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Teachers, Workers Protest



Dixon School District teachers and classified workers protest low pay at last week's school board meeting in front of City Hall.

**Story and photos
by Debra Dingman**

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Picket signs and chants are becoming more of a regular scene at Dixon Unified School District meetings, especially this past year. Last week there was plenty of sign waving and chanting from the Dixon Teachers Association who got additional support from the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 1021 classified workers' chapter. Both want more pay.

"It's frustrating. When we finished [talks last year,] they made a promise to present a salary



A SEIU District field rep addresses the School Board.

proposal at the start of this year and they didn't even counter till February," said Dixon Teacher Association President Wes Besseghini.

"They are in the same spot."

Several teachers spoke to attentive Trustees citing as many as 30-plus teaching

spots currently available on EdJoin, an online teaching job website, and if they don't do something now to retain staff, the problem will get worse. The district's proposed 5% raise is not enough, and they want 3% more.

"We're tired of losing really qualified, amazing teachers to surrounding districts," said Sheila Herd, Dixon's teacher of the Year. "We are the lowest paid district in the surrounding area."

Parent Julie Galindo told of her son sitting in a gym for 15 days because they had no social science credentialed teacher.

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Memorial Day Services Planned



A visitor sits in front of a tombstone at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery where there will be a service on Saturday morning at 9 a.m. in commemoration of Memorial Day.

**Story and photos
by Debra Dingman**

DIXON, CA (MPG) - This coming Monday, May 27, formal Memorial Day services will begin in Dixon at 11 a.m. with a solemn but brief ceremony at the Silveyville Cemetery 'Tomb of the Unknown' and the public is invited. There, veterans will offer a prayer and after that, the group will move to the flagpole where they will 'raise the colors' while Veteran Roger Schaller plays the TAPS on his trumpet and a message given by American Legion Post 208 Commander Robert Strong.

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

There are 750 veterans including 16 at Tremont and maybe some out at Binghampton Cemetery, according to Silveyville Cemetery staff.

The one gravesite headstone marked 'Tomb of the Unknown' is dedicated to a deceased U.S. service member whose remains have not been identified. Flags are placed at all known veterans. The Silveyville Cemetery is at 800 South First Street, across from the Dixon May Fair.

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

From World War I, there

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Women Award Scholarships

**Story by Eileen Wilson,
photo by Debra Dingman**

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixon Women's Improvement Club began in 1899 with the aim of contributing to the civic and social well-being of the community. At this time, Dixon's population was 600 and the club membership was 25. The club is responsible for bringing the Carnegie Library to Dixon, the park next to the library, and planting walnut trees south of the town limit to the cemetery. We have been giving scholarships to graduating seniors since 1972.

Our scholarship winners this year shined during our interviews. They all had compelling stories that showed amazing determination to overcome obstacles and hardships. They conveyed realistic plans to achieve their goals. We were impressed with their ability to balance academic achievement



Scholarship winners were recognized at the Dixon Women's Improvement Club May Luncheon. They are (L-R) Abby Ming, Hayley Yantas, Carol Mejia, Frank Lopez, Emily Cherry-Switzer, Jaya Wartson, Shelby Moody, Nargis Afzali, and DWIC Committee Chair Diane Schroeder. Photo courtesy of Dixon Women's Improvement Club

with solid school and community involvement. Besides performing academically, their participation in programs like FFA, Leadership, Key Club, AVID, Public Service Academy, band and athletics developed well-rounded students who will all be successful in life. Thanks to the DHS staff and those who inspired these young people to strive for more.

\$1000 scholarships are awarded to:

Shelby Moody - will be attending American River College seeking an AA in Business and then continuing at the University of Montana "delving into

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Time to Retire!

By Debra Dingman

Yes, it’s been funny to joke about my forgetfulness, and my well-meaning friends and hubby have laughed it off as me being “overloaded” or too busy. But, it has been largely heartbreaking for me as I’ve missed important appointments and got times, emails, or names mixed up.

I’ve always been a proponent of aging naturally — and with dignity. That is why I wear my hair white and silver; that is what it is naturally. I wear little makeup so that when I wash my face at night, my husband doesn’t ask who I am.

This past year, I can see people’s mouths move and hear sounds but I have a lot of difficulty hearing them and it’s embarrassing. I can’t hear my grandchildren at all unless we are talking on the phone. The audiologist confirmed my hearing loss and yes, I will be wearing hearing aids soon.

Why am I telling you this? So that you will understand why after four-plus years, I’m stepping down as the Independent Voice Editor and that you will understand that there will come a time when all of us should step down.

It is time for me to really retire. I’m excited. I’m looking forward to being less driven and more relaxed. I want to travel with my loving hubby, too.

The work at the newspaper has been extremely rewarding. I believe the entire team from my writing and editing to their production, bookkeeping and circulation have been great and keep getting better. We have got things wrong here and there but overall, producing a 10-page newspaper every week and having a great online

service is more than I could have ever hoped for in this town where I moved 32 years ago.

I will miss seeing so many old and new friends at the various meetings I covered or events I attended but I will be one very happy Nana and of course a kinder, less-rushed wife to my wonderful man. I so look forward to weekday Bible studies and decaf coffee meet ups with women friends.

I have cleared the office magnet board of the many notes people sent saying nice things about my articles or our coverage and tucked them into a manilla file labeled ‘inspiration.’

I’ve moved my old laptop back to my home that served as a backup when the power occasionally went out and my reference books on AP Wire Style, editing, and computer shortcuts are being gifted to the new guy.

But, I will keep my old newspaper book, copyright 1981, titled ‘The Newspaper—Everything You Need to Know to Make It in the Newspaper Business’ by D. Earl Newsom and 28 Media Experts for the National Newspaper Foundation published by Prentice-Hall, Inc.

I obtained it and read it sometime around my editor stint at Solano Community College and have kept it with me in my home or office all this time. It has served me very well.

My publisher has invited me to send columns or stories when I want, and unlike the many I wrote for the Tribune for 20 years, I will be paid. How could I not continue to be supportive with a boss like that? And, what a wonderful way to pass the baton to a new editor. ★

Dixon News Briefs



Students of Chesterton Academy at the Catholic School, Valley of the Sacred Heart, pose for a promotion of Snow White which will be performed Friday, May 24, at 5 p.m. at St. Peter’s Parish Hall. Courtesy photo

MPG Staff

Snow White Production

Valley of the Sacred Heart Academy will present Snow White on Friday, May 24, 5 p.m. at St. Peter’s Parish Hall, 105 South Second Street.

The production includes 16 junior and senior students as part of the Chesterton Academy Drama program.

“Jesse Akers is our drama teacher. We did a murder mystery at Christmas with him and we will do Shakespeare next year as part of the curriculum that he will help with. He does a great job,” said School Director Chris Simpson. “He helped us connect with his Winters theater group for costumes. It’s a very costume-heavy production.”

Akers’ is well known in the Dixon community for his dedication to the arts. His education included getting his undergraduate degree in fine-art-studio at UC Davis and then on to graduate school at UCD in education, winning his multiple subject teaching credential and ultimately retiring from teaching elementary grade education. He moved on to substitute teaching at the K-4th grade level in Dixon, Vacaville, and Winters. Akers has been teaching at Valley of the Sacred Heart Academy for the past six years.

“We hope people will come out to enjoy the show and donations will be gladly accepted at the door.” said Simpson. For more information, call (530) 574-0804.

Parks and Rec Reps Wanted

The City of Dixon’s Parks and Recreation Commission will be meeting this coming Tuesday, May 28, at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 600 East A Street. This commission has four openings and needs citizens to step up including a Dixon High School representative who is going to be a senior and also an alternative to that position. The other two positions are for commissioners. There is a small stipend. See the CityofDixon.us website to learn more.

Theater Help Wanted

Dixon Community Theater is looking for a few good folks. Discover the possibilities in shaping our vibrant theater as we delve into the various choices of participation: Playwriting: Craft original scripts or adaptations for stage productions, unleashing creativity to tell captivating stories and bring narratives to life. Costume Design: Conceptualize and create costumes that enhance the characters and setting of a production, adding depth and visual allure to the theatrical experience. Fundraising: Spearhead initiatives to secure financial support and resources vital for the theater’s operations, growth, and the execution of high-quality productions. Please email abelart707@gmail.com.

Veterans Dinner

Baked chicken leg quarters dinner, scalloped potatoes, green beans and roll and butter are on the menu for the Friday Dinner, May 24, around 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$12. There will be no dinner on May 31. The hall is located at 1305 North First Street and helps support local veterans.

Summer Camp

Neighborhood Christian School, 955 East A Street, still has spots for their summer program. It will run from June 10 to August 2 and offers children opportunities to meet new friends, enjoy outdoor activities, and be in a Christ-centered environment. Call today for more information (707) 678-9336.

Grillin’ & Chillin’

Dixon’s Action Team presents the next Grillin’ & Chillin’ on Saturday, June 29, all day, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. in downtown Dixon. There will be a car and truck show, a rib cook off, a vendor fair, live music, food trucks, and a kids zone! For more information go to www.dixonribcookoff.com or email dixonsactionteam@gmail.com. ★



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Five-Year Capital Plan on Track



Dixon City Junior Engineer Jordan Santos presents the Capital Improvement Projects slotted for this year, including a new fire truck ladder and City Hall mold infiltration system.

Story and photo by Angela Underwood

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixon Planning Commission members are chunking away at the five-year Capital Improvement Project (CIP) totaling \$160 million.

Dixon junior engineer Jordan Santos presented the commissioners with a short presentation summing up a 106-page document made available to the public on the agenda. Simply put, the Capital Improvement Project is “the primary planning tool used to identify projects, funding sources, and schedule implementation over the next five years,” including the rehabilitation of existing and new structures needed for projected growth.

According to the Capital Improvement Project description, it contains 96 projects totaling approximately \$168 million through 2029. The Capital Improvement Project states that the “implementation of projects in years 2-5 may change as funding estimates are updated each year.”

This year, eight new projects are slotted for completion, including East A Street and South 7th sewer repairs, fire ladder truck replacement, northwest park shade structure, and Hall Park expansion and barbecue

shade area renovation.

Other projects are City Hall mold infiltration system, Southeast Community Park phase 1 Aquatic Center and the Northwest Park agricultural well. When it comes to the environment, the Capital Improvement Project states any detriment will be reviewed prior to the award of the construction contract or land acquisition.

Commissioner Rubi Medrano wanted some line items regarding bike safety further defined since she considered them too “vague.” According to Santos, the items in question are “more defined with the Engineering Department’s transportation plans, most specifically there was the Transportation Impact Fee in 2022 that cited improvements from around the city.”

The bikeway improvements on North 1st Street, State Route 13 on the northern side would be an increase in the shoulder, and at minimum Class 2 bikeway with a stripped individual lane for bicyclists.

South 1st Street will also see more room to ride with expansions on the shoulder as well as the inclusion of a Class 2 bikeway, Santos explained. Commissioner Randy Davis wanted more information on specific sewer crossings costing around \$700,000.

“Are existing ratepayers bearing the cost of getting that sewer line into the new development?” Davis asked.

Santos answered no and said, “That would be a developer-funded item.”

Planning Chair Jack Caldwell wanted it “on the record” that the Northwest Park Irrigation Well project “looks like that well can recoup its cost” in probably three years.

“I would argue that that well could recoup its cost, assuming that the water rate increase does indeed happen, that well will recoup its cost in less than a year,” Santos said.

Caldwell said it is also important to note that project will take a “load off the system as far as meeting demands especially during the peak months of the year.” ★

Teachers, Classified Workers Protest

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“And that was the entire eighth grade class--there was no learning at all,” she said.

Across the state, there is a credentialed teacher shortage with more than 10,000 teacher vacancies during the 2021-2022 school year according to the California Department of Education. Plus, there was a 16 percent reduction in new teacher credentials at the end of 2023, reported as the first decline in a decade.

The DTA argues that the solution for our town would be found in increasing salaries.

“We want full teaching spots because people can go to Winters, Vacaville, and Davis,” said Besseghini. “We are the lowest paid in Solano County. The lowest paid district is still 9-percent higher and the highest is 19 percent higher. Both unions (teachers and classified,) have not agreed on anything this year. We’re hopeful that when they went into closed session, they got direction to evaluate the budget.”

At the tables, the DTA has not agreed to salary and formally requested to go to impasse and the district has agreed to go with them. There will be a state-approved mediator to help,” reported School Board Trustee DJ Bowen. Both groups will be

back at bargaining Friday.

An impasse occurs when the union and employer cannot agree despite both parties’ good faith attempts to negotiate a collective bargaining agreement.

“The SEIU have all agreed with the only open article being salary. They were there mostly for support. SEIU voted to strike last year but it was an untraditional order,” said Bowen. He was not surprised they joined in because of the timing of the situation and told of a 10-year Dixon demographic study showing fewer rates of children residing in Dixon homes. “A study last year showed one child for every five houses and that is shockingly small [number of Dixon children,]” he added.

“We just gave the superintendent a 25% raise. It’s hard to swallow when they’re making over \$200,000 and my coworkers are making \$16.22 an hour,” paraeducator and SEIU 1021 President Andrew Rathjen said to the Trustees.

“There isn’t a board member up here who doesn’t believe you all deserve more,” DUSD Board President Julian Cuevas responded to the audience. “This is a nationwide issue. There is a shortage of teachers and a shortage in funding. We have literally provided what we can at this moment and based on what our current budget is.” ★

Memorial Day Services Planned



People bow their heads and listen to a prayer at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in the Dixon Women's Improvement Club Park.

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were Clarence Frese and Henry Misfeldt. From World War II, Dixon lost William Barnard, Joseph Bello, Leroy Cagle, Paul Doyle, Ellwood Norton, Keith Revelle, Sr., Lester Rohwer and Gilbert Smith. In the Korean War, Wyatt Duncan, Orlin Toohey, and Burton McNaughton died. In the Vietnam War, deaths included Gerald Ackley, Robert Folsom, and Timothy Tipton. Most recently and in the Iraq War was Shawn G. Adams.

After those services, people are invited to the Veterans Memorial Hall,

1305 North First Street, for some light refreshments.

For the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery at 5810 Midway Road in Dixon, there will also be a special patriotic program on Saturday, May 25, in commemoration of Memorial Day at 9 a.m. at the flagpole area. The Director of SVNC will welcome guests at this patriotic event which will include the presentation of colors, the National Anthem, playing of taps, and a rifle salute. Placement of flags will occur throughout the day afterwards and visitors are invited to assist. ★

Women Award Scholarships

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Botany.” Shelby is ambitious and very positive. Her goal is to open her own business. She has already seen success in her current business, “Successful Succulents”.

Jaya Wartson - will be attending the University of Arizona. Her interest lies in entrepreneurship. She knows how to run a business. She started her first business in ninth grade with “Helping Hand” and later formed a partnership to run a pool service business. She will be the first person in her family to attend college. Jaya is motivated and prepared for this next chapter.

Emily Cherry-Switzer - will be attending the University of Nevada. She wants to be a teacher and is already tutoring Dixon students. She is a gentle leader and has compassion for others. Emily has demonstrated determination, despite her odds, will ensure her success in college.

Frank Lopez - chose the University of Nevada after an AVID field trip to visit the school. He will be majoring in mechanical engineering. His interest in engineering was inspired by a trip with his grandfather to an NHRA race. He is interested not only in the design and mechanicals of the race cars, but by the chance he may drive one. Frank exudes confidence and is comfortable with public speaking, has a positive attitude and has an appreciation for life.

\$500 Scholarships Winners:

Karol Mejia - has been accepted at three colleges but is considering Sacramento City

College or Solano Community College to pursue a nursing degree. She is the first in her family to attend college. Karol is bilingual, compassionate, and passionate about helping others.

Haley Oscanoa Yantas - plans to attend CSU Northridge to major in medicine. She chose Northridge to be near her aunt, many hospitals, and interning opportunities. After a visit to Peru with her parents, she became aware of the poor health services in that area. Her goal is to become a traveling nurse to help those in need.

Nargis Afzali - Nargis is from Kabul, Afghanistan. In her early years she struggled to overcome cultural differences and a foreign language. She stated that adaptability is one of her strengths. She is the oldest of four children and sees herself as a role model/mentor for her siblings. Her strong study habits and dedication to academics make her a strong candidate for success. She now speaks four languages. Nargis is hoping to attend UC Davis to pursue her dream of working in the field of women’s health.

Abbie Ming - will be attending Solano Community College and then transferring to a four-year college to major in medicine with a strong interest in radiology. In addition to her heavy commitment to athletics and FFA, she has become a leader and remains active in community service. Her older sister who is also majoring in nursing has been her inspiration and mentor. ★

City Pumps Out More Money for Well



Dixon’s Water Distribution Division operations maintenance supervisor Josh Hudson explains to the mayor and council why Valley Glen Well needs immediate repairs to service the city with clean, safe water.

Story and photo
by Angela Underwood

DIXON, CA (MPG) - City of Dixon officials adopted a \$119,000 resolution to continue work on the Valley Glen Well Project in southern Dixon.

Vice-Mayor Kevin Johnson said in a May 7 council meeting that the “repeat problem” is not ideal for the well installed in 2003, which came with an 80- to 100-year guarantee. More than a quarter of a million dollars later, it seems unfair, according to Johnson, who said that as a “protector of the ratepayers,” spending more money “doesn’t feel right.”

“There were \$2 to \$300,000 in repairs last year, and now there is another \$120,000,” Johnson added. “Where is the warranty? We are the subcontractors on this; why are we having to do it again?”

Water Distribution Division operations maintenance supervisor Josh Hudson explained that a problem last year with the well’s pump and motor caused further issues that the division is facing now, on top of a hole in the well’s casing.

Although the well system is supposed to have a lifespan of several decades, Hudson said, its component parts have shorter lifespans than the overall structure, which could be the case with recent failures.

Following the meeting, senior civil engineer Brandon Rodriguez told the Independent Voice that the groundwater well rehabilitation project must happen since Dixon’s water distribution system is totally dependent on groundwater and “having one well offline creates increased stress on the other wells, especially as we enter the high-demand season when temperatures rise.”

In this instance, the civil engineer said, the approximately 20-year-old pump, motor and instrumentation original to the well were identified for rehab and upgrade.

“Notably, this groundwater well was inherited in 2014 when the City of Dixon

took over ownership of the municipal water system,” Rodriguez said, adding that the Dixon water distribution system is interconnected. “This rehabilitation effort would service all City of Dixon water customers in its service area.”

Up to \$15,000 is slotted for additional expenses, including high market costs.

“It is normal practice to set aside a contingency for any capital project,” public information officer Madeline Graf said. “If this money is unused, it will be returned to the original fund.”

According to Rodriguez, a budget transfer is required in this instance because the original project budget did not account for the unanticipated additional rehabilitation effort required to successfully complete the project.

“Currently, additional airlift swabbing of the well to collapse any voids in the gravel pack that may exist is warranted to address the unwanted sanding condition of this well that is a detrimental condition for our pump and motor,” Rodriguez said. “This continued rehabilitation effort and test pumping performed by the contractor should be completed prior to pump and motor installation.”

According to the civil engineer, a third-party groundwater well specialist has confirmed the needed work and timing is key.

“We are entering the warmer months of the year, which are known as high-demand water season, so completion of this project is critical to supplement the other groundwater wells that may be having to work harder to make up the difference,” Rodriguez said.

The City of Dixon water operations division strives to provide clean and safe water to all its customers, according to Rodriguez, who added, “When it comes to unexpected repairs with Valley Glen well, costs are considered and budgeted appropriately as needed for all maintenance activities to ensure the reliability of our water infrastructure.” ★

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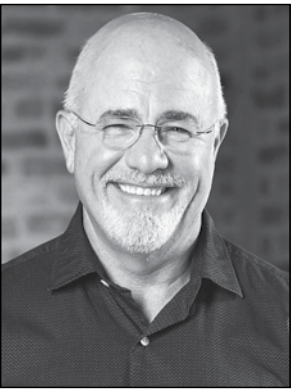
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The Lesser of Two Evils

Dear Dave,

My husband and I are following your plan, and we're on Baby Step 2. We just learned that the person who has done our taxes for the last three years made mistakes on all our returns. They were really nice and did our taxes for free, but now we owe back taxes in the amount of \$18,000. Since we're still paying off debt, the only savings we have is the \$1,000 in our beginner emergency fund. Should we take out a personal loan to take care of this, or set up payments with the IRS?

– Laura

Dear Laura,

Take out a personal loan. Period.

Let this sink in for a min-

Dave Ramsey Says

ute. How often does Dave Ramsey tell people to borrow money? Almost never. Why am I doing it now, in this situation? Because the IRS is the worst creditor on the planet. They have almost unlimited power, which they use and abuse, and they have ridiculously high penalties and interest rates. With a personal loan from a local bank or credit union, you'll at least have more input and flexibility in deciding the terms of the agreement.

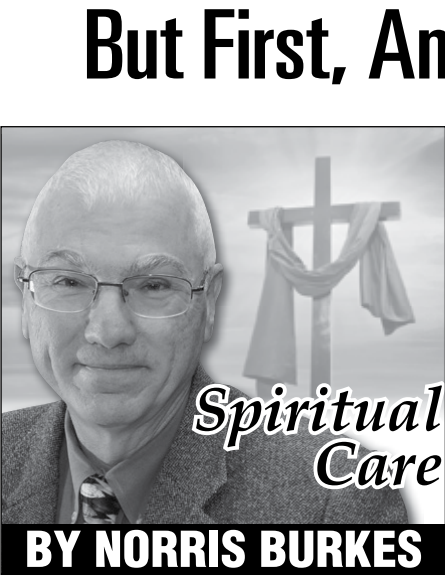
Now, I don't know about you, but if the person doing my taxes screwed things up to the tune of \$18,000, I'd find someone else in a heartbeat. I understand you want to work with someone nice, and free is usually a great price. But in this case, free was not so free after all.

Just go to your local bank or credit union, explain the situation and see what you can work out. I always recommend small banks or credit unions over any of the mega banks. Places like Bank of America and Fifth Third just have no soul or empathy whatsoever. And the customer service at a credit union or small bank is a hundred times better than what you'll find at a big bank. Sure, they're still bankers, but there's a human element in there. You're not just a number to them like you are to the mega banks.

I hate debt, Laura, and I'm sorry you guys are in this situation. But 100% of the time, I'd rather have personal loan debt than IRS debt. In my mind, it's the lesser of two evils.

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions ★



“First, I’m curious as to what kind of church you are running up there?” asked a caller to my church office.

His was the kind of question I get lately since returning to the pastor role.

Most often, callers are like the young mother of three who told me, “I have three churches I’m considering attending, but first I’m asking the pastors to answer some questions.”

She squashed that ordinal number “FIRST,” as if drawing a line in the theological sand.

“FIRST, does your church teach tithing?”

I assumed she knew most churches encourage donations, but not wanting to scare her off, I was slow to answer. Was she looking for a discount? Or was she searching for a rich church?

Some people call the church directly and others find me through my local column. Readers usually leave a voicemail, graciously giving me time to formulate an answer.

I played back a message from a man last week wanting to know how he could donate to Chispa Project. I returned the call, excited to tell him about my upcoming trip to Honduras, but he too began with a question.

FIRST, “I want to know if angels are able to speak to us.”

His challenging question made me want to ask, “Can I call a friend? Or ask the audience?” Maybe I should have said, “Yes. The angels are telling you to donate to Chispa Project at Chispaproject.org/chaplain.”

Another man saw that I had a woman scheduled to preach while I was away.

“FIRST of all, should women really be allowed to preach in church?”

I knew he was referring to 1 Timothy 2:12: “I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume authority over a man; she must be quiet” (NIV).

Since I assumed he knew I invited the guest pastor, his question seemed more challenging than inquisitory, intoned much like the political questions I get.

“You must FIRST believe that abortion is wrong,” suggested a Pro-life advocate.

“Isn’t God against homosexuality?” was the message left in a weathered tone. “God FIRST made man and then made woman.”

“We need to FIRST return prayer to the schools,” said one visitor who dared attend without first checking my political pedigree.

“God is on the side of Israel!, Shouldn’t we all be calling for the destruction of Hamas?” asked one local pastor.

I know that many books have been written about all of these issues by good Christians on both sides. I know sincere believers can disagree about things.

But I try to discourage those seeking a binary faith of yes-and-no answers by sharing first, the words from The Message in Matthew 22:36-40.

“When asked what was the FIRST and most important of all of God’s laws, Jesus said, ‘Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence.’ This is the most important, the first on any list.

“But there is a second to set alongside it: ‘Love others as well as you love yourself.’ These two commands are pegs; everything in God’s Law and the Prophets hangs from them.”

I know I didn’t answer most of my callers as they would have hoped. But perhaps once I’ve mastered Jesus’ list, I’ll have better responses to their questions.

Finally, my best call began last week, with “FIRST, I think your new picture makes you look like Jean-Luc Picard.”

Of course, as a Trek fan, I knew he was referring to Patrick Stewart, the fictional captain of the USS Enterprise-D in Star Trek: The Next Generation.

I felt a bit affronted as Stewart is totally bald. I’m not – yet.

Should I allow this caller to make the final cut for our church membership? Stay tuned. ★

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

DIXON POLICE LOG

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

1000 - CWS investigation.

1005 - Health and Safety violation on school grounds in the 200 block of North Lincoln Street.

1100 - Fraud report in the 400 block of Stratford Ave.

1120 - Confidential Report.

1135 - Confidential Report.

1310 - Vehicle vs Scooter investigation in the area of North 2nd and East B.

1500 - Violation of a court order.

Tuesday, May 14

1908 - Battery reported in the 700 block of West D Street south.

1944 - Restraining order violation in the 700 block of West D Street south.

2041 - Restraining order service in the 800 block of Elm Drive.

2115 - Restraining order violation in the 200 block of South 8th Street

1030 - Grand theft report in the 200 block of Dorset Drive.

1430 Vandalism to a vehicle investigation in the 300 block of South 2nd Street.

Monday, May 13

0730 - Vandalism and Theft from a business in the 2200 block of North First Street.

0745 - Theft from a business in the 2100 block of North First Street.

0855 - Agency assist for Child Welfare Services.

1158 - Violation of a court order.

1220 - Criminal threats report in the 600 block of East A Street.

1412 - Informational report in the 400 block of East A Street.

Sunday, May 12

1800 - Minor injury traffic accident in the 300 block of West A Street resulted in the arrest of Ismael Mercado (47) of Dixon for felony driving under the influence of alcohol. He was taken to county jail.

2125 - Report of a vehicle blocking a driveway in the 200 block of West Cherry Street.

1545 - Vehicle Accident in the 200 block of West A Street.

Friday, May 10

0046 - Travis Boston (25) was arrested in the 1300 block of W H St for driving under the influence. Boston was transported to Dixon PD, where he was cited and released to a sober adult.

0850 - A vandalism report was taken in the 1000 block of Justin Wy.

1110 - A warrant arrest report was taken in the 200 block of Dorset Dr. Officers contacted (S) Andrea Wong. A records check revealed Wong had a misdemeanor warrant out of Solano County. Wong was cited and released.

1308 - A late grand theft report was taken in the 1200 block of Stratford Av.

1516 - A stolen license plate report was taken in the 1000 block of John Hopkins Ct.

1538 - A violation of a restraining order report was taken in the 200 block of 8th St.

1648 - An informational report was taken at the Dixon Police Department.

Thursday, May 9

2338 - Report of vandalism of a vehicle in the 400 block of S 1st St.

0041 - Report of a suspicious vehicle in the 600 block of Honey Bee Rd led to the arrest of Federico Guillenvazquez (38) for driving under the influence. Guillenvazquez was transported and booked at the Solano County Jail without further incident.

0827 - An informational report was taken in the 1300 block of West H St.

0904 - A vehicle burglary report was taken in the 100 block of Dorset Dr.

1306 - A 35 ft RV that had been tagged to move for 72-hour parking was towed by Payless Towing.

1516 - A Traffic Collision Report was taken at North 1st St. at Dorset Dr.

Wednesday, May 8

1802 - Traffic collision report, property damage only, in the 1200 block of Pitt School Rd

1914 - Vandalism report in the 130 block of N Lincoln St.

2250 - Late report of a grand theft in the 200 block of E Dorset Dr.

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Dare to Live Without Limits

by Bryan Golden

Your Words Matter

You are usually conscious of what you say to others. The things you say are based on what you want to achieve. You know from experience that the words you chose have a big impact. When you use the wrong words, the reaction of others is not what you intended.

What you say to yourself is just as important as what you say to others. Yet, too many people are not fully aware of the impact their self-talk has on their own wellbeing. Your words to yourself program your mind.

Your mind follows whatever commands you provide. It doesn't question the directives it receives. It dutifully obeys whatever it is told to do. Your attitude, your actions, the way you feel, your perception, and your outlook, are all impacted by your words.

You talk to yourself constantly. Too often you say negative things. You find fault with yourself. You put yourself down. You diminish your accomplishments. You focus on what you feel you can't do. You tell yourself how many things are impossible. You justify failures with a never-ending string of excuses.

If there are areas of your life you want to improve, you must begin by changing what you tell yourself. Your self-talk changes your thoughts. Nothing in your life changes until your thoughts change.

There are various flawed strategies which people employ instead of striving to say the right words to themselves. For example, waiting for conditions to improve leaves you waiting a long time. Rather than passively waiting for things to change, you have to make things change.

Hoping for circumstances to change is also ineffective. Although there is nothing wrong with hope, it must be combined with action in order to have a positive impact.

Blaming others for your situation puts your fate in someone else's hands. You are responsible for your life. Although you can't control the actions of others, you do control your thoughts, emotions,

and responses.

Doing the same things over and over, while expecting a different result, is one definition of insanity. In order to alter your results, you must change what you are doing. Remember, there is always a cause-and-effect relationship between what you do, and the results you obtain.

Don't justify negative self-talk as being realistic. This is another excuse. While you are figuring out reasons for not succeeding, others are doing exactly what you claim is unrealistic.

You can make self-talk a powerful, positive tool which propels you towards your goals. Here are some steps to guide you through this process. Begin with a constant awareness of the words you use when speaking to yourself. Each negative word must be replaced with a positive one.

You want a zero-tolerance policy for negative self-talk. There is no room for any discouraging words. Each negative word, or phrase, has a corresponding positive one. You must fill your mind with positive instructions.

Use the same approach which works when taking a vacation. Start by selecting a destination. Next, figure out how to get there. The way you accomplish any goal is to start with positive self-talk. You tell yourself all of the reasons you can, should, and will succeed. You tell yourself all of the benefits of reaching your goal. You tell yourself how you will feel once you have arrived at your destination.

Clearly, the words used when speaking to yourself matter. They are the difference between success and failure. They lead to happiness or produce frustration. Since you have total control over which words you use, choose only words which lead to positive outcomes..

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Spring into Summer With These New Gripping Releases

Hearts Still Beating
by Brooke Archer;
Putnam- Penguin Teen

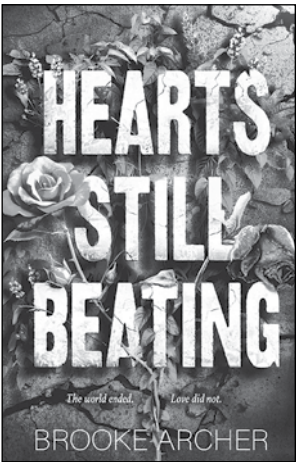
The night before the world fell apart, Rory and Mara had their first kiss. Now, Mara is infected and on a new medical trial. Rory, spared by the infection, has now made it her life's goal to kill anyone who is infected. But they are both about to realize that fate has a different plan.

Even though Mara and Rory were separated through the infection, they are about to be brought together, but not in the way they left things. Nothing prepared them for all the horrors they saw, or continue to see, or the way the world would change. Mara claims she doesn't remember anything, and Rory can't forget the "ticks" and the horrors that they caused.

Now, Mara and a group of "Altered" humans are being sent to the very island Rory has sought refuge on—the same island where Rory as vowed to kill any "tick" or infected person. But does she have it in her to spare the life of her ex-best friend?

Now forced together, Myra and Rory must find a way to come together as they face a deadly mission and maybe just be reminded of the feelings they once had.

Hearts Still Beating is a Sapphic post-apocalyptic thrill ride that is dark,

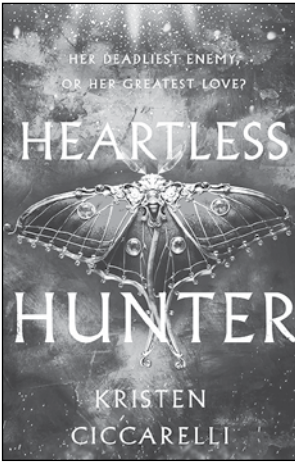


gritty, and even gory. This story is a unique spin on the zombie virus, society's response to the outbreak, and those affected. Fast, intense, and full of emotions, Brooke Archer takes her time to explore relationships, reactions, and the intensity behind the need for survival at any cost. It is the perfect gripping summer read, perfect for fans of The Last of Us and the Walking Dead.

Heartless Hunter by Kristen Ciccarelli;
Wednesday Books

A witch and a witch hunter, there is no way they can fall in love, or can they?

After the night of the revolution, witches shifted from powerful rulers to outcasts, leaving Rune to hide who she truly is. Now shielded behind being a young socialite, Rune spends her nights as the Crimson Moth, rescuing witches from an ill-fated



fate. But when things don't go as planned, Rune knows the only way to hide in plain sight is to court the witch hunter.

Gideon Sharpe can't stand wealthy socialites and the lifestyle they represent. Then Gideon finds out Rune's merchant ships have been tied to smuggling witches out of the city. Now, the only way to get information is to pretend to court Rune back for more information.

As Gideon and Rune grow closer, they cannot help but also see that the other might not be who they thought them to be. They might just be each other's perfect match,

Readers are taken on a high fantasy thrill ride of magic, tension, and enemies to lovers. Kristen Ciccarelli delivers the perfect summer read in this unputdownable cat-and-mouse chase filled with romantic tension. ★



Riley Reviews

“FALL GUY” SPECTACLE OF DARING STUNTS; “MEMORIAL DAY” ON PBS

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

“THE FALL GUY” Rated PG-13

About four decades ago, the ABC television series “The Fall Guy” starred Lee Majors as Hollywood stuntman Colt Seavers who was moonlighting as a bounty hunter, using his physical skills to capture fugitives.

Fast forward to today, the film “The Fall Guy” can only charitably be referenced as loosely-based on the Eighties series, and now Ryan Gosling is stuntman Colt Seavers, but no longer a bounty hunter.

The original Colt's sidekick Howie Munson (Douglas Barr in the series) and fellow stuntwoman Jody Banks (Heather Thomas) no longer exist. The new Colt is on his own unless you count stunt coordinator and friend Dan Tucker (Winston Duke).

Suffering from a broken back in a precipitous fall, Colt retired from show business and took a job as a valet parking attendant. After 18 months, he gets summoned by director Gail Meyer (Hannah Washington) for an assignment on a film shoot in Australia.

Coincidentally, Colt's former flame Jody Moreno (Emily Blunt), the cinematographer on his last film, is making her directing debut on the space Western “Metalstorm.” After a falling out, they are uneasily reunited and yet a palpable sense of a rekindled romance may be in the air.

Colt's job is to replace the stuntman for the film's arrogant star Tom Ryder (Aaron Taylor-Johnson), but it becomes more than that when the actor pulls a disappearing act and Colt is tasked with his employing his previous moonlighting skills to track him down.

Now the action kicks into high gear with fights and extended chases, one involving a runaway trash truck. Poking around the actor's place, Colt is ambushed by Iggy Starr (Teresa Palmer) who plays an alien in the film.

Discovering a dead body in a bathtub, Colt ends up being framed for murder and goes on the lam not just from the police but also a ruthless gang leader named Drexler (Ben Knight) and his thugs.

What about the relationship between Colt and Jody? Will they end up together in the end? Take a guess.

The story of “The Fall Guy” is basically immaterial as the plot is driven primarily by action-fueled spectacle lacking much in the way of substance. Delivering crowd-pleasing thrills, a wild ride is to be had with a surfeit of over-the-top, daring stunts as well as chases on land and sea.

“NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY CONCERT” ON PBS

Honoring the service of our men and women in uniform, the 35th anniversary live broadcast of “National

Memorial Day Concert” will air on PBS and stream nationwide on Sunday, May 26th from 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., with a repeat following immediately.

America's national night of remembrance, the PBS special returns from the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol for a tradition unlike anything else of television to honor service members and their families through a unique blend of dramatic storytelling and uplifting music.

The program will be hosted by Tony Award-winner Joe Mantegna and Emmy Award-winner Gary Sinise, both steadfast champions of veterans' causes and active service members, with the latter having an eponymous charitable foundation helping wounded veterans and their loved ones.

The 2024 “National Memorial Day Concert” will feature several segments. The “World War II Tribute,” featuring actor Bryan Cranston, is a salute to the millions of Americans who served the nation in uniform and the home front.

On the 80th anniversary of 1944, a pivotal year in the war, the tribute will commemorate hard fought battles in the Pacific and European theaters that secured the allied path to victory.

As part of this special segment, the concert will share the story of U.S. Army Veteran John T. “Jack” Moran, a soldier in the Battle of the Bulge, and his remembrance of friends who fought alongside of him. Members of this Greatest Generation will be honored on stage at the Capitol.


“Gold Star Families Remembrance,” hosted by actor and director BD Wong, will be a concert to remember our fallen heroes and Gold Star families with the story of Vietnam Veteran and Gold Star father Allen Hoe, who followed generations of his proud warrior family into military service.

Hoe's two sons continued the family legacy serving honorably in the Army. First Lieutenant Nainoa K. Hoe was tragically killed in combat in Operation Iraqi Freedom. This is a story of honor and remembrance and the search for peace after his son's death.

Following 20 years of war in Iraq and Afghanistan, “Honoring a Generation's Service,” featuring actress Jena Malone, the concert will explore the challenges faced by a generation of wounded and ill veterans who carry visible and invisible wounds of war.

The moving story of Marine Corps Veteran and amputee Kirstie Ennis, an inspiring adaptive athlete who carries with her the memory of her fallen brothers and sisters in arms, shares through the concert her journey after a life-changing injury on deployment.

In tribute to all members of our armed forces, the annual audience favorite “Salute to Service” features military bands and choruses of the various branches. ★



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17. ____-been

18. Get together

19. *Movie preview

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23. Rubber substitute

24. 1960s ____ boots

25. Good times

28. No problem

30. *Box ____

35. Deli side

37. Jerk, in Yiddish

39. Cell dweller

40. *Common theater admonition

41. Blows a horn

43. Be inclined

44. Community spirit

46. Stuff for sale, sing.

47. Not manual

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50. Cutting tools

52. "Reap what you "

53. Sail holder

55. Ostrich-like bird

57. *Snack in a tub

61. *Blast from the past venue

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8. Contraption

9. Adjective for #9 Across

10. Blood-related

11. Network of nerves

12. Standing pose in #3 Down

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20. E-wallet content

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24. Simone Biles, e.g.

25. *Theater guide

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on which it was filed in the office
of the county clerk, except as pro-
vided 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 ficti-
tious Business name statement
must be filed before the expira-
tion May 6, 2029. The filing of this
statement does not itself authorize
the use in this state of a Fictitious
Business Name in violation of the
rights of another under federal,
state, or common law (see section
14411 ET SEQ., business, and
professions code.)
Publish May 24, 31, June 7, 14, 2024
SUISUN 6-14-24

This public notice is a revised notice to that which was published in the May 10, 2024, Independent Voice newspaper. The dates for the review period and meeting have changed, as noted in revised noticing below:

REVISED NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY / NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE CAMPUS PROJECT IN CITY OF DIXON	
Date:	May 24, 2024
To:	Responsible/Trustee Agencies, Other Public Agencies, Advocacy Groups and Interested Parties:
Project Title:	The Campus Project
Project Location:	The Project site is +/- 260 acres located south of Interstate 80 (I-80), immediately west of Pedrick Rd within the City of Dixon, Solano County. (APN#s 0111-040-010, -020, -030, -040, and 0111-080-050)
Lead Agency:	City of Dixon
State Clearinghouse No.:	2023080739
Public Review Period:	445 days, May 24, 2024 to July 9, 2024 at 5 p.m.
Public Meeting for Oral Comments	Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 7 p.m. (Both In person and Online via Zoom (see page 2 for information)
Contact (for question or submitting comments):	Brian Millar, Contract Planner City of Dixon Community Development Department 600 East A St. Dixon, CA 95620 (530) 902-9218 or bmillar@cityofdixon.us

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City of Dixon, as Lead Agency, completed a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the project described below. The Draft EIR is being made available to the public in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act for a 45-day comment period. Written comments on the Draft EIR may be submitted to the mailing or email address listed above. All comments must be received no later than 5:00 PM on July 9, 2024.

The City will provide written responses to all comments received by the end of the public review period. Comments and responses will be included in the Final EIR and provided to the City of Dixon Planning Commission and City Council for their consideration, along with the City’s consideration of action on the project applications.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Campus project site is comprised of five parcels and contains a total of 260 +/- acres. The project site is located adjacent to Pedrick Road near Interstate 80 (I-80) at the eastern edge of the City’s Northeast Quadrant Specific Plan (NEQSP) and comprises nearly 40 percent of the NEQSP plan’s total 643+/- acres. The Campus proposes a mixed-use development planned to implement the intent of the City’s recently created Campus Mixed Use General Plan designation “... to foster new mixed employment districts with a range of job-generating uses, housing, and easy access to the regional transportation network.” The proposed project would consist of a phased, mixed-use development that includes an approximately 48-acre Dixon Opportunity Center (DOC) with up to 660,000 sq ft of technology, business park and light industrial uses, approximately 144 acres of residential uses composed of low, medium and high density residential housing (up to 1,041 units), approximately 2.5 acres of commercial uses, an approximately 25 acre retention basin, and associated parks, paseos, utilities, and other infrastructure improvements.

The high-density residential site would be located contiguous to the DOC, and adjacent residential uses. A service commercial site would be located in the southeast corner of the DOC and adjacent to the high-density residential site. The southern portion of the site would consist of medium density and low-density residential uses.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The project level Draft EIR analyzes potentially significant impacts associated with approval and implementation of The Campus project. The Draft EIR evaluates the full range of environmental issues contemplated under CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines as set forth in CEQA Guidelines Appendix G. The Draft EIR provides an evaluation of the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project and recommends mitigation measures to reduce impacts to a less-than-significant level.

With the implementation of the mitigation measures proposed in the DEIR the following environmental impacts would be reduced to a less-than-significant level; Aesthetics (*Impact 3.1-3*), Biological Resources (*Impacts 3.4-4, 3.4-7 & 3.4-11 and Cumulative Impact 3.4-12*), Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources (*Impacts 3.5-1, 3.5-2, 3.5-3 & 3.5-4 and Cumulative Impact 3.5-5*), Geology, Soils, and Seismicity (*Impact 3.7-5 and Cumulative Impact 3.7-10*), and *Land Use (Impact 3.11-3)*.

However, implementation of the project would result in significant and unavoidable environmental impacts to the following; Agricultural Resources (*Impacts 3.2-1 and Cumulative Impact 3.2-3*), Air Quality (*Impacts 3.3-1, 3.3-2 & 3.3-4 and Cumulative Impacts 3.3-6 & 3.3-8*) and Transportation (*Impact 3.15-2 and Cumulative Impact 3.15-5*).

PUBLIC REVIEW: The Draft EIR has been prepared in accordance with Section 15084 of the CEQA Guidelines and will be circulated for a 45-day review period during which your written comments regarding the adequacy of the environmental analysis in the Draft EIR are welcomed. The Draft EIR comment period will be from **May 24, 2024 through July 9, 2024**.

Printed copies of the Draft EIR are available for review during the public review period at (technical appendices are available at web site link below):

- Dixon City Hall – 600 East A St, Dixon, CA 95620
- Dixon Public Library – 230 N 1st St, Dixon, CA 95620

Electronic versions of the Draft EIR (including its technical appendices) can also be accessed at <https://www.cityofdixon.us/environmentalreviewdocuments> under “The Campus/Dixon 257” heading.

PUBLIC MEETING ON DRAFT EIR: During the 45-day public review period, the City of Dixon will host a public meeting so community members may learn more about The Campus project and provide input on the adequacy of the environmental analysis in the Draft EIR. This public meeting will be held on **Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**, during the regular Dixon Planning Commission meeting. This meeting will be physically open to the public. 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. All members of the public may participate in the meeting by attending the meeting in person or remotely participating via video conferencing, as follows:

The Campus Draft EIR Public Meeting
Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Join In Person
Dixon City Council Chambers
600 East A St
Dixon, CA 95620

Join Via Zoom Video Conferencing
www.zoom.com
Meeting ID: 988 621 1137
Passcode: 604754

*To speak or provide comments **remotely** during public comment period, you may click on “raise hand via video conferencing*

Join Zoom via Phone
Dial: (669) 900-9128
Meeting ID: 988 621 1137
Passcode: 604754

*To speak or provide comments **remotely** during public comment period, you may press *9 via teleconference*

It is **strongly** suggested that even if oral comments are made during the public meeting, written comments be submitted by the method noted below.

COMMENTS ON DRAFT EIR: Your written comments on the adequacy of the environmental analysis in the DEIR must be sent at the earliest possible date, but no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 9, 2024. Written comments on the adequacy of the Draft EIR can be made to:

City of Dixon
Community Development Department
Attn: Brian Millar, Contract Planner
600 East A St.
Dixon, CA 95620
bmillar@cityofdixon.us (If emailing, please include “The Campus DEIR comments” in subject line)

NEXT STEPS: Following the close of the public review period, all comments will be reviewed and responded to and a Final EIR will be prepared. The Final EIR along with the applications will then be considered by the Planning Commission and City Council at duly noticed public hearings for action.

MORE INFORMATION: Project materials, information, studies and all CEQA related materials can be viewed on the City’s web site at <http://www.cityofdixon.us/environmentalreviewdocuments> under the heading of “The Campus/Dixon 257.”

For more information, please contact Brian Millar, Contract Planner for the City of Dixon, at bmillar@cityofdixon.us or (530) 902-9218.

A staff report will be prepared prior to the Planning Commission meeting, summarizing the Draft EIR and EIR process, including any written comments received to date. The staff report will be available 72 hours before the July 9, 2024 Planning Commission meeting at <https://www.cityofdixon.us/MeetingAgendasMinutesVideos> then clicking on the Planning Commission agenda link.

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CITY OF DIXON

Appropriation Limit
FY 2024-25

Notice is hereby given that the City of Dixon has calculated Appropriation Limit for Fiscal Year 2024-25 at \$45,855,256. A Resolution adopting the appropriation limit will be considered at the City Council Meeting of June 4, 2024. A copy of the calculation is available for public viewing at the office of the City Clerk located at:

City of Dixon
600 East A Street
Dixon, CA 95620

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

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CITY OF DIXON

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
LEGAL NOTICE PUBLICATION SERVICES FOR
THE CITY OF DIXON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Dixon (“City”) is requesting sealed bids (“Bid” or “Bids”) from newspapers that are qualified bidders (“Bidder” or “Bidders”) to provide legal notice printing and publishing services for the City for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year (“Project”), in accordance with this Request for Proposals (“RFP”).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

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

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The printing to be done hereunder will consist of printing and publishing all legal notices for the City required to be printed in a newspaper of general circulation, including, but not limited to, ordinances, resolutions, legal notices, regulations, and advertisements of whatever kind or nature for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

FACTORS CONSIDERED IN SELECTING BIDS:

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

(1) Bid price (50%).

(2) Number of days newspaper is circulated per week (50%).

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

PROCESS:

SUBMISSION OF BIDS: Qualified and interested parties may submit Bids to the Administrative City Clerk at City Hall, located at 600 East A Street, Dixon, California, no later than **3:00 p.m. on May 31, 2024**, at which time all Bids will be publicly opened and read by the Administrative City Clerk. No late Bids will be considered. Bidders may mail Bids at their own risk.

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

Proposal for Official City Newspaper for Advertising to be opened at 3:00 p.m., May 31, 2024.

Each Bid must be submitted using the forms provided in this RFP packet.

Once a Bid has been submitted to the Administrative City Clerk, it may not be withdrawn.

QUESTIONS: Questions may be submitted by email to the Administrative City Clerk at lruiz@cityofdixon.us or by mail to City Hall, located at 600 East A Street, Dixon, California, until 5:00 p.m. on May 24, 2024. The City cannot guarantee that it will be able to respond to every inquiry it receives.

AWARD OF CONTRACT: The award of the contract will be made to the Bidder who the City determines is most capable of providing services that fulfill all of the listed Factors. Each of the Factors will be weighted by the City Council by the percentages indicated above. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Bids received in response to this RFP, to negotiate with any qualified source, or cancel, in whole or in part, this RFP if it is in the best interest of the City to do so. Bidders may be required to submit revisions to their Bids, as may result from contract negotiations, or to include additions or deletions to the scope of work. All survey information, data, and material ensuing from the Project shall be the sole property of the City and shall not be reproduced and published without the written consent of the City. The City Council reserves the right to waive Bid errors or to reject any and all Bids and re-advertise for Bids. By responding to this RFP, the Bidder agrees that the City may audit the Bidder’s records and files to verify that the information in their Bid is true and accurate. There is no mandatory City audit requirement. In the event of a tie, the City Council will have the absolute discretion to award the bid to any of the bidders who tied.

Dated: May 13, 2024

Lupe Ruiz
Administrative City Clerk

Dixon Independent Voice 5-17, 5-24-2024

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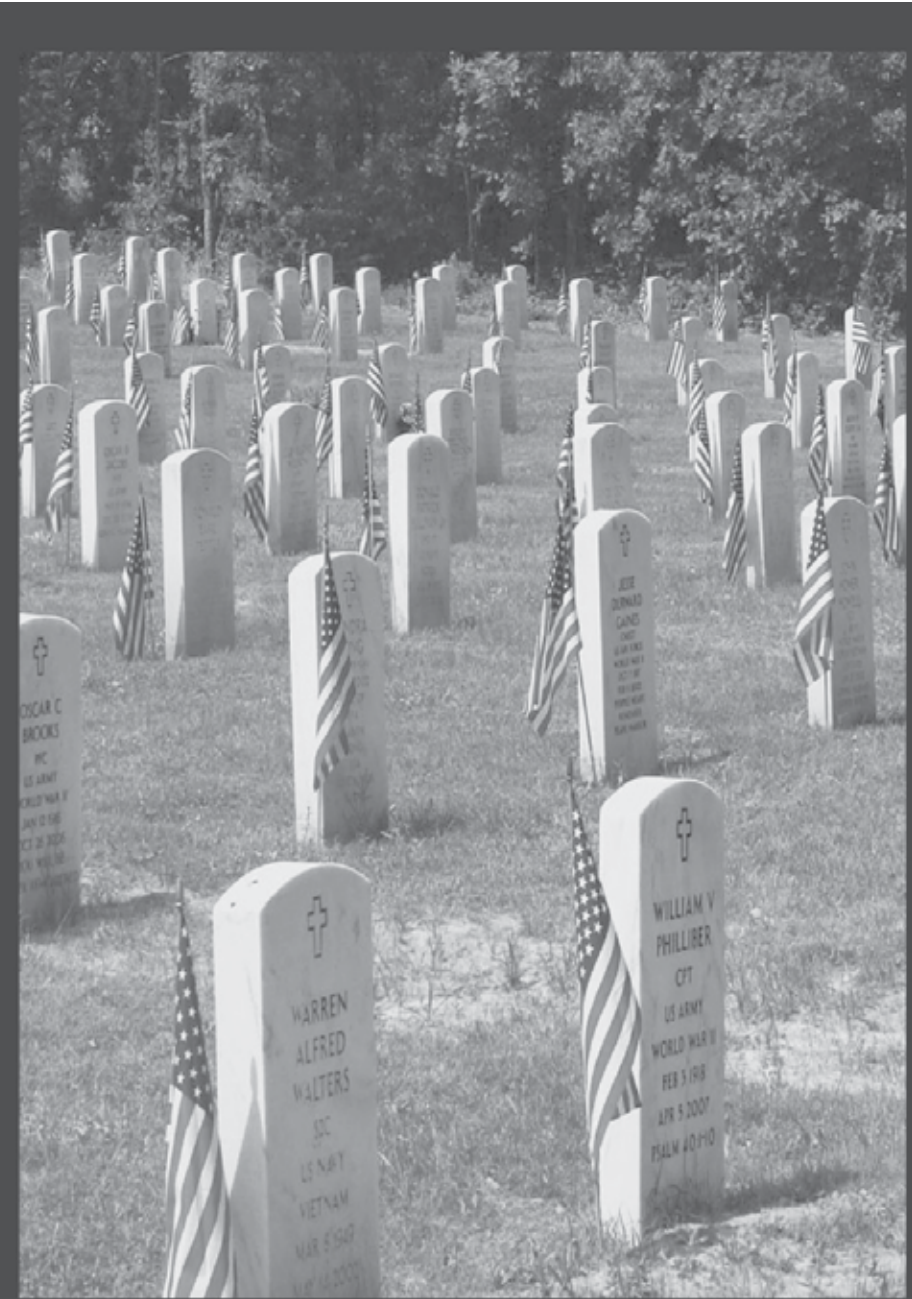
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POPEYE

by EMMETT PARRILL

THERE'S AN ILLEGAL FIGHT TOURNAMENT GOING ON. AS MAJOR, SHOULDN'T YOU DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT?

"YEAH? I'M TIRED, PAPER. LET SOMEONE ELSE DEAL WITH IT."

LIKE WHOEVER RUNS AGAINST YOU FOR YOUR OFFICE IN NOVEMBER?

CAN YOU NOT BE RIGHT AT BEDTIME?

YOU DID IT EL PULO VERDE. YOU DEFEATED MY MONSTER. SO YOU EARNED A SURPRISE.

HOW THAT ALL COMBAT IS ILLEGAL IN TOWN. POPEYE HAS SET TO TRYING TO ENTER THE FUTURE FOR BREAKING THE LAW. HE IS NOW PREPARED TO BRING POPEYE DOWN.

IT'S A PROF. KILME.

WE KNOW YOU ARE BAD AT DISGUISES AND YOU ARE WITH YOUR BUTLER.

IT'S NOT THE ONLY ONE. AM IT YOU'RE IN DEEP TROUBLE?

BUT NOT!

C'MON, PAPPY. GRANNY IS WORRIED SICK 'BOUT YOU.

POPEYE?!

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

HEY LITTLE FELLA. WHAT ARE YOU UP TO? WISH I COULD UNDERSTAND YOU.

CLUCK CLUCK CLUCK

YOU'RE ALWAYS YACKING AWAY ABOUT SOMETHING AND GIVING ME FUNNY LOOKS.

WISH I KNEW WHAT'S GOING THROUGH THAT HEAD OR WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

GEEZ, I FEEL LIKE I'M TALKING TO MY KID.

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THAT CAN'T BE POPEYE! THIS IS POPEYE!

YOUNG LADY, WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO TELL ME? DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM? HOW IMPORTANT I AM?

I AM NOT A JOKE!

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THEN WHY DO YOU LOOK LIKE A PANGLINE?

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

GOOD WORK, EVERYONE. THE PROPOSAL IS DONE. WE JUST NEED TO DOT THE I'S AND CROSS THE T'S...

I PITY THE FOOL WHO CROSSES MR. T...

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Crutch is shorter. 2. Leg is different. 3. Cast is thicker. 4. Hat is larger. 5. Sign in window is different. 6. Pole is smaller.

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

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May Fair Parade Winners Announced

By MPG Staff,
photos by Nicolas Brown

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Dixon Community Theater group paraded down First Street with a theatrical group and a gorgeous float exemplifying their next play, “Dreamland, A Midsummer

Night’s Dream,” and nabbed the parade’s Best in Show. “The Dixon Community Theater’s parade float committee greatly enjoyed creating the

whimsical Dreamland-themed entry,” said Sachi Denison-Woods. “Being first-time participants, we had no expectations, but focused on artistic

inspiration. We are honored and excited to have won Best in Show and we’re certainly motivated to create more delightful floats in the future!” ★



Here’s a list of the winners in all other categories provided by the Dixon Chamber of Commerce.

Mounted Sweepstakes – Maine Prairie Drill Team

Floats – LOCAL ADULT

1st Place – Dixon Library

Floats – LOCAL YOUTH

1st Place – Cal-Valley Shuckers

2nd Place – Dixon Girls Softball – Panthers

3rd Place – Dixon Girls Softball – Battitude

Floats – COMMERCIAL

1st Place – Downtown Dixon Business Association

2nd Place – First Northern Bank

Musical Units- HIGH SCHOOL

1st Place – Dixon High School

Musical Units- OPEN

1st Place – Rancho El Zapotillo

2nd Place – Grupo Norteño Doble S

3rd Place – Vacaville Jazz Dixieland Cats

Musical Unit – DRUM/PIPE

1st Place – Dixon Scottish Cultural Association

Drill Team – OPEN, SENIOR

1st Place – Discovery Challenge Academy

2nd Place – Recology Drill Team

Dance/Specialty, Senior

1st Place – Dixon Dance Studio

Color Guard – OPEN

1st Place – Discovery Challenge Academy

2nd Place – Dixon High School

Antique Auto

1st Place – Roy Powell

Classic Auto

1st Place – Recology – Big Green

2nd Place – Richard Fuchslin

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1st Place – Steve Spencer – Coldwell Banker

2nd Place – Gil Vega

3rd Place – Tom Breinig

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1st Place – Millenium Child Development Center

2nd Place – Ambrose Solar

3rd Place – Hunt’s Hauling

Decorated Auto

1st Place – Travis Credit Union

2nd Place – Atkinson Storage

Auto Club

1st Place – Ruiz Rods

2nd Place – Golden Hills Mustang Club

3rd Place – Sac-City Mini Dreamz

Motorcycle Club

1st Place – Veteran Riders Motorcycle Club

Custom Motorcycle

1st Place – Sam Fernandez

Comic - SENIOR

1st Place – Recology – Buddy Blue

Novelty - JUNIOR

1st Place – Dixon Montessori School

2nd Place – Ramtown Karate

Novelty – SENIOR

1st Place – Barrett – Leber Realty

2nd Place – Cibara Motor Corps

3rd Place – Dixon Unified School District

Drum Major - SENIOR

1st Place – Dixon High School

Color Guard - MILITARY

1st Place – VFW 8151 and American Legion 208

Charro – MOUNTED GROUP COSTUME

1st Place – Rancho El Zapotillo

Mounted Group – SENIOR

1st Place – Solano County Sheriff’s Posse

2nd Place – Rancho Alegre

Mounted Group – WORKING VAQUERO

1st Place – Rancho El Zapotillo



The Dixon Community Theater group was awarded “Best in Show” by the judges at this year’s Dixon May Fair Parade. There was an acting troupe that followed behind and alongside the float as well.



The Ferris Wheel turned into a visual spectacle when seen through a slowed timer on a camera.



After the Dixon May Fair Parade, perfect sunny weather awaited carnival riders at the May Fair.



The Honor Guard represents all branches of the military and traditionally starts the parade.



The midway filled up after the parade with visitors from around various counties to extend their visit to Dixon.



The Recology Trash Can Brigade performs fun routines for the parade crowds every year.



This restored 1955 Chevy was a hit with many parade-goers this year.



The Scrambler looked more like a sea creature at night at the Dixon May Fair.



The Shriners who support children’s hospitals in Northern California were back this year in their go-carts.

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