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# Museum Marks First Anniversary



Tom Galindo, Maria Cornejo-Lopez, and Fred Barry talked on the Braceros Program at a recent Dixon Historical Society presentation and helped kick off the Braceros exhibit now at the downtown Dixon History Museum. Photo by Debra Dingman

By Debra Dingman  
and Loran Hoffmann

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - The large red and green pioneer wagon in front of the Dixon History Museum is working better than a sign.

More than 150 visitors this year have trickled in weekly on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday afternoons where volunteer docents share about various parts of Dixon's history.

The non-profit organization had a successful, well-attended Christmas celebration and now boasts of 160 members. Most of these folks also attend the Dixon Historical Society's quarterly presentations and for the

museum's one-year anniversary, now they've added a monthly 'coffee hour' where one can learn how to search their ancestry or learn to write a memoir.

Most recently, the Braceros exhibit was completed. Fred Barry along with Maria Cornejo-Lopez and Tom Galindo shared their knowledge of the Bracero Program in the Dixon area which provided the needed agricultural labor to feed the nation and brought another culture and new families to Dixon and to other communities across the United States at a special presentation.

An executive order called the Mexican Farm Labor Program

established the Bracero Program in 1942 and was a response to a national agricultural labor shortage during World War II. This series of diplomatic accords between the two countries permitted millions of Mexican men to work legally in the United States on short-term labor contracts.

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"They came because of the opportunity," said Cornejo-Lopez, who painted a humiliating and degrading picture of the program. "They were young men and were stripped of their clothing and examined from head to toe. Their heads were sprayed

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# Dixon Chamber Forms Latino Roundtable



Fernando Ontiveros. Photo courtesy of the Dixon Chamber of Commerce

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**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - The Dixon Chamber of Commerce has announced the formation of its first Latino Business Roundtable. Latino business owners and Chamber Directors and members convened the first meeting in May of this year to begin strategizing and developing a plan intended to build a healthier economy that extends beyond the Latino community and benefits the City of Dixon at large.

The Roundtable will be chaired by Chamber Director Fernando Ontiveros and member Julian Cuevas, and will advise the Chamber Board of Directors in working constructively with Latino business owners, to help them expand opportunities and connect with resources to strengthen their businesses.

"When we discussed the idea, we emphasized the need to not only recruit and retain Latino owned businesses, but to also use the platform to identify opportunities that better engage and support them," Cuevas, said. "It will be a coalition that both strengthens Dixon's business model while strategically organizing events that celebrate the Latino community with partners and stakeholders. The Latino Business Roundtable represents the diverse backgrounds within our Latino community in Dixon and brings a needed and often underrepresented voice to the table."

"With almost half of the population in Dixon being Latino, and a significant percentage of businesses in Dixon belonging to Latinos, there is a definite need for this type of committee," said Chamber President and CEO Shauna Manina. "Many of the members of this Roundtable have extensive business, educational and social backgrounds, and we are hoping this will enhance the overall economic climate of Dixon and build better communication and cooperation within the entire business community."

Leo Callejas, President of the Solano Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, which is also a Dixon Chamber member, supports the concept.

"The Solano Hispanic Chamber is run by volunteers that have a passion for the chamber's mission. Because we cover the entire county, having a presence in all the county cities is difficult. The Latino Business Roundtable is an opportunity to listen to the Latino community in Dixon," he said ★

# Photos Engage Students

By Debra Dingman

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - When Janeen Harmon put up her photography on the walls of her John Knight Middle School classroom, she didn't think about how those pictures might help her teach U.S. History classes but, in many ways, they have – giving her opportunities to engage with her students.

One wall is filled with large, stern eyes of an owl, a big horned ram, and a variety of birds including a hummingbird hovering over a unique orange flower.

Pointing to an old barn with white lettering faded by years, she told of it being an old winery which led students on a discussion of the 19th amendment when prohibition tried to stop the sale of alcohol and the 21st amendment that repealed it. She explained to students that her grandfather's family had a vineyard and for some people, that was their entire livelihood and they couldn't just stop making it.



Janeen's favorite subjects for her photography hobby: birds like this owl and a hummingbird. Photos courtesy of Janeen Harmon

"One student just told me, 'My favorite moments in this class were hearing your stories.' The students learn I'm human just like them," said Harmon who

moved to Dixon when she was only in 6th grade when her mom started teaching at Tremont Elementary School.

"I grew up in Mom's classroom and was a popular babysitter and helped with 4-H – but I was so determined to find my own way that I went to Chico State with an undeclared major," she said, thinking that she would just try everything out till some subject struck her. "Wouldn't you know the first class I loved was Child Development," she added.

She started teaching summer school in 2007 and taught 2nd and 5th grade at Notre Dame Catholic School in Vacaville. Now, she's been teaching Dixon's middle school students for four years, all the while developing more photography skills. She has plenty of ribbons from the Dixon May Fair too and her name is common for regular visitors.

"I got my first camera when I was 5-years-old and I loved taking

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# Power Outage Worked for Us

By Debra Dingman

This column may seem a little late about the power outage on Wednesday, June 1, but it's taken me some time to try and track down a good source for information about future outages. After calling a few different numbers I could find on my computer the next day, I never had any luck.

It might have happened before, but I could not recollect in my 30 years of living here when the entire city of Dixon lost power. It just seems kind of shocking because if you're in a bigger town, you could still drive over to a different grocery store, fast food for a meal, or gas station. But, in a small town, you'd have to drive on a freeway to a completely different town...

Last year I remembered in the heat of the summer, we lost power but I could still drive to Walmart and even large swathes but when we rolled into town after attending a graduation in Loomis, I saw the Cattlemen's parking lot completely empty. Walmart had only a few cars and the stoplight was out. The gas stations, Starbucks, fast foods and Grocery Outlet were all locked closed.

Our newspaper photographer had called alerting me to the power loss about 4 pm and was worried that the Maine Prairie High School graduation he was assigned might not happen. My text message from PG&E said there was an equipment problem and the power was expected to be back on by 10 pm. I told him I was certain

they would find a way. (They did)

The downtown streets were eerily quiet with all the restaurants closed and no one around but strangely, the stop light at A and First was working just fine. Bud Fanning had thought that strange, too. I wanted to find out if there were back up batteries in that one...

We need this every now and then to remember how blessed we are. We take so much for granted in our easy American lives.

When we got home and had to roll up our garage door, we found the house warm but since we had stopped at Starbucks in West Sac so we could share a Venti Vanilla Bean Frappuccino, we were fine with not opening our fridge. But we did open all the doors and windows for fresh, cool air. Then, we sat in our backyard and enjoyed it.

My friend from Vacaville called because it was on the news about Dixon being out of power, so we visited a long time. Hubby read one of his western books. Then it was 8:30 pm and I knew I could use my iPad but decided to get ready for bed so there we sat up in our very soft bed. I had my magazines, and he had his book and we read with flashlights. I had bought several at Ace Hardware last year for Christmas because they are really cool and have a powerful magnet so you can set it sideways on a workbench, for example. Somehow hubby wound up with two, so we had matching lights. It was romantic. ★

# Dixon News Briefs



Roxie Sanders and Rich Hardy wave while enjoying visits with a table of friends at one of the Veterans Hall dinners offered each Friday evening. Dinners are cafe style and offers an opportunity to meet with new people or old friends. Photo by Debra Dingman

## MPG Staff

### Swimming Yes!

Veterans Fish Fry is this Friday, June 10, 6 - 8 pm. Veterans do the cooking and it is offered 6 - 8 pm and is only \$10 per delicious dinner. The Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 North First Street also has an open bar if a cold beer sounds good with that. Support your local veterans and join the informal and fun Friday nights.

### Flag Day

Next Tuesday, June 14, is a day marked as Flag Day. Although it is not an official holiday, traditionally the President of the United States proclaims it each year. The purpose is to commemorate the U.S. approving the design for its first national flag. Please show your patriotism and fly Old Glory.

### City Council

Since this year Flag Day falls on a City Council Meeting night, there is a great opportunity to do one's civic duty and attend a Dixon City Council Meeting to learn what is going on in your community that is governed by the few: Mayor Steve Bird and Councilmen Scott Pederson, Jim Ernest, Don Hendershot, and Kevin Johnson. Note anything missing? Perhaps a woman will consider running for office in District 1 or District 2--those are the two districts that will be open for this election cycle. Go to the CityofDixon.us website for the agenda. You can also watch the meeting via Zoom to participate.

### Open House

Mark your calendars for Monday, June 27, for a Kiwanis Club of Dixon Open House from 6 to 7 pm at Bud's Pub &

Grill, 100 South First Street. The club is looking for volunteers to help them serve their community. Although this group does a lot of service projects throughout the year, their premier fundraiser is the annual Festival of Trees. President is Mike Liu. For more information, contact membership Chair Patti Sousa-Liu at (707) 635-3303 or see [www.Kiwanis.org](http://www.Kiwanis.org).

### Corgi Playdate

Do you have one of those short-legged, big eared adorable Corgi dogs? A play-date is being set up for possibly Saturday mornings at 9 am at the Hall Park Dog Park. There is a Facebook post by Peter Julovich Jr. on the Dixon Calendar & Events page for more info.

### Park Clean Up

The city will be hosting a volunteer event on June 25. One can vote for the area you'd like to focus on which include Veterans Park or Patwin Park. Call (707) 693-2224 to sign up and get more information.

### Father's Day

Just a week away is Father's Day and If you're thinking about taking the man of the house or your dad out to a special meal, now is the time to make those reservations at Cattlemen's. They have a Father's Day Dinner Special for \$35 which includes a Cowboy Steak with all the other goodies like fresh salad, potato with all the toppings, beans, and toasty hot sourdough bread.

Here's the best part, you can avoid the Sunday crowd because they are offering it on Friday, June 17, and Saturday, June 18 as well. They open at 11 am on Father's Day. Call (707) 678-5518 or go to [Cattlemens.com](http://Cattlemens.com) ★



# 30 Students Graduate from Maine Prairie HS

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Maine Prairie High School students usually have plenty of obstacles to overcome to earn their high school graduation diploma, so it seemed a cruel joke that the electrical power shut down across Dixon just a few hours before their ceremony. The grads would have crossed the stage inside the air conditioned, climate-controlled Community Theater at Dixon High School. But, if the students in the class of 2022 have learned anything, it is perseverance and that's what they used to keep their joy levels up as the plans changed to outdoors.

Dixon Schools Superintendent Brian Dolan met families and students on the steps



Maine Prairie graduate Kianna McDuffie gives a speech at the school's graduation ceremony with fellow speakers Juan Contreras and Deborah Rivera in the background. Photo by Debra Dingman

with a keen sense of crisis management and explained to parents, extended families and grads how it would all unfold. Graduates paraded into the school courtyard and thanks to the school band performing the graduation march (and a battery-operated sound system,) the ceremony went well and memories were made. ★



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# Graduation Day Created a Dixon First

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - “Maybe it’s because we haven’t been able to have these events so now, we really appreciate them,” said one woman when she was leaving the Dixon High School graduation ceremony.

This day was another first for Dixon and it was one of those occasions that you would not believe happens in our used-to-be small town if you had not seen it.

First, I noted that the Dixon Police were directing traffic at the opening of Dixon High School. Then there were Rotary Club volunteers directing traffic further into other areas and little golf carts blocking full parking lots.

Hundreds of dressed up people were following each other down a long path past the rows of classrooms, past the Industrial/FFA garage, and past the tennis courts to the football stadium's farthest entry. I checked my pedometer. I had already walked 3,000 steps. I wondered aloud, “What is going on here?”

As I was handed my program, I discovered both sides of bleachers were full and some visitors were beginning to spill out onto the edges. The graduates had already entered and were marching to ‘Pomp and Circumstance’ in front of both sides. I was awed. The heavens seem to look favorably on these grads as the weather was a perfect 70 degrees, no wind, and gentle cloud cover.

Principal Stephanie Marquez opened the ceremony recognizing school board, teachers, and staff, greeting guests and grads.

“This is a day we proudly watch you cross the stage and begin your lives as adults,” she said then explained to graduates that “the people who love you are super conflicted – especially your moms – as they face the sobering reality that you are ready to leave.”

Marquez asked for a moment of silence for those who could not be there including Luke William Abilez, noted in the program with a cross who had been killed in 2020 by a train.

Before proceeding with the litany of names and handing out diplomas, she thanked the students for the experience of the past four years together.

“As a person who lives and works in this town, I want you to know I am a better person knowing you. Your aliveness and spirit will make our world a better place,” she said.



Dixon baseball players from left to right: Jack Kirchhoff, Malakai Martinez, Noah Luckey, Coach Armando Martinez, Nolan Fish, Nick Barr, Cade Jacobson and Danny Martinez. Photo courtesy of Regina Fish



Dixon Unified School District Superintendent Brian Dolan shakes a graduate’s hand at the Dixon High School graduation ceremony on Saturday, June 4 at the Rams’ football stadium. Photo by Nicolas Brown

After reading the names of the 44 ‘Distinguished Scholars’ who received 4.0 GPA or better, she encouraged students to take time this summer to pause and reflect.

Luke De Dora gave a speech on how the students together made a “unique mosaic” of love and pain and quoted the late Robin Williams: “Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you

know nothing about. Be kind. Always.”

Bridget Nuno Acosta talked about entering the campus four years ago afraid of what was to come and now it brought her to tears to think of leaving. She quoted C.S. Lewis: “There are far better things ahead than what we leave behind.”

Jhana Rodriguez quoted her grandmother who had

recently passed away. “Ask: Can you change it? If yes, then do it. Don’t wait.”

The last speech was by Tori Purcell who referred to the skills students had gained in high school as tools and “resources for the future. Take your own toolbox and design your future of success,” she said.

Since there was only one exit allowed, two full stadiums of families carried

their balloons and flowers slowly out to an area to greet their graduates in a chaotic flood of happiness – only a pandemic could have created. As I drove out of the absolutely packed parking lot, I saw rows of cars parked in the Hall Park baseball lots and an entire two blocks of cars on both sides of a no-parking street outside the high school main gate.

There were 40 more students graduating this year over the 220 last year. Could it have been that many more families I wondered? Or were there just more extended families attending? I actually had noted numerous wheelchairs, walkers, and canes. It was obvious that the times have amazingly brought extended families closer. ★



Dixon graduate Jhana Rodriguez quoted her grandmother who had recently passed away in her speech. “Ask: Can you change it? If yes, then do it. Don’t wait.” Photo by Nicolas Brown



Dixon graduates watch the graduation ceremony commence while sporting their customized grad caps on Saturday, June 4 at the Rams’ football stadium. Photo by Nicolas Brown



# As Drought Persists, Water Rights on Agenda



By Dan Walters  
CALMatters.org

As a third year of drought continues, California officialdom is increasing pressure for more water conservation.

Last week, the state Water Resources Control Board imposed a statewide ban on watering of “non-functional” turf, such as grass around commercial buildings, and directed local water agencies to implement water use restrictions.

“California is facing a drought crisis and every local water agency and Californian needs to step up on conservation efforts,” Gov. Gavin Newsom said in a supportive statement.

Despite the official balleyhoo, last week’s actions were tepid at best, stopping well short of the mandatory reductions that Newsom’s predecessor, Jerry Brown, imposed during a previous drought.

It appears that Newsom, running for re-election, does not want to be the guy who tells Californians they can’t water their lawns as much as they would like. He’d rather leave it to local water officials to crack down.

However, no matter how they are framed, the new directives are highly unlikely to have more than a marginal impact on California’s increasingly dire water shortage for the simple reason that

residential use is a relatively tiny factor in the water equation. California’s largest-in-the-nation agricultural industry is by far the largest user of developed and managed water supplies.

The larger question is whether the state is doing anything to confront the longer-term gap between water supply and water demand as climate change alters precipitation patterns. Conservation will help, particularly more efficient use of agricultural water, but we need more storage, such as the long-delayed Sites Reservoir, to take advantage of wet years.

Newsom’s latest budget proposal claims to make big investments in improving water security, but most of the money would go to small-scale projects that tinker on the margins. It proposes just a half-billion additional dollars for water storage while dumping several billion more dollars into the state’s ill-conceived and ill-managed bullet train project.

If we’re serious about dealing with semi-permanent drought conditions, the most important – and the most controversial – step would be to reconsider how limited supplies are allocated among agriculture, urban users and flows needed to support endangered species such as salmon.

By necessity, such a comprehensive approach – more or less starting with a clean sheet of paper – would require a fresh look at the state’s bewilderingly complex water rights.

Those who hold such rights consider them to be sacrosanct. But drought is so severe that even senior rights holders are feeling

the pinch, as CalMatters writer Rachel Becker details in a recent article on drought’s impacts in the Sacramento Valley.

Reconsideration of water rights seems to be gaining momentum in water policy circles.

A water policy paper issued by the state Senate leadership this month proposes that the state purchase rights from agricultural holders to provide more water for habitat improvement as part of a \$7.5 billion plan “to build a climate resilient water system.”

As the state water board was pushing for more conservation last week, a coalition of Indian tribes and environmental groups demanded that it become more aggressive about enforcing water quality standards in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta “and restructure water rights as necessary to implement these standards.”

The demand cites the history of white settlers appropriating water supplies from native peoples in the 19th century and suggests that water rights can be reconfigured under the state constitution’s provision that only “reasonable use” of water is legal.

The water board had been considering such direct action, but put it on hold while the Newsom administration has attempted to forge so-called “voluntary agreements” that would divert more water from agriculture to enhance river flows.

*Dan Walters has been a journalist for nearly 60 years, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers.* ★



### As Drought Worsens, New Water Cuts Target Urban Users

Farmers across California are facing severe cuts in irrigation supplies, and now officials are imposing new conservation measures for urban consumers. Regulations, adopted by the California State Water Resources Control Board, require local water agencies to impose restrictions to make up for potential 20% shortfalls in supplies. Meanwhile, California farmers are getting no water deliveries from the federal Central Valley Project and only a 5% allocation from the State Water Project.

### Conservation Advocates Say State’s 30x30 Goals Need to Include Farmland

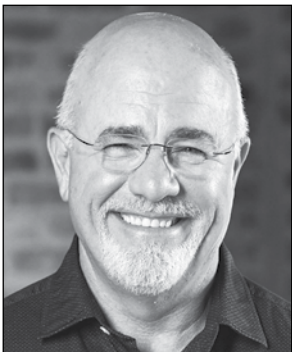
California has set an ambitious goal to conserve 30% of the state’s lands and coastal waters by 2030. The Newsom administration’s so-called 30x30 agenda seeks to protect “working landscapes under conservation easements.” Examples include private grazing lands, ranches and working forests. But some farmland conservation advocates say the ambitious plan largely excludes farmers and ranchers – and the land they steward –from being considered under the program.

### As California Farmers Age, Families Face Challenges in Transitioning Properties

Families of farmers and ranchers nearing retirement often face challenges in planning for the next generation of farm ownership. More than 40% of California farmers are 65 or older, and the stability of agriculture is often dependent on a successful change of hands. Many farm families are taking advantage of programs that help them with complicated details of farm estate planning. One program, offered by California FarmLink, offers a 12-month course in transitioning agricultural properties.

### Cattle Prices are High, but Inflationary Costs are Thinning Herds

Cattle values are significantly higher this year, with steer prices netting 17.5% more at slaughter than last year. But an American Farm Bureau Federation market research report warns that farmers and ranchers face a “rocky road to profitability” as inflation and input costs drive cattle production prices far higher. In fact, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s annual cattle inventory reports that cattle stocks will be down by 1.8 million head, a drop of 2% from 2021. ★



### What Do You Want To Do?

Dear Dave,

My husband and I are in our mid-twenties, and we are expecting our first baby this year. We are also debt-free, except for our mortgage, and we expect to have it paid off in about four years. It has always been our dream for me to stay home with our kids, and maybe even homeschool them, when the time was right. My husband makes more than enough for us to live on, so we have always put the paychecks from my human resources job toward paying off the house. What do you think, Dave? I kind of hate to give up the income, but I want to do what is best for my family.

– Ann

Dear Ann,

First, congratulations on expecting a new baby! I know it’s an exciting time in your lives. It sounds like you two have been killing it financially as well. You’ve both worked hard

### Dave Ramsey Says

to set yourselves up for a great future.

Honestly, there’s no wrong answer here. Under the circumstances, the big question is what do you want to do? Of course, the final decision should be made by you and your husband together, but you’re doing the smart thing by analyzing the trade-off. By that, I mean comparing the ideas of continuing to bring extra cash to the household or being at home with your baby.

If you love your job and want to continue those duties full-time, it doesn’t make you a bad mom. It just makes you a working mom. But if you’re in a season of life where you don’t need a career income or workplace identity to be fulfilled, or if you just want to be home with your child, that’s a really cool thing, too. And hey, if you like your job, there’s no reason you couldn’t perform some HR functions from home on a contract basis, like 20 to 25 hours a week while the little one’s napping, with minimal strain on motherhood.

Even if you quit today and it takes a couple more years for you guys to pay off your house, so what? It’s still not a bad choice. The bad thing

is, lots of ladies end up with mom-guilt no matter what they do. They feel guilty if they’re not staying home with the little one, and they feel guilty if they aren’t generating an income. Society wants you to be everything, and when you choose to be one or the other, it doesn’t know what to do with you – and lots of times becomes really judgey.

You’re blessed to be in a unique financial situation, Ann. So, do what you and your husband feel in your hearts is best for you and your family. Sit down together and talk about it, then make a plan and don’t worry about what the world thinks. God bless you guys!

– Dave

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# Dodd Announces June is Elder Abuse Awareness Month

### Office of Sen. Bill Dodd

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Sen. Bill Dodd, D-Napa, announced on June 1, 2022, a resolution designating June as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month in recognition of a serious and growing crisis in California that has been worsened by the coronavirus pandemic.

“Turning a spotlight on the tragic nature of this problem as well as the warning signs are critical steps toward prevention,” Sen. Dodd said. “Because unfortunately, not a day goes by without reports of horrific cases of abuse or exploitation of the elderly or adults with disabilities. The situation has been made worse by the pandemic, which has strained our ability to care for vulnerable people.”

Senate Concurrent Resolution 112 comes as the U.S. population continues to age with 10,000 people turning 65 every day. Californians older than 65 years of age are the fastest growing demographic. In 2021, it was estimated that 14.8% of California’s total population – approximately 5.8 million people – are 65 or older.

Each year, 10% of Americans 60 or older

experience abuse. One in every nine individuals over 65 is living with Alzheimer’s disease or dementia and up to 25% experience mild cognitive impairment. During the COVID-19 pandemic, seniors experienced an increase in stress and isolation, both of which have been shown to be highly detrimental to health.

There are 6 million cases of elder abuse nationwide with 11% of all cases in California, according to the National Center on Elder Abuse. Another report from the National Council on Aging shows only 1 in 14 cases of elder abuse are ever reported to authorities. During the pandemic, Alzheimer’s disease and dementia deaths increased by 16% as resources and caregivers were stretched to the limits.

Elderly and disabled adults face a constellation of abuse including physical, mental, financial, pharmaceutical or medical – any one of which could restrict their ability to protect themselves, to report to authorities or to testify against perpetrators. Abuse of developmentally disabled adults is also staggering.

Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month is recognized globally. This year’s theme

is “From Loneliness to Resilience.” In 2021, the Legislature passed SCR 45, written by Sen. Dodd, mirroring national and international recognition of the problem in June.

“We wish to acknowledge and thank Sen. Dodd for his ongoing leadership and commitment to improving the lives of California’s most vulnerable communities,” said Leza Coleman, legislative director for California Commission on Aging, a resolution supporter. “The significant and meaningful efforts to bring awareness through SCR 112 is the first step in addressing the on-going and growing crisis of elder and dependent adult abuse. Additionally by including in statute the need for prevention and remediation for those impacted by these activities, we believe the senator’s efforts will improve the lives of older adults, adults with disabilities, their families and caregivers throughout California.”

*Senator Bill Dodd represents the 3rd Senate District, which includes all or portions of Napa, Solano, Yolo, Sonoma, Contra Costa, and Sacramento counties. You can learn more about the district and Senator Dodd at [www.sen.ca.gov/dodd](http://www.sen.ca.gov/dodd).* ★



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# CDC Announces Indoor Mask Mandate

By Evan Symon, California Globe  
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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced on Friday that 13 counties in California, roughly one-quarter of the state, have reached ‘High’ levels of COVID-19 and are recommended a return of indoor masking in those counties.

All 13 counties are located in Northern California, including the Counties of Del Norte, El Dorado, Marin, Mendocino, Monterey, Napa, Placer, Sacramento, San Benito, Santa Clara, Solano, Sonoma, and Yolo. According to the CDC, hospital bed capacity, newly admitted COVID-19 patients per 100,000 residents, and the total number of new cases per 100,000 in a county are used to rank where a county stands. Under that metric, in counties with more than 200 new cases per 100,000 residents in the past week, COVID patients admission where it is over 10 per 100,000 are officially listed as high. On Friday, those 13 counties went above that 10 threshold, including Sacramento with 12.1 per 100,000, Sonoma and Marin Counties with 11.8, and Solano County with 11.5.

On Friday, some institutions in these counties announced that mask mandates would be back beginning Monday, including all schools in the Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD). The SCUSD had gotten rid of their mandate in April following declining new COVID-19 cases following the 2021-2022 winter surge.

“This decision was made with careful consideration of the current data trends and is intended to limit the spread of COVID-19 in schools and the community,” said the SCUSD in a press release.

However, as of Friday, all 13 counties marked by the CDC as “high” noted that instead of following CDC guidance they will instead follow the guidance of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) on whether or not to reintroduce countywide indoor masking policies.

“In general, we’re not feeling like the impact on the health care system, at this point in time, is at a point where mandatory masking should be re-instituted,” noted. Yolo County Public Health Officer Dr. Aimee Sisson.

Solano County officials also released a similar release, stating “We will continue to defer to CDPH guidance and not require wearing masks indoors.”

While no County fully moved to the mask mandate on Friday, one County not listed as high, Alameda, had already regressed back to the mandate on Thursday following a boosted number of COVID-19 cases within the County. Others, such as Los Angeles County, noted that they would likely be listed as ‘High’ by the end of the month and would likely go back to indoor masking mandates as a result.

“We applaud Alameda County as we do all counties that are being proactive in looking at their data,” said Los Angeles County Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer on Friday. “They do have both higher case rates and higher hospitalizations than L.A. County.

“There is a slight increase in new cases vs. last week, with just over 5,000 today. This number is an undercount since it doesn’t include positive results from over the counter tests. At the current pace of increases in local COVID-related hospitalizations, the county will move into the federal government’s “high” virus activity category within a few weeks, possibly by the end of June. That that would trigger a return of mandatory indoor mask wearing in the county.”

However, many residents in both Northern and Southern California counties expressed concern that any return of masking mandates could have far greater economic and social effects than any health effects.

“It doesn’t matter if they call Interstate 5 ‘the 5,’ ‘I-5,’ ‘Highway 5,’ ‘5,’ or ‘the freeway,’ hatred to these mandates have united us all,” explained Louis Shapiro, a Northern California healthcare worker who helped guide local businesses both in and out of mask-wearing usage during the pandemic, to the Globe on Friday. “I let some people know that mandates could return soon and I got a lot of disbelief, a lot of yelling, and a lot of swears. These mandates hurt people trying to make a living far more than people think and we need to look at that danger.

“I used to believe we should look at these things solely from a health point of view, but I’ve been seeing how short-sighted that can really be. Mandates are needed during pandemics, but in the home stretch like this with people just beginning to recover financially, it may do more harm than good.”

Counties are expected to possibly announce new mandates in the coming weeks. ★

# Museum Marks First Anniversary



Local farm workers from the early days. Photo courtesy of the Braceros Exhibit

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with EDT for head lice. Often, they started work at 4 am and worked until the work was done till 6 pm, always bent down with simple tools. They suffered--but they saved their money and sent it back to Mexico to their homes. The worst was Eastern Texas where there were signs at restaurants that said, ‘No Mexicans, No Blacks, and No Dogs Allowed.’ Both my grandfathers were granted visas,” she added and came to settle in Dixon. Her Dad worked here and “felt the most welcome” due to relationships with the local farmers.

Tom Galindo, son of Pete Garcia, shared more favorable memories of the migrant camp life and how his family provided housing and food for the Braceros explaining that they were “kind of a commercial clearing house” for the workers.

“I never heard about anyone unhappy,” he said. “They were never pushed and everybody. It was a win-win situation. Our people were working in shipyards and fighting the war. The braceros were making a lot of money and yes, it sounds bad at 10 cents a lug of tomatoes, but a can of Pepsi was 10 cents and a gallon of gas was 10-15 cents a gallon. We had 10 camps in Dixon in 1961 with 1600 men. My mother cooked for 400 people at our place. Dad did breakfast,” he said, then added that his dad died at 50-years-old and Tom took over.

“It was hard work but that’s what farming was back then,” he explained. “We didn’t have the mechanicals that we do now. We farmed sugar beets and that is how it was done – by hand.”

**Sweep in the Money**

A meal would consist of six burritos with freshly baked corn tortillas, an orange or apple, and Kool-aid or juice.

“We had a great time,” Galindo said. “They were just normal guys and they covered for our guys who were soldiers in a war. They went through the same thing being away from their families. They were ordinary Mexican people who saw an opportunity to come and ‘sweep up money.’” Because of the agreement with the United States, the men would go back to Mexico after harvest and draw unemployment from October through May.

“I’m 100-percent Mexican. It was a wonderful, wonderful opportunity,” Galindo said.

Fred Barry’s family shared a camp with the Schroeder and Sawyer farmers. They contracted for 6-week periods.

“They were here to work and they wanted to work,” he said, adding that his Dad taught him, “Don’t ask anybody to do something you would not be willing to do yourself.” They would pick up the men in Yuba City. They were given a mattress, a mattress cover, and a blanket. Often, local families donated clothing. Soon, they opened a little commissary so the men could buy stamps, toothpaste, paper and envelopes.

“They were given numbers so the men would write their number on the boxes they filled in the fields and a checker would punch a card to keep track of how many they did. Some men could do 40 and some 75 with some as many as 100 boxes per day,” he explained. “They were paid in cash twice a month,” Barry said.

**Mutual Respect**

“In Dixon, they were treated very, very well and how they were appreciated added a lot to our community. On Saturdays the town theater only showed Spanish movies,” he added. They even had a priest and a doctor come out regularly. “When the workers saw that all of us associated with the farm worked as hard as they did, there was mutual respect,” Barry added.

As the need for workers began to dwindle, the farmers sponsored green cards and some of the men got dual citizenships, so they were able to move throughout society and they sponsored other families into the United States. The children were educated here and were able to get better jobs than the parents.

The program ended in 1964 and during that time, brought more than four million Braceros to the work in U.S. agriculture but also on the railroads. The Dixon Historical Museum has new displays quarterly and visitors will see and learn new and interesting details about Dixon’s history with regular visits. It is located at 125 West A Street and is open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday with hours from 10 am to 2 pm. For more information, call (707) 693-3044. ★

# Top Six Pollutants that Degrade California’s Water Quality

Caltrans Press Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - As part of its “Let’s Change This to That” public education campaign, Caltrans is sharing the top sources of stormwater pollution and ways to prevent them for contaminating California’s waterways. As stormwater travels into storm drains, it captures pollutants from highways, streets, sidewalks and yards that flow into waterways. The top six pollutants have an outsized impact on the water quality of lakes, rivers, streams and the ocean, plus many are preventable through small actions Californians can take.

The following lists the top six pollutants and actions to stop them at the source:

Trash and litter: Properly secure items in truck beds and put trash and recycling in the correct bin; Sediments: Prevent soil erosion by using mulch in the garden, planting trees and shrubs, and sweeping driveways instead of hosing them off; Nutrients: Avoid overfertilizing lawns and plants and limit vegetation waste by keeping fallen leaves out of storm drains; Bacteria: Limit pet and RV waste by picking up after your pet and using appropriate RV dumping stations; Metals: Regularly check tire pressure, change oil and fluids, and use commercial car washes to prevent metals generated from vehicle, tire, and brake wear from ending up on highways; Pesticides: Use organic pesticides and properly dispose of unused portions.

Caltrans is tasked with managing stormwater runoff and mitigating pollution within its 350,000 acres of right of way, which includes more than 15,000 centerline miles of highways. This effort involves picking up roadside litter and clearing out storm drains to preserve roadway safety and drivability during all types of weather conditions.

Unlike water that goes down the sink or toilet in a home, stormwater is untreated

and flows directly into lakes, rivers and other waterways. Stopping pollutants at the source is critical Caltrans’ efforts to keep stormwater runoff clean

“Preventing stormwater pollution requires the help and support of every Californian, and it starts with keeping highways and roadways clean,” said Steven Keck, Acting Director of Caltrans. “Californians must work together to take necessary steps to prevent pollution at the source and keep our waterways clean.”

Summer is the peak season for recreation in and around local waterways. This year, as hot, dry weather is expected to intensify drought conditions throughout the state, Caltrans is amplifying water quality as a top priority.

During a drought, the state’s lakes, rivers, and streams have lower water levels, which leads to a higher concentration of pollutants. By preventing a buildup of metals, trash and other pollutants on highways and roadways in dry conditions, Californians can help keep pollutants from traveling into local waterways during rainstorms.

The “Let’s Change This to That” stormwater public education campaign is calling on Californians to pledge to do their part to keep stormwater clean. Visit CleanWaterCA.com to take the pledge and learn more about the sources and pathways of stormwater pollution.

*“Let’s Change This to That” is a three-year public education campaign led by Caltrans to raise awareness and increase understanding of the sources and pathways of stormwater pollution throughout California. The campaign provides resources for people who live, work, and play in California’s unique communities to spur behavior change in a way that leads to improved water quality. The campaign complements Clean California, a three-year, statewide litter reduction and beautification program. For more information, visit CleanWaterCA.com.* ★

# Caltrans Worker Killed on Interstate 80 Near Vacaville

Caltrans News Release

**OAKLAND, CA (MPG)** - The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is mourning the death today of Quanda McGadney, 51, a Landscape Maintenance Worker for the department. McGadney was killed while working near Lagoon Valley Road on Interstate 80 (I-80) in Solano County.

McGadney had served the people of California for more than 18 years and joined Caltrans in 2018. She is survived by her 9-year-old daughter, Nairobi, and her two sisters, Priscilla Stevenson and Candice McGadney.

Just after 10 a.m. today, McGadney was struck by a hit-and-run driver on west-bound I-80 near Vacaville. She succumbed to her injuries on-scene. The California Highway Patrol has arrested a suspect.

“The loss of one of our own public servants in this tragic incident is being felt heavily within the Caltrans family today.

Our thoughts and heartfelt support are focused on her family, friends and colleagues at this time,” said Caltrans Acting Director Steven Keck.

McGadney is the first Caltrans District 4 (Bay Area) employee to die on the job since 2017. She is the 37th in the history of District 4 and the 190th Caltrans worker to lose their life on the job since 1921.

“This tragedy is particularly painful, coming so close to our workers memorial service just a little over a month ago, and drives home how dangerous our work on California’s roadways can be,” said Keck. “Our focus on safety and the ‘Move Over’ law and asking the public to increase their awareness of the people working on the highways on their behalf are part of our continued effort to eliminate these tragic incidents.”

To help Quanda’s family at this difficult time, a memorial fund is being established through the California Transportation Foundation. ★

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Please support the Dixon 4th of July Fireworks Show. The Dixon Rotary Club and the City of Dixon are planning a great fireworks display at Hall Park on the 4th of July. Since Dixon hasn’t had a fireworks display for a few years the display will be better than ever!!

This year’s show is approximately \$25,000. It is only through the generosity of community members that we can provide a grand display. All proceeds received are tax-deductible and go directly to the Dixon Rotary Foundation 4th of July Fund. The funds are only used for the fireworks purchased for the 4th.

If you would like to make a donation, please send a check to the Dixon Rotary Foundation at: P. O. Box 181, Dixon, 95620. There is no donation too small! With the community’s continued support, the sky will be bright again in Dixon.

Signed,  
Dixon Rotary Club



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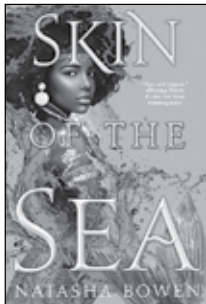
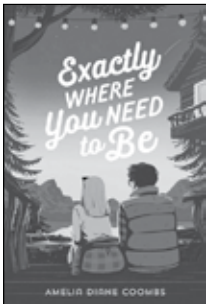
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Summer Reads to Throw in Your Pool Bag

Hot summer days are here, and there is nothing more perfect than being able to grab a few fun reads to throw in your pool bag. These books will have readers dreaming of mermaids hidden within ocean waves, summer adventures left to take, and hopefully, the summer fling that is still yet to happen.



Cool For Summer by Dahlia Adler

Lara has always dreamed of the day that handsome football star Chase Harding would notice her, and the day is finally here. But just when she feels that all her dreams are falling into place, an old memory literally walks in the door. Now, Lara is stuck. Does she move forward with the boy of her dreams or take a chance at possible love with the one who still has her mind wrapped up in knots? *Cool For Summer* is a story of self-discovery and the emotional, bumpy road to get there.

Skin of the Sea by Natasha Bowen

As a Mami Wata, Simi’s sole job as a mermaid is to collect the souls of those who die at sea and bless their journey back to Olodumare. However, in one weak moment, Simi breaks all the rules of the

gods and chooses to save a human boy instead of waiting for his death. Maybe it was the pull of once being a human or something else, but at that moment, Simi could only think of saving him. Yet, her single act breaks an ancient decree threatening the end of the Mami Wata. Now, along with the human boy, Kola, Simi must embark on a journey to the supreme Creator to make amends, but there are those that wish her to fail. In a story of vengeful gods, ocean creatures, and danger around every turn it’s up to Simi to save her kind, as well as the world around her.

Exactly Where You Need to Be by Amelia Diane Coombs

Florie’s life has always been a little ordinary. Her mother’s constant worry about Flore’s OCD has held her back from many of life’s little adventures. But now that she has graduated

high school and her best friend is moving away to college, this might be the last time to have a grand adventure. So, when Florie wins tickets to see her favorite podcasters in CA, she comes up with a great plan. Flores and her best friend Kacey will set off on one last adventure without their parents knowing. The only problem is Sam, Kacey’s brother, will be driving them. The boy is also Florie’s forever crush. But even with Sam in tow, Flores is ready to leap for one grand adventure, even if it isn’t going to be easy. Fall for a story that celebrates best friends, a budding romance, a mother-daughter relationship, and one last epic adventure along the Pacific Northwest .This story also interlaces coming of age against the backdrop of anxiety and OCD while celebrating the joys of friendship and facing challenges head-on. ★



Riley Reviews

'THE VALET' A SWEET COMEDY RIDE; THE CW FALL SCHEDULE

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

“THE VALET” ON HULU A light-hearted romantic comedy on Hulu focuses on class and cultural differences in the charmingly amusing “The Valet,” a remake of sorts of a little-seen French film on this side of the Atlantic Ocean. Eugenio Derbez’s Antonio, a socially awkward Mexican-American sporting a bad haircut, parks cars at an upscale Beverly Hills restaurant catering to people driving expensive foreign cars. Living in a small apartment shared with his spirited mother (Carmen Salinas) and teenage son Marco (Joshua Vasquez), Antonio would like to reunite with his ex-wife (Marisol Nichols) but she’s moved on with a high-flying realtor who advertises on billboards. Riding his bike leads Antonio to inadvertently end up in the middle of a paparazzi photo of actress Olivia Allan (Samara Weaving) and her married lover Vincent Royce (Max Greenfield), a developer whose vast wealth is tied to the family fortune of wife Kathryn (Betsy Brandt). To avoid a scandal that could derail Olivia’s career (her big picture is set for a debut) and cause the odious Vincent to lose it all in a divorce, a scheme is concocted whereby Antonio is recruited to pose as Olivia’s new beau for enough money to pay off his ex-wife’s college loan. That Antonio attends red-carpet celebrity events with Olivia is enough to puzzle his family and cause his co-workers to marvel at a working-class valet dating a pretty blonde half his age. Scenes where the mismatched couple pretend to have a relationship are not as relevant as the situation in which the lonely Olivia hangs out and finds acceptance with Antonio’s circle of extended family and friends.

A lot of the film’s humor comes from Antonio’s mother having an affair with her Korean landlord Mr. Kim (Ji Yong Lee) who doesn’t speak a word of English and neither does she. They both rely on off-spring for translation. “The Valet” suffers a bit from too many plot threads that seem extraneous. Overall, the fish-out-of-water story allows the film’s eponymous character to be endearing, and the culture clash exposes the absurdity of a shallow celebrity lifestyle. THE CW NETWORK FALL SCHEDULE PREVIEW The CW Network, typically geared to the younger demographic, plans to launch the usual mix of programs, with an added initiative of joining forces with the Surgeon General to tackle the number issue of mental health facing America’s youth. “As The CW looks towards the future, we are evolving and adapting to become more than just a network. We are a brand that drives our passionate and dedicated

audiences to engage directly with our programming across all platforms, both linear and digital,” said Mark Pedowitz. These words sound nicely scripted by a publicity agent for Mr. Pedowitz, the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The CW Network, but I am not really sure what they mean as far how the network operates. Nevertheless, new drama series this fall include a prequel to “Supernatural” with “The Winchesters,” the epic, untold love story of how John Winchester (Drake Rodger) met Mary Campbell (Meg Donnelly) and put it all on the line to not only save their love, but the entire world. When John returns home from fighting in Vietnam, a mysterious encounter sparks a new mission to trace his father’s past. In his journey, he crosses paths with demon hunter Mary, who is also searching for answers after the disappearance of her own father. The two join forces with young hunter-in-training Latika (Nida Khurshid) and easygoing hunter Carlos (Jonathan Fleites) to uncover the hidden truths about both their families. The “Professionals” follows Vincent Corbo (Tom Welling), a top-tier security operative who is paid to protect the interests of rich and powerful clients by any means necessary, legal or not. After a medical-data satellite explodes on launch, Corbo is hired by the rocket’s designer, billionaire futurist Peter Swann (Brendan Fraser), who suspects sabotage. As Corbo and his team of security pros investigate the rocket disaster, they expose a lethal conspiracy of Swann’s corporate rivals, corrupt government officials, and a shadowy crime syndicate, all working to destroy Swann and take control of his tech empire.

Set in the late 1800s, “Walker Independence,” an origin story for hit series “Walker,” follows Abby Walker (Katherine McNamara), an affluent and tough-minded Bostonian whose husband is murdered before her eyes while on their journey out West. Arriving in the town of Independence, Texas, Abby encounters diverse and eclectic residents running from their pasts, chasing their dreams, and keeping their own secrets. “Family Law” centers around Abigail Bianchi (Jewel Staite), a high-paid personal injury lawyer who’s good at blaming others. After being kicked out of her family home because of her drinking, Abby goes on a bender, shows up drunk in court and vomits on a client. She’s suspended and can only practice law again if she finds a senior lawyer willing to take her on and mentor her for a one-year probationary period. The only one agreeable to take the risk is her estranged father Harry Svensson (Victor Garber), who runs the top family law practice. ★

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE DIXON CITY COUNCIL

In accordance with the Government Code section 54953(d) and City of Dixon City Council Resolution No. 22-018, the Dixon City Council will hold a hybrid **PUBLIC HEARING** to consider the following project:

**PROJECT:** **2299 Commerce Way (Dixon Commerce Center Expansion Project)** - Request for Design Review for the expansion of the existing warehouse and associated improvements at 2299 Commerce Way. The expansion would add 125,712 sq. ft. of new warehouse space to the southern portion of the existing 427,042 sq. ft. warehouse building. The majority of the proposed development would occur on the southernmost parcels, including removal of the existing concrete slab, construction of the expanded building area, and addition of parking areas. In addition, limited site improvements are proposed within the 20.95-acre developed northernmost parcel, including removal of the parking lot along the southern border of the existing warehouse, new pavement and bioretention areas along the western border of the existing warehouse, minor improvements to the existing parking lot area southeast of the existing warehouse, and minor utilities improvements. The proposed project would add 223 net new parking stalls to the project site, resulting in an overall total of 452 vehicle parking stalls. In addition, 87 new semi-trailer parking stalls would be provided along the southern portion of the project site. The application requires Design Review approval. The property has a zoning of Heavy Industrial-Light Industrial-Planned Development (MH-ML-PD). The property is bound by Vaughn Road to the north and Commerce Way to the east. The Atkinson Court cul-de-sac is located near the southwestern corner of the site. APN Nos. 0111-200-100, 0111-090-880, -890, -940, and -950; Nearon Enterprises, owner/applicant; File No's: PA20-27, DR20-08.

*Consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") an assessment of potential impacts (Initial Study) was completed and released for a 30-day public review period, beginning on Monday, April 8, 2022 and concluding on Monday, May 9, 2022. Potentially significant impacts related to Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology/Soils, Transportation and Tribal/Cultural Resources were identified in the Initial study and all the potentially-significant impacts were shown to be reduced or eliminated by requiring and implementing recommended mitigation measures. Therefore Initial Study (IS) recommends the adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND), which includes the recommended mitigation measures. The Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, on May 10, 2022 and recommended adoption of the IS/MND. This notice provides the City's intention to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). The IS/MND and supporting documents are available for public review at <https://www.cityofdixon.us/EnvironmentalReviewDocuments>*

**HEARING DATE & LOCATION:** **Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 7:00 pm.** This meeting will be physically open to the public. All members of the public may participate in the meeting by attending the meeting or remotely participating via video conferencing at <http://www.zoom.us> or via teleconference by calling (669) 900-9128 (Entering Meeting ID: 988 621 1137 and Passcode: 604754) and will be given the opportunity to provide public comment.

**MORE INFORMATION:** Contact **Scott Greeley** at (707) 678-7000 ext. 1115 or [sgreeley@cityofdixon.us](mailto:sgreeley@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 view the staff report 72 hours before the meeting at: <https://www.cityofdixon.us/MeetingAgendasMinutesVideos> You may also view the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration at: <https://www.cityofdixon.us/EnvironmentalReviewDocuments>

**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 application. Testimony from interested persons will be heard and considered by the City Council prior to making any decision on the application.

The meeting will be physically open to the public and all persons attending the meeting must abide by all State rules and public health guidelines, regarding masking and social distancing in City Council chambers. The City Council hearing will serve as the final decision for this project.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Prior to 4:30pm on the day of the meeting, written comments can be: 1) emailed to [CityCouncil@cityofdixon.us](mailto: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 remotely attend the public hearing at the time and location listed above, and provide comments during the meeting. To speak or provide comments during public comment period at the meeting, 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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ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE #FCS058142

Araceli Arambula S and Jose G de la Torre filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Jairo de la Torre to Jairo de la Torre Arambula.

THE COURT ORDERS that all

persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. June 24, 2022, 9:30 a.m. Department 22, Room 3, Superior Court of California, County of Solano, Old Solano Court House, 580 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533 Judge of the Superior Court: Christine A. Carringer Dated: April 29, 2022 Publish: May 27, June 3, 10 & 17, 2022 ARACELI 6-17-22

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# Dixon Loses to Monterey in D4 NorCal Title Game

## Rams’ only run comes on solo home run by Humphries

By Shaun Holkko,  
sports editor

DIXON, CA (MPG) - An extraordinary season came to an end in bittersweet fashion Saturday for the Dixon High School varsity softball team as the Rams lost to Monterey 5-1 in the 2022 CIF Division IV NorCal Softball Championships Regional Final.

Dixon (24-2-1, 10-0 Golden Empire League) came into the first-ever Northern California tournament as the No. 1 seed after winning the CIF Division IV Sac-Joaquin Section Softball Championship. The Rams also entered the NorCal title game without a loss in their last 23 contests.

The Toreadores (25-8-1, 9-3 PCAL – Mission) came into the D4 NorCal tournament as the No. 2 seed following a victory in the CIF Division II Central Coast Section Softball Tournament (California) Championship game. Monterey was propelled to the victory over Dixon by a four-run top of the second inning.

The Rams’ only run of the game came on a solo home run from senior shortstop Brianna Humphries in the bottom of the sixth inning. Although the ending to the season may have been bitter, the journey there was pretty sweet for Dixon. The Rams cruised through the first two rounds of the NorCal tournament.

Dixon’s first game of the tournament came on May 31 at home against No. 8 Woodland Christian (25-4, 6-0 Central Valley California). The Rams did not need the entire seven innings to take down the Cardinals, as Dixon defeated Woodland Christian 12-0 and the game ended after the top of the fifth inning due to the 10-run mercy rule.

The Rams scored four runs in the bottom of the first inning, two in the second and six in the fourth. Dixon’s first run of the game came on an inside the park solo home run hit into right field by sophomore Audrey Graham. Humphries scored the next two runs of the game with one swing of the bat, blasting a two-run homer to center field, her 12th of the season, to score herself and sophomore pitcher Felesha



Dixon sophomore designated hitter Caitlyn Hendershot kicks her left leg and prepares to swing at a pitch from Monterey freshman pitcher Ella Myers during a 5-1 loss to the Dore in the 2022 CIF Division IV NorCal Softball Championships Regional Final on Saturday, June 4 in Dixon. Photo by Nicolas Brown

LePenske, who reached base on a double.

The final run of the first inning came on an RBI single knocked into right field by sophomore Aemonn Rosenberger to score sophomore Ashley Garcia. LePenske scored the Rams’ two runs in the bottom of the second with a two-run dinger to right center field.

Humphries hit an RBI double down the left field line in the top of the fourth and Dixon piled on five more runs in the inning to ultimately win 12-0. The Rams racked up 14 total hits with LePenske leading the way going 3-for-4 from the dish. LePenske nearly completed the cycle, falling just a single short as the sophomore had a double, a triple and a home run in the win and racked up three runs scored and two RBI.

Three other Rams had multiple hits as Humphries, Graham and senior pitcher Lexi Coyle had two hits apiece. Both of Humphries’ hits went for extra bases as she hit a double and a home run, recording a game-high three RBI and two runs scored.

Senior Madi West was the other Dixon hitter to tally multiple RBI with two on an RBI single. Sophomore catcher Alexis Wiese had most of the Cardinals’ three hits as she went 2-for-2 with a double and two stolen bases.

LePenske earned the win

(12-0) on the mound by pitching five scoreless innings, allowing only three hits while striking out 11 Cardinals on 83 pitches. Gianna Carrion suffered the loss for Woodland. The senior pitcher tossed three innings and gave up 12 hits, 12 runs (10 earned) and two walks with one punchout on 91 pitches.

The Rams played their next game two days later as they hosted No. 4 seed Carlmont (17-12, 9-5 Peninsula – Bay) of Belmont in the NorCal regional semifinals. Both teams plated one run in the first inning. The Scots scored their run on an RBI single from junior outfielder Maddie Wiessinger. Dixon scored its first run of the game on a sacrifice fly from Coyle.

The game remained deadlocked at one going into the sixth inning as pitchers Coyle and junior Ava Conti duelled back and forth. Then, the Rams exploded for five runs in the bottom of the sixth to take a commanding lead. The scoring outburst was sparked by the team’s leader, Humphries, who blasted a solo home run to get the party started, lucky No. 13 for her on the year. Down to their final three outs, the Scots were unable to respond, and Dixon was victorious 6-1.

The Rams had more runs than hits as both teams had five hits each. Garcia led the way for Dixon going 2-for-3 with one

run, one stolen base and an RBI. Humphries, LePenske and sophomore designated hitter Caitlyn Hendershot had one hit each. LePenske had a game-high with two RBI followed by Humphries, Coyle and sophomore Camryn Elliot who also had one RBI each.

LePenske stole two bases and Humphries, Elliot, Garcia and Hendershot each stole one bag. Coyle (12-1) had another dominant performance in the circle to earn the victory, pitching a complete game going seven innings and allowing five hits, two walks and one unearned run with eight Ks on 118 pitches.

Rams seniors Humphries, Coyle, West, Janie Ming, Isabela Orozco, Alexis Bencze and Shea Garcia joined their fellow graduates in the Class of 2022 for the graduation ceremony Saturday morning at the Dixon football stadium. Then at 4 p.m. it was game time.

The Dore scored their first of four runs in the second inning on an RBI double by freshman Eastin Jennings hit down the right field line to score senior Darcy Fisher. Then, junior Jordan Chiewpanich hit a pop up into center field that landed between four Rams attempting to make the catch, scoring Jennings from second. Finally, junior Katarina Manuofetoa hit an RBI single up the middle to plate the final

two runs of the inning and help Monterey take a 4-0 lead.

The Rams attempted to get on the scoreboard in the bottom of the third on a single up the middle from Graham, but Hendershot was called out at home. Manuofetoa knocked in the Dore’s fifth and final run on an RBI double hit down the third base line in the top of the fourth to score Chiewpanich.

Humphries blasted her 14th homer of the season over the fence in left field during the bottom of the sixth but that would be the only run Dixon would get all game. Monterey prevailed 5-1 to win the CIF D4 NorCal Softball Championship as the Rams fell just short.

LePenske suffered her first loss (12-1) of the season despite pitching a complete game. The sophomore pitched seven innings and gave up 12 hits, five runs (four earned) and four walks with five strikeouts. Humphries finished 1-for-3 tallying one RBI and one run on her solo homer in the sixth.

Freshman pitcher Ella Myers earned the win for the Dore by pitching a complete game, tossing seven innings and allowing five hits, three walks and one earned run with three strikeouts on 108 pitches. Manuofetoa went 3-for-4 with three RBI and two doubles. Fisher was the other Dore with a game-high three hits as she went 3-for-4 with a triple and one run scored.

The loss to Monterey concludes what was an amazing school year for girls’ sports in Dixon. In the fall, the girl’s varsity water polo team won a CIF SJS D4 section title. In the winter, the girl’s varsity basketball team kept the ball rolling by winning a section title of their own.

Now in the spring, the varsity softball team went 23 consecutive games without a loss, winning a league title, a section title and nearly a Northern California title. Despite a trio of senior leaders in Humphries, Coyle and West departing, the Rams have a great shot at repeating as league and section champions next year. Perhaps even the title that alluded them this season could be in Dixon’s future as well. ★



Dixon sophomore pitcher Felesha LePenske throws a pitch during a 5-1 loss to Monterey in the 2022 CIF Division IV NorCal Softball Championships Regional Final on Saturday, June 4 in Dixon. Photo by Nicolas Brown



Dixon senior shortstop Brianna Humphries swings and hits a solo home run in the sixth inning of a 5-1 loss to Monterey in the 2022 CIF Division IV NorCal Softball Championships Regional Final on Saturday, June 4 in Dixon. Photo by Nicolas Brown

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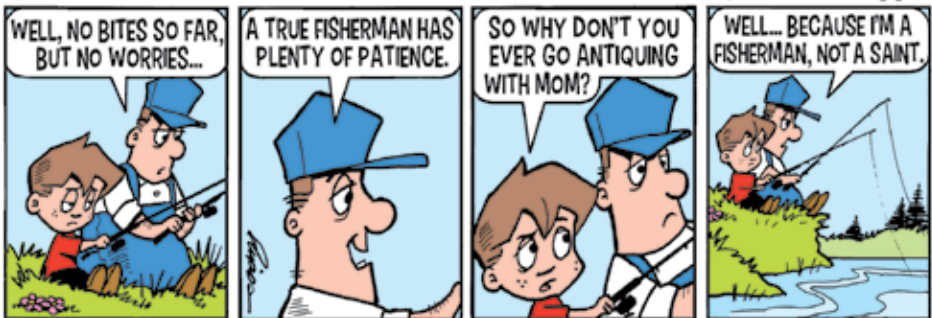
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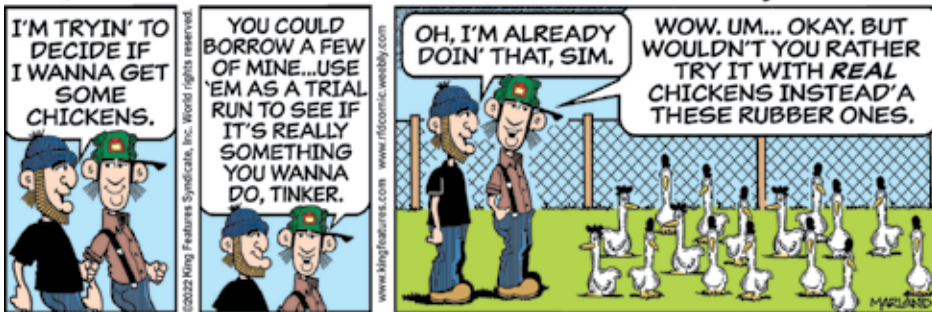
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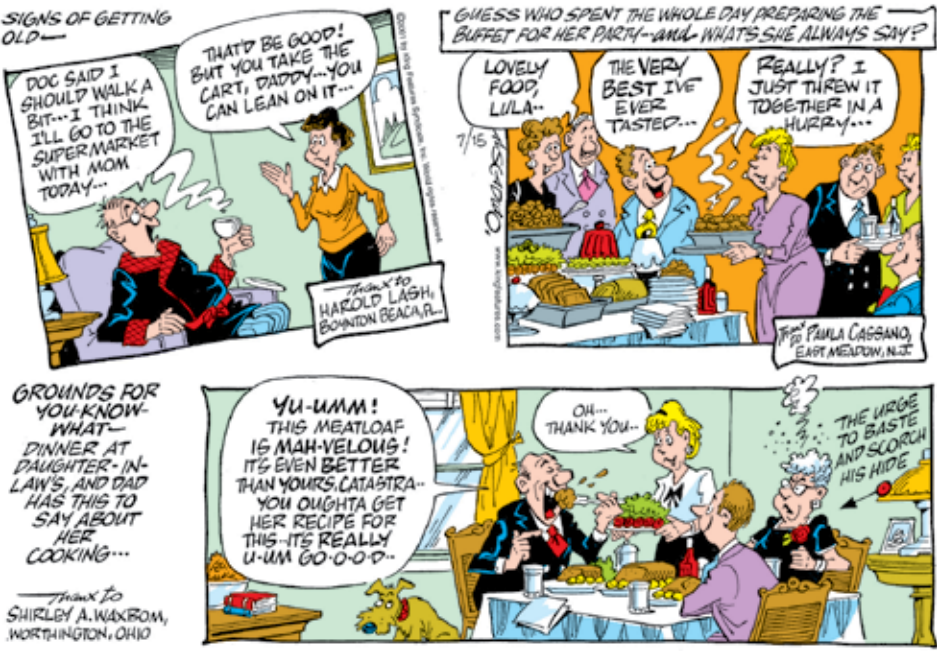
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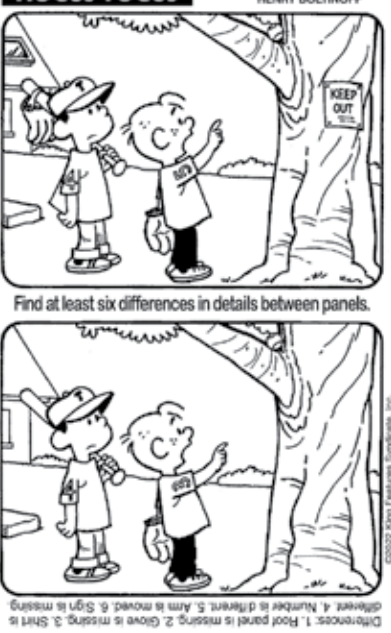
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# Photos Engage Students



Teacher Janeen Harmon at John Knight Middle School uses her photos to engage students in discussions that helps them connect to history in the United States. Photo by Debra Dingman

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pictures,” she said. She got her first digital camera in 2006 right before getting on a plane to visit family in Italy. “I was determined to learn this digital thing and read all the instructions on the plane,” she said. Harmon’s quiet demeanor may be the perfect character to work with unsettled middle schoolers and she’s learned that patience through wanting to get that perfect shot of animals, birds, and her favorite “loyal subjects,” rabbits.  
“It takes a lot of patience and I have a really long zoom lens. I just sit where they are, camp out, and let things happen. Capturing the hummingbird was really challenging,” she said. She has several pictures of bald eagles after discovering that the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge in Willows had them. She used those pictures to talk to students about the day one flew straight at her and how she was too flustered to get the shot – but also

about why it is the national bird.  
“I get joy when I connect with photos of an animal that looks like it’s expressing a human emotion,” she said. The scowling owl with large yellow eyes is one example. She especially likes ones that are humorous.  
Her work is not limited to wildlife, though. A black and white photo of an old man is a picture of her grandfather right before he passed. That inspired talk about her dad’s family immigrating from Italy.  
“It helps me build relationships with them because they ask questions,” she explained. She starts her history class with “On this day in history...” and uses writing prompts. That is for her day-long history classes, but the first period of the day is Yearbook; another source for helping students find the joy in photography. Her goal is to start a photography club next year where students can use their work to feed into the annual yearbook. ★

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