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By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - More than 100 classic cars and trucks and 21 barbecue teams filled downtown Dixon for the annual Downtown Dixon Cars & Q's event, which ran from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. June 27 and was free to attend.

The event featured a car show, a sanctioned barbecue competition, street vendors, shopping, face painting, live music throughout the day and family activities. Visitors also had the opportunity to purchase VIP tickets for the People's Choice Rib Tasting, which sold out before rib sampling began.

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In the barbecue competition, Smokin' Stacks BBQ earned first place, followed by 3G BBQ in second and Smoking A's in third. Braddahs BBQ received the People's Choice BBQ Award. Bank of Stockton sponsored prize money and trophies for the barbecue competition. Matthews Metal Fabrication produced the trophies.

Car show awards were presented across several categories. In the Stock division, winners were César Ramirez with a 1950 De Soto Deluxe, Tim Wilson with a 1965 Chevrolet El Camino and

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City Highlights Safe and Sane Fireworks Regulations

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - As Independence Day approaches, the city of Dixon is reminding residents that only state-approved safe and sane fireworks are permitted within city limits and only during specific dates and times established by municipal code.

Under the Dixon Municipal Code, the possession of safe and sane fireworks is lawful from noon June 28 through noon July 6. Retail sales are permitted from noon to 10 p.m. June 28 and from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. June 29 through July 4 by nonprofit organizations holding a city fireworks sales permit.

Fireworks that explode, travel through the air or move along the ground, including bottle rockets, skyrockets and firecrackers, remain prohibited in Dixon. Violations of the city's fireworks ordinance may result in an administrative citation and fines of up to \$1,000.

The city also prohibits the discharge of fireworks of any kind on city-owned property, including parks, recreation areas and parking lots.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal encourages residents to purchase only state-approved safe and sane fireworks bearing the State Fire Marshal's seal and sold at licensed fireworks stands. Safety recommendations include reading all directions before use, lighting fireworks outdoors only, having an adult present, igniting one firework at a time and keeping a bucket of water and a garden hose nearby. Officials also advise against using fireworks near dry vegetation, attempting to relight malfunctioning fireworks or carrying fireworks in pockets. Fireworks should never be pointed or thrown at another person, and parents may be held responsible for injuries or property damage caused by their children using fireworks.

Six nonprofit organizations are operating licensed fireworks booths in Dixon this year. Booth locations include Living Hope Church of Dixon at Wienerschnitzel, 2500 W. A St.; NorCal Christian Schools at Punjabi Dhaba, 7800 Batavia Road; American Legion Ladies Auxiliary at Safeway, 1235 Stratford Ave.; Soroptimist International of Dixon at Walmart, 235 E. Dorset Drive; Dixon Schools Athletic Boosters at CVS Pharmacy, 1025 N. Adams

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City Manager Retires After 28-Year Public Service Career

City of Dixon News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - City Manager Jim Lindley will officially retire in July, concluding a 28-year career in public service. Serving as Dixon's City Manager for over 14 years, Lindley has provided pivotal operational leadership, financial oversight and support to the City Council, leaving behind a legacy of growth and modernization.

Throughout his tenure, Lindley has been widely recognized for his "people-first" management style, guiding the city with deep kindness and loyalty. His balanced leadership successfully created a collaborative environment across municipal staff, council members and residents alike.

Since taking the helm



City Manager Jim Lindley will officially retire in July 2026, concluding an exceptional 28-year career in public service. Photo courtesy of City of Dixon

in March 2012, Lindley successfully steered the City of Dixon through significant economic eras, including navigating the municipality out of

the Great Recession and through the complexities of the global pandemic. Lindley's leadership in Dixon was also defined by a series of infrastructure and capital improvement initiatives that had long been envisioned by the community:

Railroad Overcrossing Project (Parkway Overpass): Successfully secured major grant funding to advance a vital transportation initiative that had been envisioned by the city for over 30 years.

Wastewater Treatment Facility: Spearheaded and oversaw the construction of Dixon's first modern Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Pardi Plaza: Built the Pardi Plaza, creating a central hub for community

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Cars & Q's Draws Crowds



Car show awards were presented across several categories, including stock, trucks, modified, muscle, low rider, and best of show, awarded to Chris Gilbreth. Photo by Nicolas Brown

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Robert Luna with a 1973 Chevy Camaro. Truck winners included Enrique Coarua with a 1945 Chevrolet 1/2 Ton, David Luna with a 1969 Chevy Pickup and Armando Lozano with a 1940 Ford Truck.

Modified class winners were Bill Bowen with a 1941 Willys Coupe, Jim Snow with a 1955 Chevy 150 and Jeff Crowson with a 1960 Plymouth Fury. In the Muscle category, Mark Atkinson won with a 1969 Chevy Camaro Z28, followed by Jeff Babchuk with a 1967 Chevrolet Chevelle and Michael Briggs with a 1972 Chevy Vega. Low Rider awards went to

Frank Morales with a 1966 Chevy Impala, Eloy Urias with a 1966 Green Chevy Impala and Rudy Castillo with a 1963 Maroon Impala. Chris Gilbreth's 1958 Chevy Impala received the Best of Show award.

The Downtown Dixon Business Association's next major event will be the Annual Art and Wine Stroll on Aug. 22. Last year's event featured more than 20 wines, including champagne, along with artwork from local artists.

For more information, visit downtowndixonca.com or email dixon-downtownba@yahoo.com. ★

UC Davis Nematology Doctoral Candidate Wins International Honor



UC Davis doctoral candidate Pallavi Shakya delivering her prize-winning talk at the 36th Symposium of the European Society of Nematologists, The Netherlands. Courtesy photo

By Kathy Keatley Garvey, UC Davis Department of Entomology and Nematology

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - UC Davis doctoral candidate Pallavi Shakya of the lab of nematologist Shahid Siddique won "Best Student/Early Career Talk" at the 36th Symposium of the European Society of Nematologists, held recently in Egmond aan Zee, The Netherlands.

The global competition drew 41 participants. Another student, Beth Molloy from the Crop Science Centre at the University of Cambridge, also scored a first, the only two awards presented.

"I truly had a wonderful time at the conference, talking about the weird and fascinating world of nematode genomes and biology," Shakya said. "It was a great experience, and I felt very privileged to speak among some of the greatest minds in nematology."

Shakya, a nematologist and computational biologist based in the UC Davis Department of Plant Pathology and advised by Siddique, received her master's degree

in biotechnology in 2020 from Wageningen University, The Netherlands, and her bachelor's degree in biotechnology in 2016 from SANN International College, Purbanchal University, Nepal. She speaks four languages fluently, English, Nepali, Hindi and Nepal Bhasa, with intermediate proficiency in Dutch.

Shakya is the first author of a highly acclaimed research paper published by a 15-member international team last November in PLoS Pathogens. The paper, titled "High-Resolution Genome Assembly and Linkage Mapping in Meloidogyne hapla Reveal Non-Canonical Telomere Repeats and Recombination Hotspots Associated with Effector Proteins," is co-authored by associate professor Siddique; UC Davis professor emerita Valerie Williamson; UC Davis doctoral candidate Alison Blundell; UC Davis postdoctoral researcher Dadong Dai, and UC Davis researchers Jacinta Gimeno and Adam Taranto. Several scientists from The Netherlands, France and Croatia contributed as co-authors. ★

Dixon News Briefs



City of Dixon will host its annual Fourth of July celebration from 4 to 9:15 p.m. July 4. Held at Hall Park, 450 Hall Park Drive, activities will include recreation swim, pickleball, live music, food trucks and fireworks. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By MPG Staff

Four Star Farm Horse Camp

Four Star Farm is offering a beginner to intermediate horseback riding camp beginning in mid-June. The farm, 7445 Pitt School Road, will have activities such as horseback riding, art projects and horsemanship for children aged 6 to 13 years old. Listed sessions are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and include July 9 to 10 and August 3 to 7. Sessions cost \$695 per participant.

For more information, visit fourstarfarm.com or call 707-312-1119.

Dixon Family Services Fireworks Sale

Dixon Family Services will be selling fireworks from June 28 to July 4. The booth, held at Grocery Outlet, 2400 N. First St. will be selling TNT Fireworks to raise funds to support services offered by the nonprofit. Interested parties can also support the cause through volunteering to man the booth, but only those 18 and older are eligible.

For more information, visit Dixon Family Services on Facebook or call 707-678-0442.

Downtown Dixon Farmer's Market

Downtown Dixon Business Association's (DDBA) is hosting the Downtown Dixon Weekly Farmer's Market, held every Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. through Oct. 28. Hosted at Pardi Plaza, 132 E. A St, the event, sponsored by the City of Dixon, features organic fruits and vegetables, fresh-baked breads, hot food vendors, live music and opportunities to meet local farmers.

For more information, visit downtowndixonca.com/events or email dixon-downtownba@yahoo.com.

Toastmasters Open House

Dixon Toastmasters are hosting a series of meetings open to the public from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. every second and fourth Tuesday. Held in-person at Mountain Mike's Pizza, 1700 N. First St., the meeting will have a simultaneous virtual option, allowing attendees to participate over Zoom.

For more information or to receive the Zoom link, visit Dixon 6870 Toastmasters Club on Facebook, call 916-801-6234 or email toastmaster.lou@gmail.com

Dixon Teen Center Hiring

Dixon Teen Center is looking to hire a Teen Center Coordinator. The requirements of the position include excellent people skills, especially with teens, coordination experience, and availability every Friday and Saturday from 4 to 8 p.m.

For more information or to apply, visit Dixon Teen Center on Facebook or call either 707-695-2724 or 707-344-3544.

Chamber Networking Lunch

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce is hosting a networking event from noon to

1:30 p.m. July 16. This free in-person event, held at 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. Lunch is provided.

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

Fourth of July Fireworks Show

City of Dixon will host its annual Fourth of July celebration from 4 to 9:15 p.m. July 4. Held at Hall Park, 450 Hall Park Drive, activities will include recreation swim from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Pat Granucci Aquatics Center, 450 E. Mayes St., Pickleball in Hall Park from 5 to 8 p.m., and live music, provided by Smokehouse Reunion, from 6 to 9 p.m. Food trucks will be available in the Aquatics Center parking lot beginning at 6 p.m. The evening will conclude with a fireworks show scheduled for 9:15 p.m.

For more information, visit the City of Dixon, CA Facebook page or call 707-678-7000.

Popsicles in the Park

Dixon Grown is hosting the Popsicles in the Park series throughout July, offering community members the opportunity to meet local elected officials and city staff while enjoying complimentary frozen treats. Events are scheduled at parks throughout the month, including Northwest Park, 1100 Parkgreen Drive, at 6 p.m. July 9, Pardi Plaza, 132 E. A St., at noon July 11, Hall Park Amphitheatre at 6 p.m. July 13, Bowen Park, Pitt School rd. and Sunflower Way, at 6 p.m. July 23 and Veterans Park, 1300 Valley Glen Drive, at 6 p.m. July 29.

For more information, visit dixongrown.com/Popsicles-in-the-Park/ or email news@cityofdixonca.gov.

Veteran Riders Fourth of July Celebration

Napa-Solano Veteran Riders will host a Fourth of July celebration at 8 p.m. July 4. Held at Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 N. First St., The event will feature complimentary food and beverages, live music by DJ Reaper and a fireworks display.

For more information, visit American Legion Post 208 on Facebook or email alpost208@aol.com.

Dixon Toy Show

The Collectible Shop, a vintage toy and collectibles shop in Roseville, CA, is hosting the Dixon Toy Show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 25. Held at the Dixon May Fair grounds, 655 S. First St., the event will feature approximately 50 vendors specializing in vintage toys. Admission is free for children, early bird admission, from 9 to 11 a.m., is \$15 with general admission being \$5.

For more information, visit dixonmayfair.com/event/dixon-toy-show/ or call 707-678-5529. ★

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St.; and Dixon Family Services at Grocery Outlet, 2400 N. First St.

Residents are encouraged to follow local regulations and safety guidelines

throughout the Independence Day holiday.

For more information, visit cityofdixonca.gov/departments/Fire/fireworksinformation or call 707-678-7060. ★

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Dixon Intermediate All-Stars Capture District 64 Championship

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixon Little League Intermediate (50/70) All-Stars claimed the District 64 championship after defeating Woodland in a hard-fought title game, earning the program's third district championship in four years across different age divisions.

Managed by Adam Perasso, the team completed a tournament run highlighted by resilience and balanced play. Dixon entered the championship after handing Woodland its first loss of the tournament in the winners' bracket. Woodland battled back through the elimination bracket to force a rematch for the district title.

Coach Perry Settlemoir III said winning this championship carried significance.

"As far as winning the district, this year it feels a little different," said Settlemoir. "I've been with these boys a long time, and there's a chance this is the last time we get to do that, so it meant a lot. It was special."

Settlemoir said he believed his team could compete with anyone in the field but viewed Woodland as its toughest challenge. Dixon's victory over Woodland earlier in the tournament gave the coaching staff confidence heading into the championship.

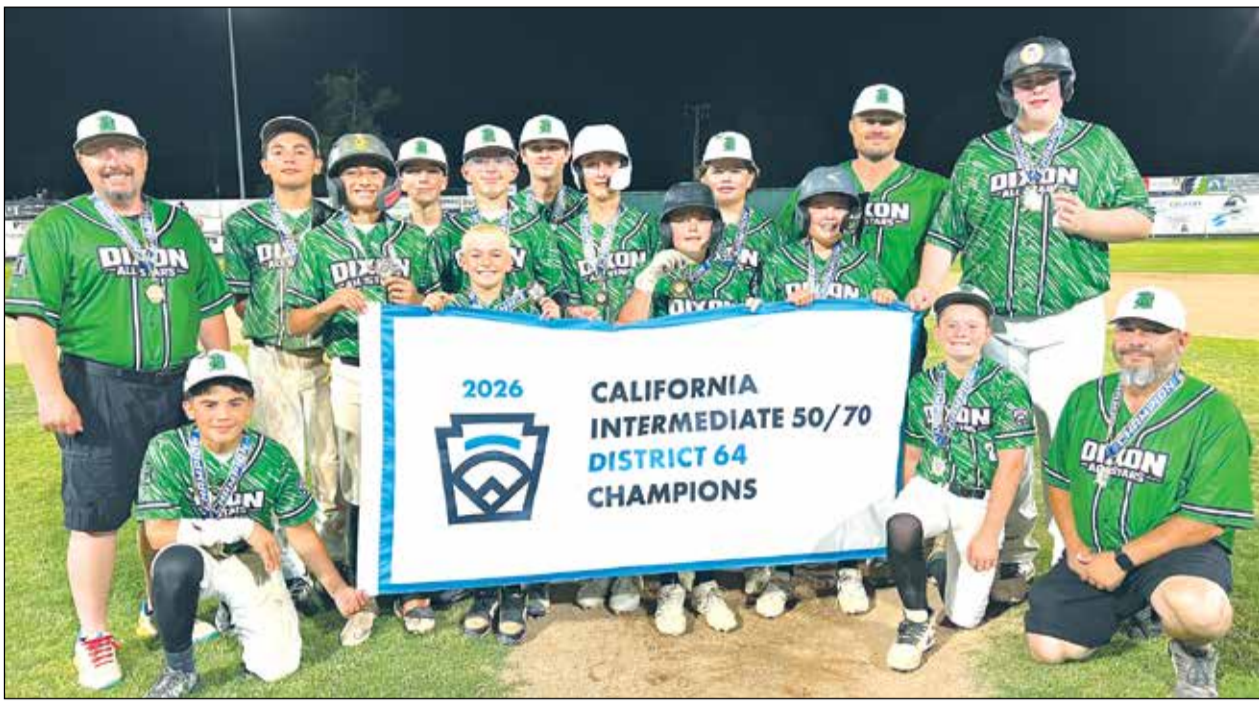
"I always knew we could compete with any team in the tournament," he said. "When we beat them, I knew it was mostly ours to lose."

The championship was, according to Settlemoir, action-packed, featuring multiple lead changes and remaining in doubt until the final pitch.

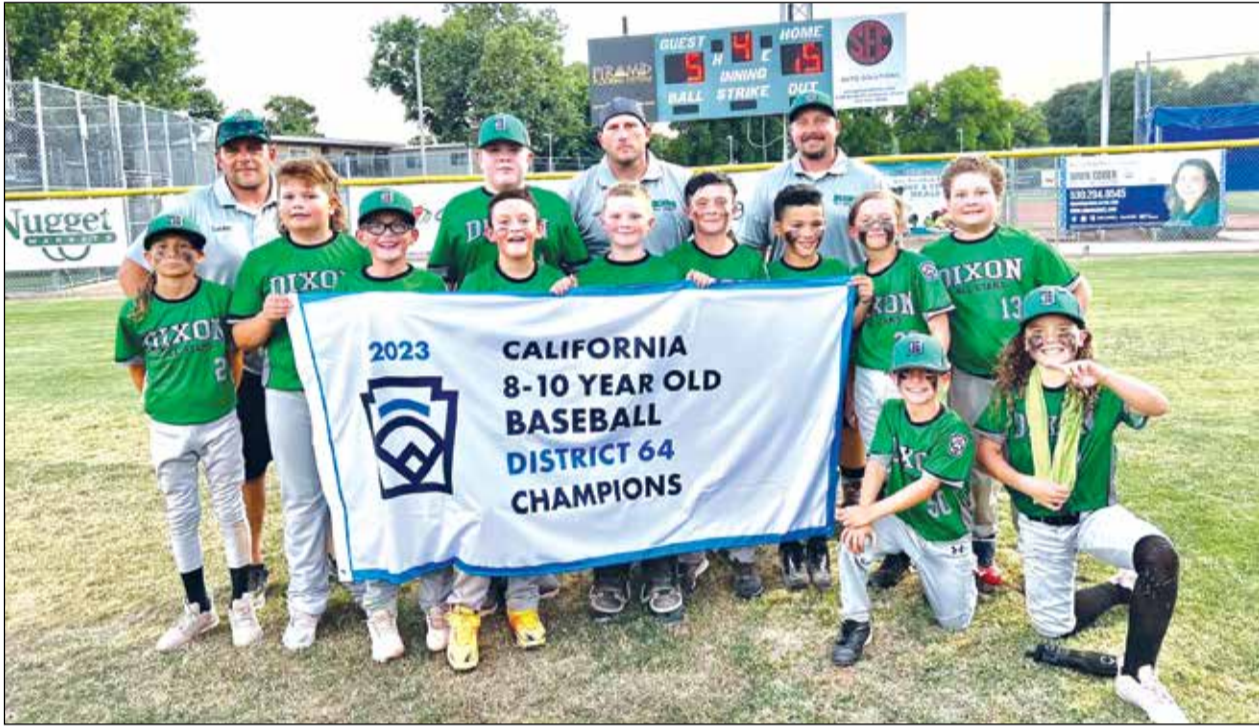
"They definitely played hard," said Settlemoir. "That game had everything you would want in a championship game. There were lead changes, contested plays and it came down to the last pitch. I was proud of how they played."

Settlemoir credited the team's chemistry as a deciding factor throughout the tournament. While each player earned a spot on the All-Star roster through individual ability, he said the group succeeded because they played for one another.

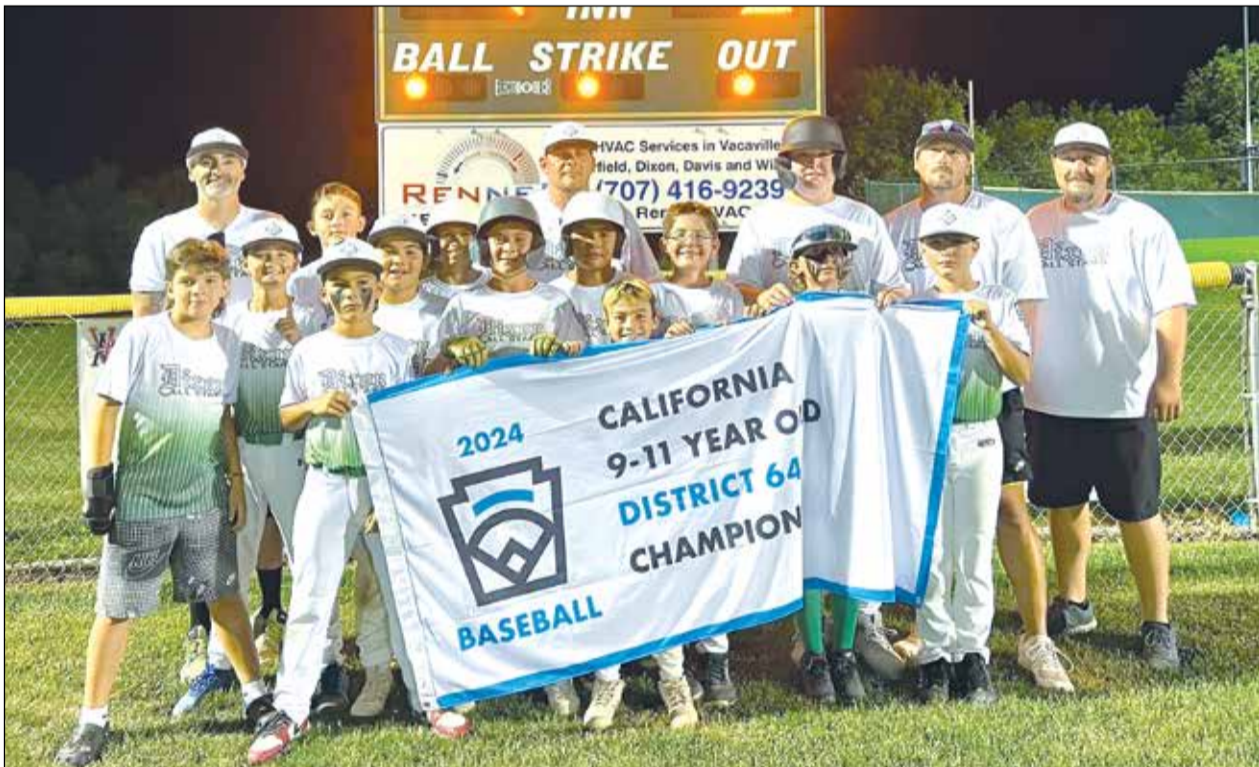
"They're all stellar players," he said. "But you can't beat a team like Woodland based on



Dixon Intermediate (50/70) All-Stars claimed District 64 Championship June 17. From left are Coach Perry Settlemoir III, Brenden Guzman, Gavin Guzman, Ely Contreras, Logan Perasso, Perry Settlemoir IV, Declan Habbeshaw, Austin Miller, Alan Campuzano, Preston Canela, Nick Nelson, Liam Woodard, Coach Sonny Conyers, Ben Boekee, Hudson Conyers, Manager Adam Perasso. Photo courtesy of Dixon Little League



The championship continues a successful run for many players in Dixon's Little League program. Several players have been part of multiple District 64 championship teams in 2023, 2024 and 2026. Photo courtesy of Dixon Little League



Coach Perry Settlemoir III credited the team's chemistry as a deciding factor throughout the tournament. While each player earned a spot on the All-Star roster through individual ability, he said the group succeeded because they played for one another. Photo courtesy of Dixon Little League

individual talent. Them being able to play for each other made a difference."

The coaching staff also focused on managing

pitching depth and creating an effective batting order during a week of high temperatures.

"We tried to put the

boys in position to get in and get out," said Settlemoir. "Managing pitchers is a big deal, especially in tournament

play, and with so many quality hitters, putting together the lineup took a lot of thought."

The championship

continues a successful run for many players in Dixon's Little League program. Five players, namely Alan Campuzano, Ben Boekee, Declan Habbeshaw, Julian Mendoza and Perry Settlemoir IV, have been part of all three District 64 championship teams in 2023, 2024 and 2026. Eight others have appeared on two championship teams: Logan Perasso, Brenden Guzman, Gavin Guzman, Brayden Prescott, Carson Ramos, Nick Nelson, Preston Canela and Xzavier Puch.

Settlemoir said the players embraced the opportunity to add another championship banner to those displayed at Dixon Little League.

"Those banners are going to be there until they're sun-faded or torn down," he said. "Hopefully they get replaced, because these boys really stood out, and I hope that's something that motivates players in the years to come."

He also thanked the parents, volunteers and community members who supported the team throughout the tournament, noting Dixon's fan turnout matched or exceeded that of the host community in Woodland.

Looking ahead, Dixon will advance to the Section 1 Tournament, opening play at 10 a.m. July 4 against Mark West Little League in Santa Rosa before returning to action July 5 in Healdsburg.

Although the district title marked another milestone, Settlemoir said the experience extends beyond baseball.

"We're not done yet," he said. "What the little league organization does, it's not just playing baseball, it's about creating contributing members of society who understand teamwork."

He also shared a message of appreciation for his players.

"It's more of a thank you," said Settlemoir. "Their pictures and these experiences are going to stay with me. They helped shape who I am as a coach, as a father, as a husband and how I talk to people, treat people and see people. They got a lot of attention for the right reasons, and I am proud of them."

For more information, visit dixonlittleleague.org or email support@dixon-littleleague.org. ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026000982
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Abigail Agudelo, 5313 Dynasty Court, Fairfield, CA 94534.
Date filed in Solano County: June 2, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: June 1, 2024

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The following persons are doing business as: Lone Star Welding, 525 Amesbury Drive, Dixon, CA 95620.
Nestor Gonzalez, 525 Amesbury Drive, Dixon, CA 95620.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026000991
The following persons are doing business as: Cozy Crumb Bakery, 1310 Hawthorne Court, Dixon, CA 95620.
Cozy Crumb Bakery LLC, 1310 Hawthorne Court, Dixon, CA 95620.

Date filed in Solano County: June 2, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026001073
The following persons are doing business as: Hardy & Kin, 1800 Margurite Drive, Dixon, CA 95620.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026001040
The following persons are doing business as: Designpilot, 709 Tahoe Court, Fairfield, CA 94534.
Contemplete LLC, 709 Tahoe Court, Fairfield, CA 94534. Date filed in Solano County: June 9, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: June 5, 2026

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026000985
The following persons are doing business as: Who's Bakin Bread, 485 Vinca Way, Vacaville, CA 95687.

Who's Bakin Bread LLC, 485 Vinca Way, Vacaville, CA 95687.
Date filed in Solano County: June 2, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 13, 2026

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026001006
The following persons are doing business as: Alduvera Supply, 8024 Claret Court, Vacaville, CA 95687.

Aldugrand Construction, 8024 Claret Court, Vacaville, CA 95687.
Date filed in Solano County: June 3, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 23, 2026
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026001099
The following persons are doing business as: Lavender Notary Public, 1285 Stratford Avenue Suite G Box 175, Dixon, CA 95620.

Jennifer Crone, 1285 Stratford Avenue Suite G Box 175, Dixon, CA 95620.
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ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #CU26-04307

Ching-Dao Kong, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Ching-Dao Kong to Daniel Ching-Dao Kong. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. July 8, 2026, 9:00 a.m. Department 3, Room 301, Hall of Justice, 600 Union Avenue, Fairfield, CA 94533
Judge of the Superior Court: Christine A. Carringer
Dated: May 13, 2026
Publish: June 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026
KONG 6-26-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #CU26-04031

Isaias Villegas Gudino filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Isaias Villegas Gudino to Isaias Preciado THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should

not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. July 6, 2026, 10:00 a.m. Department 7, Room 2, Superior Court of California, County of Solano, Old Solano Court House, 580 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533
Judge of the Superior Court: Christine A. Carringer
Dated: May 6, 2026
Publish: June 12, 19, 26, July 3, 2026
GUDINO 7-3-26

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RAY DAVID BRIONES CASE NO. PR26-00381

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: RAY DAVID BRIONES A Petition for Probate has been filed by BRIANNE R. BRIONES in the Superior Court of California, County of SOLANO. The Petition for Probate requests that BRIANNE R. BRIONES be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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 on 7/23/2026 at 9:30 A.M. in Dept. 22 Room N/A located at 580 TEXAS 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 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. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Jerilyn Paik, ESQ, Law Offices of Jerilyn Paik, 555 University Avenue, Suite 235, Sacramento, CA 95825; 916-568-1222
Publish: July 3, 10, 17, 2026
JACKSON 7-17-26

available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: MICHAEL RINNE, 391 TAYLOR BLVD. SUITE 220, PLEASANT HILL, CA 94523, Telephone: 925-322-1521 6/26, 7/3, 7/10/26
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DIXON INDEPENDENT VOICE 7-10-26

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DWIGHT L. JACKSON CASE NO. PR26-00302

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

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Marlene Jackson, in the Superior Court of California, County of Solano, requesting Marlene Jackson 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: August 20, 2026, 9:30 a.m. in Dept 22: Superior Court of California, County of Solano, 580 Texas 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: Jerilyn Paik, ESQ, Law Offices of Jerilyn Paik, 555 University Avenue, Suite 235, Sacramento, CA 95825; 916-568-1222
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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 3, 2026** for the following offices:

Elected City Clerk (elected at-large representing the entire City): Full Term of Four Years
City Councilmember, District 1: Full Term of Four Years
City Councilmember, District 2: Full Term of Four Years

Official nomination documents for eligible candidates desiring to file for the above offices **will be available commencing Monday, July 13, 2026**, at City Hall, 600 East A Street, Dixon, California. The nomination period for these offices begins on **July 13, 2026** and closes on **August 10, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.** Please note that City Hall will be closed on August 7, 2026. All candidates are *highly encouraged* to schedule appointments for filing of nomination documents in **advance of August 7, 2026**. 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.

NOTE FOR INCUMBENT OFFICERS AND ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES: City Hall is closed on August 7, 2026, and the filing deadline for nomination documents is extended to August 10, 2026. If an incumbent officer does not file nomination papers by August 10, 2026 (the 85th day before the election), the voters will have until the 83rd day before the election (August 12, 2026) to nominate other candidates for that incumbent's elective office. All potential candidates are *highly encouraged* to schedule appointments in advance of August 7, 2026.

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

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.

NOMINATION FEES. The City of Dixon charges candidates the following nomination fees:

Election Fees	Effective: July 1, 2026
Candidate Filing Fee*	\$25.00
Candidate Orientation Fee	\$75.00
Candidate Binder Fee	\$75.00
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
Dixon Independent Voice 7-3-2026

CITY OF DIXON NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the City of Dixon that sealed bids will be received from pre-qualified bidders online via DIXON PLAN ROOM on **August 06, 2026**, until 3:00 p.m., at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read by the City Clerk. All bids will be considered for award by the City of Dixon City Council at their regular meeting on Tuesday, **September 15, 2026**, for the following project:

DIXON FIRE STATION 82 PROJECT #410-106

LOCATION OF WORK: 653 Pitt School Road, Dixon, CA 95620, Solano County.
DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The work includes:

1. Construction of 8,209 SF Fire Station,
2. Construction of 2 drive-through bays, staff dorm rooms, office, toilet facilities, fitness room, kitchen, day room, and utility spaces,
3. Construction is Slab-on-Grade with spread footings, wood framing, and prefabricated wood trusses,
4. Mechanical and plumbing systems,
5. Electrical system and low-voltage design for a fully functional fire station,
6. Site improvements including concrete paving, parking, trash enclosure, emergency generator, fuel tank, patio spaces, and landscape.

The engineer's estimate for this project is \$9,100,000.

All bidders **must** be on the Final Qualified Bidders List for their bid to be considered responsive.

Submittals will be accepted by the City of Dixon up until 3:00 pm (PST) on **August 06, 2026**. Submittals **will only** be accepted by the City via the City's online bid portal at <https://www.dixonplanroom.com>. Each Bidder shall submit an electronic version (PDF) of the submittal in accordance with submittal requirements. All work is to be done in accordance with said Plans and Specifications. To be considered responsive, the bidder must submit their submittal online through the bid portal. **No in-person submissions** will be accepted or considered responsive.

Paper Bid sets may be obtained from BPXpress at (707) 745-3593 at the bidder's cost.

All bidders must submit their bids online through the Dixon Plan Room bid portal to be considered responsive.

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Castillo's Legal Life Support Expands

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Growth has prompted Castillo's Legal Life Support to relocate to a larger office at 1450 Ary Lane, Suite D, as the business prepares for another milestone year that includes speaking at the Dixon Chamber of Commerce's Women in Business Night and recognition from the Solano County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Owner Lisa Castillo said the need for additional workspace drove the move after outgrowing her previous office.

"At the other office, we had a small lobby where our assistant sat, and I had a table in my office for my son and daughter to help me with paperwork," said Castillo. "It got cramped."

Castillo's Legal Life Support is a California-registered Legal Document Assistant business, not a law firm. The company prepares



Lisa Castillo, owner of Castillo's Legal Life Support, has relocated to a larger office at 1450 Ary Lane, Suite D. She is currently preparing to speak at the Dixon Chamber of Commerce's Women in Business Night from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. July 23. Photo courtesy of Castillo Legal Life Support

legal documents at a client's direction and assists self-represented litigants in navigating the court system. The business specializes in estate planning, and family law

matters while also offering notary services.

The expansion comes as Castillo prepares to host and speak during the Dixon Chamber of Commerce's Women in

Business Night from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. July 23. She said her presentation will focus on the company's journey and lessons learned while building the business.

"The chamber is focusing on sharing our story of how we built our businesses, including our journeys, so we can share with others and offer tips for their businesses," said Castillo.

According to Castillo, being selected to host the event is especially meaningful because of her ties to both the Hispanic and Dixon communities.

"I consider it a great privilege," she said.

Castillo recently received a \$2,500 Business Scholarship Award from the Solano County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, recognition she said arrived at an important time.

"Personally, just being seen and recognized is a really big deal, especially because the Hispanic Chamber covers the whole county," she said. "Professionally, it happened at the best time. The move cost more than I anticipated, so the scholarship was an amazing boost for us."

She said the funding helped offset expenses associated with furnishing the new office, including desks, computers, laptops and information technology support.

Castillo credits much of her success to support from the Dixon community and local business organizations.

"I definitely feel embraced by the community," she said. "Any time someone has a question or asks for a referral on Dixon 411, I'm always mentioned."

She also thanked local businesses that have recommended her services and said membership in the Dixon Chamber of Commerce has helped her become more involved in community events.

"When I was just working my business, I would later hear about events," said Castillo. "Being part of the chamber made me feel responsible for being part of the community."

Looking ahead, Castillo said she hopes the new office becomes more than a workplace. Her long-term goal is to create a resource center serving both English and Spanish-speaking residents while also providing flexible meeting and workspace for other professionals.

For aspiring entrepreneurs, Castillo encouraged persistence and purpose.

"Never give up on your dream," she said. "If it's your passion, I believe it will be successful. It's not easy, and it's 120% you, but it's not hard if it's your passion."

Castillo also expressed gratitude to those who helped shape her business, including her father, whom she credited with inspiring the idea, as well as the Solano County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Dixon Chamber of Commerce and the Dixon community.

"As an office, I'm here because I want to provide an opportunity for everyone, no matter what their financial status is, for asset protection and family protection," said Castillo.

For more information, visit legallifesupport.com or call 707-564-3977. ★



Riley Reviews

"OBSESSION" TERRIFYING HORROR STORY; "SHARK FEST" ON NAT GEO

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

"OBSESSION" (Rated R)

One of the world's oldest cautionary tales is the admonition to "be careful what you wish for." Attaining exactly what you may desire often results in unintended consequences. The grass being greener on the side could turn out to be scorched earth.

The horror short story "The Monkey's Paw" by English author W.W. Jacobs, first published in Harper's Monthly in September 1902, has spawned more than a century's worth of adaptation into film, television, and stage productions.

In the story, a mummified monkey's paw may grant three wishes to its owner, but a spell cast on the paw leads to dire consequences for tampering with fate.

This brings us to the predicament of a hopeless romantic finding out the ancient proverb should be a humungous warning sign in the psychological thriller "Obsession," where only one wish just might be disastrous enough.

What's almost as interesting as the unnerving supernatural horror emanating from a novelty gift is that the low-budget "Obsession" has turned into a cinematic phenomenon besting major film releases at the box office.

A group of twentysomething friends work at a musical supply store, where neurotic Bear (Michael Johnston) fixates on his infatuation with co-worker and longtime friend Nikki (Inde Navarette).

The sensitive, wistful Bear fumbles any time he thinks about realizing his longing for Nikki, failing to move their relationship out of the friend zone to actual dating.

Mutual friends also working at the same place, Ian (Cooper Tomlinson) and Sarah (Megan Lawless), watch with bemusement and concern at Bear's arrested ability to act upon his obvious crush.

When Nikki loses a cherished necklace, Bear decides to buy her a gift at a New Age-type novelty store. He finds an unusual item in "One Wish Willow," which offers the promise of granting a lone wish based upon conditions.

Becoming intrigued with the notion of a wish being fulfilled, Bear rashly decides to use it himself to ask for Nikki to love him more than anyone else in the whole world.

What follows then, which is not a spoiler, is Nikki undergoing an immediate personality change when she becomes passionate and sexually aroused, leaving Bear thinking his dream has come true.

But it is not long before Nikki's new obsessive love begins alternating between clinging behavior and screams of anguish whenever Bear even thinks of going somewhere alone.

Nikki becomes so wildly possessive that one morning Bear finds that she

has duct taped his front door shut and screams wildly to keep him from leaving her just to go to work.

As time goes on, Nikki's mood swings become so frightening unhinged that the meek Bear looks trapped in a Stockholm Syndrome-type hostage situation from which escape seems impossible.

For the most part, the film's horror is akin to psychological warfare, and yet there is one scene so shockingly brutal in its violence that you will gasp in sheer dread.

"Obsession" might be the "Fatal Attraction" for a new generation of horror fans. Youthful writer and director Curry Barker looks to have a great future, as does Inde Navarette's Nikki who steals every scene.

"SHARK FEST" on National Geographic

"Shark Week" on the Discovery Channel is coming soon, but National Geographic gets its "Shark Fest" out of the gate sooner, with actor Anthony Mackie hosting a documentary.

"Shark Beach with Anthony Mackie: Gulf Coast" follows the actor to his hometown of New Orleans, where he grew up boating and fishing, and still fishing its waters to this day.

In this hour-long special, Mackie investigates a fishing phenomenon called depredation, in which a shark preys upon a fisherman's catch and consumes it before it can be retrieved.

As more fisherman encounter competition for food with sharks, Mackie discovers how these human-shark encounters may be pointing to larger environmental issues on the shores of Louisiana and through the Gulf of Mexico.

"Supersized Sharks" tells the tale of Norfolk Island, 800 miles off the coast of Australia, being the home of the largest tiger sharks in the world. As strange as it sounds, some think this island in the middle of the South Pacific has become like a drive-thru burger joint for tiger sharks.

For the first time, scientists are diving in to answer why there are so many huge tigers there. Shark biologists Lauren Myers, Charlie Huvener, and Adam Barnett lure the giants to their boat to investigate and make a surprising discovery.

In "Baby Sharks in the City," shark biologists have discovered a nursery of Atlantic great whites right off the coast of New York City.

They deploy a state-of-the-art camera tag to reveal the secret life of the baby great white for the first time in these Atlantic waters, and study how climate change may impact the future of this shark population.

"Shark Attack 360" dives into the world of shark bites and investigate why they happen. An international team of experts hunts for clues, using evidence and personal accounts to unravel the mysteries behind shark behavior. ★



How do birds drink?

- Maybelle, 11, Alaska

Dear Maybelle,

As a science cat, I've adapted my drinking style to fit in with my human friends. Now I hold my mug with my paws and lap up my coffee.

I've never seen a bird do that.

I asked my friend Dr. Marcie Logsdon about it. She's a veterinarian at Washington State University. She helps lots of wild birds.

She told me that different kinds of birds drink in different ways.

Most birds scoop up water in their bottom beaks. They tilt their heads back, so the water runs into their throats. Then they swallow.

"If you see birds that tend to come to a bird bath, that's what you're going to see," Logsdon said. "Those are your finches, your robins, your songbirds, things like that. It's the basic way they drink."

Some birds—especially swallows and swifts—do a variation of that technique. They fly low over lakes, rivers or ponds. They're hunting for tasty insects. If they get thirsty, they skim their beaks in the water and scoop up a drink.

Pigeons and doves adapted to drink water by suction. They poke their entire beaks into the water. Then muscles in their throats squeeze the water up into their mouths. It's like slurping up a drink with a straw—if your straw is made of your whole mouth.

That drinking style is so unique that bird books highlight it as a way to identify pigeons and doves.





the water. Then they excrete the salt out their nostrils.

"If you ever see a sea bird up close, you might notice a little bit of white crusting around their nostrils," Logsdon said. "That's extra salt they've been kicking out."

And some birds don't drink very much water at all. Birds of prey get most of their water from their meaty meals. They can go days without taking a sip of water.

That's how it works for most baby birds, too. They spend weeks inside the nest, being fed by their parents.

Nestlings usually get all their water from their food. That could be chewed up insects or worms. Or little bits of prey or seeds. Sometimes bird parents dunk these treats in water for extra hydration.

It turns out birds adapted their drinking techniques to match their environment.

Enter the sandgrouse. These birds nest in super dry places, miles from water. Their babies can't fly that far for a long time. So, sandgrouse dads adapted their belly feathers. Now they're sponge-like.

Sandgrouse dads travel to water and soak their feathers. Then they fly back home—sometimes 30 miles away—carting up to 15% of their body weight in water. Their babies will squeeze the water from those belly feathers and slurp it up.

That kind of parental care is so cute it should be il-eagle.

Sincerely,

Dr. Universe

Have you ever had a drink spray out your nose? That can happen because your mouth and nose connect inside your head. A bird's mouth and nose are even more connected than yours. They don't have a soft palate at the roof of the mouth. They have a v-shaped opening between the mouth and nose called a choana. This falcon (left) has obvious nostrils, or nares. Some bird nostrils are covered with feathers or skin flaps or have other adaptations to help them out. This puffin's nares are slits that sit lower on the bill. Keven Law CC BY-SA 2.0 Josh B CC BY-SA 2.0, arrows by Dr. Universe

Pigeons and doves feed their babies "crop milk." It's a wet, lumpy secretion from their digestive system. Flamingos do it, too—but theirs is watery and red. Among emperor penguins, only dads make crop milk for their babies. Crop milk isn't the same as the milk mammals make. But the same hormone regulates both.

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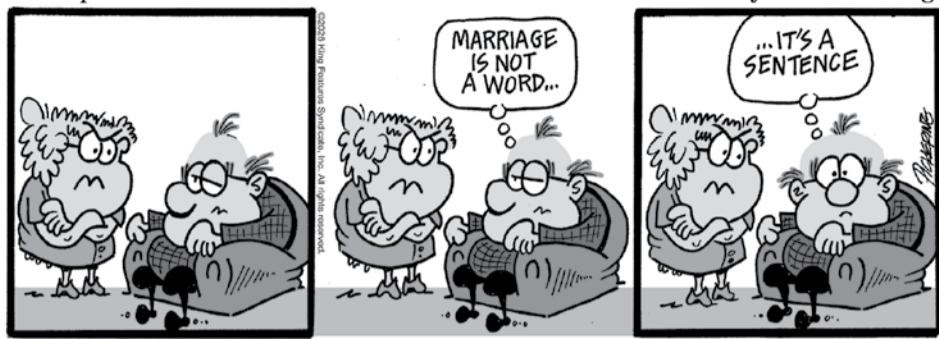
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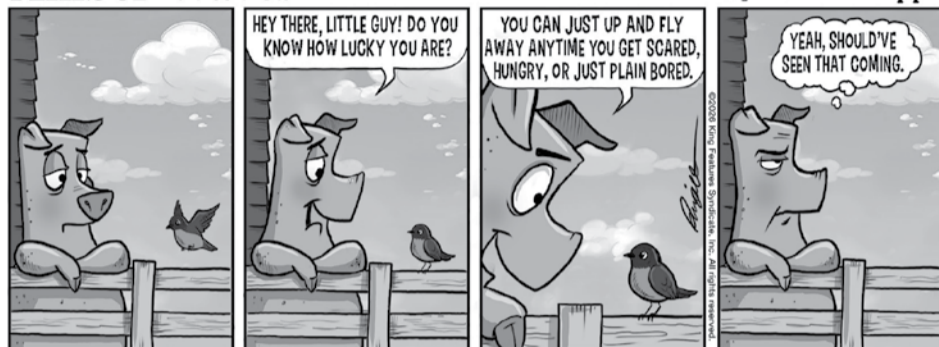
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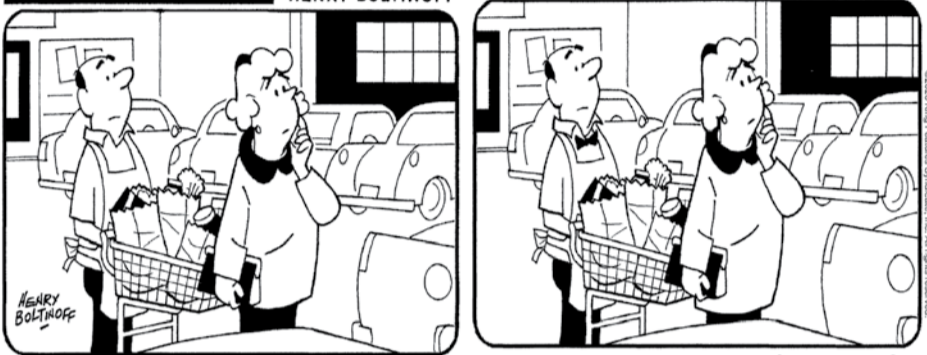
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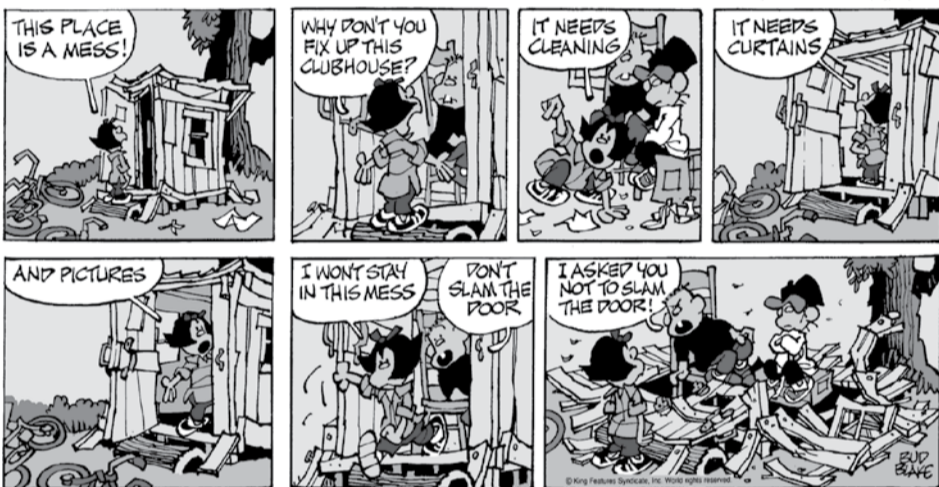
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STATEPOINT CROSSWORD • BEVERAGES

- CLUES**
- ACROSS
- Every which way
 - *Whole milk has about 8 grams of this per cup
 - Sound rebound
 - Not yet final, in law
 - Tibetan teacher
 - Twig of willow tree
 - Bad wishes
 - Like certain tradition
 - *Fermented tea
 - Trampled
 - Hermey and Buddy, e.g.
 - Pronoun
 - *Bee's favorite beverage
 - Like blabbermouth
 - Freud's concern
 - Becoming
 - Uncontrolled swerve
 - Type of heron
 - Unidentified John
 - Pocket change
 - Ding follower
 - Kenya's neighbor
 - "Five down" fighter pilot
 - Cuddle, romantically speaking
 - Eras
 - Film director's cry
 - Opinion
 - ____ Bora
 - *Blended fruit beverage
 - *Most-consumed beverage
 - Abbreviation, abbr.
 - Miniature whirlpool
 - The Brady Bunch, e.g.
 - Hanukkah gift
 - Came by horse
 - "For ____ the Bell Tolls"
 - Schiller's famous poem, e.g.
 - One-armed bandit
- DOWN
- "Wheel of Fortune" purchase
 - *Most popular choice for official state beverage
 - Nobel Peace Prize capital
 - It's meant to be
 - Travesty
 - Wet nurses
 - Samoan money
 - *Caffeinated "shot"
 - Bye, in Palermo
 - *Group of bovine milk producers
 - Table scrap
 - Mona Lisa's home
 - Presidential promises, e.g.
 - Detonation
 - *Plant-based "milk" choice
 - Must-haves
 - Encouragement (2 words)
 - Cornua, sing.
 - Late country singer-songwriter Campbell
 - Relating to ilium
 - *Popular party beverage
 - Affirmatives
 - Competitive advantage
 - New Zealand's bygone bird
 - *Milk+carbonated water+syrup
 - Head of a body part, anatomically speaking
 - Preceding month
 - Send back to mother country
 - Road-crossing helper
 - Not these or those
 - Implant
 - Like duchess or count
 - Johann Sebastian of music fame
 - Sgt. Snorkel's dog
 - Palm starch
 - Object of worship
 - Starchy tuber
 - "Amazing!"
 - Thus far

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Declaration of Independence

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.—That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, —That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.—Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harrass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:

For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences:

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.

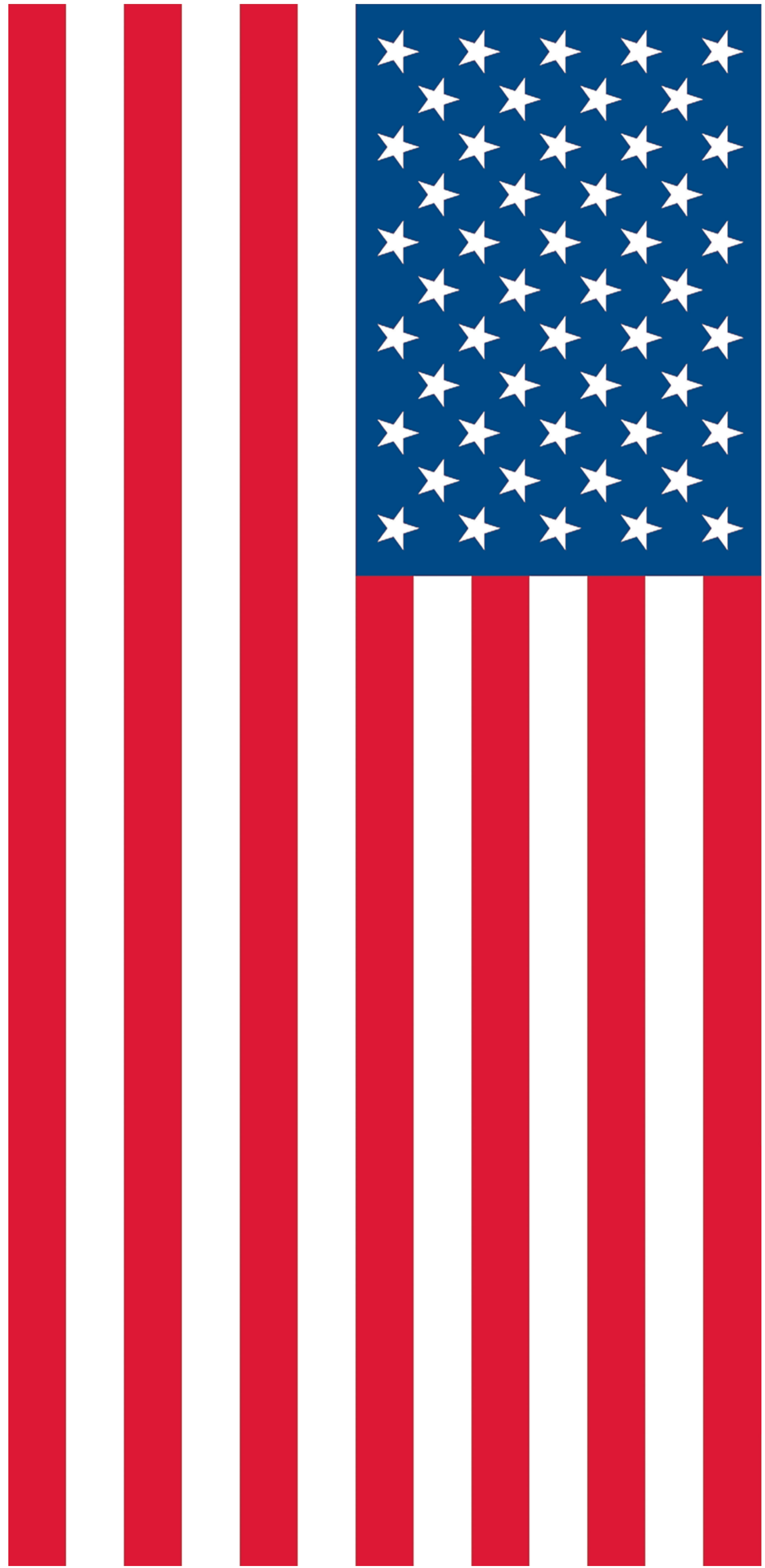
He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our Brittish brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.



City Manager Retires After 28-Year Public Service Career

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gatherings and civic engagement. West B Street Grade Separation: Completed the public pedestrian underpass crossing project, significantly improving pedestrian safety and transit connectivity.

“Jim Lindley’s impact on Dixon cannot be overstated,” said Mayor Steve Bird. “His steady leadership steered our city through historic economic challenges and modernized our local infrastructure. Beyond his administrative talent, Lindley brought a level of professionalism and genuine care for city staff members to City Hall every single day, assuring them that they mattered and were deeply appreciated.”

Finance Director Kate Zawadzki echoed these sentiments, highlighting Lindley’s mentorship and fiscal stewardship.

“I’ve had the great fortune of learning from Jim Lindley for over 14 years. The

greatest lesson he shared was how he valued team members. Lindley always praises in public and reprimands in private. He encouraged a positive environment, maintained a light-hearted tone and provided unwavering support. Lindley has led the City of Dixon through difficult times and into prosperous times, always being a good steward for the taxpayers. He should feel a lot of pride in his accomplishments as he heads into retirement. I am very grateful for my years working for him and wish him the happiest adventures in Texas.”

Chief of Police Robert Thompson also emphasized Lindley’s foundational impact on leadership and public safety.

“Jim Lindley hired me, so I have had a front row seat to his leadership for many years. Throughout his tenure, he has been relentlessly committed to building a safe community, a stable and effective organization and a city positioned for

future success. Dixon is a better place because of his service, and his legacy will be felt throughout our community for years to come.”

Before his 14-year tenure in Dixon, Lindley accumulated extensive experience across both the public and private sectors, including 25 years in the private sector and five years as CEO of Municipal Consulting Associates. His 28-year public service career features eight years as an elected official in Hesperia — serving as council member, mayor pro tem and mayor — followed by five years in three distinct director-level roles for San Bernardino County. He later transitioned back to city management, serving as the city manager of Dunsmuir and executive director of the Dunsmuir Redevelopment Agency from June 2010 to March 2012.

An advocate for professional development and education, Lindley holds associate degrees from Victor Valley Community

College, alongside a bachelor’s degree in economics and an honors master’s degree in public administration from CSU San Bernardino. He spent years shaping future leaders as an adjunct and associate faculty member at CSUSB, Victor Valley College, the University of La Verne, the University of Phoenix and Barstow College. Deeply involved in regional advancement, he also chaired multiple municipal boards in Hesperia and SANBAG, while serving on leadership boards for the League of California Cities, First Five San Bernardino and the Small Cities Organized Risk Effort.

“It is with gratitude that I announce my pending retirement as City Manager for the City of Dixon. These past 14 years have proven to be the best years of my career. I’m grateful I was able to serve under some great councils and outstanding mayors. Together, we achieved some notable accomplishments, and I’m proud that Dixon is in a

better place than when I arrived here all those years ago. I leave Dixon in some very competent hands with an excellent council and an extraordinary staff. The City of Dixon has a bright future ahead. My wife and I are retiring to Texas where we have family, including two grandchildren, to be close to those we love. My last day in Dixon will be July 31. Lastly, I would like to thank all of those councils that gave me the opportunity to serve as City Manager for this fine City of Dixon.”

As Lindley prepares to step down in July 2026, he looks forward to spending more time with his family. The City Council and city staff express their deepest gratitude to Lindley for his over 14 years of dedicated service to Dixon and wish him the very best in his retirement. Lindley’s final meeting with the City of Dixon will be July 21. The City Council will announce its plans for filling the city manager position at a future date. ★

Road Trip for Ministry: The Lincoln Highway

Dixon United Methodist Church News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Lincoln Highway was America’s first transcontinental highway. It connected San Francisco to New York City, and it ran right through Dixon. You can still see route markers for it and Route 40 along First Street, Adams Street and Porter Road.

Dixon United Methodist Church, 209 N. Jefferson St., the historic church by the railroad tracks, downtown, is having a fundraising campaign with the theme “Road Trip for Ministry: The Lincoln Highway.” On this virtual trip, participants will explore this famous route, its history, local points of interest, historic destinations, natural wonders and quirky sights. Each dollar donated will get them closer to their Times Square, New York

City destination and will support the church’s ongoing community outreach and ministry.

Community members can help on this journey. Have you traveled on the Lincoln Highway? Do you have family stories of the Lincoln Highway? Do you have tidbits of local history to share from the 1920s to ‘40s? Do you have information on the businesses along Adams Street in the 1930s to ‘40s? Do you have pre-1960s maps hiding in a closet that you would be willing to share?

Would you like to take this virtual journey with us? Call the church at 707-678-2191 or email the church at info@dixonumc.org to share what information you might have and/or if you would like to receive a Road Trip: Lincoln Highway email update every month or so. ★



Meet Wesley, the official road trip mascot, as the Dixon United Methodist Church rolls across the country on a virtual road trip for “Ministry: The Lincoln Highway.” Here he is in front of the historic Dixon UMC, ready to begin his transcontinental journey. Wesley is eager to see the sights as he helps to fund the ministry at the church. Photo courtesy of Dixon United Methodist Church

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Food & Farm NEWS

Local Farmers Grow Malting Barley for Brewing Beer

California grain farmers are finding success producing sustainably grown malting barley for Alameda-based Admiral Maltings. The San Francisco Bay Area malt house sources the barley from local growers and produces malt, which can be used for distilling, brewing and food production. Ron Silberstein, co-founder of Admiral Maltings, said the company pays growers a premium to grow malting barley, as well as wheat and rye, using earth-friendly or carbon-sequestering practices such as no-till. “It’s not the cheapest, but it’s all about sustainability,” Silberstein said. Fritz Durst, who grows organic no-till wheat for Admiral in Yolo County, said the premiums are crucial for making it financially viable to grow the grains. “Everybody thinks sustainability is about soil that’s healthy—and that’s part of it,” Durst said. “But part of sustainability is right here, paying a fair price to the grower.”

How Farmers Can Help Fight Wildfires

In 2017, as dozens of wildfires ravaged California’s wine country, University of California, Davis, researcher Natalia Pinzón witnessed the devastation firsthand. The experience showed Pinzón the necessity of including farmers and ranchers in the state’s wildfire preparedness and mitigation efforts. She said farmers play an important part in preventing wildfires

by reducing wildfire fuels, for example. “They also create the social infrastructure that is so important during disaster response,” Pinzón told Ag Alert® in an interview. “During a disaster, what we need most for immediate response is integrated social networks and integrated communities that can leverage existing resources quickly and mobilize. That can make a huge difference for a community’s ability to survive an event like this.”

Farm Advocates Seek Support for Local USDA offices

California Farm Bureau this month joined more than 100 agricultural organizations in a letter urging congressional appropriators to provide additional funding and staffing support for local U.S. Department of Agriculture offices of the Farm Service Agency and Natural Resources Conservation Service. The coalition highlighted growing concerns that staffing reductions, retirements and workforce attrition have led to delays and service disruptions in USDA field offices across the country, including in California. The offices play a critical role in administering farm programs, conservation assistance, disaster relief and technical support for farmers. According to the letter, several USDA agencies have experienced significant workforce losses during the past year, creating challenges for producers seeking timely access to programs and services. ★