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Getting Parade Ready



Lots of local businesses have fun with their staff, family and friends being part of the Dixon May Fair Parade like Gone Fishin' Marine in Dixon did during a past parade. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - What will happen at this year's Dixon May Fair Parade? After two years of hibernation, are the sleepy residents of Dixon ready to burst out of their homes and businesses like they used to on a parade morning and bring back the throngs of spectators who traditionally started lining up their chairs and marking their spots the Friday night before? Are they ready to slam the Olde Vets Hall across from the library for the (formerly) annual Rotary Pancake Breakfast?

"The Parade is an important part of Dixon's history and cultural heritage," said Shauna Manina, CEO of the Dixon Chamber of Commerce who is coordinating her first May Fair Parade. "It is the oldest state-affiliated parade in California and is one of the most colorful of its kind. We have about 115 entries this year, which is pretty good considering we are coming back from being shut down for two years due to COVID."

In years past, the parade drew as many as 10,000 spectators to the downtown streets with some 140 entries including the UC Davis

Marching Band and numerous middle and high school bands. Often children could be seen squeezing their heads to prevent the sounds of roaring cars, motorcycles, or blasting firetrucks from making their teeth rattle. Will it be like that again?

Will we see dance troops, floats, military units, sports cars carrying politicians and oh-so many businesses and organizations being represented? From decorated horses to school drill teams, and from garbage-can-toting muscle men to Shriner speed-demons on go karts, some are wondering if people got too comfortable in their homes to come out on a bright spring morning.

"What I am looking forward to the most is seeing all the great parade entries and meeting many of the wonderful people that I have talked to on the phone," said Manina who has worked with "amazing volunteers" from the chamber like Wendi Hendershot, Haley Andrew, Robin Tully and Kathy Ernest to produce the show. This is Manina's first time at the helm of the huge event as chamber CEO.

It is one of the rare times Highway 113 is closed and the side streets are

blocked off for visitors and parade line up. Through traffic is re-routed onto Adams Street and Porter Road at the Super La Favorita Meat Market shopping center road split. The parade will move out of East C Street onto First Street heading south towards the May Fair. The route will turn left on East Chestnut to the disbanding area at Hall Park (same as in past years). Manina gave kudos to the City of Dixon staff who are helping to coordinate the parade logistics.

Some merchants are having special hours or special events for the May Fair weekend. For example, on May 6, the Pip Wine Bar has a winery takeover featuring Vezer's Family Vineyard from 5-8 P.M. The winery will show new releases for spring 2022 and they will pour the wines by-the-glass for \$15 per person "at the door" to taste the Vezer's wines with no reservations necessary.

"On Saturday, May 7, we will open at 8 A.M. (our normal opening time is 2 P.M.) and close our normal time at 9 P.M.," reported Pip Wine Bar owner Amy Grabish. "We will have a limited menu available for pre-order on our website under the category "Dixon May Fair." ★

Ribbon Cutting for Pardi Plaza, Commissioners Sought

City of Dixon
News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The City of Dixon is hosting a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Dixon Downtown Plaza Wednesday, May 4, at 6:30 P.M.

Join us at the corner of First Street and A Street in downtown Dixon to celebrate. During the event, the Dixon High School jazz band will be performing on the Downtown Plaza stage.

The Downtown Plaza, also known as the Pardi Market Plaza, serves as a new community social hub and parking area at this key downtown core location. The Plaza is located at the site of the former Pardi Neighborhood Market. In March 2016, the Pardi Market Site Citizens Development Committee (PMSDC) was formed to represent the general public and streamline the decision-making process around the use of the site.

Construction of the plaza occurred in two phases. The first phase included a parking lot opening on July 17, 2020. The second phase of the project including a stage, covered parking and community gathering areas opened March 18, 2022.

Commission Vacancies

The City of Dixon is currently accepting applications for the following vacancies on city commissions: Two vacancies on the planning commission. The planning commission is an advisory body to the city council on matters pertaining to planning and land use. Commissioners serve four-year terms, with a maximum of two consecutive terms. Both vacancies are four-year terms expiring on June 30, 2026. The commission meets at 7 P.M. on the second Tuesday of every month. City residency is required. A stipend of \$100 per meeting attended is paid to each commissioner.

Three vacancies on the parks and recreation commission. The parks and recreation commission are an advisory body to the city council on matters pertaining to recreation and park facilities. Commissioners serve two-year terms, with a maximum of three consecutive terms. All vacancies are two-year terms expiring on June 30, 2024. The parks and recreation commission meets at 7 P.M. on the fourth Tuesday of every month. 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 (707) 678-7000, or by visiting the city's website at www.cityofdixon.us. The deadline for filing applications is May 16 at 5 P.M. ★

Summer Street Fair Officially Set

Story and photo
by Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Time to put the annual Grillin' and Chillin' back on your calendars.

The 11th annual event is officially set for Saturday, July 16, and with the City of Dixon helping with street closures and traffic, it will take up the entire downtown with a car show, the cook-off, food and craft vendors, live music, dancing and possibly a singing contest.

"We're looking for sponsors to help get this great community event back in the pig pen," event founder Mike Hamilton said with a laugh. The event mascots have been pigs due to the pork ribs being the main event. "We're not just looking for big guys - every little bit helps. We haven't done it in two years, and it takes a lot of money to put this event on."

The street fair will still



One of the Rib Cook-off entrants watches over his loaded barbecue at a previous Grillin' & Chillin'.

focus on the rib cook-off, but the chili contest got too complicated, he said, then reminded that there are monetary awards for the winners and impressive wall plaques.

The organizational leaders are also considering adding a "Dixon Voice" competition like the television show, 'The Voice,' an

American singing reality competition with amateur singers.

"We'll have a panel of judges and a bunch of amateur singers," said Hamilton. "That will be in the morning and the car show will be after that and the music after that but there will be cold beer, wine and great food all the time."

Bringing the community together is just a side benefit to the real goal of being able to help support Dixon's nonprofits.

"It's always been about our veterans, our kids, special needs, and senior citizens," Hamilton explained. "Over the years we have given away more

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Cow Cures Writer's Block

By Debra Dingman

There is so much to write about that I truly don't know where to start and it has given me writer's block!

I wanted to tell you all about the new district lines and how the city council changed them amazingly to benefit one Councilman Pederson which also benefits one City Manager Jim Lindley (being he always has Pederson's support) who I'm most frustrated with over two issues: the Recology contract which he keeps ignoring my public request to have a city-wide trash pickup day and also because he got that huge \$58,000 raise but we cannot get our city landscaping taken care of.

I also wanted to tell you about where the council decided to spend a \$4 million windfall from the feds to help provide COVID relief money for infrastructure and particularly "one-time costs," but it would take up too much space. I will tell you that most money went to administrative staff, police, design of the new fire house and two fire battalion positions. The remaining \$900,000 is waiting to be designated.

(They are all thinking of new ways to spend it). Oh, and the lone Councilman Don Hendershot, who suggested we take some more time to think about spending, was quickly shut down by Lindley who kept pushing for a decision that night. It was not fun to watch.

Thought you'd want to know that not one single dime went to the Parkway Overpass while Debra gets a letter from an 80-year-old friend living on Broadway who is certain her house will burn down and she will die because there will be a train and the fire/paramedics won't be able to get to her. Which reminds me, I wanted to tell you about the city's survey that pushed for a 1 cent sales tax increase that according to the poll, solves every woe (including the Parkway Overpass) this city has but again, not enough space.

I also wanted to tell you about Whiskey Barrel 707, the new upscale bar planned for the old Bank of America building that got passed 5-0 at the last council meeting despite that one "appellant" (aka Ginger Emerson) read 300 pages which took

68 minutes to chastise (angrily) everyone in the room including the mayor, because she said, everyone who had anything to do with the project was either "incomplete, incorrect, or misled."

Most helpful was former Mayor Thom Bogue who explained that Emerson was taking various codes from various places, making her arguments invalid. But it would take so much of my time to do even one of these articles, I decided to tell you happy news instead: I figured out what the newspaper will do for the May Fair Parade.

While staring at the colorful Dixon May Fair exhibit guide, I noted a large cow wearing a superman's cape, globes, goggles and boots. Hmm, it looked like the shape of our Prius. Then it all came into my head like a Picasso! I knew it was a long shot, but I typed in the Google search bar, "How to make a Prius look like a cow." And can you believe it; there were a few sites with pictures!

When I told my boss my great idea, he said he could see the slogan now, "We don't print bull." Watch for us in the parade – it should be fun! ★

History of Pardi Market

The Fong Family Contribution



The City of Dixon invites the public to the official ribbon cutting for the Pardi Plaza on Wednesday, May 4, at 6:30 P.M. This picture shows what the corner looked like many years ago. Photo courtesy of the Dixon Archives

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Caesar Pardi, the great grandfather of Scott Stacy, a long-time Dixon Unified School District employee, moved from Vacaville in 1927 to Dixon and opened a meat market on B Street, across from First Northern Bank.

That was the original Pardi Market and in the early 1930s, he moved it to the West A Street location and expanded it to include groceries. When Caesar died, the store was passed on to his oldest son, George Pardi, who ran it until he retired in 1969. George sold the business to John Fong and Jerry Louie. (John had served in the US Army and was a Manager at Rainbow Market in Dixon.)

That's where many Dixonites get confused. John and his wife Amy ran the business for about 20 years, but newbies here never really get their story. They just think it's strange that Asian people named their store after a boot-wearing, cowboy kind of guy.

Fongs Buy Pardi

"My dad kept the name of the store Pardi Market to honor George Pardi," said John's son, Carl, now in his 60s and one of six Fong children who all eventually worked at the store. "I was the first one to start at dad's store, sweeping and learning the business. I worked there from 12 years old till college in the 1980s."

Carl Fong's family grew up on Sierra Drive. Eventually, all the children would learn all areas including meat and produce but especially cashiering and "sweeping," he said with a laugh.

Carl was certain his dad had wanted him to continue the family business but all six children, each born one year apart, wound up pursuing professional careers.

The Fongs trained a lot of Dixon students. Even young Scott Williams, the son of Joe and Jean Williams who established the Dixon Florist shop right next door, had his first job at the neighborhood grocery store. Jean and Joe's daughters might as well have worked there, though.

"We were there every day and sometimes three or four times a day," said Dana Williams-Martin.

When asked what they bought, she immediately answered, "Everything!" Her sister Courtney Williams-Kett chimed in saying, "They were the nicest people!" Their dad often gave them a little money to go buy something, the sisters said.

"They watched over us," said Courtney, who recalled John saving her life when she was a child by yanking her out of a car's way when she was walking across the street and not paying attention. "I'll never forget it," she said.

Long-time local Scott Stacy has also been in the store frequently over the years.

"Oh God, yes!" he said when asked if he frequented the store. "I had a running account. Candy bars were only 10 cents, pop was 20 cents and Clark Bars were only 5 cents!"

On social media, there have been fond memories posted of the store's doughnuts and hotdogs. Doughnuts were picked up fresh in Sacramento at 6 A.M., recalled Carl, and brought into their store and meat was "prime!"

Citizen of the Year

Once a year the Fong's invited the Williams family and other friends over for a big Chinese dinner and they were well known and well-loved everywhere in the community, the Williams women said. So much so, that John Fong still is the only non-Dixonite that was named Citizen of the Year in 1972.

"In 1980, there was even a Vacaville bowling team which included my mom and my grandmother that was sponsored by the store," Stacy said. The Fong's ran the store for about 20 years even after they moved to Sacramento.

Stacy also explained that the Dixon High School students had an open campus just a few blocks away and strongly supported the snack industry at the store through the early 1990s. Sometime in the mid-90s though, Fong sold it to a middle eastern family who might not have realized the local's enthusiasm of Dennis and Richard Garcia re-energizing another market, Hometown Market, further draining customers from the Fong's aging store. The last family who bought Pardi Market didn't last three years, Stacy said, citing the building was in poor condition and too expensive to repair. The building was torn down around 1998.

John Fong died in 1997.

Fong Corner

And it was then that Carl Fong learned that his mother had also purchased the lot next door, formerly a Shell Gas Station owned by Tige Thompson and demolished in the 1970s so actually, the Fong family owned the entire corner. Many downtown patrons started using the space to park and ultimately the City of Dixon purchased it in 2012 using Redevelopment Agency money (now called the Dixon Successor Agency).

It stayed a dirt parking lot during numerous attempts to develop it into a town center with commercial space but even with the relentless Downtown Dixon Business Association pushing led by Jill Orr, the long recession coupled with the state taking away the city's Redevelopment Agency funds, kept delaying change. It wasn't until 2019 that the construction began to make it the Pardi Plaza that is seen today. ★

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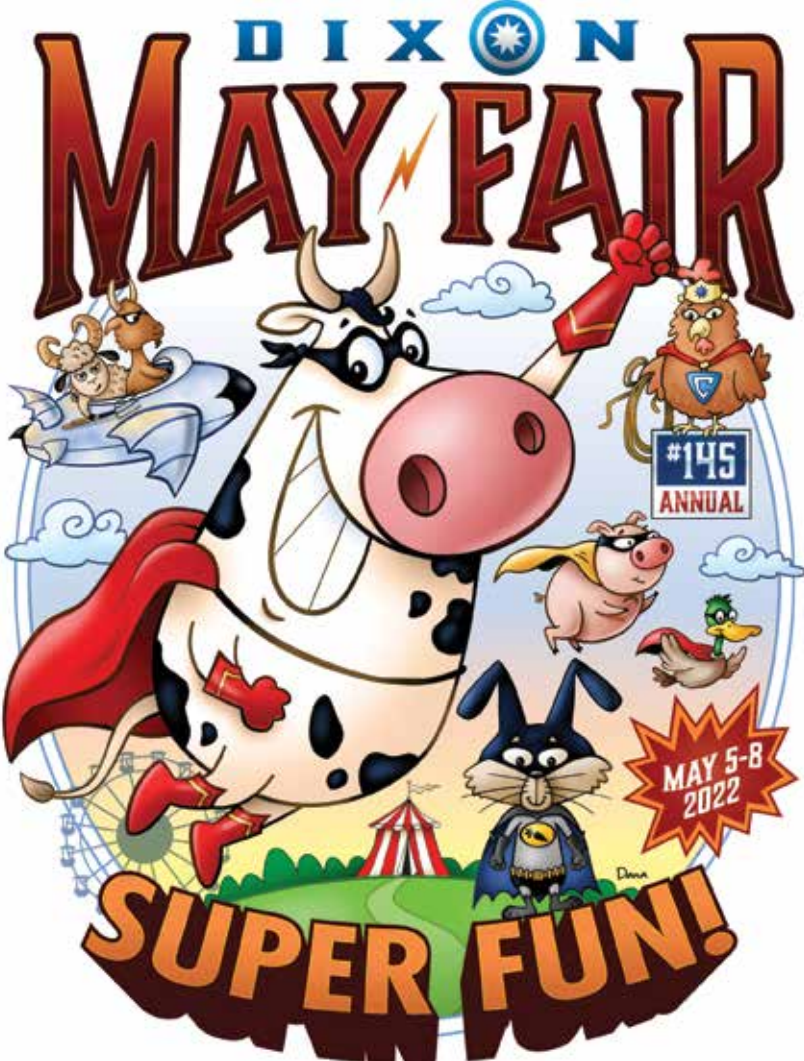
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Career Technical Education Projects
Agriculture Mechanics Projects
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Youth and Adult Gardens
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Tips from the Solano County Master Gardeners
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Thursday, May 5, 2022

Thrifty Thursday \$5.00 Admission for Everyone!

Fair Opens at 4 p.m.

Livestock Shows in Progress *(Fair Admission Required)*
8:00 A.M. Youth Swine Show - Swine Pavilion
9:00 A.M. Youth Sheep Show - Sheep Show Ring
10:00 A.M. Youth Poultry Show - Beef Show Ring
4:00 P.M. FAIR OPENS
4:00 P.M. Butler Amusements Carnival Opens
4:00 - 9:00 P.M. Wine Room Open

4:00 - 8:00 P.M. Master Gardeners of Solano County - Southard Floriculture Pavilion
4:30 P.M. Jack Spareribs' Pirate Palooza - Kids Zone
5:00 - 9:00 P.M. Sacred Fire - A Tribute to Santana- Leber Garden Stage
6:00 P.M. Youth Still Life Awards Ceremony - Today's Youth Building
6:30 P.M. Jack Spareribs' Pirate Palooza Show - Kids Zone
9:00 P.M. Exhibit Buildings & Admission Gates Close
10:00 P.M. Fair Closes until tomorrow

Friday, May 6, 2022

Kids Day Free Fair Admission for Kids 12 and Under

Fair Opens at Noon

Noon – FAIR OPENS
Butler Amusements Carnival Opens
Livestock Shows in Progress *(Fair Admission Required)*
8:00 A.M. Youth Goat Show - Sheep Show Ring
9:00 A.M. Youth Beef Cattle Show - Beef Show Ring
9:00 A.M. Youth Rabbit Show - Swine Show Ring
Noon - 5:00 P.M. Dixon Fire Department's Sparky the Fire Dog - Kids Zone
Noon - 8:00 P.M. Master Gardeners of Solano County - Southard Floriculture Pavilion
Noon - 10:00 P.M. Wine Room Open
12:30 P.M. The Rubber Chicken Show - Leber Garden Stage
1:00 P.M. Youth Dairy Cattle Show - Beef Show Ring
2:00 P.M. Jack Spareribs' Pirate Palooza Show - Kids Zone
2:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. Robby James and the Streets of Bakersfield - Leber Garden Stage

3:00 P.M. The Rubber Chicken Show - Today's Youth Stage
4:00 P.M. Jack Spareribs' Pirate Palooza Show - Kids Zone
6:00 P.M. Seating begins for Bull & Bronc Riding Event
(Must have a ticket to enter)
6:00 P.M. Jack Spareribs' Pirate Palooza Show - Kids Zone
6:00 P.M. The Rubber Chicken Show - Today's Youth Stage
6:30 P.M. Pee Wee (Children 8 & Under) Showmanship - Sheep Show Ring
7:30 P.M. - 10:00 P.M. Foreigner Unauthorized - Leber Garden Stage
7:00 P.M. Dawson's Bar & Grill Grandstand - West Coast Rodeo Company - Bull & Bronc Riding Event *(Tickets \$25 - Advance sale includes fair admission. Day of event \$25 w/o fair admission)*
10:00 P.M. Exhibit Buildings and Admission Gates Close
11:00 P.M. Fair Closes until tomorrow

Saturday, May 7, 2022

Fair Opens at 11 a.m.

Rawhide Express Shuttle Available from High School Parking during Fair hours

10:00 A.M. – Dixon Chamber of Commerce Parade – First Street - Dixon
11:00 A.M. – FAIR OPENS
11:00 A.M. – 3 p.m. – 8th Annual Dixon May Fair Classic Car Show
Picnic Stage Area
11:00 A.M. - Noon 4-H Presentations - Today's Youth Building
11:30 A.M. Junior Livestock Auction - Beef Show Ring
11:30 A.M. Dixon Dance Studio - Leber Garden Stage
Noon - Butler Amusements Carnival Opens
Noon - 10:00 P.M. Wine Room Open
12:30 P.M. The Rubber Chicken Show - Today's Youth Stage
12:30 P.M. - 8 P.M. Master Gardeners of Solano County Southard Floriculture Pavilion
12:30 P.M. - 1:30 P.M. Keep on Truckin' - Picnic Stage
1:00 P.M. Vacaville High School Drumline - Main Gate Courtyard
1:00 P.M. Patrick Contreras - Violin on Fire - grounds
1:00 P.M. - 5 P.M. Latin Touch Band - Leber Garden Stage
2:00 P.M. - 3 P.M. 4-H Presentations - Today's Youth Building
2:00 P.M. Jack Spareribs' Pirate Palooza Show - Kids Zone
2:00 P.M. Dixon Chamber of Commerce Parade Awards - Picnic Stage

2:30 P.M. Diaper Derby - Kids Zone
2:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M. Keep on Truckin' - Picnic Stage
3:00 P.M. The Rubber Chicken Show - Today's Youth Stage
3:00 P.M. Patrick Contreras - Violin on Fire - grounds
3:30 P.M. Classic Car Show Awards Ceremony - Picnic Stage
4:00 P.M. Jack Spareribs' Pirate Palooza Show - Kids Zone
4:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. Keep on Truckin' - Picnic Stage
5:00 P.M. Patrick Contreras - Violin on Fire - grounds
5:30 P.M. The Rubber Chicken Show - Today's Youth Stage
6:00 P.M. Seating begins for Truck & Tractor Pull (must have a ticket to enter)
6:00 P.M. Jack Spareribs' Pirate Palooza Show - Kids Zone
6:00 P.M. - 10:30 P.M. Vinyl Ride - Leber Garden Stage
7:00 P.M. Patrick Contreras - Violin on Fire - grounds
7:00 P.M. Dawson's Bar & Grill Grandstand - MAXX KAKL MOTORSPORTS – TRUCK & TRACTOR PULLS *(Tickets \$25 - Advance sale includes fair admission. Day of event \$25 w/o fair admission)*
10:00 P.M. Exhibit Buildings & Admission Gates Close
11:00 P.M. Fair Closes until tomorrow

Sunday, May 8, 2022

Fair Opens at Noon

Rawhide Express Shuttle Available from High School Parking during Fair hours

Mothers' Day Rose Giveaway – First 500 through the Main Gate
(Subject to availability)
Livestock Shows in Progress *(Fair Admission Required)*
9:00 A.M. - Large Animal Supreme Showmanship - Livestock Area
11:00 A.M. - Small Animal Supreme Showmanship
Noon – FAIR OPENS
Butler Amusements Carnival Opens
Noon - 2:00 P.M. Mariachi Oro De Mexico - Main Gate Courtyard
Noon - 8:00 P.M. Master Gardeners of Solano County - Southard Floriculture Pavilion
Noon - 12:45 P.M. Ballet Folklorico Netzahualcoyotl – Leber Garden Stage
Noon - 9:00 P.M. Wine Room Open
12:30 P.M. The Rubber Chicken Show - Today's Youth Stage
1:00 P.M. Patrick Contreras - Violin on Fire - grounds
1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. Crossman Connection - Leber Garden Stage
2:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M. DJ - Picnic Stage
2:00 P.M. Jack Spareribs' Pirate Palooza Show - Kids Zone
2:30 P.M. - 3:20 P.M. Marisol y Su Revancha
3:00 P.M. Patrick Contreras - Violin on Fire - grounds
3:20 P.M. - 3:35 P.M. DJ - Picnic Stage
3:35 P.M. - 4:25 P.M. Grupo Doble Estilo - Picnic Stage
3:00 P.M. Livestock Exhibitor Awards - Livestock Area

3:00 P.M. The Rubber Chicken Show - Today's Youth Stage
4:00 P.M. Jack Spareribs' Pirate Palooza Show - Kids Zone
4:00 P.M. Seating begins for Demolition Derby (must have a ticket to enter)
4:25 P.M. - 4:40 P.M. DJ - Picnic Stage
4:40 P.M. - 5:35 P.M. Rocio y Su Sonora - Picnic Stage
5:00 P.M. Patrick Contreras - Violin on Fire - grounds
5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. 4-H Presentations - Today's Youth Building
5:30 P.M. The Rubber Chicken Show - Today's Youth Stage
5:30 P.M. Dawson's Bar & Grill Grandstand – MoonDog Motorsports DEMOLITION DERBY *(Tickets \$30 - Advance sale includes fair admission. Day of event \$30 w/o fair admission)*
5:35 P.M. - 5:50 P.M. DJ – Picnic Stage
5:50 P.M. - 6:45 P.M. Los Bondadosos – Picnic Stage
6:00 P.M. Jack Spareribs' Pirate Palooza Show - Kids Zone
6:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. Rhythm Method Trio - Leber Garden Stage
6:45 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. DJ - Picnic Stage
7:00 P.M. Patrick Contreras - Violin on Fire - grounds
7:00 P.M. to 7:55 P.M. La Raza Obrera - Picnic Stage
7:55 P.M. to 8:10 P.M. DJ- Picnic Stage - Picnic Stage
8:10 P.M. to 9 P.M. Banda La 8va Maravilla - Picnic Stage
9:00 P.M. Exhibit Buildings & Admission Gates Close
10:00 P.M. Fair Closes until 2023

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Where is the Minority Representation?

Being that Dixon is a small community, I disagreed with the council's decision to implement council member districts in June 2016. This was initiated by City Attorney Doug White (a private contractor) who advised the council that Dixon needed to be split into districts to foster minority representation being that some cities had been sued due to lack of minority representation. However, council members (including current Mayor Bird and Councilman Pederson) failed to do their homework while also forgetting staff's jobs. City staff's job is to provide guidance, but a councilmember's job is to take the guidance and obtain additional information in order to make an informed decision. In regard to this issue, they forgot that prior Councilmen Vega, Gomez and Castenon were all minority candidates that were elected at large. They also apparently did not check with other cities, because if they had, they would have discovered that other cities both smaller and larger than Dixon continue to elect their members at large. Some cities that had districts had gone back to at large elections. Lastly, if they had walked around Dixon, they would have discovered that Dixonites are intermingled except for a few pocket neighborhoods. But the city attorney brandished the threat of potential lawsuits intimidated and scared them and passed Ordinance No. 16-007 which divided Dixon into districts. Now, if you look at the impact of the ordinance in regard to who the current council members are, there are no minorities and no Hispanics since the ordinance was passed. However, what districting did accomplish was to make it more difficult for individuals to run. There have been fewer people running for council with the implementation of districts. At the council meeting on April 5 to discuss changing some of the district's boundaries, somebody mentioned wanting to run for council in the upcoming election but couldn't. Councilman Pederson responded callously advising them to move to a district in which they could run. So, I am not so sure that the creation of districts was done solely for the purpose of increasing minority representation. Maybe councilmembers realized that the creation of districts would also have the benefit of making it easier for them to retain their seats, since there would be less, or no competition and it would be less expensive to run a campaign.

David Dingman

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509 West A Street Dixon, CA 95620. Katrina Marsh, 509 West A Street Dixon, CA 95620. and James Young, 909 Breton Drive Fairfield, CA 94533. Date Filed in Solano County: March 30, 2022. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 3/25/2022
This Business is conducted by: A General Partnership. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration March 29, 2027. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
Publish: April 8, 15, 22 & 29, 2022
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-000548
The following persons are doing business as: Chonies Express 366 Crimson Circle, Vacaville, CA 95687. Alba Kipers, 1720 Green Acres Lane, Brentwood, CA 94513 and Jordan Krehlik, 366 Crimson Circle, Vacaville, CA 95687. Date Filed in Solano County: March 29, 2022. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-000688
The following persons are doing business as: Blue Monarch Medical Transport, 3628 Sunny Hills Lane, Vacaville, CA 95688. Blue Monarch Medical Transport, LLC, 3628 Sunny Hills Lane, Vacaville, CA 95688. Date Filed in Solano County: April 14, 2022. 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 April 13, 2027. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
Publish: April 22, 29, May 6 & 13, 2022
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CITY OF DIXON NOTICE TO BIDDERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the City of Dixon that sealed bids will be received online via Blueprint Express on Thursday, May 19, 2022, until 3:00 p.m. at which time all bids will be publicly opened online and read by the City Clerk, for the following project:
PARKWAY BOULEVARD WESTERN EMBANKMENT AND UTILITIES PROJECT PROJECT #2003-12
LOCATION OF WORK: Within the City-owned property for the future overpass of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) railroad corridor and Porter Road, connecting Parkway Boulevard to Pitt School Road, in the City of Dixon, Solano County.
DESCRIPTION OF WORK: Construction of the western embankment and drainage improvements of the future Parkway Boulevard Railroad Grade Separation Project. Work includes all equipment, labor and materials necessary to grade and compact the embankment and install drainage improvements. The Engineer's Estimate for this project is \$2,531,000.
All work is to be done in accordance with said Plans and Specifications. A copy of the Plans and Specifications, including the Contract Documents, may be obtained by logging on www.blueprintexpress.com/dixon or by calling BPXpress Reprographics at (707) 745-3593. Bid sets may be obtained for a non-refundable price of \$125.00 (additional fee if mailed). All bidders must purchase a complete bid set from BPXpress Reprographics in order to be considered responsive and to receive addenda notifications.
All questions prior to the deadline for bid submission shall be directed to the attention of Carl Walker, Harris & Associates at carl.walker@weareharris.com. The deadline for submission of questions and clarifications regarding the Contract Documents is 5:00pm, Thursday, May 5, 2022. Only Addenda issued by the City are binding.
Dixon Independent Voice 4-22 and 4-29-2022

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE DIXON PLANNING COMMISSION
In accordance with the Government Code section 54953(d), the Dixon Planning Commission will hold a PUBLIC HEARING to consider the following project:
PROJECT: 150 East F Street (AT&T Monopole) - Request for Conditional Use Permit and Design Review approval for installation of a new telecommunications facility that includes a 64 foot tall monopole with 9 antenna and 15 remote radio heads (RRH) on the top and corresponding equipment including walk-in cabinet, generator, and fencing located on the ground level. Pursuant to DMC Section 18.47.050, all new telecommunications facilities, not otherwise exempted by DMC 18.47.050B, require a Conditional Use Permit. Pursuant to DMC Section 18.15.120, all new uses are subject to Design Review. APN: 0115-050-110; Zoning District: Light Industrial (ML); Aaron Hoffman, owner, New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, applicant; File No: PA 22-06, CUP 220-01 and DR 22-03
The California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") requires that this project be reviewed to determine if a study of potential environmental effects is required. It has been determined that this project will not have a significant effect on the environment and no environmental review will be completed. This project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption from the provisions of the CEQA Guidelines under 14 CRR Section 15303(d) and (e) New Structures. If the Planning Commission determines that this project is in an environmentally-sensitive area, further study may be required.
HEARING DATE & LOCATION: Tuesday, May 10, 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, Associate Planner at (707) 678-7000 ext. 1115 or 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 also view the staff report 72 hours before the meeting at https://www.cityofdixon.us/MeetingAgendasMinutesVideos.
WHAT WILL HAPPEN: All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing to express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposed application. Testimony from interested persons will be heard and considered by the Planning Commission prior to making any decision on the application.
The meeting will be physically open to the public and all persons attending the meeting must abide by all State rules and public health guidelines, regarding masking and social distancing in City Council chambers.
PUBLIC COMMENTS: Prior to 4:30pm on the day of the meeting, written comments can be: 1) emailed to PlanningCommission@cityofdixon.us or 2) mailed/dropped off to: City of Dixon, Planning Commission, 600 East A St, Dixon, CA 95620 and must be received by 4:30pm on the day of the hearing. Copies of written comments received will be provided to the Planning Commission and will become part of the official record, but will not be read aloud at the meeting
You may also attend the public hearing at the time and location listed above or participate remotely, to provide comments during the meeting. To speak or provide comments remotely during public comment period, you may 1) via video conferencing click on "raise hand" 2) via teleconference press *9, or 3) email comments/questions to publiccomment@cityofdixon.us
At the above time and place, all letters received will be noted and all interested parties will be heard. If you challenge in court the matter described above, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered at, or prior to, the above referenced public hearing (Government Code Section 65009 (b)(2)).
Appeals of decisions by the Planning Commission to the City Council shall be made in person at Dixon City Hall by completing the appeal application and submitting the required fee, within 10 calendar days of a decision (Dixon Municipal Code Sections 17.01.050 or 18.40).
Upon request, the agenda and the documents in the meeting agenda packet can be made available to persons with a disability. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City encourages those with disabilities to participate fully in the public meeting process. Any person requiring special assistance to participate in the meeting should call (707) 678-7000 (voice) or (707) 678-1489 (TTY) at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.
Dixon Independent Voice 4-29-2022

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE DIXON PLANNING COMMISSION
In accordance with the Government Code section 54953(d), the Dixon Planning Commission will hold a PUBLIC HEARING to consider the following project:
PROJECT: City of Dixon 5-Year Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Plan Update for Fiscal Year 2023 through Fiscal Year 2027 - The City of Dixon is updating it's CIP for the next five years. A CIP is a five-year forecast which identifies major (capital) projects requiring the use of public funds over and above routine annual operating expenses. A capital project creates, improves, replaces, repairs, or permanently adds to City assets including: land, site improvements, parks, buildings, streets, bike paths, bridges, utility improvements, major equipment, computer hardware, and communication systems purchases.
The CIP plan and the Commission's review for General Plan conformity is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 since it is not a "project" as defined under CEQA.
HEARING DATE & LOCATION: Tuesday, May 10, 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 Jordan Santos, Junior Engineer at (707) 678-7030 or jsantos@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.
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By Dan Walters
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It’s an election year and crime has emerged as a major campaign issue, so it’s no wonder that the horrendous shootout between two gang factions in downtown Sacramento that left six people dead has led to much political fingerpointing. Republicans, who have become virtually powerless in California, quickly pointed the finger of blame at Gov. Gavin Newsom because one of the alleged shooters, Smiley Martin, had served just five years of a 10-year prison term for spousal abuse due to the state’s recently loosened parole standards. “In California, you can do the crime and skip the time. Criminals see little to no consequences for crime, and that needs to change,” said Senate Republican leader Scott Wilk. “If we are to restore order and safety to our communities, a good place to start is ensuring early release credits are not given to violent and dangerous felons for simply breathing.” In response, Newsom’s office has said the state prison system was merely implementing authority to grant more generous “good time” credits to inmates that voters authorized when they passed

Proposition 57 in 2016. Prison authorities had adopted the new rules on an expedited basis without the chance for public input, but after a lawsuit was filed and a judge tentatively ruled against the process, they reversed themselves and have allowed a period for comment. The politician who should bear the onus for allowing the alleged shooter and other violent criminals to serve only portions of their sentences is former Gov. Jerry Brown, who wrote Proposition 57 and more or less tricked voters into believing that it would benefit only felons who committed non-violent crimes. Brown’s stated aim was to undo some of the tough sentencing laws he signed during his first stint as governor nearly four decades earlier, saying they had not worked. He closely guarded details of the “Public Safety and Rehabilitation Act of 2016” until just before submitting it as an amendment to a pending ballot measure dealing with juvenile justice, thereby virtually eliminating any chance for opponents to influence “title and summary” processing by the Department of Justice. The measure, a constitutional amendment, declares that “any person convicted of a non-violent felony offense and sentenced to state prison shall be eligible for parole consideration after completing the full term for his or her primary offense” and made it easier for them to reduce the “full term” with more

generous credits for good behavior. However, it did not define or list “non-violent felony offenses.” Instead, Brown’s campaign referred to a section of the Penal Code that listed 23 particularly violent offenses, such as murder. Any crime not on the list would be considered non-violent for purposes of parole. Indirectly, therefore, dozens of serious crimes would be considered non-violent for parole purposes. They include assault with a deadly weapon, soliciting murder, intimidating or harming a crime victim or witness, resisting arrest that injures a police officer, violent elder or child abuse, arson with injury, human trafficking and several forms of manslaughter. Ironically, as Proposition 57 was being debated, Kamala Harris, then the attorney general, released a report revealing that violent crime had increased by 10% in 2015 and she counted several crimes considered to be non-violent under Brown’s measure. Nevertheless, Brown’s campaign for Proposition 57 continued to insist that only non-violent felons would benefit and voters passed the measure handily. Two years ago, voters also rejected a measure that would have added a number of obviously violent crimes to the 23 that Proposition 57 had specified. Dan Walters has been a journalist for nearly 60 years, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers. ★



Riley Reviews

“THE BAD GUYS” ARE ACTUALLY GOOD; TCM FESTIVAL REPORT

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

“THE BAD GUYS” Rated PG Animated films have mostly lost their luster and appeal, at least from my perspective in recent years. For instance, Disney’s animated films too often appear to be a variation of the same style and themes. This, of course, is just a matter of opinion which you may discuss among yourselves. My recent general avoidance of animation may be skewed by perception of missing innovation. That’s why it’s so refreshing and original that DreamWorks Animation has delivered a true family-friendly entertainment with “The Bad Guys” that everyone on the age spectrum is able enjoy. The bad guys are dashing pickpocket Mr. Wolf (Sam Rockwell); slithering safecracker Mr. Snake (Marc Maron); master-of-disguise Mr. Shark (Craig Robinson); short-fused “muscle” Mr. Piranha (Anthony Ramos); and Ms. Tarantula (Awkwafina), the sharp-tongued expert hacker.

This quintet of crackerjack criminals has a deserved reputation as irredeemable animal outlaws that have managed to strike fear in the citizenry and exasperate law enforcement, particularly excitable police chief Misty Luggins (Alex Borstein). Things take a turn when after the gang is caught, the dapper, ultra-smooth Mr. Wolf brokers a deal with the foxy Governor Diane Foxington (Zazie Beetz) to avoid prison with the most-wanted villains putatively deciding to go straight. Mr. Wolf’s deal doesn’t sit very well with the crew, but now under the tutelage of Professor Marmalade (Richard Ayoade), an arrogant guinea pig with a British accent, the bad guys will have to pretend at least to mending their ways. How will it be possible for these hardened criminals who have terrorized the city for so long be able to reform their behavior? Will these dastardly criminals avoid a potential recidivism? Complicating matters is the tension that arises between Mr. Wolf’s wanting to do good while his pals remain subversively tied to planning heists as if they were the lead characters in “Ocean’s Eleven.” The fun in “The Bad Guys” comes from the wise-cracking animals who take so much pleasure in their capers and how they torment the police chief, as well as the high-speed chases in Mr. Wolf’s vintage muscle car. The fast pace of “The Bad Guys” is exhilarating and the gags are funny. Tune in to experience the joy and find out if the bad guys finally redeem themselves.

TCM CLASSIC FILM FESTIVAL REPORT For the TCM Classic Film Festival, movies of the 1940s and 1950s on display may not necessarily be classics in the mold of “Casablanca” or “Giant,” but in the case of

“Queen Bee” and “The Letter,” they offer an insight to the draw of iconic actors. In an introduction to “Queen Bee,” writer and filmmaker William Joyce noted the checkered career of star Joan Crawford went from being the “high priestess of glamor” to “box office poison” before reinventing herself for the classic “Mildred Pierce.” Though it received mixed reviews in 1955, “Queen Bee” is a gem for showing Joan Crawford at her best and her worst in this lurid melodrama as she deliciously flaunts her wives with an amusingly vicious streak. As a Southern matriarch out to keep her former lover Jud Prentiss (John Ireland) from marrying her sister-in-law (Betsy Palmer), Crawford’s Eva Phillips is evil personified. Eva thrashes one rival’s bedroom and uses the engagement party to reveal her past affair. Does her ruthless skewering actually lead one of the leading characters to suicide?

Joan Crawford’s manic energy as the noxious shrew leads her to dominate every scene, and as William Joyce so aptly observed, her character “descends to devour everyone in the movie.” Arguably, Joan Crawford takes a serious approach to her character’s mean traits that drove her husband to alcoholism and bitterness. From a contemporary viewpoint, her performance looks like a generous helping of delightful “camp.” Bette Davis was another strong actress with a stellar career who made several films directed by William Wyler, with whom she had a romantic and professional relationship according to Kathryn Sermak, the cofounder of the Bette Davis Foundation. In an introduction to 1940’s “The Letter,” Sermak observed that star Bette Davis was an actor from the old school who created her character from within her persona. Fittingly, Davis was known to have respected Joan Crawford. An emotionally potent film, “The Letter” showcases Davis in a stellar performance as Leslie Crosbie, an upper-class woman who pumps six bullets into a lover and then spends the rest of the film lying to cover her real motive. Though claiming self-defense, Leslie is arrested for murder and her husband Robert (Herbert Marshall) hires attorney Howard Joyce (James Stephenson) to defend her. Predictably enough, blackmail and intrigue beset the trial. The lawyer uncovers an incriminating letter that casts serious doubt on the veracity of Leslie’s story of victimhood.


“The Letter” may not rise to the level of vintage film noir, but a dark tale of murder and adultery is about as good as it gets when stirring the pot with a heavy dose of duplicity and conspiracy. An icon of that era, Bette Davis delivers the goods. ★



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Water Curtailments in Russian River Watershed Expected to Continue

Farmers and ranchers in the Russian River watershed are likely to see continued restrictions on irrigation supplies this year. State water officials are seeking to extend a 2021 curtailment order for Russian River water diversions. The state plans to revise its emergency drought regulations next month. Farm Bureaus in Mendocino and Sonoma counties are proposing an alternative plan that would incorporate a volunteer, locally driven water conservation program.

Dairy Farmers Gearing Up for State Mandates on Cutting Methane Emissions

California dairy producers are facing increasing pressure to curb the carbon footprint of their operations. Dairy and livestock producers must cut methane emissions by 40% below 2013 levels by 2030. They are currently on pace to hit a reduction of 22% by then, according to the California Air Resources Board. Nonetheless, participants in a recent California Dairy Sustainability Summit said progress is underway and a climate-neutral dairy industry is achievable.

As Mushroom Tastes Evolve, Growers Reap Premium Prices for New Varieties

Specialty mushrooms are trending. California mushroom growers are taking advantage of evolving customer demands to produce diverse product lines of healthy medicinal mushrooms, from reishi to cordyceps. One grower, Roberto Ramirez of Mountain Meadow Mushrooms in Escondido, says his organic lion’s mane mushrooms now fetch \$15 a pound. That’s far more than the \$2.25 he gets for his common white mushrooms.

Legislature Advances Bill that would Reimburse Farmers for Cleanup of Illegal Dumping

Farmers are seeking help in addressing illegal dumping on their properties, and state lawmakers may be responding. Landowners complain that people are discarding everything from household appliances to tires on farms and along rural roads, creating unsightly messes and costly and often hazardous cleanup challenges. Legislation passed in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee would provide grants to reimburse farmers for costs of cleaning up the illegal dumping. ★

Dixon News Briefs



Residents came out to help at a recent community clean-up which greatly improved their shared landscaped areas. More volunteers can help this Saturday. Photo courtesy of the City of Dixon

MPG Staff

Community Clean-up

Reminding all about the city’s volunteer clean up on Saturday, April 30, starting at 9 A.M. The event will be held along West A Street, from Pitt School Road and N. Lincoln. The meeting point is designated at Dickson Estates which is about halfway between this event’s focus area.

Bring plenty of water, gloves and any tools that you might want to use, as there will be limited tools provided by the city for this landscape and clean up activity. Please mark your tools so they make it back home with you.

Please complete the volunteer form provided at this link and bring it with you: <https://www.cityofdixon.us/.../Volunteer%20Waiver%20>. Anyone under 18 needs to have a parent or guardian complete the form. Forms will also be provided the day of the event.

Volunteers should sign up by contacting Linda Babb at (707) 693-2224 or lbabb@cityofdixon.us. By signing up, it gives staff a good idea of how to delegate work efficiently. Sign-ups will be open until 4 P.M. on April 29, however, last minute participants are always accepted.

Drug Take Back

Also on Saturday, there will be a National Rx Takeback from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. at the Dixon Police Department, 201 West A Street in downtown Dixon. This is where one can turn in unneeded medication for safe disposal. It is sponsored by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the aim is to provide a safe, convenient and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications.

Mercadito!

At Gretchen Higgins Elementary School,

the parent teacher organization will host a “Mercadito” with entrepreneurs, amazing food, crafters and much more on Saturday from 11 A.M. to 2 P.M. The school is located at 1525 Pembroke Way. For more info, go to gh.pto_fair@yahoo.com.

Blood Drive

The next community blood drive will be May 16 from 2-6 P.M. at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 North First Street in Dixon. To schedule your appointment, call Vitalant at (877) 258-4825 and mention blood drive SMFM014 to sign up. There is no age limit if you are healthy.

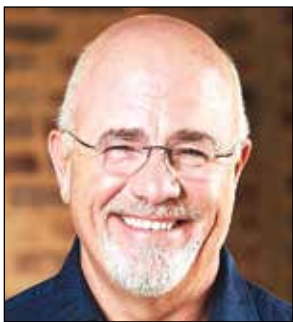
There are certain medical diagnoses and some medications that would disqualify someone from donating their blood, but basically if you’re an adult, over 110 pounds, and are in good general health, you can help save lives. They accept walk-ins but it’s better to make an appointment so go to vitalant.org.

Vet’s Dinner

This Friday’s veteran’s dinner will feature delicious ham, scalloped potatoes, corn and a dinner roll. These dinners are only \$10 and are informal and fun with live music, too from 6-8 P.M. They help support the veterans and keep the hall open. There is also an open, no host bar.

City Council

This coming Tuesday, May 3 at 7 P.M. there will be another city council meeting in the council chambers, 600 East A Street, right next to the brand-new trailer/office that is now fully operational for city staff. Interested citizens may also participate via Zoom listed at the beginning of the agenda or can watch via Granicus live streaming by logging onto the city website and clicking on government then clicking on city council then on “agendas.” ★



Dave Ramsey Says

just to have just one policy, generally speaking, but regardless of whether you have one or more, I always recommend having 10 to 12 times your annual income wrapped up in a good, level term life insurance policy.

Different people have different personal and business financial situations, so there could be many reasons to have more than one life insurance policy. I have lots of insurance connected to our estate plan, our business and different kinds of things. Most life insurance companies will only write so much in coverage for one person, so when this has been the case, I just went to another carrier for additional coverage.

Also, some people buy more than one life insurance policy just to feel secure from a provider standpoint. If one insurance company goes out of business, they’ll

still have another policy – or more – in place. That’s not usually a big problem, though, since the majority of insurance companies have insurance to back them up with the state, or are very financially stable.

I hope this helps, Victoria! – Dave

Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 18 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions. ★

You Can Have More Than One

Dear Dave,

A relative of mine recently mentioned she had two life insurance policies. Is it okay for a person to have more than one life insurance policy? If so, why would someone do that?

– Victoria

Dear Victoria,

There aren’t any rules against having more than one life insurance policy. The only real problem is it might complicate your life a little in terms of having multiple premium withdrawals, checks or possibly additional policy fees to worry about every month. It’s cheaper

Summer Street Fair Officially Set

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than \$300,000 but we always have to have seed money. It gets tough; that’s why anything helps. We are a non-profit and no one gets paid for doing this.”

One of those Board volunteers is Leah Marlin, Secretary, who starts getting the vendor application forms updated

every January.

“I keep up the binders as forms come in and at our meeting, we open them all up and review which vendors we’ve received,” she said. “Then, before the event, we get together and lay out the places for everything.”

“On the day of the event, I’m in charge of the park where the

children’s area, the nonprofits, and the crafters are,” she said. Pony rides and a petting zoo are also in the children’s area. It’s work throughout the year, but she enjoys it, she said, and the Dixon Action Team donates to the vet’s hall where she belongs to the Women’s Auxiliary.

Interested in helping or

donating? There is a Grillin’ & Chillin’ Car & Truck Show & Rib Chili Cook off Facebook page where one can get info and leave a message. But sooner is better as space will be limited for various kinds of vendors and foods, said Hamilton. Vendors should email dixongevendors@gmail.com for more information.

One can check out their website which will be updated soon with easy registration forms along with information on the various levels and benefits for sponsorships. If you want to enter the rib contest, enter a pre-1974 or older car, or you’re a crafter or food vendor, please go online to www.dixonrib-cookoff.com. ★

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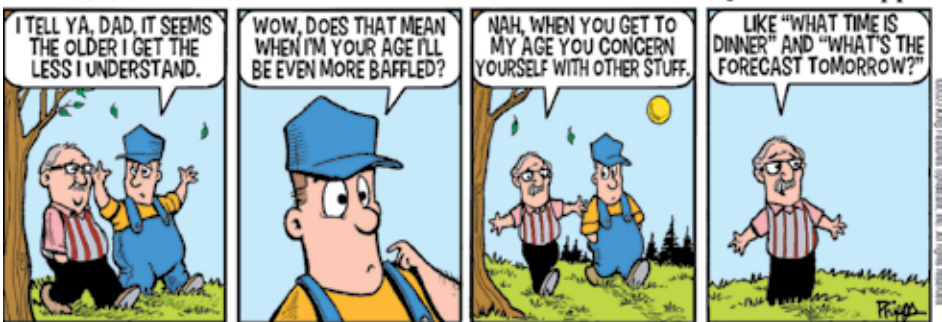
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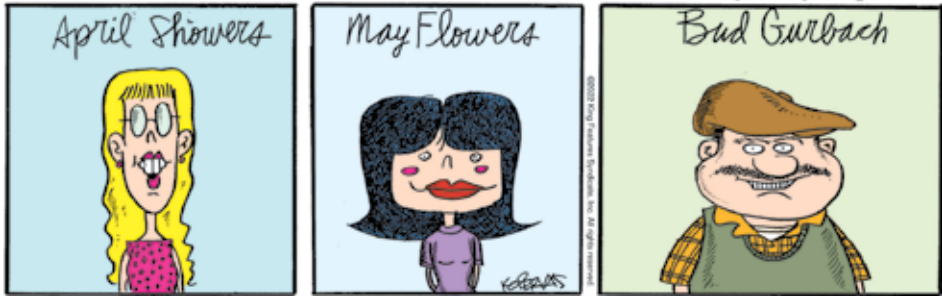
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Rams Keep Rolling

Dixon Extends Win Streak to Lucky No. 13



Dixon senior middle blocker Ernesto Arias (#12) spikes the ball during a sweep of Vacaville Christian on Monday, April 18 in Dixon. Photo by Debra Dingman



Dixon senior opposite hitter Kyan Fries serves during a sweep of Vacaville Christian on Monday, April 18 in Dixon. Photo by Debra Dingman

By Shaun Holkko, sports editor

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - The Dixon High School boy's volleyball team won its 13th match in a row Tuesday night, winning road games in back-to-back days.

The Rams (14-1, 9-0 Golden Empire League) were victorious at Casa Roble (6-8, 5-4) on Monday night 3-2 and at Mesa Verde (12-12, 5-3) on Tuesday 3-0. With the wins, Dixon remained unbeaten in league play.

In a battle of the Rams played in Orangevale, Casa Roble pushed Dixon to its limit. For the first time since March 15 against Davis, the Rams conceded a set to their opponent. In fact, they lost two after not giving up even one for nine straight games and all season to league opponents.

Casa came out aggressive and determined to pull off the upset and snap Dixon's winning streak Monday, winning each of the first two sets by a tight margin at 25-22.



However, Dixon refused to go down without a fight, prevailing in a tough third set 25-21. After recapturing the momentum by staying alive in the match, Dixon cruised to a fourth set victory 25-14 and in the decisive final set, 15-6.

The Rams from Dixon returned to their dominant ways Tuesday in Citrus Heights, taking all three

sets and sweeping the Mesa Verde Mavericks. Dixon got in a slug fest with Mesa Verde in the first set, needing extra time to secure the set point 27-25. The Rams decisively won the second and third sets, 25-19 and 25-17 respectively.

Dixon has already clinched the Golden Empire League title, leading the second place Mavericks by three and a half games in the standings. The numbers don't lie when it comes to the Rams' dominance in league play. Dixon has lost two sets to league opponents all season. The next closest team are the Mavericks who have lost 11, however, six of them have been to the Rams.

The regular season for Dixon came to an end Wednesday night at home against Pioneer (1-13, 1-7). The result of the match was unknown as of press time. Visit independent-voice.com for more Dixon sports coverage. ★

Road Work Will Pause for May Fair

Good news! PG&E is abandoning old metal gas pipes and installing new standard plastic piping in the downtown area and re-routing it to the businesses and property owners in the vicinity. It is always good news when old infrastructure is getting updated, said City of Dixon Engineering Technician Leland Markuson. He reported they have asked the work to "pause" after Friday, April 29, until after the May Fair.

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