and it was a sit-down dinner affair. I was leery about everyone fitting but it was fabulous, professional, and service for the meals went smoothly. Glasses were kept full, and everyone not only raved about it afterwards to their own clubs, from then on, we had plenty of Kiwanis guests visit over the years for other events because they knew this was a great restaurant.

So, when it came time to celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary, I knew I wanted about 40 guests and a buffet. Cherie and I met once to discuss what menu would be good, what kind of event it would be (which was business casual,) and how I envisioned the room would be set up. I wanted wine and cheese on the tables when the guests arrived as several were travelling and would be immediately hungry, but I wanted the lunch to start about 12:30 after introductions.

When I arrived about 30 minutes early on the day of our celebration to prepare the guest book table, hang our memory boards, decorate the tables with our programs and Hershey foil-wrapped Kisses, walking in and seeing that room took my breath away!

There were two long rows of tables and a head table all set with crisp white linens, white plates, water and wine goblets.

There were also vases of reddish-pink flowers and white baby's breath in the center of the tables. The buffet table was ready, the separate dessert table was poised for our pretty cupcakes by Renee Gray, and the sign-in table was waiting at the entryway. It could not have been more perfect!

When our guests began arriving, they began to peruse our photo boards and enjoy the wine and cheese.

The event went so well with plenty of relaxed time to visit and enjoy the deliciously prepared food. We had chicken and Tri-tip sliders with gorgonzola sauce, fresh green salad, and a cheesy pasta salad as well. It was a perfect pairing to go with our red and white wines. There were pitchers of iced lemon water for non-drinkers and our sweet grandchildren.

We were more than grateful because everything was done for us. That allowed for plenty of mingling, visiting, and taking photos. We could truly relax and enjoy our event with our guests.

I knew prices would be reasonable and even with the wine and dessert, we felt it was an incredible value since we were not having to pay for a separate venue and could have so much taken care of in one beautiful setting. We cannot thank Cherie and her staff enough for their hard work and their meticulous attention to detail. It was very classy, our guests had such a great time, and we all made new memories to cherish!

Bud's Pub & Grill has been owned by locals Bud and Cherie Fanning since January of 1996. They established the third room (used to be a hair salon prior to that) and are located at 100 South First St. in the heart of downtown Dixon. Phone is (707) 678-4745. ★

Dixon News Briefs



The annual British Car Show brought hundreds of fans to the Dixon May Fair this past weekend. It also brought hundreds of classic European cars. Photo by Debra Dingman

MPG Staff

No Vet's Dinner

During National Military Appreciation Month in May, we take time out to honor our veteran and military communities for their service to our country. One way to help our local veterans is to attend one of their weekly dinners that are affordable and help keep the hall open for our veterans. Coordinated by the American Legion Post 208 at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 N. First St. dinners are usually on Fridays, but this Friday the cooks will be off in recognition of Memorial Day. Our service members always strive to protect our American way of life, and their dedication has allowed us to remain the home of the free. To all veterans, current service members, and their families, the staff of this newspaper thanks them for their service.

Loud Voice?

The Dixon Senior Club needs Bingo callers. If you or someone you know is interested and is available on Mondays from noon to 2 p.m., please let the Senior Center office staff know. The Senior/Multi-Use Center is located next to the public pool at 201 South Fifth St. and the parking area is behind City Hall, 600 South A St.

Dance Camp

Dixon Dance Studio is now making reservations for their annual summer dance camp from July 10 through August 4. This year's theme is 'Dancing Through History' and will be 9 am to noon for ages 9 and

up. Each day will be of a different dance style and can be purchased by day or by the week. There is also a camp for ages 4 through 8 years old from 9 to 11 a.m. from July 24 through 28. Register by Friday, June 9, for either camp at dixondancestudio.com.

Food Vendors

The Dixon Action Team is looking for food vendors for the upcoming Grillin' & Chillin' Rib and Chili Cook-off on Saturday, July 15, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. in downtown Dixon. For more information, go to www.DixonRibCookOff.com.

Transportation Commission

The City of Dixon is currently accepting applications for the following vacancies on City Commissions: Three (3) vacancies on the Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC). This group is an advisory body to the City Council on matters pertaining to traffic, transportation, and parking issues. Commissioners serve four-year terms, with a maximum of two consecutive terms.

All vacancies are four-year terms expiring on June 30, 2027. The TAC meets at 7 pm the third Wednesday of even-numbered months. City residency is required. A stipend of \$75 per meeting attended is paid to each Commissioner. Interested Dixon residents may obtain an application at City Hall, 600 East A Street, by calling 678-7000, or by visiting the City's website. The deadline for filing applications is 5 p.m., Friday, June 2. Contact: Lupe Ruiz, Administrative City Clerk at 707-678-7000 Ext. 1116, for more information.. ★



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Toohy, and Burton McNaughton died. In the Vietnam War, deaths included Gerald Ackley, Robert Folsom, and Timothy Tipton. Most recently and in the Iraq War was Shawn G. Adams.

After those services, people are invited to the Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 North First Street, for some light refreshments.

For the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery at 5810 Midway Road in Dixon, there will also be a Memorial Day service starting at 9 a.m. at the flagpole area.

Director of SVNC William T. Pickard III and National Cemetery Support Committee President Frank Romo, will welcome guests at this patriotic event which will include the



People bow their heads and listen to a prayer at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in the Dixon Women's Improvement Club Park. Photo by Debra Dingman

presentation of colors, the National Anthem, playing of taps, and a rifle salute. Music will be provided by the U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West. ★

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Junior Livestock Show and Auction a Big Draw

Story and photo by Robyn Rominger

DIXON, CA (MPG) - During the recent Dixon May Fair, it was standing-room-only at the junior livestock auction. Solano County youth who showed their beef cattle and other animals earned prizes and top dollars at the fair, which was the 146th annual event sponsored by the 36th District Agricultural Association.

Payton King, vice president of the Rodriguez High School Future Farmers of America Chapter in Fairfield, went home with the FFA supreme grand champion market beef ribbon for her Maine-Anjou steer. She also won a second-place ribbon in the senior beef showmanship class. During the livestock auction, a floral wreath was placed around the neck of the eye-catching black steer that had a few white patches on its head and a striking white tail.

"I feel pretty good," King said about her accomplishment of raising the award-winning steer. "I got him back in September, and I've had him for about nine months. I got him from Baser Livestock in Lincoln."

King, 16, has deep ranching roots in Solano County, according to her grandmother. "We have the Mason Ranch in Green Valley, established in 1860, and Payton is the fifth generation to live on the ranch," Sarah Mason Lindemann said.

Pleasants Valley 4-H Club member Stella Morris, 10, of Vacaville, showed "Stubby," the 4-H reserve champion market beef steer, an Angus/Charolais crossbreed with a fluffy, blonde coat. She said she became a 4-H member five years ago and started raising large animals for the fair, beginning with a pig. This was her first steer, which she acquired last fall, and she's been walking him around "everyday" to prepare him for the showing. Just before the livestock show began, "I washed him and blow-dried him."

Morris was accompanied by her



The Junior Livestock auction at the Dixon May Fair 2023.

grandfather, Mike Voss, who said Stella's mother found the steer in Missouri.

"Our daughter works on a pig and cattle ranch in Northeastern Missouri and plucked him out of the herd when he was real young and set him aside for our granddaughter. We went back to see him in October in Missouri, and ended up shipping him out here in November," Voss explained. "Stella has worked extremely hard getting him to this point. She's done a great job for her first steer, and I couldn't be more proud of her."

In addition to beef cattle, the livestock shown at the Dixon May Fair included pigs, lambs, goats, rabbits, chickens, turkeys, and quail.

The youth who showed their market animals sold them on Saturday at the Jack Hopkins Memorial Junior Livestock Auction. Many companies and individuals bid top dollars for the project animals.

King earned \$9.75 per pound for her champion steer that weighed in at 1,326 pounds. It was purchased by A Squared Construction, Inc. of Benicia, the same company that purchased Morris's 1,236-pound reserve champion steer for \$6 per pound.

Show cattle often command much higher prices than commercially raised cattle. Lindemann noted that the price of commercial beef cattle is up to \$3 per pound. "The beef cattle prices are the best that they've been in probably three years," she said. "The market has finally come back. We got as little as \$1.30 about two years ago. And then you had the expense of loading the cattle and hauling them to auction, plus the feedlot fees, so it became not-a-profitable business." The low prices spurred a reduction in the supply of beef cattle, and prices have since improved.

The auction was a hotbed of activity as attendees tried to outbid each other. Brooke McDonald of Vacaville sold her lot of three

market quail to Dulinsky General Engineering of Winters for \$1,900, which worked out to be \$633 per bird.

Quail, chickens, turkeys, and rabbits are sold by the lot, not by the pound.

Beef, sheep, swine, goats, rabbits, and poultry sold at the junior livestock auction were sent to designated processing facilities. There were no "will take live" on any animals sold at the auction, and there were a few tears shed by children who became attached to their project animals.

All the youth who exhibited livestock at the Dixon May Fair were required to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals Program, which can be instructor-led or completed online. The goal of the statewide program is to continually improve the care of animals and provide a higher level of food safety to consumers.

Dairy cattle and dairy goats were entered in the livestock show, but they were not included

at the livestock auction since they were breeding animals, not market animals produced for meat.

"They have their own auctions," said longtime Solano County dairy producer Stuart Rowe. "There are breeding-animal auctions."

Rowe, who retired after many years of operating Innisfail Dairy in Dixon, continues to provide milking shorthorn show cows, which are red-and-white or roan, to students throughout the region.

There were only three dairy cows - all from Rowe's breeding line - at the Dixon May Fair.

"Each cow was a different age, they were in different classes," he said. "If I remember correctly, the three girls got first place, then they were brought out for champion and reserve champion. They are going on to Sacramento to the State Fair."

In terms of market beef cattle, Rowe said, "I saw some outstanding quality in the steers in the show." ★

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DWIC Installs New Leaders; Awards Scholarships



New DWIC leaders (L-R) Front row: Barbara Long, Martha Dules, Tanya Lee Ceremello, Jewel Fink, Pat Inderbitzen, Trisha Seastrom, and Debra Dingman. Back row: Carol Marshall, Diane Schroeder, Cindy Heeney, Rena Wood, Binky Eason, Teri Brown, Pam Marks, Jeanne Bei and Kitty Lockwood.

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UC-Santa Barbara – Psychology; Gabrielle Lepper: CSU-San Diego– Law (wants to become a Prosecutor); Melany Menezes: CSU-Monterey– Marine Biology; and, Fernando Zavala: Woodland College – Computer Engineering.

Following the short break, Kitty Lockwood installed the DWIC Officers for 2023-2024. They were President Debra Dingman; Vice-President Rena Wood; Corresponding Secretary Barbara Long; Recording Secretary Teri Brown; Treasurer Cindy Heeney; and Financial Reviewer Martha Dules.

Next, the Committee Chairs were introduced. They are Community Grants Teri Brown; DWIC Rose Garden crew Teri Brown, Pam Marks, Jeanne Bei; Historian Tanya Lee Ceremello; Hospitality and Membership Binky Eason and Angela Remides; Parliamentarian Jewel Fink; Scholarships Diane Schroeder; Social Media Trisha Seastrom; and, Telephone/Sunshine Committee Pat Inderbitzen.

The Officers and Committee Chairs

of the organization will operate the non-profit, charitable organization for the beautification, improvement, and promotion of the best interests of the City of Dixon through club-directed projects and community activities. Over the summer, the new Board and Chairs will create the upcoming year’s speakers and field trips. The group meets on the third Wednesday of each month 1 to 3 p.m. at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 209 North Jefferson.

The DWIC does not meet in July or August, but will reconvene on Wednesday, September 20, at the Fellowship Hall of the Dixon Methodist Church at 209 North Jefferson. If you enjoy stimulating speakers, fun activities, the camaraderie of friends, and are interested in joining the Dixon Women’s Improvement Club, contact our Membership Chairs Eason or Remides through the organization’s Facebook page or call (707) 678-9198. Membership is \$35 per year payable at the first meeting in September. ★

Chasing Joy

with Jeff Myers



Commentary by Jeff Myers

I’m an unashamed nerd and one of the things I nerd out about is J.R.R. Tolkien’s fantasy world of Middle Earth. I fell in love with The Lord of the Rings books when I was in middle school.

Later I loved Peter Jackson’s movies, and I even enjoyed the new Amazon series. One of my favorite moments takes place in The Fellowship of the Ring during a moment known as the Council of Elrond. A powerful and evil ring has been discovered and must be destroyed.

Humans, elves, dwarves, and hobbits come together to decide upon a plan and fierce argument breaks out. Finally, a humble hobbit speaks up and volunteers to take the ring to be destroyed though he knows it is likely a suicide mission. His humility and courage sparks something unexpected — UNITY! (Meekness is the New Testament word for this combination of humility and courage. “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.”)

I’m a unity guy. I believe it’s one of the few things in life worth fighting for. It’s a rare commodity these days. We live in contentious and divisive times. For most people it’s not enough to disagree with someone...we have to demonize and destroy them. If someone doesn’t agree with our worldview, we cancel them. Healthy debate is antiquated. Enjoying diverse company is unheard of. We silo ourselves off into echo chambers of similar political views, religions, sexual preferences, races, and worldviews until all we allow ourselves to hear is validation of our own thoughts. It’s an epidemic of narcissism. ★

I admit unity is hard work. It requires humility. It demands that we listen more than we speak. Unity asks us to put the greater good above our own agendas. But it is so worth it! Valuing unity can bring health to so many areas of our lives. Imagine what could happen if you really felt a spirit of unity in all the different circles of your life. What if we realized that even though we don’t see eye to eye, we’re probably working and hoping for similar outcomes. Your family can’t agree on vaccines, but you all want a family marked by love. Your workplace can’t agree on a strategy right now, but you all want to be part of a thriving company. Churches can’t agree on liturgy or theology, but we all want to help people feel loved and fulfilled spiritually. School administrations, teachers and parents might be disagreeing about how the money gets spent, but we all just want our kids educated and directed towards brighter futures.

Try something new. Stop fighting about issues and start fighting for unity. Have conversations that are productive. Conversations that allow for different voices and seek to understand each other. Humble yourself and allow for the possibility that you’re not the smartest person in the room. That someone else might have great ideas or valid points of view. It’s okay to disagree... even healthy. Unity is not unanimity. It’s not forcing everyone to be the same. Unity is coming together even though we’re different. This is how communities become beautiful. It’s how our divided nation will be whole again. And it starts right here in our community... with YOU!

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

May Fair Parade 2023 Winners Announced



Undersheriff Brad DeWall and Chelsea Alvarez from the Sheriff’s office, and members of the Mounted Posse with their horses were presented a check for \$250 and a trophy for the Parade Sweepstakes Award by Chamber President/CEO Shauna Manina last Thursday along with Mayor Steve Bird, Councilmember Kevin Johnson, several directors and Chamber Ambassadors. Photo by Nicolas Brown



The Sheriff’s Office paraded in its Emergency Response Vehicle during this year’s Dixon May Fair. Photo by Nicolas Brown

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Commercial Autos winners were: 1st place by Lobo Mechanical, 2nd by Bobtail Apparel, and 3rd by

Mike Lowrie Trucking. Decorated Autos went to Hunts Hauling for 1st place; Dixon Little League Athletics team for 2nd’ and

Dixon Little League Braves got 3rd place. The Sac Town Mini Truckin took 1st in the auto club section.

In the Comic class, 1st place went to the Dixon Branch of the Solano County Library and 2nd place with to Recology’s Buddy Blue and

Binny Green. In Junior Novelty, 1st place went to Ramtown Karate and Senior Novelty 1st place went to Dixon Unified School District. ★

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Dixon Welcomes New Fire Engine

City of Dixon Press Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Dixon Fire Department recently put a new fire engine, Engine 81, into service. The 2023 Pierce Velocity fire engine was a joint purchase of the City of Dixon Fire Department and Dixon Fire Protection District.

“Engine 81 is equipped with the latest technology and advanced safety features, it will enhance our ability to respond to emergencies quickly and efficiently,” said Battalion Chief Randy Shafer. “We look forward to serving our community with this new addition to our fleet.”

Engine 81 is equipped with a Heedful Audio Alert System (HAAS) Alert Safety Cloud



The Dixon Fire Department introduced the newest member of its firefighting engines, Engine 81, at the Dixon May Fair Parade. Photo by Debra Dingman

system which uses digital alerts to notify nearby drivers and other first responders of the engine’s presence as soon as lights and sirens are activated. Beginning

with Engine 81, the Department is transitioning to a new engine color scheme. The Department staff voted to select the color for future apparatus, and Engine 81

introduces a new two-tone grey over red design.

“We are confident that this investment will enable us to better serve our community and would

like to thank the community, City Council and city management for bringing this new engine to Dixon,” said Shafer.

Established in 1871, the Dixon Fire Department provides fire protection for the City of Dixon and the Dixon Fire Protection District. The Department serves a combined population of nearly 25,000, covering an area of 320 square miles. Seven square miles of service area are within the city limits and 313 square miles are in the Dixon Fire Protection District through a protection contract. The Department provides fire protection, paramedic level emergency medical response, fire prevention services, public fire safety education, fire investigations, and emergency management. ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-000625
The following persons are doing business as: Calad Advertising and Marketing Supplies, 811 Northampton Court, Vacaville, CA 95687.
Abeer A Soliman, 811 Northampton Court, Vacaville, CA 95687.
Date filed in Solano County: April 10, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: April 10, 2022.
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 10, 2028. 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 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2023
CALAB 5-26-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-000786
The following persons are doing business as: Norcal Contract Solutions/The Cleaning Crew Janitorial, 2915 N Texas Street #230, Fairfield, CA 94533.
Norcal Contract Solutions LLC, 2915 N Texas Street #230, Fairfield, CA 94533.
Date filed in Solano County: May 10, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration May 10, 2028. 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 19, 26, June 2, 9, 2023
NORCAL 6-9-23



SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Dixon City Council adopted Ordinance No. 23-002, approving a Rezoning to a Planned Development District (PD 21-01) for three vacant properties totaling 3.52 acres at the end of Dorset Court. PD 21-01 allows for development of a new Dual-Brand Hotel (4 stories, 83,000 square feet, 150 rooms) and a Restaurant.

The Ordinance approves a Planned Development Zoning District (PD District) to create new/modified development standards from those otherwise required by the base zoning district for Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) 0108-340-010, -020, and -030, in total covering 3.52 acres. This Rezoning is part of a larger project application that also includes a Design Review (DR 21-01), Conditional Use Permit (UP 21-04), and Lot Merger (MG 21-01). The project application involves development of a new Dual-Brand Hotel (4 stories, 83,000 square feet, 150 rooms) and a Restaurant. The PD District allows the maximum height permitted by the base zoning district to increase from 40 feet to 55 feet, permits a restaurant with drive-through as a permitted use, and makes other changes to setback and parking standards. The properties are presently zoned Highway Commercial - Professional and Administrative Office – Planned Development (CH-PAO-PD).

This Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Dixon City Council held on the 2nd day of May 2023, and adopted at a regular meeting of the Dixon City Council held on the 16th day of May 2023, by the following roll call vote:

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

A copy of the full text of the adopted ordinance is available for public review at City Hall, 600 East A Street, Dixon, CA 95620 or at www.cityofdixon.us.

Kristin M. Janisch
Elected City Clerk

Independent Voice 5-26-2023

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Dixon City Council adopted Ordinance No. 23-003 ("Ordinance"), amending Sections 6.12.030 and 6.12.080 of Chapter 6.12, Cannabis Business Pilot Program, and repealing Section 6.02.130 of Chapter 6.02, Business License Required, of the Dixon Municipal Code, to limit retail cannabis delivery in the City of Dixon to fully licensed cannabis retailers located within the City.

The Ordinance limits cannabis deliveries within the City to those Cannabis businesses operating pursuant to a State-issued Type 10 license, clarifies that the delivery regulations currently stated in Section 6.12.080, subparagraph C, apply to these dispensaries, and prohibits all "delivery only" cannabis businesses operating pursuant to a Type 9 license from operating within City limits, regardless of whether those businesses are located within or outside of the City.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE DIXON CITY COUNCIL

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

PROJECT: **Disencumberment from CDBG Planning Grant for La Esperanza Park** - The City of Dixon intends to disencumber (withdraw from) a \$150,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) awarded to the City of Dixon for planning of a new La Esperanza Park. The City of Dixon applied for this grant in May 2020 and was awarded a \$150,000 grant in January 2021. The scope of the grant was to analyze the feasibility of constructing a small park/recreational area on a single undeveloped lot within the La Esperanza subdivision, and to potentially develop engineering plans, cost estimates, budget; negotiate potential property acquisition; conduct federal NEPA, etc. A critical component of the scope was to explore the acquisition of an adjacent property to increase the size of the potential park and make it more feasible to plan and ultimately construct. Following months of negotiations with the adjacent property regarding the adjacent vacant lot, the City was unsuccessful in acquiring the additional site. Therefore, the City will not proceed with the park planning and hereby provides this public notice of its intention disencumber the previously awarded \$150,000 CDBG planning grant.

HEARING DATE & LOCATION: **Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 7:00 pm** at Dixon City Hall, City Council Chambers, 600 East A St, Dixon, CA 95620. This meeting **will** be physically open to the public. All members of the public may participate in the meeting by attending the meeting or remotely participating via video conferencing at <http://www.zoom.us> or via teleconference by calling (669) 900-9128 (Entering Meeting ID: 988 621 1137 and Passcode: 604754) and will be given the opportunity to provide public comment.

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

WHAT WILL HAPPEN: All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing, in person or remotely, to express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposed grant disencumberance. Testimony from interested persons will be heard and considered by the City Council.

The meeting will be physically open to the public and all persons attending the meeting must abide by all State rules and public health guidelines, regarding masking and social distancing in City Council chambers.

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

Copies of written comments received will be provided to the City Council 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)).

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

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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 2023-2024 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 2023-2024.

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 31, 2023**, 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 31, 2023.

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 lruiz@cityofdixon.us or by mail to City Hall, located at 600 East A Street, Dixon, California, until 5:00 p.m. on May 26, 2023. 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 17, 2023
Lupe Ruiz Administrative City Clerk

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City of Dixon

Appropriation Limit

FY 2023-24

Notice is hereby given that the City of Dixon has calculated Appropriation Limit for Fiscal Year 2023-24 at \$43,470,813. A Resolution adopting the appropriation limit will be considered at the City Council Meeting of June 6, 2023. A copy of the calculation is available for public viewing at the office of the City Clerk located at:

City of Dixon
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This information is also available on the website of the City of Dixon at www.cityofdixon.us
Contact Finance Director, Kate Zawadzki at 707-678-7000 for further information.

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Railroad Day Chugging Along



Railroad Day is gaining steam for its Saturday, June 24, debut in the downtown core according to Downtown Dixon Business Association President Jill Orr.

"It is uncharted territory, but we are gleaming on our history of how Dixon became a town; it was because of the railroad," said Orr. She showed off the posters that were to go up around town at a recent DDBA meeting.

Model trains will be set up in at least one location, possibly two and the Dixon History Museum will be sharing the beginnings of Dixon and the importance of the railroad that helped establish the town here. Other merchants will have railroad towels, whistles and toy trains for sale.

"Event time is 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and we are not shutting down First Street which is a State Highway and is expensive," Orr said. **"Hopefully in 2024 we can do that. Please join us as we start an event that is family oriented, fun, and educational."** Contact DDBA at (916) 416-2876 if you want to be involved. Photo by Debra Dingman

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DIXON POLICE LOG

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



Tuesday, May 16

- 0830 - Hours- Vehicle Accident investigation involving a pedestrian in the area of Pitt School Road and Homestead Way.
- 0900 - Hours- Vehicle Accident investigation involving a parked vehicle in the area of Justin Way and Watson Ranch Way.
- 0903 - Hours- Report of stolen bicycle in the 200 Block of South Second Street.
- 1104 - Hours- Vehicle stop in the 900 block of North Adams Street, led to the arrest of Sergio Martinez (36) of Dixon for an outstanding misdemeanor warrant.
- 1250 - Hours- Vandalism to a parked vehicle in the 1600 block of North Lincoln St.
- 1300 - Hours- Fraud report taken in the lobby.
- 1430 - Hours- Confidential report. 1644 Hours- Vehicle burglary in the 900 block of Jeffrey Lane.
- 1650 - Hours- Vehicle burglary in the 300 block of North Jefferson St.
- 1655 - Hours- Vehicle burglary in the 900 block of Jeffrey Lane.
- 1730 - Hours- Theft of a wallet in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive

Monday, May 15

- 0851 - Suspicious circumstance reported in the 800 block of North Almond Street.
- 0842 - Hit and Run reported in the 800 block of North 1st Street.
- 1534 - Attempt Robbery reported in the 1300 block of North Lincoln Street.
- 0131 - Suspicious vehicle check in the 1400 block of Ary Lane resulted in the arrest of Nickolas LeBleu (29) of Dixon for possession of drug paraphernalia. He was cited and released.

Sunday, May 14

- 1155 - Hours- Traffic Accident Investigation in the 1300 Block of Stratford Ave.
- 1600 - Hours- Enforcement stop in the 200 Block of East Dorset led to the arrest of Edith Jaimes (35) of Woodland for outstanding misdemeanor warrant and Jose Vazquez Gutierrez (26) of Woodland also for an outstanding misdemeanor warrant.
- 1715 - Hours- Domestic Violence investigation in the 600 Block of North Washington Street.
- 1844 - Child custody order violation reported in the 200 block of West A Street.
- 2130 - Traffic stop in the 1400 block of Ary Lane resulted in the arrest of Roberto Tomas (52) of Winters for a felony warrant out of Oregon. He was taken to county jail. 2323 Stolen vehicle report taken in the 900 block of North Adams Street.

Saturday, May 13

- 2212 - Violation of court order report in the 200 block of West A St. 2241 Information report in the 200 block of West A St.
- 2342 - During a traffic stop in the 1100 block of N 1st St, Walter Godoylutin (34) was found to have outstanding arrest warrants from Kern County and Bakersfield PD. Godoylutin was arrested for the outstanding warrants.
- 2329 - Report of a physical assault at Hall Park. 2350 During a traffic stop in the 100 block of Porter Rd, Drew Anderson (23) was found to be driving under the influence. Anderson was arrested for DUI.
- 0050 - Late report of grand theft in the 200 block of East Dorset. Several PlayStation consoles and accessories worth around \$4,500 were stolen.

Friday, May 12

- 0930 - Informational report was taken at Dixon High School.
- 0939 - Informational report was taken in the 1200 block of Woodman Wy.
- 1238 - Traffic Collision report was taken on South 1st at West Cherry St.
- 1437 - Hit and run report was taken in the 100 block of North 1st St.
- 0134 - After a traffic stop for a moving violation in the 700 block of N Adams St, Juan Munoz (25) was arrested for DUI and being an unlicensed driver. Munoz was released to a sober adult with his signed promise to appear.

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Riley Reviews

“IT AIN’T OVER” A BASEBALL LOVER’S DREAM DOCUMENTARY

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

“IT AIN’T OVER” RATED PG

The world of professional baseball has seen its share of players that are eccentric, or maybe just a little bit careening though outer space, like the 1970s Red Sox pitcher Bill Lee who was appropriately nicknamed “Spaceman.”

Then there was pitcher Mark “The Bird” Fidrych, the 1979 Rookie of the Year, whose antics on the mound made him a fan favorite, as he would talk to the ball and manicure the mound on his hands and knees to his satisfaction.

What is it about pitchers, though? As a rookie with the Angels in 1962, Bo Belinsky became a celebrity for his no-hitter. But it seems his notoriety came from being linked with movie stars such as Ann-Margret, Connie Stevens and Mamie Van Doren.

Catcher for four teams, Bob Uecker gained his fame not as a player but as a broadcaster for the Milwaukee Brewers who moonlighted most famously as wacky broadcaster Harry Doyle for the woeful Cleveland Indians in “Major League,” one of the funniest sports movies ever.

While there are plenty of other interesting characters in baseball, none may be more entertaining and lovable than Lawrence “Yogi” Berra, who deserves to live on in our memories to this day not just for his Hall of Fame career, but for being an American folk hero.

You don’t have to be a New York Yankees fan to love the documentary “It Ain’t Over,” the story of catcher Yogi Berra, a native of St. Louis who signed with the Bronx team before serving with combat distinction in the Navy during World War II, including the Normandy landing.

The promo for this film calls the Yankees the “most storied franchise in Major League Baseball history.” You’ll get an argument on this point from teams such as the Chicago Cubs, Los Angeles Dodgers, and especially from the Boston Red Sox, bitter rivals to that team in the Bronx.

No other player ended up with ten World Series rings, plus an additional three as a coach after his playing days. He was a three-time MVP in the American League, and had a staggering 18 All-Star Game appearances.

On top of these honors, Yogi went on to catch the only perfect game in World Series history in 1956 as the backstop for pitcher Don Larsen, when the Yankees defeated the Brooklyn Dodgers.

The documentary features commentary from well-known retired Yankees, such as manager Joe Torre, pitcher Ron Guidry, closer Mariano Rivera,

shortstop Derek Jeter, first baseman Don Mattingly and second baseman Willie Randolph.

No documentary would seem to be complete without commentary from baseball experts like the late Dodger broadcaster Vin Scully, the late sports-writer Roger Angell, and sports announcer and commentator Bob Costas.

In anybody’s book, Yogi’s prolific accomplishments on the ballfield were overshadowed by his amazingly appealing personality, much of it fueled by his “Yogi-isms,” such as the most-famous “It ain’t over til it’s over.”

Part of the fun here is the juxtaposition of Yogi-isms with the famous words of scientists, playwrights, philosophers, and other learned folks.

Confucius claimed “Real knowledge is to know the extent of one’s ignorance,” while Yogi came up with: “In baseball, you don’t know nothing.”

The brilliant Stephen Hawking opined that “One of the basic rules of the universe is that nothing is perfect.” For Yogi, it made perfect sense to say “If the world were perfect, it wouldn’t be.”

Maybe the most relevant contrast is Yogi’s “I’d be pretty dumb if all of a sudden I started being something I’m not,” compared to Shakespeare’s “This above all, to thine own self be true.”

A pivotal figure behind this documentary is Yogi’s oldest granddaughter Lindsay Berra, a freelance sports journalist and the executive director of the film. She noted that Yogi, a man of short and squat stature, did not look like a Yankee.

Others said that no one thought he could hit and that he looked like a fire hydrant. As for Vin Scully, the broadcast legend found that everything about Yogi was “kinda funny.”

Fortunately, Lindsay Berra, along with Yogi’s sons Dale, Tim and Larry, paint the portrait of a devoted family man, particularly for the touching love story of his long and happy marriage to Carmen.

“It Ain’t Over” also does not shy away from the ugliness of Yogi abrupt firing as Yankee manager after only 16 games by the assistant to team owner George Steinbrenner, leading to a feud that lasted about a decade-and-a-half.

If as a baseball fan you hold any animus towards the Yankees, an appreciation of the life of Yogi Berra should transcend and overcome such negativity.

The legendary Yankee catcher is an iconic sports figure who is worthy of the homage that is paid by “It Ain’t Over.” Be sure not to miss it, wherever it may play or when it comes out on DVD or a streaming service. ★

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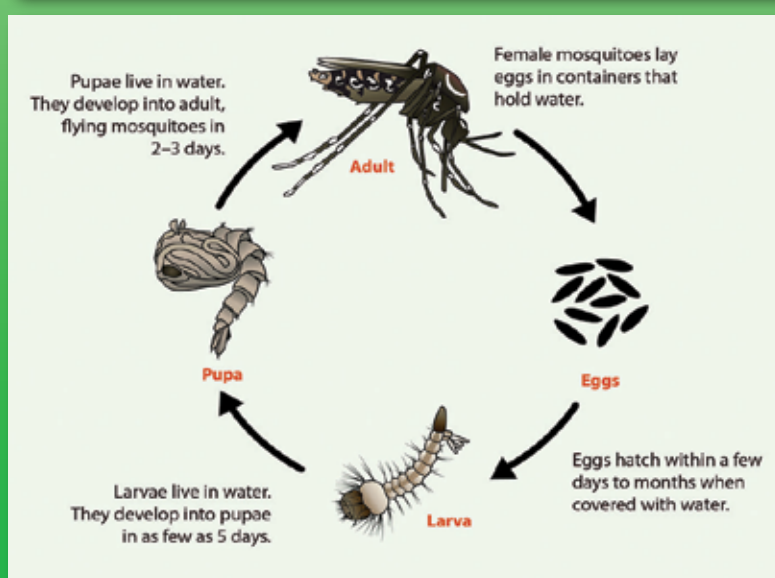
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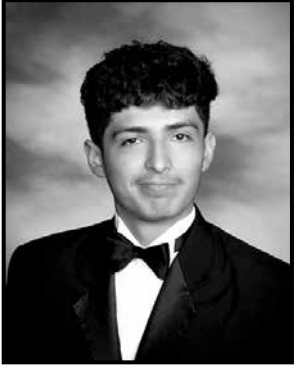


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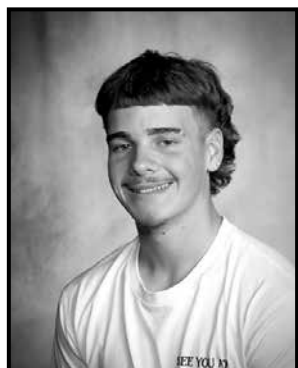
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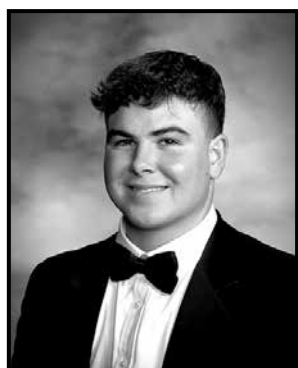
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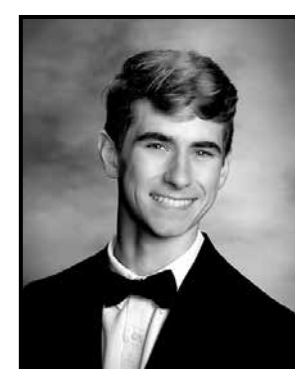
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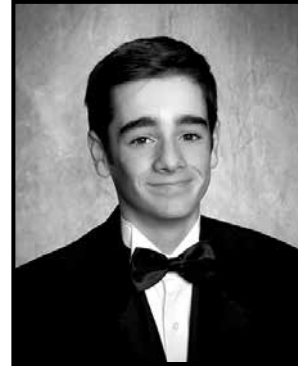
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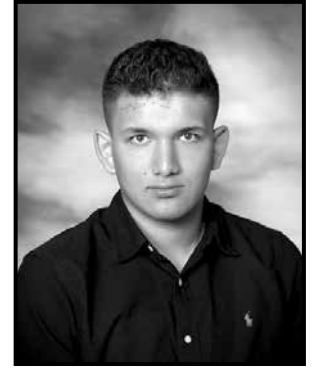
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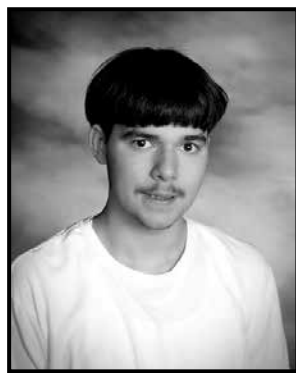
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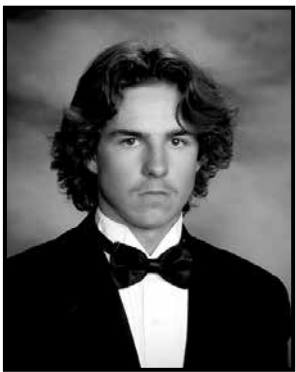
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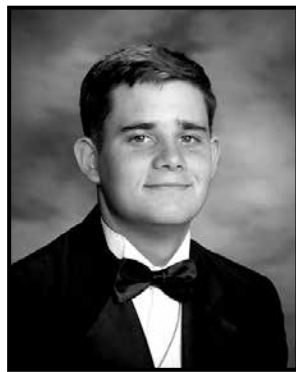
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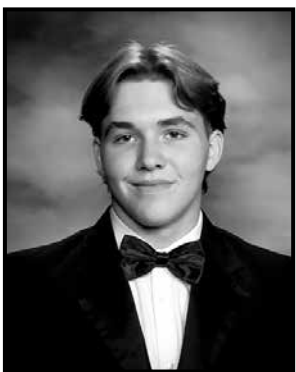
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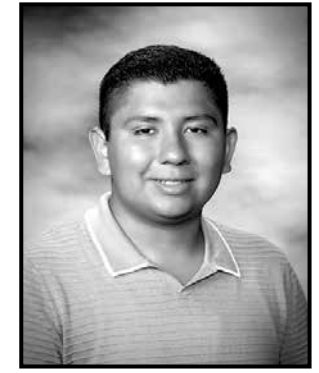
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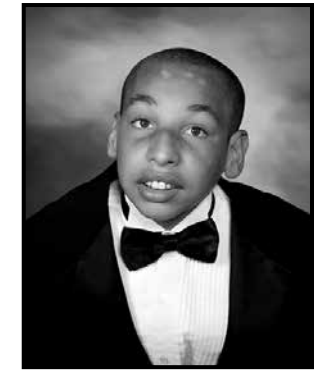
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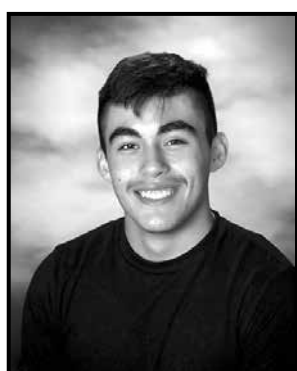
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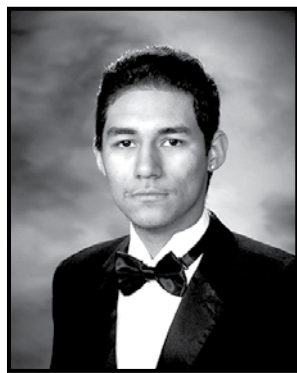
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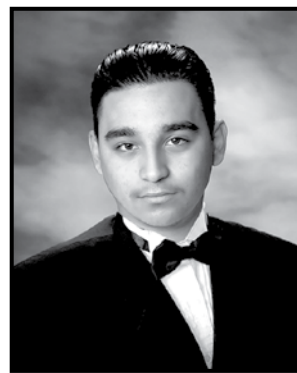
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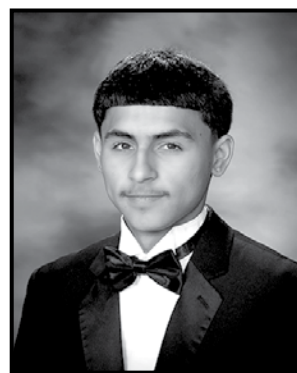
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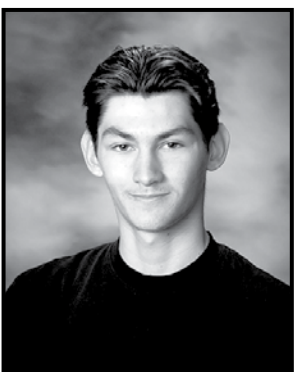
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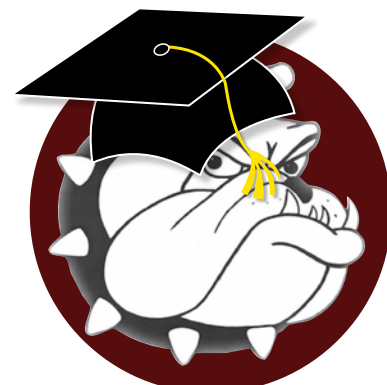


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