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Christmas Car Parade Returns



The Grinch catches a ride on a car participating in the fifth annual Christmas Car parade on Dec. 13. Photo by Nicholas Brown

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixon's Annual Christmas Car Parade returned Dec. 13, marking the fifth year of the community-driven holiday event that began during the COVID-19 pandemic. The parade began at 5:30 p.m., with lineup beginning at 4:30 p.m. on East Parkway before traveling through several neighborhoods and ending in downtown Dixon.

Organizer Regina Fish said she launched the parade with her son, Nathan, as a way to lift holiday spirits during a



One festive truck rolled through Dixon decorated with wreaths, lights and even a holiday tree of presents. Photo by Nicholas Brown

difficult time.

"During the pandemic, my son Nathan and I were

talking about how to lift up spirits for Christmas," said Fish. "He came up with the

idea for a Christmas car parade. I thought it was perfect, because we'd done something similar before for the high school."

The event has since grown, drawing participants from Dixon and surrounding cities.

"We have people coming in from Vacaville, Sacramento, car clubs, people from all over attend," said Fish. "Last year we had around 100 cars and this year we have even more. We'll even have floats, which is crazy."

The parade accepts a wide range of vehicles.

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City Council Extends Parkway Project Contract

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixon City Council met at 7 p.m. Dec. 2 for its regular meeting, moving through a full agenda that included adoption of several resolutions, contract approvals and a public hearing on updates to local building standards.

The meeting opened with the call to order, Pledge of Allegiance and roll call. No conflicts of interest were reported, and the agenda was approved without amendment. There were no presentations, proclamations or recognitions. Public comment was held for non-agenda items, followed by brief items from council members.

The council approved the consent calendar in a single motion. Items included approval of minutes from the Nov. 18 meeting and adoption of the enumeration of claims. Several contract-related actions were authorized, including a Professional Services Agreement with DKS Associates for California Environmental Quality Act Vehicle Miles Traveled and Traffic Impact Analysis review for the proposed Independence East residential project. The agreement is not to exceed \$17,555 and includes a budget amendment with no net fiscal impact.

The council also approved the purchase of large and small oxidation ditch mixer assemblies, a wall pump assembly and rebuilding kits for the Wastewater Treatment Facility from Wilo USA, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000. Another action authorized a two-year, no-cost extension of the city's contract with TY Lin International for continued design and project support on the Parkway Boulevard Grade Separation project, extending the agreement to Dec. 31, 2027.

A task order with Sousa Land Surveys was approved for \$1,910 for map review associated with the Independence East tentative map, along with budget amendments carrying no net fiscal impact. The council also adopted a resolution approving the Temporary/Seasonal Compensation Plan and Salary Schedule covering Jan. 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028, along with a budget amendment to implement the changes.

One public hearing was held during which the council voted to waive the second reading and adopt an ordinance updating local building regulations. The ordinance incorporates by reference the 2025

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Dixon May Fair Makes Plans

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - A range of winter and spring events are scheduled at the Dixon May Fairgrounds, 655 S. First St., in early 2026, bringing cat shows, community fundraisers, home improvement exhibits and animal-sport demonstrations to the venue ahead of the annual Dixon May Fair in May.

The Cat Fanciers' Association Northwest Region Cat Show, titled "Cats Royale," will take place Jan. 10, in Madden Hall. Exhibitor hours run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with public visiting hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$10 for children, students with identification and seniors, and \$40 for families. The show will feature a variety of cat breeds and include a costume contest. Additional details are available at cfa.org/events/cats-royale.

Madden Hall will host the Crow Canyon Cat Show on March 7 and 8. The two-day event is organized by the Tails



Two crab feeds will also be held at the fairgrounds in February. The Dixon Game Conservation Club will host its annual crab feed Feb. 7 from 6 to 10 p.m. and Rotary Club of Dixon will host its crab feed from 6 to 11:30 p.m. Feb. 28. Photo courtesy of Ramtown Karate

and No Tales Cat Club. Specific hours and program details are expected to be announced closer to the event dates.

Two crab feeds will also be held at the fairgrounds in February. The Dixon Game Conservation Club will host its annual

crab feed Feb. 7 from 6 to 10 p.m. The event will take place at the club's venue with dinner service and community activities planned. Later in the month, the Dixon Rotary Club will hold its crab feed Feb. 28 in Madden Hall from 6 to 11:30 p.m.

Information on tickets and participation is posted at dixonrotary.org.

The Solano Home and Garden Show will return March 21 and 22, at 655 S. First St., offering home improvement resources, vendor exhibits and family

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Dixon News Briefs

Christmas Car Parade Returns



Grace Fellowship Church of Dixon will host Carols in the Tunnel at 7 p.m. Dec. 19. Held in the B Street train underpass tunnel next to the Chamber of Commerce, 220 N. Jefferson St., the event gives Dixonites the opportunity to meet with family, friends and neighbors for a joyful night of Christmas carols. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By MPG Staff

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For more information, visit the Grace Fellowship of Dixon Facebook page or call 707-678-5700.

Dixon Chamber Connections Networking

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce is hosting a networking event from noon to 1:30 p.m. Jan. 1. This free in-person event, held at The Farmstead at Dixon, 350 Gateway Drive, allows local professionals to connect. Offering a diverse range of potential connections, attendees are encouraged to bring business cards.

For more information, visit dixonchamber.org or call 707-678-2650.

Ponty Rides and Santa

Serenity Saddles is hosting a unique Christmas event from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 20. Held at the barn, 7778 Nunes Road, the event offers pony rides for \$10, as well as crafts, cookies, hot cocoa and pictures with Santa for free. Attendees are encouraged to park near the event sign and to drive at 5 mph on the property.

For more information, visit serenitysaddles.com or call 203-392-4102.

Read to a Dog

Dixon Library is hosting Read to a Dog from 3 to 4 p.m. Dec. 22. Hosted at the library, 230 N. First St., the activity provides children ages five to 12 with the opportunity to read aloud to certified therapy dogs. The program offers a relaxed, non-judgmental environment aimed at improving reading fluency and building positive reading experiences.

For more information, visit solanolibrary.com or call 1-866-572-7587.

Teen Christmas Cupcake Wreath

Every Baking Moment is hosting a baking class for teens only from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Dec. 22. Held at the shop 143 N. Frist. St., the event offers the chance for teens to learn recipes and piping techniques. Attendees will bring home a cupcake wreath to share with family and friends. All supplies are provided. The class is a one-hour session for \$45.

For more information or to sign up, visit everybakingmoment.com or call 707-693-0112.

Santa at Stockton Bank

Santa Claus will be making a stop at

the Dixon branch of the Bank of Stockton from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Dec. 19. Held at the bank, 2200 N. First St., the festive holiday gathering offers attendees hot chocolate, sweet treats and the chance to meet Santa Claus.

For more information, visit the Dixon Calendar and Events Facebook page or call 707-676-6520.

Christmas Tree Recycling Fundraiser

Boy Scout Troop 152 is hosting a tree recycling fundraiser Jan. 3 and 10. Dixonites can sign up online to have their Christmas trees recycled by local Boy Scouts after the New Year for a donation. No donation is too small, but a suggested donation of \$20 per tree is appreciated. Proceeds will fund campouts, service projects, equipment, leadership training and year-round adventure for the troop.

For more information or to sign up, visit troop152dixon.com or call 707-676-6152.

Dixon Firefighters Toy Drive

Dixon Professional Firefighters, in partnership with Freedom Church, is hosting a Toy Drive until Dec. 20. Organizers are specifically looking for new toys for children 0 to 14 years old. For those interested in donating, QR codes are available on flyers around town and online. All donated toys will go directly to children and families in the community. For local businesses interested in participating, they can host a collection bin and be designated as a drop-off location. A list of available drop-off locations is available through the QR code.

For more information, visit the Dixon Calendar and Events Facebook page or call 707-678-7060.

Dixon Kiwanis Monthly Meeting

Kiwanis Club of Dixon is hosting its monthly meeting from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Dec. 22. Held at Joystick Gaming Lounge, 420 Gateway Dr., Suite C, the meeting focuses on members working together to raise funds and execute service projects for the betterment of the children and community. Meetings are free and open to the public, including non-members.

For more information, visit joystickdixon.com or call 707-635-3303.

Holiday Candy Crunch

The Dixon Library is hosting Afternoon Adventures from 2 to 3 p.m. Dec. 19. Held at the library, 230 N. Frist St., the event offers school-aged children the opportunity to create simple holiday candy crunch snacks. All ingredients are provided while supplies last.

For more information, visit solanolibrary.com or call 1-866-572-7587. ★



A range of cars participate in the parade each year. "It can be a new car, an old school car, a tractor, as long as it runs," said Fish. Photo by Nicholas Brown

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Each year, the parade also serves a charitable purpose. Food, toys and coats are collected along the route to benefit Dixon Family Services. Hunt's Hauling and Junk Removal assists with the effort.

"They help collect the food, they do a trailer every year for me," said Fish.

"It's a husband and wife team, and they collect all the food, dress up their trailer and load up the kids. They don't have to; they do it out of the kindness of their hearts."

According to Fish, preparations for the event require significant time, especially now that she organizes it alone.

"It takes a lot of time and effort," said Fish. "I actually have to get in the car and drive the route to guarantee everyone can make it. Old school cars, for example, can't hit dips, so we have to choose a route they can safely drive on."

The parade is not a city-sponsored

event, though Fish said it has earned consistent community support.

"The police never bother us because they know we're not breaking the laws and we keep things safe," said Fish. "No donuts, no peeling out, just cruising and Christmas spirit."

Santa Claus traditionally appears at the front of the parade. For most years, he has been portrayed by family friend Brian Guerrero.

"He dresses up, throws candy to the kids, and ho ho ho, there he goes," said Fish. "There are people of all ages there, both participating and watching."

According to Fish, the continued turnout reinforces why she keeps the event going.

"The gratitude of this town after the fact is amazing," said Fish. "All the messages, the calls, the hugs. It warms my heart."

For more information about the parade, visit the Dixon's Annual Christmas Car Parade Facebook page or call 707-628-9771. ★

Dixon May Fair Makes Plans



The Dixon May Fair will return from May 7 to 10. Operating hours are 4 to 10 p.m. May 7, noon to 11 p.m. May 8, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. May 9 and noon to 10 p.m. May 10. Photo by Nicolas Brown

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activities. The event, held at the Dixon Fairgrounds, runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Since 2015, the show has featured specialists in heating and air, solar, remodeling, doors and windows, electrical upgrades and other home services.

Attendees can browse artisan booths, participate in a bingo scavenger hunt and enjoy food trucks and live music. Admission is \$8 for general entry, \$5 for seniors and military personnel, and free for children 12 and under. Parking is free across the street, and tickets are sold at the gate in cash only. More information is available at solanohomeshow.com.

The Haute Dawgs Agility Group is scheduled to bring dog agility and

nose-work activities to the fairgrounds' south lawn on March 28 and 29. The group, based in the greater Sacramento region, will offer demonstrations in canine obstacle-course navigation and scent-detection work. Event specifics will be announced as the date approaches. Details can be found at hautedawgs.com.

The Dixon May Fair will follow later in the season, running from May 7 to 10. Operating hours are 4 to 10 p.m. May 7, noon to 11 p.m. May 8, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. May 9 and noon to 10 p.m. May 10.

The fairgrounds will continue releasing updates as event dates approach.

For more information, visit dixonmayfair.com or call 707-678-4765. ★



The Solano Home and Garden Show will return March 21 and 22, offering home improvement resources, vendor exhibits and family activities. Photo by Nicolas Brown

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Solano Baking Company Marks 46 Years of Business

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Solano Baking Company, a fourth-generation family-owned bakery at 1160 Pitt School Road will enter its 46th year in business this January, continuing a legacy that began decades before the Dixon location opened its doors in April 1990.

Owner Kendra Benz said the business traces its roots to 1941, when her grandparents opened a donut shop in the Fairfield mall after her grandfather, a former Air Force pilot stationed at Travis Air Force Base, retired from service.

“We like to say he went from flying to frying,” said Benz.

The bakery eventually expanded to five stores before the family consolidated operations in Dixon, where about 75 employees now work.

Benz said the bakery’s long-standing success stems from its focus on repetition and reliability.

“The secret is consistency. Doing it and doing it well,” said Benz. “We like to say we’re a customer service store with a bakery.”

Benz’s daughter, Karen, manages the Dixon store, and multiple generations of family and staff have worked behind the counter over the years.

Community involvement remains a central part of the bakery’s mission. According to Benz, the business donates to “almost everything we’re asked to,” including contributing a decorated tree to the annual Festival of Trees Dec. 13.

“We’re very community-centered,” said Benz.

Solano Baking Company’s philosophy rests on a simple value: Always be kinder than necessary. That approach extends to customer relations and employee culture. To Benz, both longtime staff members and returning customers sustain the bakery.

“It’s the people on both sides of the counter,” said Benz. “Our staff is as important as our customers and vice versa.”

The bakery offers a wide range of



According to Benz, it’s the kindness of her staff and the consistency of their efforts that keep families coming back for generations. Photo courtesy of Solano Baking Company

products, including pastries, donuts and deli items. According to Benz, shifting the bakery’s cake area into a deli was driven by practicality.

“I’ve cried over many cakes, but I’ve never cried over a sandwich,” said Benz.

Seasonal items include candied pecan coffee cake, pumpkin snickerdoodles and apple chai scones. The bakery also prepares gingerbread men for the holidays, which Benz said many customers look forward to each year.

Solano Baking Company provides pickup catering as well, offering breakfast, lunch, dessert and bite-sized options for corporate events, family gatherings and weddings. The family has catered weddings for more than 40 years.

According to Benz, operating a bakery in today’s economic climate poses challenges, particularly with fluctuating ingredient prices. She noted the cost of eggs recently rose from \$55 to \$158 a case. The bakery manages by monitoring price changes closely and maintaining product quality.

“Inflation is real; you can



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navigate it, you just have to keep pivoting,” said Benz.

As customer preferences evolve, Benz said the bakery plans to adapt while preserving its identity.

“We’re in the biggest change



Kendra Benz (right) took over the business in April of 1990. Her daughters, Kara and Keely, also work at the bakery. The business’s core mission is always to be kinder than necessary. Photo courtesy of Solano Baking Company

since the Industrial Revolution, so we’re always looking ahead,” said Benz.

The Dixon location serves both locals and travelers, some of whom have stopped for generations. The bakery aims to offer something for everyone, including customers with dietary restrictions.

Benz said maintaining quality also means going beyond standard service. If an order is incorrect, the bakery replaces it and allows the

customer to keep the original item.

“It’s about going above and beyond,” said Benz.

Reflecting on more than four decades of business, Benz said the bakery’s role in the community continues to guide its work.

“To have a village, you need to be a good villager,” said Benz. “That’s really what’s important to the success of our bakery: the people.”

For more information, visit solano-baking.com or call 707-678-0950. ★

Holiday Food Safety Tips



Safe food handling is just one part of having a healthy holiday season. As people spend more time indoors and share meals. Photo courtesy Freepik

Solano County Public Health News Release

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Solano County Department of Health and Social Services, Public Health Division reminds residents to practice food safety and take preventive measures to stay healthy this holiday season.

To reduce the risk of foodborne illness, remember to keep everything clean by washing your hands, cleaning kitchen surfaces, and rinsing fruits and vegetables. Do not rinse raw meat and poultry before cooking to avoid spreading bacteria.

Limit how long food stays out to prevent bacteria from growing. Holiday dishes tend to sit at room temperature as people gather, so keep hot food hot, cold food cold, and refrigerate leftovers within two hours.

Give each dish its own serving utensil to avoid cross-contamination. Sharing the same spoon or knife between foods on a buffet can move bacteria from one dish to another.

Keep appetizers cold or swap them out over time. As snack boards sit at room temperature, bacteria can grow more quickly.

Cook food to a safe temperature to kill any harmful bacteria. Use a food

thermometer to heat meat, poultry, and fish to the recommended temperature. Reheat sauces, soups, and gravies to a rolling boil.

Safe food handling is just one part of having a healthy holiday season. As people spend more time indoors and share meals, viruses such as the flu and COVID-19 spread more easily. You can still celebrate the holidays safely by following these tips:

Wash your hands often. Handwashing with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds is one of the best ways to avoid getting sick and spreading germs.

Get vaccinated. Vaccines are a safe and effective way to protect yourself and others against infection and reduce the risk of severe illness, hospitalization and death.

Stay home if you’re sick. If you feel sick, stay home, and isolate from others, even if symptoms are mild.

To find a flu or COVID vaccine near you, visit VaccineFinder.org or contact your healthcare provider or local pharmacy.

For additional resources visit VaccineFinder.org or visit Solano County’s Immunization Program: www.solanocounty.gov/government/health-social-services-hss/solano-public-health/immunization-program-vaccine-clinic-information ★

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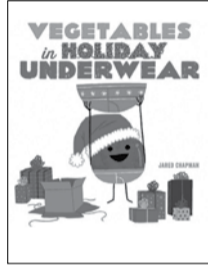
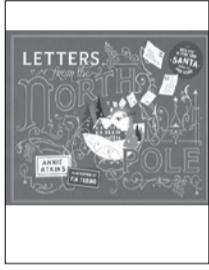
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by Amanda Wood, Bec Winnel, and Vikki Chu.

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forest friends as they work together on a Christmas surprise. This board book is a beautiful blend of photographs and illustrations, sure to be a favorite read for little ones.

Christmas is Awesome

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Vegetables in Holiday Underwear

by Jared Chapman
"It's the most wonderful time of the year," for holiday underwear. All the vegetables come together for the Holidays, but there is one little veggie

that is even more excited to wear special holiday underwear. This story will have little ones giggling and laughing as they read all about different types of underwear on various vegetables, and, most importantly, everyone's pretty festive holiday underwear.

Twas the Night Before Christmas

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Holly Jolly Kitty Corn

by Shannon Hale and Leuyen Pham
Kitty and Unicorn can't wait to spend the Holidays together, but what happens when they don't agree on the best part of Christmas? ★



Riley Reviews

HALLMARK CHANNEL'S FINAL "COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS" FOR FAMILY FUN

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

CHRISTMAS MOVIES ON HALLMARK CHANNEL

With the final days of the holiday season upon us, the Hallmark Channel continues its non-stop run of Christmas-themed movies geared to family entertainment.

When "Christmas Above the Clouds" finds workaholic CEO Ella Neezer (Erin Krakow) trying to skip Christmas by flying to Australia, she's in for the flight of her life. Haunted by her past, present and future, Ella is forced to confront the choices that led to her success yet left her flying solo.

With the help of three quirky spirits and a surprise reunion with her ex (Tyler Hynes), Ella might just rediscover the magic of Christmas and the love that she thought she'd lost.

Hunter King's Liv and Evan Roderick's Daniel star in "A Make or Break Holiday," hosting their families for the first time this Christmas and stress is at an all-time high.

When unspoken irritations within their relationship finally reach a boiling point, Liv and Daniel find themselves at odds and decide they need to take a break from each other.

However, relaying this news to their families will most certainly ruin Christmas, so they decide to move forward with their original plans and will pretend to be a happy couple while the relatives are under one roof.

Navigating the complexities of their respective families, they work together to create a memorable holiday celebration. Liv and Daniel begin to rediscover what they love about each other and may not have to pretend much longer.

"A Suite Holiday Romance" is set during Christmas week when Sabrina Post (Jessy Schram) arrives at an iconic hotel in New York City, ready to accept the ghostwriting position for the memoir of a famous art dealer.

As a struggling writer, Sabrina can't believe her luck: a paycheck and a stay in her own suite at the hotel. She feels like the heroine from her favorite series of children's books.

A perfect week gets complicated when she meets Ian Turner (Dominic Sherwood), a handsome British visitor, at the hotel bar. When Ian assumes Sabrina is another wealthy guest, she does not correct him.

Sabrina thinks Ian is a member of British aristocracy, but it turns out he's the personal secretary of a British lord. Ian is in town to oversee an exhibit of royal jewels at a museum.

As the week unfolds, Sabrina shows Ian how New York celebrates the spirit of Christmas and the two start to fall for each other.

In "She's Making a List," the premise of

a child falling on Santa's Naughty or Nice list used to be a call made by Santa and his elves. But with the number of kids worldwide skyrocketing, Santa has out-sourced the job to a consulting firm.

The Naughty or Nice Group has cornered the market on determining a child's niceness thanks to an airtight formula. As a top inspector with the group, Lacey Chabert's Isabel makes the tough calls, by assessing the children on her list and assigning a verdict.

When she is tasked with evaluating a mischievous 11-year-old Charlie, she expects a routine case. But things get complicated when Isabel unexpectedly falls for Charlie's widowed father, Jason (Andrew Walker), and begins to question the rigid rules of the job.

As Christmas approaches, Isabel must choose between following the holiday algorithm or following her heart. You can probably guess how this will go.

With cameo appearances by country musicians, "A Grand Ole Opry Christmas" stars Nikki DeLoach as Gentry Wade, daughter of late country music icon Jett Wade – half of the famed fictional duo Winters & Wade.

Gentry abandoned her dream of a song-writing career and distanced herself from her father's legacy following his tragic accident 30 years prior.

When the Grand Ole Opry invites her to represent Jett at their centennial celebration at Christmas, she's hesitant to return to the place steeped in bittersweet memories.

Encouraged by her good friends, Gentry visits the Opry and, while seated in one of the vaulted venue's oak church pews, is suddenly transported to 1995.

Gentry's lifelong friend Mac (Kristoffer Polaha), a country music talent manager, finds himself notionally time traveling as well. Thanks to some Christmas magic, Gentry gets precious time with her father.

In this reunion, Gentry attains creative inspiration to finish the song she began decades earlier as a teen and learns surprising answers to questions about her father for the last three decades.

"The More the Merrier" finds Alice (Rachel Boston), an emergency room doctor at a rural hospital, always volunteering to work the Christmas Eve overnight shift and going the extra mile to make the holiday merry for patients and staff.

When the hospital gets snowed in, Alice and Brian (Brendan Penny), the newly hired cardiologist, find themselves in the middle of a bona fide baby boom when three women go into labor on the rarest birthday of the year.

Though they may have different approaches to medicine and life, there's a spark between them and it's clear this may be the Christmas Eve that changes them both forever. ★

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Ongoing Activities:

Alcoholics Anonymous – If you want to drink, that's your business. If you want to stop drinking, we can help. Call Alcoholics Anonymous at 800-970-9040 for either local meeting information or to speak to someone.

American Legion Dinners – Every Friday night at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 N. First St. Prices range from \$12 to \$17 depending on menu. Live music every Friday. Live band first and third Fridays.

Bingo – Is played every Monday and Wednesday at the Senior/Multi-Use Center, 201 S. 5th St., beginning at 12 p.m. Call 707-678-7022 for more information.

Friendship Services of Solano County – Do you spend a lot of time alone? Would you like a telephone companion? Call Friendship Service at 707-644-9062 x242 or 707-644-8909 and ask Cyndi about becoming a client. It's free. A program of Catholic Social Services. A provider of the Napa-Solano Area Agency on Aging. Email: friendship@csssolano.org.

Meals on Wheels – Homebound seniors can receive meals delivered to their homes by calling 707-425-0638. Lunch also served at the Dixon Senior Center, 201 South 5th St. at 11:30 a.m. M-F. Reservations required – call 707-425-0638 one day in advance.

Regular Meetings:
Al-Anon – Family and friends of alcoholics can get support through Al-Anon, which meets Mondays, 7 to 8 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 209 N. Jefferson St.

American Legion – Dixon Post 208 meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 N. First St.. For information, call 707-678-6308. Also visit us online at www.dixonveterans.org/Legion.

American Legion Auxiliary – Dixon Post 208 meets at 6 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 N. First St.. For information, contact Pat Holland (President) at 707-678-3685 or Leah Marlin (Vice President) at 530-304-5385. Visit us online at www.dixonveterans.org/Legion.

Anderson PTO – Meets monthly at 7 p.m. at Anderson Elementary School, 415 East C St. Email

andersonroadrunnerspto@gmail.com for dates.

Bids For Kids – Is a volunteer organization created to promote and foster youth participation in agriculture. Anyone interested in this endeavor is welcome and encouraged to attend our monthly meeting. Meetings are held every third Thursday of the month. For more information, please contact secretary, Lisa Dage at 707-246-5623, fivedages@sbcglobal.net or president, James Fuller at 916-952-0167, jameskfuller@yahoo.com.

Boy Scout Troop 152 – Meets Tuesdays, 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the Social Hall at United Methodist Church, 209 North Jefferson. Scouts is for boys 11 to 18 years old. Contact Matt at 707-685-1750 or email scoutmaster@troop-152dixon.com for more information. Check us out on the web @ troop-152dixon.com.

Chief Solano Kennel Club, Inc. meetings – at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday at the Elmira Fire Station. Call Linda at phone below to RSVP. Open to everyone. No July meeting. For info call 446-7492 or visit www.chiefsolanokennelclub.org.

Chief Solano Kennel Club, Inc. classes – Puppy Socialization 6:20 to 6:50 p.m. (4 to 12 mos), Beginning Obedience 7 to 7:40 p.m. (4 mos & older) indoor training classes on Wednesdays at the Elmira Fire Station, as well as Conformation classes at 7:50 to 8:30 p.m. for those who show dogs or are interested in showing their dogs. Classes are open to everyone and their canine companions. Classes are not appropriate for aggression issues. Discounts for Seniors 55 and over, Juniors under 16, and those who have adopted a dog from the Humane Society, a breed rescue group, or your local shelter. Bring adoption certificate when you register. Visit www.chiefsolanokennelclub.org.

CITY OF DIXON: The following meetings are held in the Council Chamber at 600 East A St. The agendas are available before meetings at www.ci.dixon.ca.us. For further information, call 707-678-7000 and ask for the City Clerk's office, Planning Dept., Parks & Recreation Dept., or Transportation Dept.

City Council – Meets on the first and third Tuesdays of every month at 7 p.m.

Planning Commission – Meets the second

Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Commission – Meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

Transportation Advisory Commission – Meets the third Wednesday of every EVEN month at 7 p.m.

Dixon Adult Literacy Program – Solano County Library Adult Literacy Services is seeking volunteers to help an adult with their reading, writing, or English-speaking skills at the Dixon Public Library. No experience necessary, flexible hours. All training and materials are provided. Contact: Literacy@solanocounty.com or 707-784-1526.

Dixon Boat Club – Meets first Thursday of the month. For more information, call Butch at 707-678-3622.

Dixon Downtown Business Association – Dedicated to enhancing the business environment and promoting the revitalization of downtown Dixon as the cultural center of the community. Merchant meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at various locations. Log onto www.downtowndixonca.com, email DDROAC@yahoo.com, or call 707-678-8400 for more information.

Dixon Game & Conservation Club – Meetings on second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Game Club Building on East Mayes. For more information, contact John Kett at 916-284-4683.

Dixon Historical Society – Meets quarterly on the third Sunday of Feb., Apr., Aug., and Oct. from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Dixon United Methodist Church Social Hall located at 209 N. Jefferson St. in Dixon. Meetings include a historical representation and announcements of upcoming events. Anyone interested in the history of Dixon, and its surrounding areas, is welcome! You do not need to be a member to attend, and all presentations are free to the community. The Dixon History Museum is open for visits, Thursdays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fridays 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For further information, please contact us at www.dixonhistoricalsociety.org. Email dhs.dixonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com, or call 707-693-3044.

Dixon Kiwanis Club – an International civic organization serving the community through

enhancing children's lives meets on the fourth Monday of each month at the Dixon Chamber of Commerce Conference Room. Call Kristin Janisch at 918-840-0785 for more information.

Dixon Lions Club – Since 1954, the Dixon Lions Club is a group of local people who identify needs within our Dixon community and work together to fulfill those needs. Internationally our 45,867 clubs & more than 1,347,322 members make us the world's largest service club organization. We meet first/third Wednesdays at Bud's Pub & Grill from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Website: <http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/dixonca>. Facebook page: Dixon Lions Club.

Dixon Rotary Club – Meets on most Wednesdays at noon at The Creative Space, 160 West A. St., Dixon. Rotary is the world's first and oldest service club organization with over 1.4 million members working locally and internationally to improve health and sanitation, combat hunger, provide education, and promote peace. For more information and meeting confirmation, contact Rotary President Marlene Vega at 707-678-9368.

Dixon Scottish Cultural Association – Open to anyone who is interested in celebrating Scottish culture. Meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 1305 N. First St. For details, visit <https://scotsindixon.us/>.

Dixon Senior Club – Meets the second Tuesday of each month from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Dixon Senior Multi-Use Center, 201 S. Fifth St. For more info, call 678-7022.

Dixon Toastmasters/Public Speaking Club – Need to speak in front of people? Want to improve your communication skills? Want to have fun learning? Check us out! We meet Mondays at 7 p.m. at the Living Hope Church. For more info, call or text Lynda Mendez at 530-665-0948 or Rose Cooke at 707-297-0918.

Dixon Women's Improvement Club – From September through May of each year, the Dixon Women's Improvement Club dedicated to the betterment of Dixon, meets on the third Wednesday of the month for stimulating presentations, activities, and friendships. Meetings are held at the Dixon United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Dixon Youth Soccer Board Meetings – The board will meet the third Tuesday of each month, except for December, at the Sutter West Medical Center Conference Room,

at 7 p.m.

Domestic Violence Support Group – Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m. at SafeQuest Solano, 1234 Empire St., Fairfield. Info 707-422-7345.

Dry Dock – This Alcoholics Anonymous group meets Mondays, 7 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 to 11 a.m. at Dixon United Methodist Church, corner of B and N. Jefferson St.

Fairfield/Suisun Bass Reapers – Meets first Tuesday of each month at RoundTable Pizza, 5085 Business Center Drive, Fairfield. For more info, call 707-429-3239.

Friends of the Dixon Public Library – Meets at the library on the second Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m. For more information, call 707-624-0144.

Gretchen Higgins Parent Teacher Organization – We meet the second Monday of each month in the library at our school. Email ohpto1525@gmail.com for more information.

Independent Order of Oddfellows Montezuma Lodge #172 – Meets at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 111 West A. St., Dixon above Bud's. For more info, call Jason 530-400-0281 or Ed 916-837-6865.

Lambtown Committee – Meets third Monday each month at 6 p.m. at Veteran's Hall. Email John Knight at johnknightpto@gmail.com

Living With Cancer – Support Group for people who have or have had cancer meets the first, third, and fifth Tuesday of every month, 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the Dining conference room at Woodland Memorial Hospital, 1325 Cottonwood St., Woodland. Free.

Narcotics Anonymous – Open meetings are held every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Dixon United Methodist, 209 N. Jefferson St. (Corner of West B and N. Jefferson). For helpline information and other meetings, go to www.napasolanona.org.

Northern Solano Democratic Club (NSDC) – Meets on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at IBEW, 30 Orange Tree Circle, Vacaville (behind Home Depot). For more information, contact Jeanie White 615-260-7896 or email pres.nsdcd@gmail.com. Visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/northernolanodem/.

NSDC Democrats in Action – Monthly lunch meeting is every fourth Thursday at noon at Fuso Italian Restaurant at 535 Main St., Vacaville. Meet to discuss actions that can be taken towards local, state, and national political issues. See above for

contacts.

Promises AA Group – Meets Fridays at 7:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 209 N. Jefferson St.

Sexual Assault Support Group – Tuesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. at SafeQuest Solano, 1234 Empire St., Fairfield. Info 707-422-7345.

Solano County Mental Health Education – Monthly presentations on various topics will be held on the fourth Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at 2101 Courage Dr., Fairfield. Call Rachel Ford at 707-784-8362 for more information and monthly topic.

Sons of the American Legion – Meet every second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Dixon American Legion Post 208 Hall. For information, call Wayne Holland at 707-301-0941.

Soroptimist International of Dixon – Meets Thursdays at noon at the Dixon United Methodist Church (20 N. Jefferson). Call President Barbara Rigdon at 408-306-7390. Mail: P.O. Box 472, Dixon, CA 95620.

36th District Agricultural Assn. – Board of Directors meet the second Wednesday of each month, 6 p.m. in the board room located at 655 S. First St. (Dixon May Fair)

Tremont Teachers and Parents Association – Meets the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Tremont School. For more information contact 678-9533.

Toastmasters – Meets every other Monday from 7 to 8 p.m. Contact Lynda Mendez at 530-665-0948 or email her at mendezlynda55@yahoo.com

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) – Dixon Post 8151 meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at the Olde Vets Hall, 231 N. First St. For information, contact Cecil Dennings (Commander) at 209-395-8019. Also visit us online at m.facebook.com/DixonVFW.

Young Ladies Institute of Dixon – Meets the third Thursday of the month at St. Peter's Parish Hall, 105 S. 2nd St. All Catholic women are invited to attend. For more information, call Virginia Fletcher at 678-5145. ★



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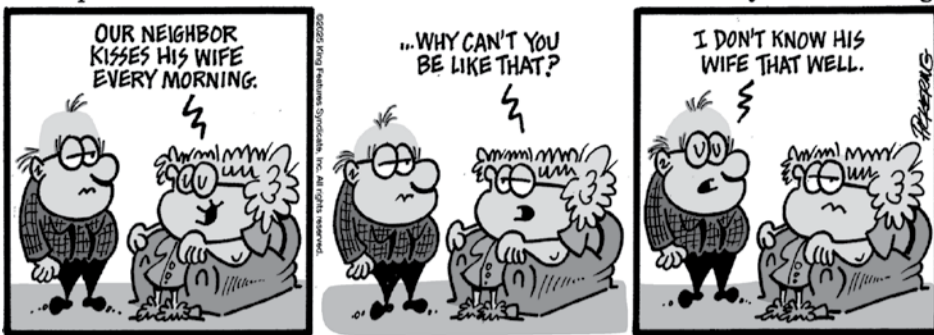
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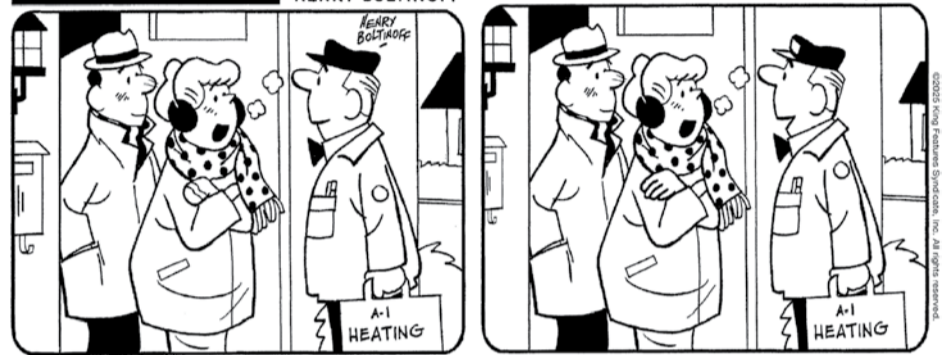
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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



The Sacramento Kings had a rough week. Whether it's at Golden One or on the road, the 2025-26 campaign has not been a pleasant experience.

Diehard fans will likely point to injuries, and you would have a point, but injuries alone cannot account for losing 20 games in the first 26 contests. There is more to the story.

The Kings as they are currently assembled do not match up with bigger teams. Does that mean that the Kings need to build a team that resembles the Oklahoma City Thunder? Well, it wouldn't be a bad idea, but easier said than done, it's important to note that there are a host of players under 6 feet, 6 inches that are difference makers in this league.

Well, I don't pretend to be able to read the mind of Scott Perry, but if you listen to him, he will tell you that he has autonomy and will be the architect of what is apparently going to be a rebuilding season. Perry has alluded to this experience likely taking three to five years, which no one wants to hear.

For me, I can condense the process to five players that I would keep at all costs.

Domantas Sabonis has had little time on the hardwood this season due to injury, but make no mistake about it, he is a difference maker. Any player that can lead the league in double-doubles, year over year, while also leading the league in rebounding three years running, is someone you need to covet. Sabonis also led the league in triple-doubles two years ago, so there you have an anchor on your team that simply needs to stay.

The Kings are guard heavy, but their young guards have yet to see their potential. Players like Nique Clifford and even Devin Carter have not had sufficient time for fans to see what could be an incredible upside. Keep these youngsters and remember why you made them number one draft choices.

Keegan Murray had a rookie season three years ago that was eye popping because he was living up to his hype. The NCAA scoring champ out of Iowa set a Sacramento franchise record of 11 consecutive threes, and a total of twelve three-pointers in one game.

Keegan's experience in Sacramento has been up and down, but this year could be a breakout year for the young baller that has not just the shooting ability, but a knack for defense as well. Keep him!

Maxime Reynaud is getting game time due to Domantas being sidelined and he is giving Kings fans a glimpse of what this seven-footer can do. He is my fifth pick to stay.

As our Sactown ballers lost three games last week by a total of 56 combined points, I glanced around the league to see who might be a player that could bring a steadiness to this lineup. One player, although a guard, was Austin Reeves, who managed to drop 51 points on the Kings earlier this season when both LeBron James and Luca Doncic were sidelined with injuries. The same Austin Reeves that just 4 years ago went undrafted by all 30 NBA teams and would eventually be signed to a two-way contract as a walk-on by the LA Lakers.

In high school, Reeves scored 73 points in one game and won back-to-back state titles. Reeves went on to play for Oklahoma averaging 32 points per game as a senior while making the NCAA tournament. How does the entire league miss on a talent that is having the time of his life playing in the NBA?

As I've said before, the Kings need to find someone that can assess talent and hit home runs. It needs to happen sooner rather than later, so right now would be just fine.

Are you listening, Doug Christie? You have a player sitting on your bench by the name of Doug McDermott that can shoot threes like everyone else shoots free throws, and he needs to find a place in your rotation. With six wins to show for the season, what are you waiting for?

Just as Austin Reeves was a welcome surprise, maybe McDermott could bring some much-needed energy to this team.

Stay tuned Kings fans because we're only 25 percent of the way into the season!

All the best and a very Merry Christmas!

Your thoughts are always welcome at vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com. ★

City Council Extends Parkway Project Contract



Dixon City Council met at 7 p.m. Dec. 2 for its regular meeting, moving through a full agenda that included adoption of several resolutions, contract approvals and a public hearing on updates to local building standards. Photo by Nicolas Brown

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California Building Standards Code with local amendments, adds Chapter 16.20 establishing a Wildland-Urban Interface Code, and amends Chapter 16.13 concerning Dixon's Emergency Hazard and Placard System. Additional amendments to sections of Title 16 related to building and construction were also adopted. The item was presented by Chief Building Official Larry Paisley and Acting Fire Chief Randy Shafer.

Informational updates included upcoming meetings, with sessions scheduled for the Planning Commission,

Vacaville-Dixon Greenbelt Authority and City Council later in December. The Transportation Advisory Commission meeting set for Dec. 17 was noted as cancelled, and the Parks and Recreation Commission will meet Dec. 23.

City staff announced new City Hall hours beginning Dec. 15. The building will operate Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and every other Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. City Hall will close Dec. 24 through Jan. 1 for the holidays.

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Trump Sides with Agriculture Again in California's Never-Ending Water Wars



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

From the onset of his foray into presidential politics a decade ago, Donald Trump has been obsessed with managing California's water, often interjecting himself into decades-long conflicts over how the precious commodity should be divided up.

During his first stint as president, Trump was heavily influenced by the Westlands Water District, a huge agricultural water agency in the San Joaquin Valley that sought more irrigation water for itself and other farm interests.

That relationship led to an extremely controversial contract that guaranteed Westlands as much as 1 million acre-feet of water each year from the federal Central Valley Project, solidifying the district's supply situation. Lacking water rights, Westlands had historically depended on temporary contracts to meet members' demands.

The new contract angered environmental groups because it threatened to reduce flows through the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta for wildlife habitat. The groups sued and won rulings against the contract in trial and appellate courts.

After Trump moved back into the White House in January, he immediately picked up where he left off, issuing an order to federal water officials to maximize deliveries in California.

a shortage of water deliveries to Southern California was a factor in the rapid spread of deadly wildfires in Los Angeles County, claiming that the state's efforts to protect "an essentially worthless fish called a smelt" was at fault.

"Governor Gavin Newsom refused to sign the water restoration declaration put before him that would have allowed millions of gallons of water, from excess rain and snow melt from the North, to flow daily into many parts of California, including the areas that are currently burning in a virtually apocalyptic way," Trump wrote on his social media site, Truth Social.

Newsom's office rebuked the claim, saying, "There is no such document as the water restoration declaration - that is pure fiction."

Meanwhile, Trump's executive order pushed the Bureau of Reclamation to modify how it operates the Central Valley Project, a complex of reservoirs - including Lake Shasta - and canals that captures runoff from Northern California mountains and supplies water agencies in the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys.

Last week, the bureau announced an operational modification that would increase annual water deliveries by 130,000 to 180,000 acre-feet from the Central Valley Project and another 120,000 to 220,000 from the State Water Project, the latter chiefly generated from the Oroville Dam on the Feather River. The two projects share management of the Sacramento River and its tributaries.

"This updated operations plan reflects our commitment to using the best available science to increase water deliveries while safeguarding the environment and honoring the legacy of the Central Valley Project's

90 years of service," Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum said in a statement.

The announcement sparked reactions, both pro and con, that reflect the state's long-running water allocation battles - praise from Westlands and other agricultural water agencies that are facing supply reductions from regulation of groundwater use and condemnation from state officials and environmental groups.

"These operational refinements reflect a thoughtful, data-informed approach that strengthens water supply availability for growers while maintaining California's commitment to environmental stewardship," Westlands said in a statement.

Newsom spokesperson, Tara Gallegos, had another take: "The Trump administration is putting politics over people - catering to big donors instead of doing what's right for Californians. As per usual, the emperor is left with no clothes, pushing for an outcome that disregards science and undermines our ability to protect the water supply for people, farms, and the environment."

For their part, state water officials say they have no intention of matching the Bureau of Reclamation's new operational rules.

So here we go again, another chapter in the war over water that began when California became a state 175 years ago. It's probably headed to the courts and will probably outlast not only Newsom's governorship but Trump's presidency.

Dan Walters is one of the most decorated and widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column four times a week that offers his view and analysis of the state's political, economic, social and demographic trends. ★

Ask DR. UNIVERSE

How many volcanoes are in the world?

- Garrett, 10, Maryland

Dear Garrett,
On very clear days, I can see five volcanoes from my campus. They're Rainier, Hood, Adams, St. Helens and Baker. That's...a lot.

I asked my friend Katie Cooper about it. She's a geophysicist at Washington State University.

She told me we don't know precisely how many active volcanoes there are at this moment on the Earth. That's because some of them are tough to count.

"The volcanoes that stick up above water are a lot easier to count because you can see them," Cooper said. "But the ones underwater are harder to find. We haven't mapped out or explored all the ocean floor, which is 70% of our planet's surface."

Scientists think there are about 1,350 potentially active volcanoes in the world. That's not counting some of the ones on the ocean floor. About 500 of those have erupted since humans started keeping records.

Lots of those volcanoes are in the Pacific Rim. That's also called the Ring of Fire. It's a big horseshoe-shaped area. It goes up the western coasts of South America and North America, across the Pacific Ocean, then down the side of Japan and New Zealand.

The Pacific Northwest is in the Ring of Fire. That's why I can see so many volcanoes.

It's a lot trickier to count volcanoes under the oceans. Plus, many of those volcanoes are different from what we usually imagine.

Most people picture a volcano as a mountain. It forms when tectonic plates bash into each other or slide under each other. That motion shoves the crust up into that mountain-like form. Inside, magma bubbles up through Earth's

crust toward the surface. When it erupts, magma oozes, spurts or explodes out to the surface. Once it's out, we call it lava.

But underwater volcanoes can happen when tectonic plates on the sea floor pull apart.

"We have a large amount of volcanoes underneath the ocean floor," Cooper said. "They're these long, linear chains called mid-ocean ridges. That's where two plates are coming apart. Moving away from each other causes melting to happen in the middle. And so, the ridge itself is a volcano. But a very different type of volcano than we like to imagine."

To count volcanoes above water, scientists look for evidence of past eruptions. They use

instruments to see the magma chamber under the volcano.

To count volcanoes underwater, scientists would need to map the whole ocean floor. Cooper told me that there are little bits of iron in some volcanic rocks. When these rocks are erupted, the iron bits within them lines up with the Earth's magnetic field. They point north—just like a compass.

But the North Pole and South Pole sometimes switch—and nobody is sure exactly how that works.

Since the iron in the volcanic rocks lines up with the poles, the ocean floor has magnetic stripes. They tell scientists which pole was the North Pole when the plates spread apart in that spot.

Learning more about the ocean floor could help us understand all kinds of things. Like how and why the poles flip and how many volcanoes are underwater.

It could be explosive knowledge.

Sincerely,
Dr. Universe



This is the Ring of Fire. North America and South America are the continents on the right in this map. The blue lines show trenches. Those are places where one tectonic plate pushes under another one. That process makes volcanoes nearby. Courtesy photo

Pinnick and Cofield Named FCS Football Central Freshman All-Americans



UC Davis Football Freshman Caden Pinnick finished the season ranked among the best quarterbacks in the nation and was named Big Sky All-Conference. Photo courtesy of UC Davis Athletics



Defensive back Drew Cofield was one of two freshmen to be named FCS Football Central Freshman All-Americans. Photo courtesy of UC Davis Football

UC Davis Athletics News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - Following impressive freshmen campaigns by Caden Pinnick and Drew Cofield, the pair of UC Davis football freshmen have earned FCS Football Central Freshman All-American honors as announced today.

Pinnick (redshirt freshman), who became only the second Aggie quarterback to throw for five touchdowns in an

NCAA playoff game, finished the season ranked among the best quarterbacks in the nation and was named Big Sky All-Conference.

While Cofield is one of two true freshmen in the nation to make every start at cornerback, stepping in and making an immediate impact in the UC Davis secondary. Entering the game, Pinnick ranked nationally third in passing efficiency, fifth in total passing touchdowns

and yards per pass attempt, eighth in total touchdowns, ninth in completion percentage and 10th in passing yards per game.

With 11 starts under his belt, Pinnick has racked up 2,804 passing yards, 29 passing touchdowns and with a line of 211-for-304 the Aggie quarterback is completing his passes at 69.4 percent.

And on the ground, Pinnick has added rushed for 411 yards and added three touchdowns on the ground. Cofield has

made every start this season, playing nearly every snap all season at one of the toughest positions in sports.

With 12 games in his pocket, Cofield has collected 32 total tackles, 2.0 tackles for loss and he's broken up a team-high nine passes. The Aggie freshmen has made 28 solo stops, and he's snagged two interceptions along the way making his presence known to every offense faced this season. ★

Eric Kubota Wins Tony Gwynn Lifetime Achievement Award

Athletics News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - A's Director of Scouting Eric Kubota has been named the winner of the Tony Gwynn Award, a lifetime achievement award presented annually by Baseball America for the greatest contributions to the game.

Kubota, who is entering his 41st season with the A's, has served as Director of Scouting for the past 24 seasons. During his tenure, the A's have drafted and signed 114 players who have reached the majors.

Among those players, 18 have been named All-Stars, three have been named American League Rookie of the Year, four have won Gold Glove Awards, and three have won Silver Slugger Awards. Hitters drafted under

Kubota have combined to record 14,896 hits and 2,190 home runs, while pitchers have collected 425 wins, 521 saves, and 6,143 strikeouts.

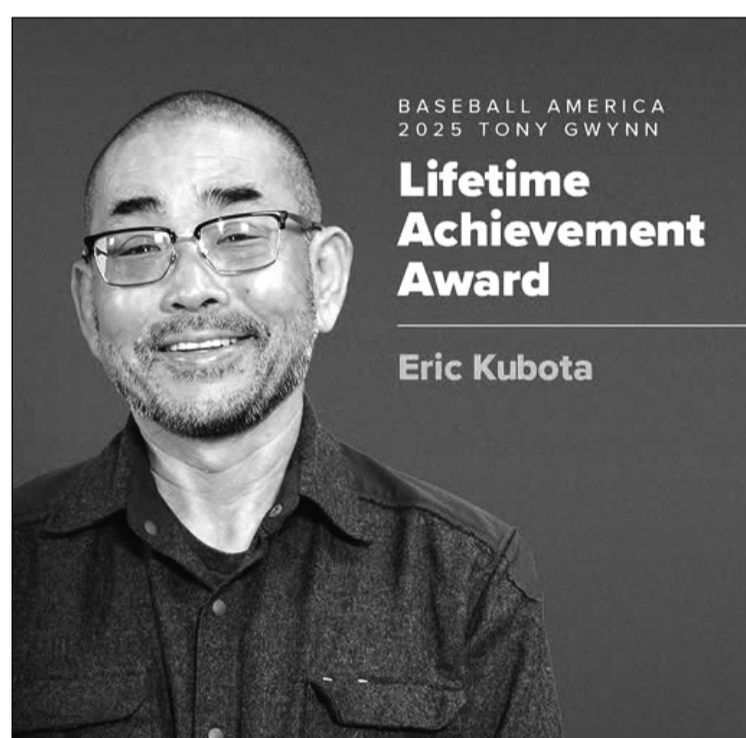
Kubota began his baseball career in June of 1984, while he was an undergraduate at the University of California, Berkeley, spending the better part of six seasons working in the A's media relations department. In November of 1989, he joined the baseball operations staff as an assistant director of scouting, and he was elevated to Pacific Rim coordinator in November of 1996, where he acted as a liaison between the A's and Asian baseball teams in addition to his scouting duties in Northern California and Hawaii.

Prior to assuming his current position, Kubota served as

the club's supervisor of international scouting for three seasons, overseeing the scouting staff and player evaluations in the Dominican Republic and Venezuela. In January 2014, he was honored as Scout of the Year by the Santa Clara County Hot Stove Committee and in 2022 he was named the Scout of the Year by the Scout of the Year Foundation.

Kubota graduated from the University of California, Berkeley in 1986 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science. He and his wife, Karen, have two children. ★

Kubota, who is entering his 41st season with the A's, has served as Director of Scouting for the past 24 seasons. Courtesy photo



Sacramento State Announces Change

Sacramento State News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Brennan Marion announced Dec. 5 that he will resign as the head football coach at Sacramento State to become the offensive coordinator at Colorado.

"I want to thank Coach Marion for his leadership during this past season," Director of Athletics Mark Orr said. "We look forward to continuing the success of Sacramento State football and will begin a national search for our next head coach immediately."

Marion was hired as the 13th head football coach in school history on Dec. 21. During his time with the Hornets, he secured the top-ranked recruiting class in the Football Championship Subdivision twice. This past season, the team finished



Brennan Marion announced Dec. 5 that he will resign as the head football coach at Sacramento State. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State

with a 7-5 overall record and was 5-3 in Big Sky Conference games for sole possession of fourth place. Sacramento State ended the regular season ranked third in the Football Championship Subdivision with 262.6 rushing yards per game and averaged 33.8 points per game.

"I love Luke Wood and

Mark Orr," Marion said. "They gave me the opportunity to live my dream as a college head football coach and they provided me with every resource to succeed. I'm grateful to the Sacramento community and University for embracing my family. Lastly to my team, I love our players and staff. They restored the pride in Sac State football through a lot of adversity and our relationships will last a lifetime. Thank you Sacramento State!"

Sacramento State is one of just 12 Football Championship Subdivision programs to win at least seven games in five of the last six seasons. During that time, the team made four National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Football Championship Subdivision Playoff appearances and was ranked in the top 25 for 50 weeks. ★

A's Select Ryan Watson in Major League Rule 5 Draft

A's select three pitchers in minor league portion

Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Athletics selected right-handed pitcher Ryan Watson from San Francisco in the Major League portion of the Rule 5 Draft, the club announced Dec. 10. In addition, the Athletics' selected right-handed pitchers Abel Mercedes, Darlin Pinales and Jorge Marcheco in the minor league portion of the Rule 5 Draft.

Watson, 28, was signed to a minor league contract by Baltimore in 2020 and was traded to the Giants on Aug. 9, 2024, for cash considerations. He is 24-17 with a 4.14 earned run average (ERA) in 157 games, including 34 starts, across five minor league seasons.

Mercedes, 23, posted a 2-0 record with a 4.35 ERA across 30 relief appearances for Single-A Fayetteville during the 2025 season to go along with 66 strikeouts and 48 walks in 41.1 innings pitched. Overall, Mercedes is 6-12 with a 5.60 ERA across five minor league seasons.

Pinales, 23, was 1-3 with a 5.90 ERA across 35 relief outings for Single-A Visalia during the 2025 season with 56 strikeouts, 32 walks and a .217 opponents batting average. Overall, he is 10-11 with a 5.64 ERA, adding 229 strikeouts and 186.2 innings pitched over five minor league seasons. ★

Marcheco, 23, went a combined 5-7 with a 4.36 ERA between High-A Tri City and Double-A Rocket City during the 2025 season. He totaled 84 strikeouts, 23 walks and a 1.13 walks and hits per inning pitched (WHIP) across 27 games (12 starts). Overall, he is 23-23 with a 3.99 ERA spanning five minor league seasons.

Additionally, catcher Daniel Susac was selected from the A's organization by Minnesota in the first round of the Major League Phase of the Rule 5 Draft. In the minor league portion, catcher Abraham Gutierrez was selected by New York-AL (second round).

Susac was drafted by the A's in the first round (19th overall) in the 2022 First-Year Player Draft. He hit .275 with 19 doubles, 18 home runs and 68 runs batted in (RBI) for Triple-A Las Vegas during the 2025 season. Across four minor league seasons, the 24-year-old right-handed hitter has recorded 65 doubles, 39 home runs and 195 RBI.

Gutierrez, 26, was signed by the A's to a minor league contract on Dec. 4, after he was released by the Pittsburgh Pirates organization on Aug. 5. Across parts of eight minor league seasons, he batted .261 with a .346 on-base percentage, including batting .250 with a .333 OBP in 28 games with Triple-A Indianapolis this season. ★

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