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Teri Brown to Lead Dixon Women



New DWIC leaders (L-R) seated: Martha Dules, Cindy Heeney, Diane Schroeder and Pat Inderbitzen. Standing (L-R) Debra Dingman, Jeanne Bei, Pamela Marks, Angela Remides, Binky Rowe, Jewel Fink and Teri Brown. Courtesy photo

By MPG Staff

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Teri Brown, who has served as the Dixon Women's Improvement Club Secretary for three years is stepping up her game: She's the new President for the 2024-2025 year.

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

Outgoing President Debra

Dingman highlighted the many experiences and achievements of the past year including hearing from guest speakers on interesting topics such as growing herbs, City Development, City Recreation for Seniors, and Dixon's water issues. The members also enjoyed making pumpkin succulent centerpieces, vision boards, and flower arrangements. They took field trips to museums and the UC Davis Raptor Center and are working with a committee to add decorated benches outside the public library.

They held a huge successful fundraising dinner in February that netted thousands for scholarships and community grants, plus they updated the Dixon Community Resource Guide, an online source listing contact information for variety of services, sports, schools, clubs, etc. which is easily available through a Google search. This year's luncheon was catered

by Bud's Pub & Grill and was themed 'Bee Positive.' Tables were decorated with miniature honeycombs, other assorted bee decorations and 'bee' sayings in recognition of World Bee Day that month.

Dingman, who will now serve as Director at Large, then recognized the DWIC Officers for 2024-2025. They were President Teri Brown; Vice-President Jewel Fink; Recording Secretary Ashley Alvarez; Treasurer Cindy Heeney; and Financial Reviewer Martha Dules.

Next, the Committee Chairs were introduced. They are Community Grants Teri Brown; Rose Garden Jeanne Bei; Historian Pamela Marks; Hospitality and Membership Binky Eason and Angela Remides; Parliamentarian Jewel Fink; Scholarships Diane Schroeder; Publicity Debra Dingman; and

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Parks and Recreation Commission Appointments, Vacancy

By Angela Underwood

DIXON, CA (MPG) - If there is public fun here, the Parks & Recreation Commission is behind it.

Dixon City Recreation manager Austin Gerge said the city's public works and parks and recreation staff work closely with the Parks & Recreation Commission.

"Staff presents the commission with a variety of items for their input and consideration," George said. "In the past few years, these projects have included new playground equipment, grant applications and social media contests on our local parks."

Linda Babb, Public Works Administrative Clerk II, said it's important that all Parks and Recreation Commission appointments are filled "so that we can maintain a quorum and have participation from a variety of community members."

The seven-member committee, including one student, scopes ways to bring activity and amusement to Dixon.

Members, who the mayor appoints after a recruitment process, are limited to serving three consecutive two-year terms, except for students who serve a one-year term.

An adolescent's point of view is key to the commission's vision, according to George.

"The student position allows us to have input from our youth," George said. "The youth in Dixon access our parks and recreation facilities on a daily basis, so it is important for the city to have their participation."

Mayor Steve Bird reappointed incumbents Rudy Baltazar and Ronald Butts and new member Terry Lake on June 18. However, another two-year term vacancy is open for the commission, which meets at 7 p.m. every fourth Tuesday of the month at City Hall Council Chambers.

Officials are asking any interested residents to step up to the plate to complete the seven-member committee.

"Recreation has a wide range of activities, so having commissioners with diverse interests helps by bringing their experience and passion from the different branches of recreation," George said.

Volunteering offers much more than just a \$75 stipend every meeting; it provides an opportunity for

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Learn Jess Jones' Journey

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The story behind Jess Jones Farming, including his experiences growing up in Dixon, in the popcorn industry, his entertainment venue and his winery will be shared at the next Dixon Historical Society meeting on Aug. 11.

Jess Jones and his wife, MaryEllen, a retired math teacher from the former CA Jacobs Middle School, come from a long-time farming family of more than a hundred years now.

The Aug. 11 meeting will be from 2:15 to 3:15 p.m. with refreshments to follow at the Dixon United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 209 North Jefferson.

The Dixon Historical Society conducts quarterly meetings open to the public for the benefit of learning about Dixon's past and discovering like-minded people who care about the town's history or who like to share historical facts about their local families.

At the Dixon History



Jess Jones poses with several of his wines. Courtesy photo

Museum, there are tastefully displayed vignettes of early Dixon days, artifacts and memorabilia. There are copies of every Dixon High School yearbook fun to peruse for friends, family and interested community members.

Dixon products are also for sale there, including T-shirts, hooded

sweatshirts and zippered sweatshirts with the Milk Farm logo on them as well as coffee mugs. Books by local authors and books on Dixon's history are available for sale as well. There is free admission to the museum although donations are always welcomed.

For more information,

visit the Dixon History Museum from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays at 125 West A St. where the large, green pioneer wagon is situated outside.

Information about the Dixon Historical Society and how to become a member can be found on the website at www.dixon-historicalsociety.org. ★



Fourth of July Sounds Hard on Pets

By Debra Dingman

With all the booms and explosion sounds going on before and after the Fourth of July, I know this is a tough time for pet owners and was reminded of a story I wrote several years ago about the Facebook site, Dixon Pet Finder.

Years ago, a furry neighbor, Daisy, didn't come home again and her owner was distraught. Daisy was a gentle giant of a Pitbull and one of the friendliest girls I've ever known. Of course, I've never seen her when her owner was threatened but I can vouch for her docile and sweet temperament, and I am truly a very hard sell on this particular breed.

Nonetheless, Daisy had become part of the neighborhood in the past many years, and I had become fond of her. I did notice she was getting slower at coming around the corner to visit me and learned she was being treated with chemo for cancer. That's why her collar had been taken off. When she came up missing, I joined in the search.

It is not like Daisy to venture far, but there is some building going on nearby and the fence is down to allow equipment through. When we couldn't find her anywhere in our neighborhood, I turned to Facebook, which has a site called, 'Dixon Pet Finder.' I don't know who created it

but there she was thanks to some wonderful people who took her picture and posted it from the Village Green neighborhood which at that time, was around the corner of our house.

Back to today, if you are a pet owner, please take note of this site and if you are missing your pet, check it immediately. People are always finding animals that are too shy to be captured but they get a snapshot from their phones and let viewers know the locations. It has proven to be extremely helpful for our family and others we know on several occasions.

I also discovered a new Facebook site, "Dixon Lost and Found Pets," and in case that wasn't enough, there is another one called "Pets of Dixon," which is cats only from what I can tell.

When our Millie the Beagle escaped a couple times and even later, Chunk the Beagle, we were able to get help from those sites and found them before the day was up.

Last week, there was an owner looking for his old and ill orange tabby near Patwin Park, a black cat on Dixon Avenue West, and even a gray bunny lost from Walnut Street near Highway 113.

You can also call the Solano County Shelter in Fairfield at 707-784-1356. So, there you go: more good things for pet-minded people! ★

Dixon News Briefs

MPG Staff



On July 9, residents can get a free tarot reading at the Dixon Public Library. Courtesy photo

Free Tarot Readings at the Dixon Public Library on July 9

Join us for an enlightening session with an experienced tarot reader! Gain insight into your future! Whether you are seeking guidance or simply curious, all are welcome! Suitable for teenagers and adults. First come, first served. Tuesday, July 9, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. 230 N. 1st St.

Dixon Open Microphone Night

Calling all musicians! The Dixon Chamber of Commerce and the Dixon Moose Lodge have partnered to bring Open Mic Night to Dixon! Join us on Wednesday, July 10. Signups begin at 5:30 p.m. You do not have to be a Moose Lodge Member to participate. Dixon Moose Lodge #1120, 180 W. B St.

Dixon Family Services Looking for Construction Help

Please help us build a fence! The following are our scheduled workdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Friday, July 12 to Saturday, July 13
 Friday, July 19 to Saturday, July 20
 With the following days, if needed:
 Friday, July 26 to Saturday, July 27.
 This project at Dixon Family Services will improve the health and safety of staff, clientele, and community.

If you cannot volunteer, you can also contribute by helping us with the cost of materials. Please donate.

Send a check to DFS, 155 N 2nd St., Dixon, CA 95620

Indicate it is for the fence in your memo.

For more information or to be placed on the list of volunteers, contact Tim Williams at 916-849-3262 or tygmos@sbcglobal.net or Cookie Powell at 707-678-0442 or Cookie@DixonFamilyServices.org.

Leave a message; we will get back to you.

Thank you for your consideration and for your contributions in advance.

Mark your Calendars for Concerts in the Park!

Thursday, July 18. 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Hey Jude (the Band) hails from Vacaville and the San Francisco Bay Area. They play energetic and accurate versions of music from the '60s and '70s with an emphasis on The Beatles. Hey Jude was formed in 2011 with each member bringing years of experience to provide one of the Bay Area's best party and dance experiences, featuring music we can all sing along and get up and move to! Pardi Plaza at the corner of 1st and A streets.

Dixon Farmer's Market

Every Thursday is the Downtown Dixon Farmer's Market. Enjoy organic fruits and vegetables, fresh baked bread, nuts, homemade salsa, tamales, hummus, olive oil, hot food and more! From 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. through Sept. 26 at Women's Improvement Club Park, 230 North First St.

Dixon Young Ladies Institute #141 of St. Peter's Catholic Church

The ladies of YLI Sacred Heart # 141 of St. Peter's Catholic Church recently awarded two young members of the parish. While they received many qualified applicants, two of them really stood out. Osiris Jimenez-Palomino (pictured with her mother, Martha Palomino) and Justin Albrecht (pictured with his mother, Angeline Albrecht). Both applicants, through their essays and recommendation letters, demonstrated dedication to their faith and exemplify service to the church and their communities. Both will be pursuing careers in allied medical health sciences. Congratulations to all! ★



Awards were presented to Osiris Jimenez-Palomino and Justin Albrecht. Pictured are Martha Palomino, Osiris Jimenez-Palomino, Justin Albrecht and Angeline Albrecht. Photo courtesy of Karen Hamera



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Dixon's Pull for Relocators

Teri Brown to Lead Dixon Women



New home sales are brisk at Homestead.

Story and photo by Scott Mullins

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The once quiet town of Dixon has seen a surge in new home sales as of late. This boom is influenced by a combination of factors that make Dixon an increasingly attractive place to hang your hat.

Growth of the Economy

Companies are drawn to Dixon, due to its strategic location, and with the influx of new residents, this will continue to flourish.

Affordable Housing Market

OK, so it is not cheap but it is more affordable than neighboring cities such as Davis and Sacramento.

Quality of Life

Add small town charm with modern amenities, excellent schools, safe neighborhoods, and a variety of recreational activities and you will understand why Dixon is so appealing.

There were 25 homes/parcels sold in Zip Code 95620 in May 2024.

SALE DATE	ADDRESS	BD/BA	PRICE
5/3/24	1035 Woodvale Dr	4BD/2BA	\$565,000
5/3/24	1800 Butterfly Ln	3BD/2BA	\$571,000
5/3/24	1350 Rehrmann Dr	4BD/2BA	\$635,000
5/3/24	1245 Columbia Dr	4BD/3BA	\$715,000
5/6/24	1500 Gill Ct	3BR/2.5BA	\$770,000
5/6/24	1240 Princeton Way	5BD/4BA	\$855,000
5/7/24	1225 Woodvale Dr	3BR/2BA	\$555,000
5/7/24	1580 Reed Dr	3BD/2BA	\$560,000
5/8/24	1785 Orchid Ave	3BD/2BA	\$545,000
5/9/24	1765 Gold St	4BD/2.5BA	\$719,000
5/10/24	230 Heritage Ln	4BD/2.5BA	\$589,000
5/10/24	415 Vanderbilt Dr	3BD/2BA	\$679,000
5/10/24	1210 Tufts Ln	3BD/2BA	\$717,000
5/13/24	1620 Fanning Ct	4BD/2.5BA	\$750,000
5/14/24	385 Calmace Dr	4BR/2.BA	\$525,000
5/16/24	385 Anchor Ct	4BR/2BA	\$698,000
5/16/24	410 Vanderbilt Dr	3BR/2BA	\$698,000
5/17/24	610 Devonshire Dr	4BR/2.5BA	\$580,000
5/20/24	975 Mayfair Dr	3BR/2.5BA	\$670,000
5/21/24	9128 Campbell Rd	43.36 Acres	\$881,000
5/29/24	290 S 8th St	3BR/2BA	\$577,000
5/30/24	1320 Parkgreen Dr	3BR/2BA	\$642,000
5/30/24	1735 Frese Ct	4BR/3BA	\$783,000
5/31/24	1355 Valley Glen Dr	3BR/3BA	\$570,000
5/31/24	1840 Derby Dr	3BR/2BA	\$580,000

As more people discover the benefits of living in Dixon, this trend is likely to continue, shaping the town's future as a thriving residential community. ★

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Telephone/Sunshine Committee Pat Inderbitzen.

The Officers and Committee Chairs of the organization will operate the non-profit, charitable organization for the beautification, improvement, and promotion of the best interests of the City of Dixon through club-directed projects and community activities.

Over the summer, the new Board and Chairs will create the upcoming year's speakers and field trips. The group meets on the third Wednesday of each month 1 to 3 p.m. at the Methodist Church Fellowship

Hall, 209 North Jefferson.

The DWIC general membership does not meet in July or August, but will reconvene on Wednesday, September 18, at the Fellowship Hall of the Dixon Methodist Church at 209 North Jefferson.

If you enjoy stimulating speakers, fun activities, the camaraderie of friends, and are interested in joining the Dixon Women's Improvement Club, contact our Membership Chairs Eason or Remides through the organization's Facebook page or call (707) 678-9198. Membership is \$45 per year payable at the first meeting in September. ★

Parks and Recreation Commission Appointments, Vacancy

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community members to participate in city government and have an impact on the local community, according to George.

"The volunteer commissioners have an opportunity to share their passion about

recreation with the community, which is satisfying to them and benefits the community as well," George said.

To apply for a Parks & Recreation position, email dixonrecreation@cityofdixon.us or call 707-678-7000. ★

Are Your Assets Secure?

Story and photo by Scott Mullins

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Everyone knows securing your assets is crucial nowadays. Luckily, there are experts like Crystal Rico, Lisa Castillo, and Liz Guzman who provide education and advice to those that are in need. On June 27, these financial planning and insurance experts provided a no cost Secure your Assets Seminar at The Farmstead at Dixon. Chrissy Soucie, Resident Development Director at Farmstead in Dixon provided some information about the very well-appointed Farmstead senior living community, including that they are already 31% occupied and welcoming new residents frequently. She then welcomed the seminar attendees and introduced Lisa Castillo, the first speaker.

Lisa Castillo of Castillo's Legal Life Support is a local, a Dixonite. She is a bonded, licensed legal document assistant and worked for local government for over 25 years. She is not an attorney. Her business objective is simple: to provide her clients with education so they can protect their legacy at a much more affordable price than they would receive from a typical attorney.

Her main topics were estate planning and living trusts. She explained how crucial an estate plan and living trust are. For those who pass without an estate plan and living trust, their estate will be settled by the Probate Court. This means that the court will decide who receives what. Lisa emphasized how these two documents will



Experts in their fields, Crystal Rico of Farmers Insurance, Liz Guzman of Rowher Insurance and Lisa Castillo of Castillo's Legal Life Support provide useful secure your assets information at the Farmstead at Dixon Senior Living on June 27.

protect everyone involved with peace of mind. All of the complex decisions and this will be one less worry during a challenging time. For any of your estate planning or living trust needs, please contact Lisa Castillo at Lisa.Castillo@legallifesupport.com or call (707)-564-3977.

Next to provide useful insurance information was Crystal Rico of Farmers Insurance. Crystal is also a long time Dixon resident of 23 years. Life insurance and mortgage protection are two of her passions. She is committed to being a trusted advisor for her clients. She provided the example of someone without life insurance and emphasized how much added stress and burden this causes families at a ridiculously challenging time. Her most important piece of advice was to buy life insurance early - it is never too early to start. Crystal is a top producing Farmers Agent who not only provides life insurance, but she also offers home, business, auto, commercial, specialty, and pet insurance. She can be reached at

crico@farmersagent.com or (707)-828-6709.

And last but not least, Liz Guzman of Rowher Insurance spoke. Another longtime Dixon resident, Liz has over 24 years of experience in the insurance industry. Homeowner's insurance was her topic of main concern. And not surprisingly, she highlighted how this industry has been negatively impacted by COVID, devastating wildfires and other tragedies. She stressed how important is to keep your current policies current and up to date. For those that have difficulty attaining homeowner's insurance, Liz has options - not many - but she will do her best to find coverage. "That's all the bad news I have today," Liz exclaimed to the laughter of the many of the attendees. Please contact Liz at lguzman@rohwerinsurance.com or (707)-678-9216.

If you are in need of estate planning or insurance, Dixon is lucky to have these three local experts who provide advice, educate, and assist our local community. Thank you for your advice! ★

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CORRECTION

The Dixon Independent Voice apologizes for stating that the Rotary Club was a host in the June 28 story, "Celebrate Independence Day in Dixon." The Dixon Rotary Club did not host the fireworks show this year.

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Officials Adopt 5-Year Upgrade Plans



Resident John Schrader details his concern about some projects being funded solely through a water rate increase that may fail to pass. Photo courtesy Angela Underwood

By Angela Underwood

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) promises street repairs and water rehabilitation, among other projects.

City engineer and utilities director Jonathon Fong detailed the half-decade proposed capital improvement plan, which included 96 projects and eight new plans totaling approximately \$160 million, to the mayor and council on June 18.

According to the resolution approving the capital improvement plan, there have been “significant revisions to the Five-Year CIP compared to the previous year” due to the General Plan 2040, the Transportation Impact Fee update, and the Streets and Water System Master Plans alterations.

The staff report categorizes the capital improvement plan by city departments, traditionally including “construction projects to rehabilitate existing facilities and to construct new facilities to serve the needs of projected growth.”

“The CIP also includes non-construction projects such as major equipment purchases and studies,” according to the staff report. “Staff employs a computer program, Plan-it, to identify projects and funding sources and schedule project implementation for the life of this five-year program.”

The eight projects added to the capital improvement plan for the 2029 deadline are the East A Street and South 7th sewer repair, fire ladder truck, City Hall

mold, water infiltration, Hall Park expansion, Northwest Park shade structure, Hall Park barbecue shade renovation and Northwest Park agriculture well.

“All the projects are fully funded in year one of the Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget,” Fong said.

However, according to the staff report, “implementation of projects in Years 2-5 may change as funding estimates are updated each year.”

Fong detailed the capital improvement plan approval process, noting it must pass three commissions: transportation advisory, parks and recreation, and planning before council adoption.

The Planning Commission approved the overall capital improvement plan; however, according to Fong, one commission member requested “a study related to the five acres per thousand-park standards in the General Plan 2040.”

Resident John Schrader said his only “concern” was clarifying the noted water rehabilitation of more than \$16 million.

“If I understand this correctly, that is all contingent upon the water rate increase going through as a source for that,” Schrader said.

Another \$16-million concern for Schrader was the proposed Chromium treatment for city water, which also depends on a rate increase.

Schrader’s public comments were not addressed, and the capital improvement plan was adopted unanimously by the mayor and council members. ★

MEMORIAL

CANDY LYNN JONES SCHNEIDER

Candy Lynn Jones Schneider, 79, of Dixon passed away recently after an extended illness. Candy was born in Iowa, the daughter of Max and Violet Jones. She graduated from Dixon High School Class of 1963. She worked at Florida

Power & Light in Miami, Florida and retired from University of California Davis. She was married to Thomas Schneider in Miami, Florida who survives her. Candy is also survived by two brothers; Robert Jones, Esq. and his wife Margo, and Terry

Jones, and brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Michael and Sue Algeo and Cindy Schneider. She’s also survived by one nephew and five nieces. Also, sisters-of-the-heart Dr. Eleanor Hawkins and Suzanne Heer. Memorial services will be held at graveside.



Not Just a Bump in the Road

Dear Dave,

I’m currently on Baby Step 2 of your plan, and I’m six months away from being debt-free, except for my home. Recently, I’ve run into an issue with my sister, who has a good job, but continually makes poor choices with money. Over the last six months, she has also asked to borrow money from me and others in our family several times, including again yesterday. I don’t want to be cruel, but the whole issue has gotten out of hand. How do you think I should approach her about this?

– James

Dear James

Handling issues like this can be complicated, especially when family or friends are involved. But honestly, I think you should just tell your sister the

Dave Ramsey Says

truth. Keep it simple. Let her know you’re trying to get out of debt and change the way you handle your finances, so you don’t have extra money sitting around. Explain to her, too, that part of this is you’re not playing around with debt anymore, and this means you won’t be loaning or borrowing money again.

Make sure you do this with a kind spirit, James. Most people in your sister’s position already know deep down that they’re making bad decisions. So, it’s important that you talk to her in a gentle, caring way. See if you can get her to talk about what’s really going on with her money. You could even let her know you might consider giving her some money as a gift if you had any extra lying around—and you knew she was in control financially. But you’re not really helping someone who’s financially incompetent, or just plain immature, when you give them cash or even loan them money.

You’re not helping someone if you participate in their misbehavior with

them, so you’ve got to look at the big picture in situations like this. Your sister hasn’t just hit a hard time, with lots of unexpected expenses or a job loss. Right now, her behavior with money isn’t just a bump in the road, it’s a lifestyle.

Sometimes you have to love someone enough to sit them down, and tell them the truth. Even if it’s family, that can also mean saying no and telling them it’s time to straighten up and start acting right.

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time No. 1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS Mornings, 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 the company, Ramsey Solutions. ★

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Cal Water June 2024 Rate Increase

Dear homeowners in Dixon served by Cal Water; you need to be informed about a Cal Water rate increase on your June 2024 water bill. Cal Water increased your 5/8” service charge from \$31.82 to \$50.84, an increase of \$19.02 (60%). The increase was needed to fund infrastructure improvements to keep your drinking water safe, clean, and reliable according to the letter in your Cal Water bill.

Also, in the letter the company explains that in order to promote ‘affordability,’ they changed their tier quantity structure (charge for the amount of water used) to heavily discount the charge for the first 4,488 gallons of water (6CCF) from \$5.0679 (per CCF) down to \$2.0252 (per CCF), a reduction of -\$3.6538 (-64%).

If you live in a small home or apartment in Dixon served by Cal Water in May 2024 your bill might have been \$52.09 (excluding misc. charges) = (\$31.82 (for the 5/8” service charge) + \$20.27 for 4 CCF (2,992 gallons). With the June 2024 increase, your bill will probably be around \$58.94 (excluding misc. charges) = (\$50.84 (5/8”

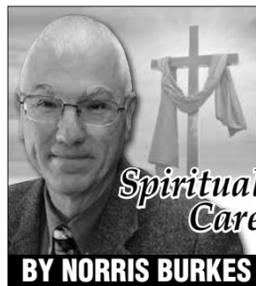
service charge) + \$8.10 for 4 CCF. This is an increase of \$6.85 (13.2%) from your May 24 bill. The increase in the service charge more than offsets the decrease in the charge for water used.

Cal Water increased their fixed revenue (5/8” service charge fee) and reduced their variable revenue (charge per gallon of water), thereby reducing the decrease in revenue lost from those households that conserve (use less water.) Cal Water is a private company and in the business of making money. Households using less water means less revenue, so to prevent the loss of revenue appears that they just increased the fixed revenue (service charge fee).

By the way, your neighbors across the street from you and who have water provided by the City of Dixon would only be paying \$19.26 (excluding misc. fees) = \$14.34 (service charge) and \$4.92 (4 CCF). This is -\$39.68 (-67%) lower than what you will be paying with Cal Water. However, those rates will undoubtedly increase in order to cover needed infrastructure improvements.

David Dingman, Dixon

Back to the Grind



BY NORRIS BURKES

If I say “1492,” chances are it’ll bring to mind that old school rhyme, “In 1492, Columbus sailed the ocean blue.”

But now I suspect I’ll remember 1492 in a different light. That’s because last month I flew to Tegucigalpa, Honduras, to sharpen 1,492 pencils.

You say, “That’s an expensive trip for such a menial chore.”

Yes, I get your point, but if you’re a regular reader of this column, you know that Chispa Project needed those pencils for the inauguration of their 88th Honduran library at Pedro Nufio Elementary School.

I know I’m not the sharpest stick in the pencil box, but still I expected the project director to match me to something more in line with my talents.

After all, the director is my daughter, Sara Brakhane. She knows that I’ve spoken to dozens of U.S. audiences. I thought she might arrange a speaking gig in a Honduran soccer stadium.

At the very least, she should have arranged for me to mentor the school’s principal and share the B.F. Skinner Psychology of Education I learned in seminary.

I mean, what’s the harm in a little nepotism?

A lot, apparently. She assigned me to count pencils, sharpen them, and drop said writing instruments into 421 of the new

school backpacks.

Of course, I wasn’t the only volunteer that arrived on the Dallas connection. The less jet-lagged and talented ones were slotted for important jobs.

Under the direction of Lester Reconco, an artistic Chispa employee, volunteers helped paint a large mural onto the library wall. It was no Banksy or Wyland Whale, but in quick time, our fledgling artists brought the room to life with bright primary colors.

Designed to inspire, the drawing features a Honduran boy in an oceanside scene. He’s reclined on a wave of books while reading. On a field of blue, volunteers added a sailboat, a swan, and multiple fish.

Other artists meticulously painted a line of books that encompassed the room. (Photo on my website.)

Meanwhile my pencil sharpener overheated and forced Sara to assign me to the painting team. However, it was still not the fame I sought.

My job was to pour various paints into red Solo cups, lug them to the talent, and wash their brushes. My nickname was Pour-Pour-Norris.

Suddenly, I became a truly irreplaceable member of the team.

I know this because I begged others to replace me. They would not.

But finally, after two days of painting, the moment came to shelve the books in the new library.

From the school parking lot, our volunteers worked an assembly line offloading 850 new books from our bus. We carried the books through a bustling playground of kids playing soccer and girl-chase-boy games.

Still, several stopped to hug us, sharing broad and cheeky smiles that stretched

for miles and miles. Suddenly we were surrounded by a gaggle of schoolgirls and boys, all grinning with unrehearsed wonder. They weren’t subtle. They wanted to see the new books we were shelving.

If you know the excitement U.S. children express over a new video game, you can conceive the enthusiasm building in these students as they saw their first children’s picture book.

On the final two days, Chispa volunteers hosted the library inauguration, a sort of all-day birthday party. Students rotated among classrooms for hands-on-fun that included puppets, science experiments and storytelling.

I never did get to deliver my Skinner lecture. But I can share with you that, like Skinner, Chispa believes that changing the environment can make education enjoyable and effective for all students.

Books are used to affect that change.

And the school where we were is definitely an environment that needed changing.

This rural school sits near the city’s landfill where many parents work to collect trash, operate the landfill’s incinerator, or commute by bus to a day laborer job.

When we left Honduras, the new library we had painted and filled with rows of new books had changed their environment for the better.

Chispa’s challenging slogan suggests we all “Help change the story.” I like to think that sometimes their stories can be changed, and a sharpened pencil can write that new story.

So, with more libraries coming soon, shall I “pencil you in” for the next volunteer trip? In the meantime, I guess you can say, it’s back to the grind for me. ★

Fairy Tale Theater Camp Promises Summer Fun for Local Youth

By Abel Cornejo, Artistic Director, Dixon Community Theater

DIXON, CA (MPG) - This summer, Dixon Community Theater (DCT) is bringing magic to the Dixon Multi-Use Center with the "Fairy Tale Theater Camp." From July 8 to July 26, children aged 6 to 12 will have the opportunity to dive into the world of dramatic storytelling, right in the heart of our community.

The camp offers a rich array of activities designed to ignite creativity and develop acting skills. Kids will engage in movement exercises, improvisation games, and character creation workshops, all geared towards unlocking their imaginations and building confidence on stage.

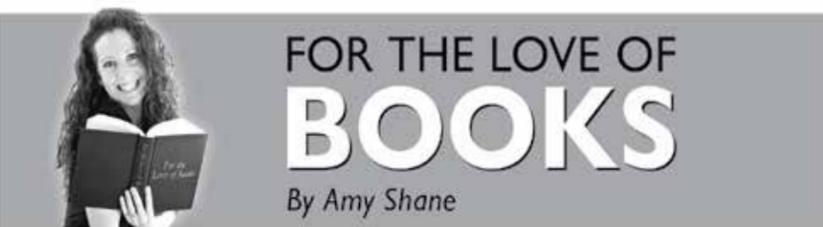
The camp's grand finale will be a performance of "Cinderella" with a modern twist. Our young thespians will bring the beloved

story to life, showcasing their talents in a collaborative performance for family and friends.

Dixon Community Theater prides itself on making the arts accessible to everyone, fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment for individuals of all ages and backgrounds. As a cornerstone of Dixon's artistic community, DCT is dedicated to nurturing young talent and providing unforgettable experiences for our local youth.

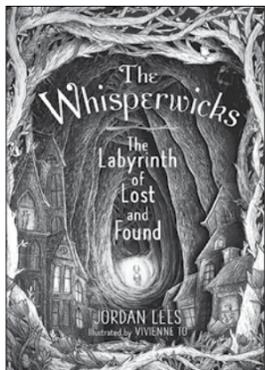
Mark your calendars for an enchanting summer adventure. Registration opened on July 1 and tuition is \$150. Join us at the Dixon Senior Multi-Use Center, 201 S 5th St, Dixon, CA 95620, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information, email dixoncommunitytheater@gmail.com. Don't miss this chance for your child to be part of the magic. ★



Middle Grade Summer of Adventure!

Grab your flashlight and a notebook. Its time for two exciting summer adventures, perfect for the middle-grade reader.



Something Maybe Magnificent
by R.L. Toalson; Aladdin Books

After last summer, Victoria made the “No Fail Plan For The Perfect Summer Vacation.” This summer would end up differently than last summer. Her no-fail plan will definitely keep her busy between her goals to get published, read Sylvia Plath, start running, meet the cute boy in the neighborhood, and definitely forget all about her dad. The only problem is Kyle Moreland, her mom’s new boyfriend. He is now the guy who sticks around. And what’s even worse is that Kyle is now coming along on family outings and even cooking in their kitchen. There’s only one thing to do: add one more thing to the list- Get rid of Kyle.

Yet, once again, things don’t go as planned, and the more she focuses on getting Kyle out, the worse she feels. On top of that, her body keeps changing, along with her views of womanhood. But Victoria would do anything to protect her mom, even if that might mean reevaluating her plan.

Set out on a truly magnificent summer adventure. This coming-of-age story combines the themes of discovery, parents remarrying, body changes, and so many pre-teen emotions. Take a glimpse inside the mind of thirteen-year-old Victoria Reeves within the pages of her diary. Follow all the many confusing feelings, thoughts, plans, and lists of one determined girl. Readers will instantly fall for and even relate to Victoria, rooting for her and her perfect summer.

The Whisterwicks The Labyrinth of Lost And Found

by Jordan Less, illustrated by Vivienne To; Simon and Schuster Books For Young Readers

Benjamin doesn’t believe in anything that cannot be proven logically. But he is forced to believe in the unbelievable when he is sent a mysterious gift—a magically transforming doll.

Instantly, Benjamin is thrown into the world of Wreathenwold, where the city hides its dark secrets within its labyrinth maze. Now, Benjamin and brilliant-minded Elizabetha must outwit and outlast dangerous creatures and monsters that dwell within the labyrinth as they try to solve the disappearance of Elizabetha’s missing brother. But even scarier, will Benjamin be able to find his way out of the maze and back home or will he be stay forever lost?

A truly magical adventure that will captivate any reader who dares to enter its pages. Jordan Lees will whisk his readers right into a dark and dangerous city filled with every creature that lurks in the night. Daring adventure meets the two best characters in a story that no one will forget. This book is sure to be the five-star magical adventure of the summer. The Whisperwicks The Labyrinth of the Lost and Found is refreshing in its storyline while also being a dark, mysterious, magical read. An artistic nod also goes to Vivienne To, whose artwork throughout the book delivers its own enchanting narrative. ★



Riley Reviews

“SHARK WEEK” DELIVERS ENOUGH SCARES TO KEEP YOU OUT OF THE OCEAN

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

“SHARK WEEK”

ON DISCOVERY CHANNEL

The longest-running series on television happens to be the soap opera “General Hospital,” first airing in 1963. Even though “Shark Week” on the Discovery Channel runs for a week every summer, the fact that it’s been on the air since 1988 is still impressive.

This year’s host of “Shark Week” is John Cena, an actor and professional wrestler who actually looks like he might be able to grapple with a shark and survive intact.

Starting on Sunday, July 7, the annual celebration and investigation of shark habits and behaviors kicks off with “Belly of the Beast: Bigger and Bloodier,” one of last year’s most popular shows.

“Belly of the Beast” features a marine biologist, marine scientist, and cameraman traveling to a new location and heading back into the belly of a 29-foot whale decoy with new shark attractant features to create the biggest feeding frenzy ever with 18-foot “Breeder” sharks in New Zealand.

Closer to home, “Makozilla” probes the wave of savage assaults against the sea lion population of California’s coast that has sparked fears of a monstrous predator dubbed “Mako-Zilla.”

Recent discoveries, including a 600-pound mauled sea lion with massive gashes, hint that a 16-foot-long predator could be responsible. A team of shark experts embarks on a mission to unveil the identity of the colossal predator haunting the coast.

The second night brings “Great White Serial Killer: Sea of Blood,” recounting three fatal Great White Shark attacks that occurred off a small Mexican fishing village, including one in which a victim was decapitated.

Shark attack survivor Paul De Gelder joins a shark investigator and a local biologist to launch a plan to identify the killers and keep the villagers in the Sea of Cortez safe.

Tuesday night brings “6000lb. Shark,” where marine biologists go searching for the fattest Great White Sharks off the coast of New Zealand and attempt to obtain their poop to study what they are eating.

I could pass on the excrement research, but these scientists will use cutting-edge science with the aim of weighing a Great White accurately for the first time, revealing if the sharks can reach a staggering 6,000 pounds.

Middle of the week delivers “Great White North” looking into a growing population of aggressive Great White Sharks in an unlikely location, Canada.

Shark expert Andy Casagrande heads out on an expedition along Nova Scotia’s coast to investigate a surge of Great White Shark encounters and figure out if this

new population could be the largest in the world.

Thursday night’s “Monster of Oz,” finds in southwestern Australia an unknown predator with a taste for Great White and Mako Sharks, igniting fears of sea monsters in the abyss. Filmmakers and scientists attempt to track down the killer.

On Friday, “The Real Sharkano” has shark advocate and attack survivor Paul De Gelder (he’s in several of the programs) visiting an ultra-remote island of shark-worshipping natives to see if their secret ways of swimming with deadly sharks holds the secret to humans and sharks living together in peace.

In “Shark Attack Island,” a South Pacific paradise has become a shark attack hot spot with Bull, Tiger, and Great White sharks moving closer and closer to the resort beaches, fatally attacking seven people in the last five years.

On the last night of Saturday, July 13, “Sharktopia” takes us to Indonesia’s Raja Ampat islands, where a team of researchers hunt for one of the region’s last living leopard sharks.

But as they venture deeper into the unknown, the journey brings them face to face with some of the weirdest and wildest sharks on earth.

Using the latest underwater ultrasound and birthing tag technology in “Mothersharker: Hammer Time,” researchers aim to solve the mystery of where the elusive pregnant scalloped hammerheads give birth, and it may be closer than anyone realizes.

With the exception of the first and last nights, three programs air nightly to fill out the “Shark Week” extravaganza with probably more information, particularly on Great White Sharks, that may keep you out of the ocean just like “Jaws” did a half-century ago.

Discovery is not alone in the “shark” game. National Geographic has announced, on the heels of the 50th anniversary of the bestselling book by Peter Benchley that went on to become a box-office sensation, the greenlight for “JAWS @ 50” (working title) to air next summer.

This feature documentary will include footage and photography from the Benchley and director Steven Spielberg files, and all-new interviews from the worlds of film, literature, pop culture, and ocean conservation.

The film will capture our endless fascination (think “Shark Week”) with sharks and the changing dialogue about these awe-inspiring creatures. National Geographic reminds us that they have celebrated sharks for over two decades with their annual “Sharkfest” summer event.

“JAW S @50” is touted as creating a thrilling sense of discovery, showcasing a new generation of ocean scientists and explorers who help us better understand sharks and deepen our understanding of their vital role in a healthy ocean. ★

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Did Political Bias Actually Influence California Court Ruling on Anti-Tax Ballot Measure?



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

When the California Supreme Court unanimously declared a week ago that a highly controversial tax limitation measure could not appear on the November ballot, its proponents immediately cried foul.

They alleged that a court dominated by Democratic appointees had acted with political motives rather than legal reasoning, ruling that The Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act was a revision of the state constitution and could not be proposed through a citizen's initiative.

"Clearly, the state Supreme Court has now sent a signal that they are part of the progressive agenda in California, that we are a one-party state in California and there is no independent judiciary in California anymore," Rob Lapsley, president of the California Business Roundtable, a major sponsor of the measure, told reporters.

In a statement, Jon Coupal, president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayer Association — another sponsor — was equally critical, saying, "The seven justices of the Supreme Court yielded to the wishes of the political branches (and) put politics ahead of

the state Constitution.

"It is now obvious that all three branches of California's government — executive, legislative and judiciary — believe the government may decide how much money it needs and raise taxes accordingly, and the voters may not constrain them."

Given their backgrounds, it's reasonable to assume that most if not all of the justices may personally dislike a measure to redefine many fees as taxes and put very strict limits on state and local governments' ability to increase them. But did that cause them to block the measure and cloak their bias in a blizzard of legal language, as the sponsors claim?

The justices seemingly anticipated that its motives would be questioned, stressing "the limited nature of our inquiry" very early in their ruling.

"We do not consider or weigh the economic or social wisdom or general propriety of the initiative," Justice Goodwin Liu declared, adding, "The only question before us is whether the measure may be validly enacted by initiative."

A careful reading of the 51-page decision acquits Liu and his colleagues of alleged ideological bias. It's evident that in drafting the measure, proponents overreached by making very fundamental changes in California's governance system, amounting to a revision of the Constitution that can only be proposed by the Legislature or a constitutional convention.

The court said the measure's most obviously revisionist aspect

would have compelled the Legislature to submit any tax increases to voters for ratification, thereby impairing legislative taxation powers that have been part of the state's structure for its entire 174-year history.

"No speculation regarding potential future consequences is needed to conclude that the (Taxpayer Protection Act) is a revision on its face," Liu wrote. "The measure would fundamentally restructure the most basic of governmental powers. The TPA would exclude the levying of new taxes from the Legislature's control by requiring voter approval of all such measures."

Some critics have suggested that the current court would have invalidated Proposition 13, the iconic 1978 property tax limitation measure. But Liu also addressed that, writing that Prop. 13's changes "operate functionally within a relatively narrow range to accomplish a new system of taxation which may provide substantial tax relief for our citizens. We decline to hold that such a limited purpose cannot be achieved directly by the people through the initiative process."

In other words, had the Business Roundtable and Coupal's group proposed less sweeping changes in taxing authority, such a measure may have survived the legal challenge that Gov. Gavin Newsom, the Legislature and local governments mounted.

Given the legal uncertainty in California about who can levy what taxes on which activities, a clarifying ballot measure would be welcomed. ★

Social Security Matters

Grieving Husband Asks About His Survivor Benefits



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: My wife died May 4, 2024. I notified Social Security, and they have removed the direct deposit made to my joint checking account on May 8, 2024. What are my options now for obtaining any benefits from my wife's Social Security account?

Signed: Grieving Husband

Dear Grieving Husband: Please accept our sincere condolences for the loss of your wife. Rest assured that we're here to assist with any Social Security questions you may have at this difficult time.

FYI, a person must live the entire month to be eligible for SS benefits for that month (Social Security benefits aren't paid for the month a person dies). For this reason, and as a matter of standard protocol, Social Security instructed the bank to return any payments received for your wife after her death. This is often referred to as the "claw back" rule.

In some circumstances, however, Social Security "claws back" money

which rightfully belongs to the deceased, as they did in this case. Your wife's Social Security payment received on May 8th was her payment for the month of April, and she was fully entitled to that payment because she lived for the entire month of April. I suggest that you download, fill out, and submit Form SSA-1724 to your local Social Security office to recover that May 8th payment, which rightfully belongs to your wife's estate. Note that the bank will automatically return any future SS payments received for your wife.

As your wife's surviving spouse, you are also entitled to a one-time lump sum "death benefit" of \$255, which you can request by calling your local SS field office (get the number at www.ssa.gov/locator), or by calling 1.800.772.1213. During that call you can also explore whether you are entitled to any additional SS benefit as a surviving spouse.

If your wife's monthly SS retirement benefit was more than your current monthly SS benefit, you will be entitled to receive her higher monthly amount instead of your own smaller amount (FYI, if you haven't yet reached your own full retirement age your survivor benefit will be reduced). And if you are not yet collecting your own SS benefit, you have the option to claim your survivor benefit from

your wife first while allowing your personal SS retirement benefit to continue to grow, up to maximum at age 70 if you like.

Just be aware that if you haven't yet reached your full retirement age (FRA) and you are still working, any SS benefit you take before your FRA will be subject to Social Security's "earnings test" which limits how much can be earned before they take away some of your SS benefits. The 2024 annual earnings limit is \$22,320 (changes annually) for those who claim prior to the year they attain full retirement age, and SS will take away \$1 of benefits for every \$2 over the annual limit. The "earnings test" no longer applies after you reach your full retirement age.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY OF DIXON CITY COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT FOR DELINQUENT REFUSE COLLECTION ACCOUNTS AND DIRECTING ASSESSMENTS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT PROPERTY TAX BILL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the City of Dixon ("City") City Council will conduct a public hearing at a regular meeting on July 16, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at Council Chambers located at 600 East A Street, Dixon, California 95620 to discuss placing past due Recology Dixon accounts on property tax bills. Government Code Sections 38790.1 and 25831 and Dixon Municipal Code Section 9.06.110 give the City the authority to collect past due refuse collection accounts by placing an assessment/lien in the amount of the past due balance on the annual property tax rolls. This process makes the past due amount subject to the County's property tax collection methods and late property tax fees.

The resolution to be considered will authorize the Finance Director, or her designee, to request that the Solano County Auditor enter each assessment on the tax roll against the respective property and to collect the assessment at the same time and in the same manner as ordinary municipal and county ad valorem taxes and to further subject the property to the same penalties and the same procedure of sale in case of delinquency as provided for such taxes. Upon receipt of said funds from Solano County, funds will be remitted to Recology Dixon.

Notices regarding this process were mailed to all delinquent accounts prior to this hearing.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES: are invited to attend the July 16, 2024 public hearing to express opinions or submit evidence of why you feel the billing is in error or why you feel you should be exempted from the lien process. At the above noted time and place, testimony from interested persons will be heard and considered by the City Council prior to taking action or making any recommendation on the resolution. 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 special 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 forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting.

Interested individuals will be given an opportunity to speak in favor or opposition to the above proposed action. Written comments are also accepted, prior to the meeting at 600 East A Street, Dixon, CA 95620. Information regarding the meeting is on file and may be viewed by interested individuals at City Hall, 600 East A Street, Dixon, CA 95620. If a challenge to the above proposed action is made in court, persons may be limited to raising only those issues they or someone else raised at the meeting described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City before the meeting.

Copies of the proposed resolution will be available for public review at City Hall, 600 East A Street, Dixon, CA 95620. If you have any questions, please call the City Clerk at (707) 678-7000, or stop by the office at 600 East A Street, Dixon, CA 95620.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY OF DIXON CITY COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DIXON CITY COUNCIL APPROVING ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR THE DIXON LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 INCLUDING CONFIRMING DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENTS AND ORDERING LEVY OF ASSESSMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the City of Dixon ("City") City Council will conduct a public hearing at a regular meeting on July 16, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at Council Chambers located at 600 East A Street, Dixon, California 95620 to consider the adoption of a resolution approving the Engineer's Report for the Dixon Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance Assessment District for Fiscal Year 2024-25, including confirming diagram and assessments and ordering levy assessment.

The resolution to be considered by the City Council approves the City Engineer's Report which recommends levying an assessment on each of several lots and parcels of land within the Dixon Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance Assessment District, each of which will be specially benefited by the maintenance of the improvements at least in the amount of the assessment apportioned against the lots and parcels of land, respectively.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES: are invited to attend the July 16, 2024, public hearing to express opinions or submit evidence for or against the approval of the resolution. At the above noted time and place, testimony from interested persons will be heard and considered by the City Council prior to taking action or making any recommendation on the resolution. 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 special 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 forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting.

Interested individuals will be given an opportunity to speak in favor or opposition to the above proposed action. Written comments are also accepted prior to the meeting at 600 East A Street, Dixon, CA 95620. Information regarding the meeting is on file and may be viewed by interested individuals at City Hall, 600 East A Street, Dixon, CA 95620. If a challenge to the above proposed action is made in court, persons may be limited to raising only those issues they or someone else raised at the meeting described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City before the meeting.

Copies of the proposed resolution will be available for public review at City Hall, 600 East A Street, Dixon, CA 95620. If you have any questions, please call the City Clerk at (707) 678-7000, or stop by the office at 600 East A Street, Dixon, CA 95620.

Dixon Independent Voice - 7-5-2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE DIXON CITY COUNCIL

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

PROJECT: **TERMINATION OF DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT** (portion of APN 0111-080-290). Request from the property owner to terminate a Development Agreement that applies to the property. The property is approximately 32 acres, generally located north of Vaughn Road, east of North First Street, and southeast of East Dorset Drive. The property is currently undeveloped and is not subject to any pending development applications. The Development Agreement is from 2008 (Dixon City Council Ordinance 08-020) and was executed with a prior developer of the property. The current property owner desires to terminate the Development Agreement and remove it from the title of the property. Development of the property is not proposed at this time. The Planning Commission reviewed the matter on June 11, 2024 and provided their recommendation; APN: Portion of 0111-080-290; General Plan: Industrial; Zoning District: Industrial General – Northeast Specific Plan (IG-NESP); DHIR Capital LLC, owner, Rakesh Dhir, DHIR Capital, LLC, applicant; File No: PA24-01, DA24-01

Termination of the Development Agreement is not a "project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). No physical changes to the environment are proposed at this time. This action only involves termination of a Development Agreement from 2008 that remains recorded on the Property. Any changes to the site will be evaluated upon receipt of a future development application.

HEARING DATE & LOCATION: **Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 7:00 pm** at Dixon City Hall, City Council Chambers, 600 East A St, Dixon, CA 95620. This meeting will be physically open to the public. All members of the public may participate in the meeting by attending the meeting or remotely participating via video conferencing at <http://www.zoom.us> or via teleconference by calling (669) 900-9128 (Entering Meeting ID: 988 621 1137 and Passcode: 604754) and will be given the opportunity to provide public comment.

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

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

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

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

You may also attend the public hearing at the time and location listed above or participate remotely, to provide comments during the meeting. To speak or provide comments remotely during public comment period, you may: 1) via video conferencing click on "raise hand," or 2) via teleconference press *9.

At the above time and place, all letters received will be noted and all interested parties will be heard. If you challenge in court the matter described above, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered at, or prior to, the above referenced public hearing (Government Code Section 65009 (b)(2)).

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

Dixon Independent Voice 7-5-2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024000953

The following persons are doing business as: U Save Speed Wash, 1227 Tabor Avenue, Fairfield, CA 94533.

U Save Laundries LLC, 1227 Tabor Avenue, Fairfield, CA 94533.

Date filed in Solano County: June 12, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: December 23, 2019.

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 June 11, 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: June 21, 28, July 5, 12, 2024
USAVE 7-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-000985

The following persons are doing business as: Powered Collaborations, 320 Barn Owl Lane, Dixon, CA 95620.

Laurie Power, P.O. Box 983, Dixon, CA 95620.

Date filed in Solano County: June 20, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration June 19, 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: July 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024
POWERED 7-26-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: KENNETH J. HOLLOWAY CASE NO. PR24-00308

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of KENNETH J. HOLLOWAY.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JENNIFER A. HOLLOWAY in the Superior Court of California, County of Solano.

THE PETITION FOR

PROBATE requests that JENNIFER A. HOLLOWAY be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 07/12/24 at 9:00AM in Dept. 10 located at 600 Union Ave., Fairfield, CA 94533
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner MATTHEW C. YU, ESQ. - SBN 256235 THE LAW OFFICE OF MATTHEW C. YU 3620 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY #200 TORRANCE CA 90505 Telephone (310) 891-0016 6/14, 6/21, 6/28/24 CNS-3821760#
DIXON INDEPENDENT VOICE 6-28-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JULIETA L. MAYORAL CASE NO. PR24-00340

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Julieta L. Mayoral.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Elizabeth Dean, in the Superior Court of California, County of Solano, requesting Elizabeth Dean be appointed as

personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: July 25, 2024, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 10; Superior Court of California, County of Solano, 600 Union Street, Fairfield, CA 94533.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Angela C. Thompson, 1555 River Park Drive, Suite 108, Sacramento, CA 95815; 916-920-5983
Publish: July 5, 12, 19, 2024
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2024 PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE is hereby given to all qualified persons that a General Election will be held in the County of Solano, State of California, on November 5, 2024 for the following offices:

Voter Nominated Offices:

- United State Senator, Full Term and Partial Term
- Representative in Congress - Districts 4, 7, and 8
- State Senator - District 3
- Member of the Assembly - District 11

Nonpartisan Offices:

- Solano County Board of Education, Trustee Areas 1, 2, 5, and 7
- Los Rios Community College, Trustee Area 4
- Solano Community College, Trustee Areas 3, 5, and 7
- Benicia Unified School District, Trustee Areas 2 and 3
- Davis Joint Unified School District, Trustee Area 5
- Dixon Unified School District
- Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District, Trustee Areas 1, 2, 3, and 6
- Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District, Trustee Area 7 partial term
- River Delta Unified School District, Trustee Areas 4, 6, and 7
- Travis Unified School District, Trustee Areas 2 and 1
- Vacaville Unified School District, Trustee Areas 2, 4, 6, and 7
- Vallejo City Unified School District, Trustee Areas 2 and 4
- Cordelia Fire Protection District
- Solano Irrigation District, Districts 2, 3, 4
- Rural North Vacaville Water District

All qualified persons who wish to become a candidate may file nomination papers with the Registrar of Voters Office located at 675 Texas Street, Suite 2600, in Fairfield, CA. The date you may file nomination papers begins July 15, 2024 and ends August 9, 2024 at 5:00 P.M. If the person who currently holds an office (the incumbent) does not file papers by 5:00 P.M. on August 9, 2024, the filing period is extended until 5:00 P.M. on August 14, 2024 to allow any person other than the incumbent to file papers.

Candidates can make an appointment with the Registrar of Voters at: https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/rov/candidate_info_n_filers/appointment_request.asp

NOTICE is further given that an appointment for an office will be made in the event no candidate has filed or insufficient candidates have filed and a petition for an election is not filed within the time prescribed by law.

For information about filing, contact our office at 888-933-8683 or email elections@solanocounty.com. On November 5, 2024, the polls will be open between 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. Persons interested in volunteering at polling places should contact our office or e-mail: pollworker@solanocounty.com. All voting options are available on the Registrar of Voters Website at: <http://solanocounty.com/elections>.

Dated: June 20, 2024

John H. Gardner, Assistant Registrar of Voters

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY OF DIXON CITY COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT FOR DELINQUENT WASTEWATER COLLECTION ACCOUNTS AND DIRECTING ASSESSMENTS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT PROPERTY TAX BILL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Dixon ("City") City Council will conduct a public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 16, at 7:00 p.m., at Council Chambers located at 600 East A Street, Dixon, California 95620, to receive public comment and consider placing past due City of Dixon accounts on property tax bills. California Health and Safety Code Section 5473 provides the City the authority to collect past due wastewater collection accounts by placing an assessment/lien in the amount of the past due balance on the annual property tax rolls. This process makes the past due amount subject to the County's property tax collection methods and late property tax fees.

The resolution to be considered will authorize the Finance Director, or her designee, to request that the Solano County Auditor enter each assessment on the tax roll against the respective property and to collect the assessment at the same time and in the same manner as ordinary municipal and county ad valorem taxes and to further subject the property to the same penalties and the same procedure of sale in case of delinquency as provided for such taxes. Upon receipt of said funds from Solano County, funds will be applied against the delinquent balances.

Notices regarding this process were mailed to all delinquent accounts prior to this hearing.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend the Tuesday, July 16, 2024 public hearing to express opinions or submit evidence demonstrating that you should be exempted from the lien process. Testimony from interested persons will be heard and considered by the City Council prior to taking action or making any recommendation on the resolution. 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 regular 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 forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. Any person requiring language interpretation services should call (707) 678-7000 (voice) or (707) 678-1489 (TTY) at least seventy-two (72) hours before the meeting.

Interested individuals will be given an opportunity to speak on the above proposed action. Written comments are also accepted prior to the meeting by mail at 600 East A Street, Dixon, CA 95620 or electronically by emailing lrui@cityofdixon.us. Information regarding the meeting is on file and may be provided to interested individuals upon request. If a challenge to the above proposed action is made in court, persons may be limited to raising only those issues they or someone else raised at the meeting described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City before the meeting.

Copies of the agenda packet and supporting documents will be available for public review at City Hall, 600 East A Street, Dixon, CA 95620, at least three (3) days before the meeting.

If you have any questions, please call the Administrative City Clerk at (707) 678-7000, ext. 1116.

BY ORDER OF THE DIXON CITY COUNCIL, KRISTIN M. JANISCH, ELECTED CITY CLERK

DATED: July 1, 2024

Dixon Independent Voice 7-5-2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY OF DIXON CITY COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT FOR A DELINQUENT WEED ABATEMENT ACCOUNT AND DIRECTING THE ASSESSMENT TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT PROPERTY TAX BILL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Dixon ("City") City Council will conduct a public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 16, at 7:00 p.m., at Council Chambers located at 600 East A Street, Dixon, California 95620, to receive public comment and consider placing a past due City of Dixon account on the property tax bill. California Health and Safety Code Section 14915-14917 provides the City the authority to collect past due weed abatement accounts by placing an assessment/lien in the amount of the past due balance on the annual property tax rolls. This process makes the past due amount subject to the County's property tax collection methods and late property tax fees.

The resolution to be considered will authorize the Finance Director, or her designee, to request that the Solano County Auditor enter each assessment on the tax roll against the respective property and to collect the assessment at the same time and in the same manner as ordinary municipal and county ad valorem taxes and to further subject the property to the same penalties and the same procedure of sale in case of delinquency as provided for such taxes. Upon receipt of said funds from Solano County, funds will be applied against the delinquent balances.

Notices regarding this process were mailed to the delinquent property owner prior to this hearing.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend the Tuesday, July 16, 2024 public hearing to express opinions or submit evidence demonstrating that you should be exempted from the lien process. Testimony from interested persons will be heard and considered by the City Council prior to taking action or making any recommendation on the resolution. 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 regular 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 forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. Any person requiring language interpretation services should call (707) 678-7000 (voice) or (707) 678-1489 (TTY) at least seventy-two (72) hours before the meeting.

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DATED: July 1, 2024

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CITY OF DIXON NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that a General Municipal Election will be held in the City of Dixon on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024** for the following offices:

City Mayor (elected at-large representing the entire City):	Full Term of Four Years
City Treasurer (elected at-large representing the entire City):	Full Term of Four Years
City Councilmember, District 3:	Full Term of Four Years
City Councilmember, District 4:	Full Term of Four Years

Official nomination documents for eligible candidates desiring to file for the above offices will be available commencing Monday, July 15, 2024, at City Hall, 600 East A Street, Dixon, California. The nomination period for these offices begins on **July 15, 2024** and closes on **August 9, 2024** at **5:00 p.m.** Candidates must be 18 years old or older, reside and be registered to vote within the City of Dixon. Candidates running for City Council must also reside within the District for which they are running.

Filing of nomination papers shall occur by **APPOINTMENT ONLY**. Appointments can be scheduled by calling (707) 678-7000 or by email at lrui@cityofdixon.us. Candidates are encouraged to schedule appointments as early as possible to ensure nomination paperwork is completed and properly filed prior to the deadline.

If an incumbent officer of the City does not file nomination papers by August 9, 2024 (the 88th day before the election), the voters will have until the 83rd day before the election (August 14, 2024) to nominate other candidates for that incumbent's elective office.

If no one or only one person is nominated for an elective office, appointment to the elective office may be made as prescribed by Elections Code Section 10229 of the State of California.

The City of Dixon charges candidates the following nomination fees:

Election Fees	Effective: July 1, 2024
Candidate Filing Fee*	\$25.00
Candidate Orientation Fee	\$71.00
Candidate Binder Fee	\$71.00
Ballot Statement Fee	\$0

In addition, those who choose to have their "Candidate Statement of Qualifications" printed in the Voter Information Guide issued by the County Registrar of Voters must bear the actual cost of printing and distribution. Candidates who opt for this printing are required to pay the fee when the nomination paper and forms are filed with the City Elections Official.

The polls will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Jim Lindley
Elections Official

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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

Tuesday, June 18

- 09:30** - Abandoned vehicle in the 1500 block of Valley Glen Drive.
- 10:16** - Informational report taken in the 200 block of West A Street.
- 11:22** - Abandoned vehicle in the 500 block of North 5th Street.
- 13:03** - Suspicious circumstance in the 600 block of North Almond Street.
- 23:30** - Theft report from a business in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive.

Thursday, June 20

- 16:02** - A fraud report was taken in the 100 block of Oxford Ct.
- 21:52** - Gerardo Solano (37) from Dixon, was cited in the 400 block of N Adams Street for driving with a suspended license.
- 22:32** - Confidential report in the 1500 block of Patton Court.

Friday, June 21

- 07:30** - Follow-up 1500 block Patton Court.
- 09:00** - Vehicle Tow East B Street at North Second Street.

Saturday, June 22

- 08:30** - Stolen Vehicle report at 1700 North Lincoln St.
- 00:24** - Domestic Battery report in the 1300 block of Commercial Way.
- 17:00** - Restraining order violation in the 800 block of Elm Drive. Lori Rosenberger (54) of Dixon was arrested for a restraining order violation and booked into the Solano County Jail.
- 18:28** - Courtesy report in the 200 block of W A Street.
- 19:51** - Information report in the 400 block of Stratford Avenue.
- 05:03** - Kris Rude (60) from Vallejo threw a glass bottle and broke a front window of the Chevron gas station in the 1300 block of Stratford Avenue. Rude was arrested for felony vandalism and probation violation. Rude was transported and booked at Solano County Jail.

Sunday, June 23

- 08:30** - Burglary in the 200 block of Dorset Court.

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Legendary Locomotive Makes 19 Whistle Stops

Big Boy No. 4014 Features Public Display Days in Roseville

By MPG Staff

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION (MPG) - Union Pacific's legendary Big Boy No. 4014, the world's largest operating steam locomotive built to conquer mountains, will make 19 whistle-stops in five states this summer during its 2024 Westward Bound Tour from Wyoming to California.

In addition, this mighty steam locomotive will be on public display for two days in Roseville (nearby Placer County) from July 12 to July 13. The display days offer an up-close look at the 1.2-million-pound marvel along with the "Experience the Union Pacific" rail car, a captivating walk-through exhibition that provides a unique glimpse into the rich history of railroading.

Northern California residents will also be able to see the steam locomotive in Oroville during a whistle stop on July 11, tentatively scheduled from 2:15 to 2:45 p.m. at Old Depot, 2181 High St., Oroville. (Check <https://www.up.com/heritage/steam/schedule/index.htm> to make sure the train is on time.)

Big Boy History

Twenty-five Big Boy locomotives were built for Union Pacific to haul freight over the steep grade of the Wasatch Mountain Range in Utah during World War II. Eight were preserved after the locomotives were retired six decades ago, but only Big Boy No. 4014 is still in operation.

During World War II Union Pacific operated some of the most modern and powerful steam locomotives ever built. Among them were the famous "Big Boys," the largest steam locomotives in the world. Working with them were the "800-class" high-speed passenger locomotives, as well as hundreds of older class steam engines. Union Pacific's steam



Big Boy No. 4014 will stop in Roseville for two days and Oroville for 30 minutes. The public is invited to check out this historical icon. Photo courtesy of Union Pacific

legacy continues today with the preservation and operation of its historic fleet - No. 844 and No. 4014.

Today, Union Pacific delivers goods in 23 western states. More information about Union Pacific is available at www.up.com.

See the Locomotive for Free in Roseville

City of Roseville officials are excited to provide area residents with a historical opportunity to see Big Boy No. 4014, the world's largest steam locomotive, on July 12 and July 13 in downtown Roseville.

To honor Union Pacific's railroad legacy and celebrate the railroad's employees and communities it serves, the city of Roseville will offer additional festivities at Vernon Street Town Square, 311 Vernon St., from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 13. Festivities for all ages will include live music, food trucks, Old West

Scheduled Whistle-Stops:

- June 30 - Laramie, Wyoming
- July 1 - Wamsutter, Wyoming
- July 3 - Green River, Wyoming
- July 4 - Morgan, Utah
- July 6 - Wells, Nevada
- July 8 - Carlin and Battle Mountain, Nevada
- July 9 - Gerlach, Nevada
- July 11 - Oroville, California
- July 14 - Colfax and Truckee, California
- July 16 - Lovelock, Nevada
- July 17 - Carlin, Nevada
- July 19 - Montello, Nevada
- July 22 - Brigham City, Utah, and Soda Springs, Idaho
- July 23 - Kemmerer, Wyoming
- July 25 - Point of Rocks, Wyoming
- July 26 - Medicine Bow, Wyoming

performances from the Black Flag Gang, Vernon Street Town Square Spray Ground, Vernon Street Town Square Spray Ground, Vernon Street Town Square Spray Ground and a Farmer's Market with a kids' zone.

The Carnegie Museum at 557 Lincoln St., Roseville will also be open July 13 with an exhibit featuring the history of the Big Boy and a kids' railroad activity.

"With the Roseville railyard being the largest rail facility on the West Coast, handling 98% of all rail traffic coming into Northern California, we are all excited to view and experience this rolling museum of rail history in Downtown Roseville," said Roseville City Councilmember Scott Alvord.

Alvord and his wife, Karen, previously owned a restaurant on Vernon Street, parallel to the Roseville train tracks, for 12 years. "The railroad has always given Roseville character," he said, which is why they chose that restaurant location.

"I am excited for the many new families who moved to Roseville in recent years because they get to experience some of fun railroad history that Roseville was built on," added Karen Alvord, now a Roseville City Council candidate.

About the 2024 Westward Bound Tour

Union Pacific reminds all rail fans to keep safety top of mind and stay 25 feet back from the tracks when taking a picture or viewing this mammoth machine. That means never take a picture or video standing on the track or the ballast and never climb on the locomotive or equipment.

A steam tracking map showing No. 4014's location and route will be available at UPsteam.com.

Big Boy left its home base in Cheyenne, Wyoming, on June 30, traveling across Wyoming, Utah, Nevada, and California. On its return trip to Wyoming, it will travel for a short stretch across southeast Idaho. ★

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