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Preparing for Premiere Day



Dixon Community Theater's production of "Alice's Wonderland" will premiere at 6:30 p.m. June 13. The full cast made their first public appearance in costume at the Dixon May Fair Parade on May 10. Photo courtesy of Dixon Community Theater

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixon Community Theater's production of "Alice's Wonderland" will premiere at 6:30 p.m. June 13. Hosted at Dixon Performing Arts Center, 555 College Way, the musical will be an original production co-written by Kelly Pidgeon James and Cheryl Sommers.

"Alice's Wonderland" will be the first time that James will direct a Dixon Community Theater production.

"I've learned a great deal, especially from people like Gary Erwin, who



The organization's library meet-and-greet on May 16 allowed Dixon children to meet the cast and take pictures. Cody Pidgeon James, who plays Will, Thistle and a heart card read aloud at the event. Photo courtesy of Dixon Community Theater

is just phenomenal. Kyle Jackson too; he is an amazing composer and wrote the accompaniments; I wrote the melodies. Jean Henderson as well. She has a theater named after her in Davis; she does amazing costumes and was part of the original Dixon Community Theater for 60 years," said James.

When the COVID-19 pandemic began in 2020, the original iteration of the Dixon Community Theater went dormant. During this time, many key members either aged out or moved away. When the organization was reinstated in 2024,

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Meals on Wheels Plans Give and Gather Gala

**Meals on Wheels
Solano County
News Release**

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Meals on Wheels Solano County is proud to announce its first-ever Give & Gather Gala, an evening of celebration and purpose benefiting local seniors, to be held on Saturday, Aug. 23, at Bella Verdi at Rancho Solano in Fairfield.

Presented by Valley Strong Credit Union, the Give & Gather Gala will bring together community members, leaders and partners in support of Meals on Wheels Solano County's mission to nourish homebound seniors through food, connection and care.

Event proceeds will directly support Meals on Wheels Solano County's Home-Delivered Meals Program, which provides nutritious meals, wellness checks and essential social connections to more than 1,000 homebound older adults across Solano County.

"With the growing uncertainty of government support, the Give & Gather Gala will be critical in helping meet shortfalls in funding and continue serving the most vulnerable in our community," said Executive Director Laurie Hartmann.

The evening will include a three-course farm-to-table dinner highlighting fresh, locally sourced ingredients, a lively cocktail hour, live and silent auctions and Fund-a-Need appeal, a full program of inspiring stories and speakers, music, community celebration and an opportunity to directly impact seniors in need.

"This is more than just a fundraising event, it's a moment to bring our community together for the first time in years and rally around the seniors who rely on us every day," said Development Manager Tyler Dorman.

Individual tickets and full tables are now available. Sponsorship opportunities are also open to businesses, civic organizations and individuals who want to support the cause while gaining visibility in front of a community-minded audience.

Tickets are available at mealsonwheelssolano.org/giveandgathergala.

For sponsorships, silent auction donations or ticket information, contact Tyler Dorman at tdorman@mowsc.org or call 707-425-0638 x4.

Meals on Wheels Solano County is a local nonprofit organization committed to improving the lives of older adults by providing

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Women's Improvement Club Awards Community Grants



Dixon Women's Improvement Club awarded nine community grants to eight organizations, including Anderson Elementary School, Cornerstone Baptist Church, Dixon Community Compassion Care, Dixon High School, Dixon Historical Society, John Knight Middle School and Maine Prairie High School. Photo courtesy of Dixon Women's Improvement Club

Dixon Women's Improvement Club News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Dixon Women's Improvement Club (DWIC) announced the recipients of its 2025 Community Grants, made possible by the success of the club's

recent fundraiser held at Pedro's Cocina, 1425 Market Lane.

Thanks to the generosity of club members, their families, friends and the greater Dixon community, the event raised more than \$5,000 through a raffle featuring more than 50 uniquely curated baskets, in

addition to funds raised through a silent auction.

These efforts, combined with yearlong fundraising and community involvement, enabled Dixon Women's Improvement Club to provide financial support to several local

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both James and Sommers joined. Sommers is the co-writer and producer of "Alice's Wonderland" and also president of Dixon Community Theater. James plays the Queen of Diamonds, a character she describes as a diva. According to Sommers, she and James wanted to do something unique.

"We knew we wanted an 'Alice in Wonderland' theme but didn't want to do 'Alice in Wonderland'; it's overdone. We wanted to change it up, which meant new characters. That's why the story focuses on Alice's granddaughter," said Sommers.

The musical has a cast of 24 performers, with an even split of about 12 adults and 12 youth. Maya Clossick, an eighth-grader at Ralph Waldo Emerson Junior High School, is one of the eight child performers. Clossick is playing Alice, the main character.

"Alice is a child dream role, and I'm really excited and honored to have gotten it. I have a personal connection to Alice because she's a teenager and I'm a teenager. I'm just really excited to support the theater and continue to help them as they go on their journey to further establish themselves. I get to work with so many talented people too; it's a great cast," said Clossick.

Clossick has been performing since she was 7 years old. Her mother, Jenn Clossick, is also performing in the musical as the character Lorina.

"Maya and I have had the opportunity to perform together multiple times and this will be our fourth time in a production. From an audience perspective,



The cast of "Alice's Wonderland" went on a press tour, hosting a coloring contest, a Dixon Chamber of Commerce mixer and a meet-and-greet series at The Good Scoop Ice Cream, Dixon Library and Joystick Gaming Lounge. At the chamber mixer May 28, Angi Wolf, portraying the Queen of Hearts, performed her character's signature piece, "The Queen of Hearts." Photo courtesy of Dixon Community Theater

the show has a great mix of kids and adults, which adds depth. The way Kelly has integrated the kids' roles in real-life 1918 and Wonderland has been wonderful. They get to embody characters with substance and interest," said Jenn Clossick.

The Clossicks are not the only familial duo participating in the production. Angi Wolf has played in the same band, Over the Edge, for 15 years. During this time, Wolf was pregnant with both of her sons, Christian and Isaac Espinosa. According to Wolf, her sons inherited her love of music and performing.

"My son, Christian, is in the production as well, and he is playing the Jack of Hearts. I love working

with my son. This is our third time being in a show together, and I haven't seen him in a show for years, so it's great to watch him continue growing as a singer and performer," said Wolf.

Wolf's other son, Issac, is not an actor but a self-taught musician and enjoys helping his mother and his brother practice lines.

"Alice's Wonderland" will have six showings across two weekends, from June 13 to 15 and June 20 to 22. Friday and Saturday showtimes are at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday showtimes are at 2 p.m.

Tickets are available for \$12 per adult and \$10 for children and seniors.

For more information or to buy tickets, visit dixoncommunitytheater.com or call 707-903-8387. ★

Dixon News Briefs



Quarterly, the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, 5810 Midway Road, hosts funeral services for unaccompanied veterans. The next service will be held at 2 p.m. June 26. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By MPG Staff

Veterans' Dinner

American Legion Post 208 is hosting a Veterans' Dinner from 5:30 to 7 p.m. June 6. The dinner, held at Veterans' Memorial Hall, 1305 N. First St. offers an all-you-can-eat meal for \$12 per guest. Dishes include pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables and a roll.

For more information, visit American Legion Post 208's Facebook page or call 707-678-6308.

Pokémon Trading and Battle Day

Joystick Gaming Lounge is hosting a Pokémon-focused game day from 6 to 8 p.m. June 7. Held at the lounge, 420 Gateway Drive, Suite C, the event offers participants the opportunity to learn how to play the Pokémon Trading Card Game, battle with other players and trade cards. The event is open to all ages and costs \$5 per person.

For more information, visit joystickdixon.com or call 707-676-5697.

Dixon Moose Lodge Breakfast

Dixon Moose Lodge is hosting breakfast from 9 to 11 a.m. June 8 for \$12 per person. Held at the lodge, 180 W. B St., attendees have their choice of eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes and more.

For more information, visit dixonchamber.org or call 707-678-9407.

Dixon Library Book Club

Dixon Library is hosting its monthly morning book club meeting from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. June 12. The morning book club is a monthly, adult-oriented group that will be reading "First Lie Wins" by Ashley Elston. Coffee and tea will be provided for attendees, and the meeting itself will be in the library's front room, 230 N. First St.

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

Atkinson Shred Event

Atkinson Self Storage is hosting its annual shred event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 14. Located at 1800 N. First St. (Highway 113), participants can pay \$10 to have a banker-sized box of documents shredded. Cash and card payments are accepted.

For more information, visit the Atkinson Self Storage Facebook page or call 707-693-9200.

VFW Upcoming Meeting

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8151 will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. June 18. Meetings are held every third Wednesday at The Olde Vets Hall, 231 N. First St. Official business meetings start at 7 p.m., but the hall opens for set-up and socializing at 6 p.m. Socializing will continue after the business portion of the meeting.

For more information, visit vfw8151.org or call 209-395-8019.

Craft Supply Yard Sale

Fairy Crafty Creations is hosting a craft supply yard sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 21. Held in Archer Plaza, 220 Archer Place, the event features multiple vendors, handmade items, and craft supplies, including fabrics, yarns, beads, and more. Because this is a going-out-of-business sale, all items are on clearance.

For more information, visit the Fairy Crafty Creations Facebook page or call 707-410-7620.

Ramtown Karate Summer Camp

Ramtown Karate is hosting a summer camp from June 23 to 27. Held at the Ramtown Karate Dojo, 1680 N. Lincoln St., #A, the event offers karate activities for all ages. Activities include water games, self-defense practice, a barbecue and the opportunity to learn about Okinawan culture. Attendance is \$299 per participant.

For more information, visit ramtownkarate.com or call 707-678-4899.

Unaccompanied Veterans Ceremony
Sacramento Valley National Cemetery is hosting funeral services for unaccompanied veterans at 2 p.m. June 26. Held quarterly at 5810 Midway Road, this event is meant to honor eligible veterans who passed away without family or military honors.

For more information, visit the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery Support Committee Facebook page or call 707-693-2460.

Grillin' & Chillin'

Dixon Action Team is hosting Grillin' & Chillin' from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. June 28. Held in Downtown Dixon, the family-friendly event offers a car and truck show, local vendors, food trucks, live music and a rib cook-off.

For more information, visit dixonactionteam.com or email dixonsactionteam@gmail.com. ★

Women's Improvement Club Awards Community Grants

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programs that uplift and serve Dixon residents.

Dixon Women's Improvement Club extends heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed, attended and participated in the event. A special thank-you goes to Pedro of Pedro's Cocina for graciously hosting the event and for his continued support of the Dixon community.

Dixon Women's Improvement Club also recognizes Kay Cayler and Rebecca Robinson, who played instrumental roles in organizing fundraising efforts and assisted with presenting the 2025 Community Grants at the club's general meeting. Each recipient shared insight into how the funds will benefit their organization's mission and the broader community.

The 2025 Dixon Women's Improvement Club Community Grant Recipients are listed below.

Anderson Elementary Special Education, Kathy Montemayor. Funds will be used to purchase a teacher's manual and printed books to support an online reading program for 35 special education students.

Cornerstone Baptist Church Food Pantry, Corrine Boicelli. Funds will help serve 125 to 135 families weekly and 50 to 60 seniors monthly, as well as support a diaper distribution program. Leftover food is donated to Dixon High School and Maine Prairie School to prevent waste.

Dixon Community Compassion Care, Pam Franklin. Grant funds will be used to purchase supplies for visiting and assisting those in need throughout the community.

Dixon High School Rams Vault, Principal Angela Brown. Funds will support the school's on-campus food and

clothing closet for students. Open weekly, the Vault allows students to shop for necessities and now includes microwaves for meals on site.

Dixon High School Rocketry Club, Vice-Principal Fletcher Riches. Funds will go toward purchasing rocket parts. The newly formed club, led by dedicated freshmen, reached the national rocketry competition, placing 50th out of 100 top clubs nationwide.

Dixon Historical Society, Diane Schroeder. Funds will be used to acquire two locking portable display cases, allowing local artifacts to be safely displayed in traveling exhibits.

John Knight Middle School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), Carry Ross-Richardson. The incoming Parent Teacher Organization president accepted funds to support the eighth-grade graduation trip, teacher appreciation efforts and much-needed playground upgrades.

Maine Prairie High School, Principal Angelina Arias. Funds will provide reusable water bottles to students as a part of the school's PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) reward system.

Maine Prairie High School, Regina Peterson. Grant funds will supply helmets for students and local children who bike or use electric scooters, promoting safety and storage through the school's Vault program.

Dixon Women's Improvement Club is proud to support these vital programs and looks forward to watching their continued impact on the Dixon community.

For more information about the Dixon Women's Improvement Club, including how to get involved or donate, attend the next general meeting. ★

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Recology Retiree Recollects



Recology Dixon participated in the Dixon May Fair on May 10, earning first-place in two categories. The organization has an exclusive franchise agreement with the City of Dixon for street sweeping and garbage collection services. Williams said that Dixonites can ensure safe waste collection by placing totes three feet from each other and five feet from cars. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Tommy Williams has lived in Dixon for 66 years and worked in waste management for 33 years.

During this time, Williams worked for Recology for a collective 27 years. The final 17 years of his career were spent as a residential route driver in Dixon. According to Williams, the job required “a lot of man-hours but was rewarding in the long run.”

“I was a driver here in Dixon for 17 years, going from house to house picking up garbage. It’s a lot of hours but they take care of you at Recology. Great benefits, great people, they even had employee appreciation dinners and luncheons where they served tri-tip, burgers, stuff like that,” said Williams.

In April 2022, Williams retired from Recology after having a series of surgeries replacing both knees, his hip and his shoulder, as well as getting a plate in his neck. Williams has remained active in



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retirement, working out every day.

“I work out every day; I take care of myself,” said Williams. “I used to know just about everyone around here because of my route, so I enjoy helping them out when I can.”

Williams has lived in Dixon his entire life. Three generations of his family have graduated from Dixon High School, including Williams’ mother and his two children. Williams’s son is 35 and is a dog groomer,

moonlighting in landscaping in Idaho. Williams’ daughter is 31 and lives in Alaska as a tattoo artist. Williams’s uncle, Red Merritt, used to own Frosty’s.

“Like I said, years ago, I used to know everyone but now Dixon has gotten so big,” said Williams.

According to the City of Dixon website, Recology Dixon has an exclusive franchise agreement with the city to perform street sweeping and collect garbage, curbside recycling and organics. So Williams has several tips for efficient waste disposal.

“Just make sure your garbage cans are spread out so the grabbers can get them. Toters should be three feet from any objects, including other toters, and around five feet from cars. Make sure lids are facing the street, not sideways or toward your house. You can also mix some food waste with your hard waste. They grind it all up and make mulch anyway,” said Williams.

For more information, visit recology.com/recology-dixon/ or call 707-678-4026. ★

Board President

Denis Honeychurch Recognized



Solano Community College Board President, Denis Honeychurch. Courtesy photo

Solano Community College News Release

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Solano Community College is proud to announce that Board President Denis Honeychurch was recently recognized at the 2025 Annual Trustees Conference for more than 40 years of dedicated service to the College and the

Solano County community.

First elected to the Governing Board in December 1985, President Honeychurch has been a steady advocate for higher education and public service throughout his long tenure. His continued presence on the board reflects a deep commitment to expanding educational opportunity and supporting student success across the region.

“President Honeychurch’s dedication to Solano Community College and to public higher education is commendable,” said Dr. Kellie Sims Butler, Superintendent-President of Solano Community College. “We are grateful for his many years of public service and his support of students in Solano County.”

Beyond his leadership role on the Board, Honeychurch is an accomplished criminal

defense attorney with more than 50 years of experience practicing in Northern California. A graduate of University of California, Los Angeles and University of California Hastings College of the Law, Honeychurch has been recognized as a Northern California “Super Lawyer” for more than a decade, earning respect for his legal expertise and professionalism.

A longtime contributor to the local community, Honeychurch has also served on the Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District Board and received multiple accolades for his legal practice. Honeychurch’s recognition at the Trustees Conference underscores the importance of long-term civic engagement and highlights the positive impact of sustained leadership in public education. ★

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CHP Unleashes Six New K-9 Teams

California Highway Patrol News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The California Highway Patrol (CHP) graduated six newly trained K-9 teams May 22 at its West Sacramento K-9 training facility, marking a significant step in bolstering public safety across the state.

After months of intensive training, five Belgian Malinois and one German Shepherd join their human partners on a mission to detect narcotics, explosives, and criminal suspects. This graduating class is the first to include canines trained to detect the scent of fentanyl from the beginning of their instruction, a proactive move to combat California's opioid and fentanyl crisis.

"These new K-9 teams have demonstrated incredible dedication and skill throughout their training," said CHP Commissioner Sean Duryee. "They're not just protecting our communities; they're enhancing our department's ability to fight crime and save lives."

The new teams represent various regions across the state, with officers from the CHP's Coastal, Golden Gate, Valley, Border, and Inland field divisions. These handlers bring between six and 17 years of departmental experience, ensuring seasoned leadership behind each K-9.



The California Highway Patrol (CHP) graduated six newly-trained K-9 teams on May 22. Photo courtesy of California Highway Patrol

The class includes three Patrol and Narcotics Detection Canine teams, one Patrol and Explosives Detection Canine team and two Narcotics Detection Canine teams.

The Patrol and Narcotics Detection Canine teams completed at least 440 hours of criminal apprehension and narcotics detection training, while the Patrol and Explosives Detection Canine team

completed 600 hours focused on criminal apprehension and explosives detection. The Narcotics Detection Canine teams completed a minimum of 240 hours of training.

All teams adhered to the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) guidelines and will continue to train at least eight hours each week to maintain peak readiness.

The CHP's K-9 program now includes 50 active teams statewide. Those teams are 34 Patrol and Narcotics Detection Canine teams, nine Patrol and Explosives Detection Canine teams and two Narcotics Detection K-9 teams.

In 2024 alone, CHP K-9s helped seize nearly 823 pounds of fentanyl, showcasing their

critical role in the fight against illegal drugs.

The CHP invites dedicated law enforcement professionals to explore a career as a K-9 handler. Learn more and apply at www.CHPMadeForMore.com to become part of an elite team serving and protecting California, four paws at a time.

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STEAK 6-27-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-000824
The following persons are doing business as: Railroad Avenue Self Storage, 515 Railroad Avenue, Suisun City, CA 94585. Thomas Management, LLC, 10608 Industrial Avenue, #100, Roseville, CA 95678.
Date filed in Solano County: May 27, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: May 23, 2025
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF VICTOR LEON
CASE NO. PR25-00325

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

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Pedro Leon, in the Superior Court of California, County of Solano, requesting Pedro Leon be appointed as personal representative(s) 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 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: June 26, 2025, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 5; Superior Court of California, County of Solano, 600 Union Street, Fairfield, CA 94533.

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

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Matthew R. Lucas, 2420 Martin Road, Suite 300, Fairfield, CA 94534; (707) 427-7377
Publish: May 30, June 6, 13, 2025
LEON 6-13-25

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ELIZABETH KAREN WALLACE JONES
CASE NO. PR25-00333

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Elizabeth Karen Wallace Jones.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Katherine Jones, in the Superior Court of California, County of Solano, requesting Katherine Jones 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.

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A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: July 2, 2025, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 5; Superior Court of California, County of Solano, 600 Union Street, Fairfield, CA 94533.

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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: Jaimee A. Jones, 160 S 1st Street, Dixon, CA 95620; (707) 693-3350
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JONES 6-20-25

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO IN RE THE MATTER OF THE: PATRICIA DALE NEUKIRCH REVOCABLE TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 6, 2023, AS AMENDED
Notice is hereby given to the creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedent, Patricia Dale Neukirch, that all persons having claims against the decedent are required to file them with the Superior Court, located at 600 Union Ave, Fairfield, CA 94533, and mail or deliver a copy to, Sharon Duncan, Successor Trustee of the Patricia Dale Neukirch Revocable Trust, as Amended, wherein the decedent was a Trustor, to 150 N. Wiget Lane, Suite 105, Walnut Creek, California 94598, within the later of four months after the date of the first publication of notice to creditors or, if notice is mailed or per-

sonally delivered to you, 60 days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, or you must petition to file a late claim as provided in Section 19103 of the Probate Code. A claim form may be obtained from the court clerk. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested. May 5, 2025 Douglas W. Housman, Attorney for Sharon Duncan, Successor Trustee
Publish: May 23, 30, June 6, 2025
NEUKIRCH 6-6-25

NOTICE OF ENTRY OF JUDGEMENT

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SOLANO
580 Texas Street Fairfield 94533
Old Solano Courthouse
NOTICE OF ENTRY OF JUDGMENT ON SISTER-STATE JUDGMENT Case Number CU25-01509
PLAINTIFF: Fundamental Capital, LLC DEFENDANT: Platinum Window Source, Inc. dba Platinum Window Source and Eddie Figueroa 1. TO JUDGMENT DEBTOR: Eddie Figueroa and Platinum Window Source, Inc. dba Platinum Window Source 2. YOU ARE NOTIFIED a. Upon application of the judgment creditor, a judgment against you has been entered in this court as follows: (1) Judgment creditor: Fundamental Capital, LLC (2) Amount of judgment entered in this court: \$ 47,826.72 b. This judgment was entered based upon a sister-state judgment previously entered against you as follows: (1) Sister state: New York (2) Sister-state court: Supreme Court of New York, County of Nassau, 100 Supreme Court Dr., Mineola, NY 11501 (3) Judgment entered in sister state on: July 29, 2024 (4) Title of case and case number: Fundamental Capital, LLC vs Platinum Window Source, Inc., Eddie Figueroa Supreme Court of New York County of Nassau Index No. 606098/2024A sister-state judgment has been entered against you in a California court. Unless you file a motion to vacate the judgment in this court within 30 DAYS after service of this notice, this judgment will be final.3. This court may order that a writ of execution or other enforcement may issue. Your wages, money, and property could be taken without further warning from the court. If enforcement procedures have already been issued, the property levied on will not be distributed until 30 days after you are served with this notice.
Contact: Bruce W. Hogan, State Bar No. 66206, Attorney for Fundamental Capital, LLC, 1300 Santa Barbara Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101, 805-963-585
Bhoganlaw@outlook.com
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California Commentary: Support the Save Proposition 13 Act of 2026



The Save Proposition 13 Act of 2026 will reverse court-created loopholes, restoring the tax relief first started with Proposition 13. Photo Courtesy of Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association

By Jon Coupal,
President of the
Howard Jarvis
Taxpayers Association

Starting in 1978 with the passage of Proposition 13, California voters have repeatedly tried to protect their homes and businesses from excessive taxation by imposing limits on property taxes and requiring two-thirds voter approval for other local taxes that disproportionately burden homeowners and businesses. Despite the clear intent of the voters, California courts have sided with the government and its special interest benefactors by creating loopholes that significantly weakened these protections.

Taxpayers are fighting back. The Save Prop. 13 Act of 2026 will reverse these court-created loopholes and restore the tax relief first started with Proposition 13.

In 2017, the California Supreme Court's decision in California Cannabis Coalition v. City of Upland created an ambiguity as to whether the state constitution applies to local citizens' initiatives in the same way it applies to measures placed on the ballot by a government body. Since that time, all kinds of unconstitutional taxes – backed

by tax-and-spend special interests – have been imposed on Californians costing billions of dollars that they would not have had to pay if the courts followed the letter and the spirit of the law.

Virtually all the appellate courts have used the Upland loophole to allow unconstitutional new taxes to take effect. Despite our efforts to have the Supreme Court resolve the issue definitively, it has not. This statewide initiative will not only restore taxpayer rights, but it will also provide clarity in the law upholding the two-thirds vote protection.

Since Upland, several local initiative tax increases have been declared “approved” despite falling short of Proposition 13's two-thirds vote requirement for special taxes (taxes dedicated to a specific purpose). The Upland loophole has allowed special interest groups to write initiatives that raise taxes, direct the money to themselves, and pass them with just a simple majority. The same tax increase proposed by a City Council or County Board of Supervisors would require a two-thirds vote of the electorate to pass. The Save Prop. 13 Act will amend the state constitution to restore and reinforce the taxpayer protections that voters adopted when they passed Proposition 13.

Of particular concern to all property owners is the explosion in higher real estate transfer taxes. For decades, even before Prop. 13, taxes on the sale or transfer of real property were limited to \$1.10 per \$1,000 of property value. However, since Prop. 13's passage, many cities began imposing real estate transfer taxes in excess of \$45 per \$1,000 of value. Even

worse, because of the infamous Upland decision, local governments operating under the guise of “citizen groups” can propose “special taxes” by initiative, evading the requirement of a two-thirds vote of the electorate to pass. And while the courts originally said transfer tax revenue must go into a municipality's general fund, special taxes under Upland can be exclusively directed to whatever the local government, or special interest group, wants. The worst abuse of Upland occurred in Los Angeles where, because of Measure United to House LA, high-value properties are now subject to very high transfer taxes.

Because transfer taxes impose a form of “equity theft,” Prop. 13 was intended to prohibit transfer taxes and expressly stated so. But in another judicial ruling, the courts concluded that Prop. 13 only prohibited “special” transfer taxes intended for a specific purpose. For that reason, most cities choose to stay within the pre-existing state limit of \$1.10 per \$1,000. But the real abuse occurred when some charter cities imposed transfer taxes that exceed the state limit, especially those which exploited the Upland loophole, such as the United to House LA tax.

The Save Prop. 13 Act prohibits the Charter City loophole from being used in the future and also invalidates general transfer taxes that exceed the state limit, ending Measure United to House LA.

While there is much for taxpayer advocates to do to achieve comprehensive tax relief, the Save Prop. 13 Act of 2026 closes the major loopholes punched in California's most important and iconic taxpayer reform – Proposition 13. ★

Government Driving Gas Prices Through the Roof



Senator Ted Gaines

By Ted Gaines

California's Progressive political elite hate fossil fuels so much they are willing to impoverish their citizens to punish “Big Oil” and speed up a transition to an even more expensive green energy future.

Governor Newsom wants zero gas-powered cars sold in California by 2035, which sends a strong signal to refiners about the long-term value of investment in the Golden State. The state makes permitting for refinery expansion or upgrades extraordinarily difficult and time-consuming for oil companies. On top of that, California has high labor costs and the highest corporate tax rate in the western states. Our electricity costs are among the highest in the country, making it tough for power-intensive refineries to operate profitably.

All of these headwinds are created by policy decisions from Sacramento, and they make California a rough place to succeed for the oil industry, on purpose.

It appears the oil industry is getting the message and California consumers will soon be paying the price. Two major oil refiners recently announced they are ceasing operations in the state. What will this mean for people at the pump?

A recent study by Michael A. Mische at the University of Southern California highlights the looming affordability crisis, finding that the closure of Phillips 66 and Valero refineries will slash California's refining capacity by 21 percent by 2026, potentially driving prices to \$7.35 to \$8.44 per gallon.

Newsom and the other green energy devotees in the legislature are always quick to blame the oil industry for price gouging or financial trickery every time gas prices go up, and every few years they announce another commission to study what the greedy corporations are doing to make our gas so expensive.

But California's gas prices, the highest in the nation at \$4.82 per gallon as of April, are a direct result of the state's own policies, not corporate greed.

If oil companies were gouging, why are prices in neighboring western states like Nevada (\$3.85) or Arizona (\$3.30) significantly lower? Are the companies somehow less greedy in other states? Does that make sense to anyone?

It's easy to see why Californians pay so much for gas. California's unique blend requirements, cap and trade fees, and \$1.47 per gallon in taxes and regulatory costs, set to rise to \$2.83 by 2026, explain

the disparity. No other western state stacks on so many costs.

The state's own attorney general found no evidence of widespread price gouging, confirming that California's policies, not corporate profits, are the culprit. I'm sure when gas hits \$8 per gallon, they will convene another task force to overlook the obvious.

High fuel prices are a regressive tax that hit poor and rural Californians the hardest. For the poor, gas already takes up a larger share of low-income budgets. This will make that fact dramatically worse. Rural Californians drive longer distances for work, school, or essentials, often in larger vehicles like trucks needed for agricultural, construction or industrial work.

But even though the harm will be more concentrated on some groups, every working Californian and every industry will feel the pain of the gas price sticker shock.

California must reverse course.

Without reforming its business climate and drawing refiners back, the state risks not only economic stagnation but making Californians poorer as they bear the cost of Sacramento's ideological crusade.

Ret. Senator Ted Gaines was elected to represent the Board of Equalization's First District. He is a leading taxpayer advocate, defender of Proposition 13 and is committed to providing trustworthy and transparent representation for nearly 10 million constituents in 34 counties of Northern, Eastern and Southern California. For more information, visit boe.ca.gov/Gaines. ★

SB 84 Heads to Senate Vote, A Crucial Test for Small Businesses

By Victor Gomez, Executive Director,
California Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - This week, California lawmakers will have another opportunity to advance a bill that could drastically improve the landscape for small business owners across the state.

Senate Bill 84, which recently cleared the Senate Judiciary and Senate Appropriations Committees, will have the chance to move from the Senate to the State Assembly for its passage. This development marks another critical hurdle for a bill that if enacted, will ease the burden that lawsuit abuse has on our local small businesses.

At its core, SB 84 is a common-sense proposal aimed to curb predatory lawsuits that exploit the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If passed, the bill would give small businesses, those with 50 or fewer employees, a 120-day window to correct alleged accessibility violations before a lawsuit could be filed. This simple reform could dramatically reduce the number of frivolous, costly legal actions that continue to threaten mom-and-pop shops across our state.

The bill is not about rolling back ADA protections.



Victor Gomez is the executive director of the California Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse. Courtesy photo

It's inherently about fairness. Thousands of small business owners support the goals of the ADA and are eager to comply, but too often, they're blindsided by lawsuits dealing with technical infractions they never knew existed in the first place. Instead of being given time to address the issue, they're dragged into court and forced to pay settlements many can't afford.

These lawsuits don't just hurt our business owners. They close community institutions, cost jobs and discourage new investment in our neighborhoods. They also discredit the real purpose of accessibility laws by turning them into tools for personal profit rather than public good.

Last year, a similar bill, SB 585, died in the Assembly without even receiving a hearing. That can't happen again. For the sake of all our small business communities across the state, SB 84 must become law in 2025.

With the full California State Senate poised to take up this bill in just a few short days, this is a test of whether California's elected officials are serious about supporting small businesses or wish to remain content with letting them be sued into submission. We ask that our senators stand up for both accessibility and economic fairness and vote SB 84 through the Senate and onward to the Assembly. ★

California Voters Strongly Back Trump's Position on Medicaid

Protect Our Health Care Coalition
News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - As the debate over federal Medicaid funding heats up, a new poll by President Donald Trump's pollster Jim McLaughlin, commissioned by Swing Strategies in partnership with the Protect Our Health Care Coalition, finds that voters in five Trump-carried, GOP-held California congressional districts overwhelmingly oppose cuts to Medicaid.

Among the key findings include support for Medicaid is nearly universal with 87% approval, including 78% from Trump voters. Findings also show that 83% of voters agree with President Trump when he has repeatedly said that Congress should not cut Medicaid, including 85% of independent suburban women and 84% of Hispanic voters.

Polls showed that 70% say they are less likely to vote for a candidate who cuts Medicaid funding.

“This data underscores a clear

opportunity for Republican leaders to further broaden the new Republican coalition that made significant gains in 2024 with Black, Hispanic and young voters,” said Jim McLaughlin, president and partner at McLaughlin and Associates. “President Trump's position on Medicaid reflects where voters already are,” which is to leave Medicaid alone.

Surveyed districts include California's First Congressional District (LaMalfa), a safe Republican and rural district;

California's Third Congressional District (Kiley), a suburban GOP-held district; California's 22nd Congressional District (Valadao), a GOP-held Central Valley district with a 14-point Democratic registration advantage; California's 40th Congressional District (Kim), a competitive Orange County district that leans Republican; and California's 41st Congressional District (Calvert), a GOP-held Inland Empire district with nearly even Democratic and Republican registration. ★

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 - *Ned Stark's youngest daughter
 - Draw out a conclusion
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 - Toothy wheel
 - Birth-related
 - *Pinochio's father
 - Fortune-telling coffee remnant
 - Religious doctrine
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 - Raidable hotel room amenity
 - Evergreen creeper
 - *"Fasten" a shoe (2 words)
 - Nay, to a baby
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 - White heron
 - Sodium hydroxide
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 - UN labor grp.
 - Like localized disease
 - Crab's grabber
 - Catcher in the what?
 - Food-borne bacteria
 - Begone!
 - *"Fathers and Sons" author
 - Not expensive
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 - Chicken of the sea
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 - Before, poetically
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- DOWN**
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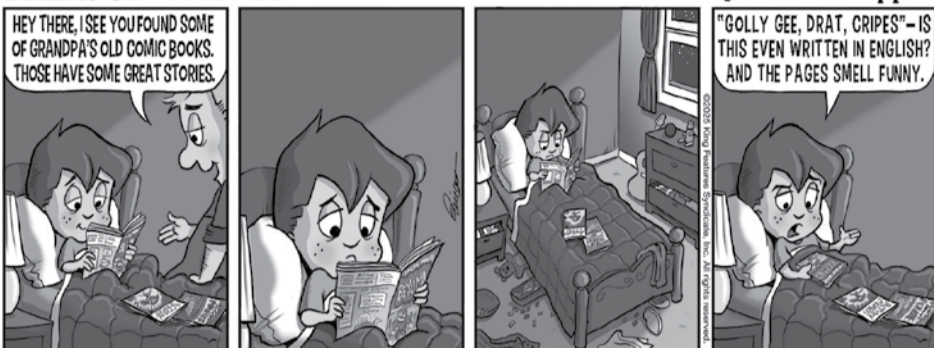
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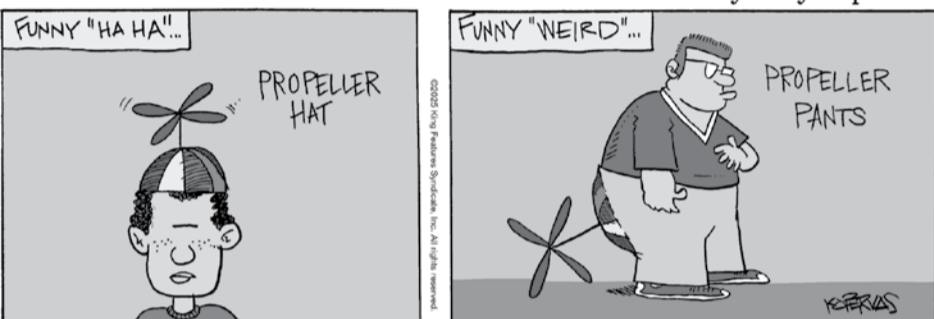
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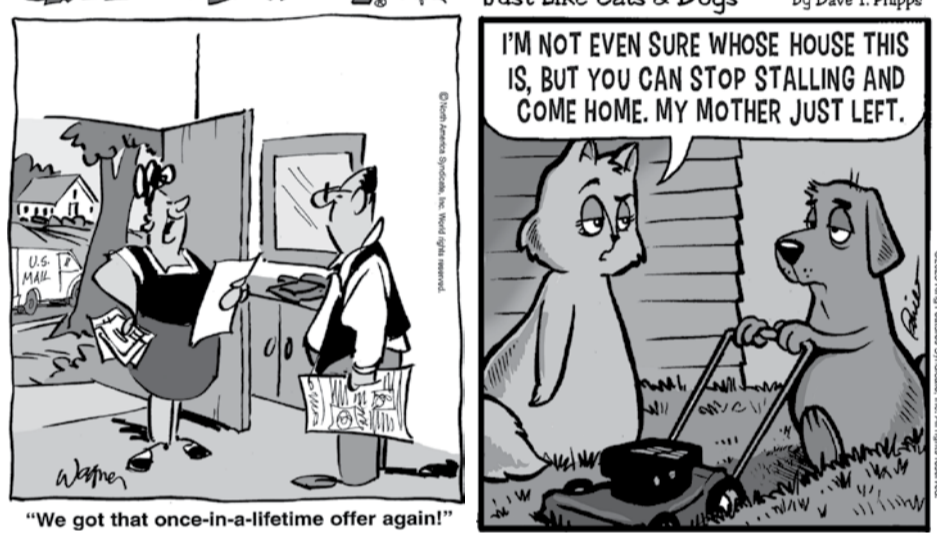


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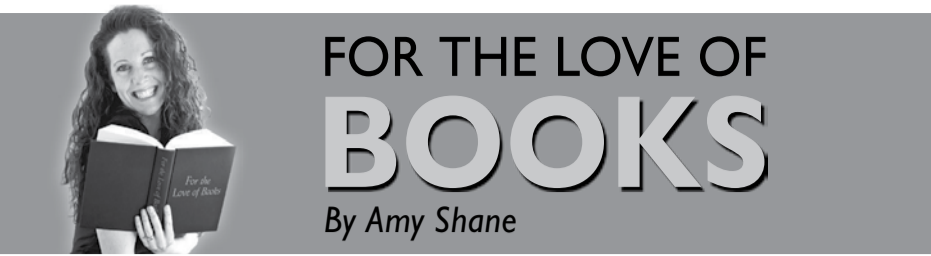
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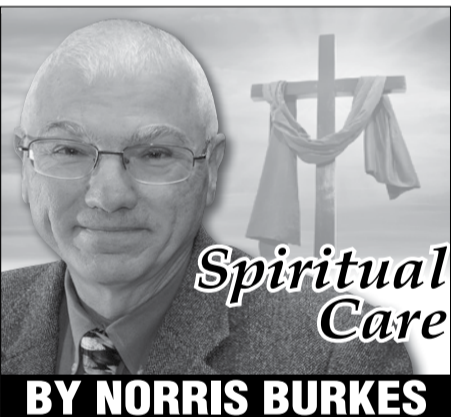
Against all odds, the more Odeassa travels in this new world, the more she begins to see herself in a new light. Embracing a new skill and forging her path as a monster hunter, Odessa begins to see the power in being underestimated, and the true

strength that comes when you defy all expectations.

Shield of Sparrows is the book readers have been waiting for. Combining royalty, monsters, magic, legends, fear, and love, Devney Perry delivers it all. However, readers, beware: this book is not for those who want a casual read to fill their time. This book will take readers deep into a rich, powerful, and thought-provoking world. This storyline defines what it means to break social expectations, defy the throne, and reclaim your own power, all while navigating a world where monsters roam and high-stakes decisions lie at every turn.

Emotions are strong, fierce, and complex, while the enemies-to-lovers trope starts with quick wit and banter and slowly burns to trust and affection. Intense word building delivers a strong and powerful story, while the shocking plot twists readers won't see coming, and leave tear-stained pages at the end. For readers of Sarah J. Maas and Rebecca Yarros, this is the summer adventure you've been waiting for. ★

Mr. President, Please, "Say Something Nice"



spent the last four years trying to destroy our country through warped radical left minds."

These holiday messages have become infamous since he was elected.

Absent of gratitude, he proclaimed "Happy Thanksgiving to all, including to the Radical Left Lunatics who have worked so hard to destroy our Country, but who have miserably failed."

His Grinchy message on the day we celebrate the birth of Christ was, "Merry Christmas to the Radical Left Lunatics, who are constantly trying to obstruct our Court System and our Elections."

On New Years, people were expecting another cringeworthy zinger, but instead, he made news by saying something nice to a **Newsmax reporter**: "I just want everybody to be happy, healthy, and well." That is nice.

So I was surprised that on Easter he made no mention of our Risen Lord, instead posting, "Happy Easter to all, Radical Left Lunatics who are fighting and scheming so hard to bring Murderers, Drug Lords, Dangerous Prisoners, the Mentally Insane, and well-known MS-13 Gang Members and Wife Beaters, back into our Country."

A week later he joked to the media: "I'd like to be Pope." Then days before Cardinal Robert Prevost had been elected and named Pope Leo XIV, White House social media accounts **posted an AI-generated image** of the president as the Pope.

In Matthew 15:11 Jesus said, "Listen and understand. What goes into someone's mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them."

In his day, some might've called Jesus a "Radical Left Lunatic," but these days approximately 2.4 billion of us Christians call him, "Lord."

Claude Mitchell "Mitch" Carnell, Jr., Ph.D., 88, of Charleston, South Carolina certainly knew how to "Listen and understand." The words that came out of his mouth did not defile. Carnell met his Lord on Feb 1, 2023.

As our president celebrates his 79th birthday today, I'm praying that he will stop using his words to defile himself and others. I think we should all manage to Say Something Nice this week.

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Riley Reviews

HEARTWARMING TRUE TALE OF "NONNAS;" FOX SUMMER TV PROGRAMS

A Film and TV Review
by Tim Riley

"NONNAS" RATED PG-13
on NETFLIX

The most interesting aspect of the Netflix movie "Nonnas" is that its heartfelt celebration of family, food and culinary delights is based on the true story of Joe Scaravella paying tribute to his beloved mother by gambling on opening an Italian restaurant on Staten Island.

While Vince Vaughn's Joe grieves the passing of his mother, he recalls his childhood in Brooklyn when his mom and grandmother would cook family dinners. Nostalgia guides his decision to honor their memory with a dining establishment.

Joe's best friend Bruno (Joe Manganiello) and his wife Stella (Drea de Matteo), worried about his dicey dream, think he should use his inheritance from his mother's life insurance to do something more practical than buying a restaurant that has seen better days.

Bruno, a contractor, gets pressed into service to refurbish the old place into an inviting location in classic Italian style. He goes so far as to sell his prized vintage automobile to cover escalating costs.

Nothing deters Joe from taking a huge risk with his creation of Enoteca Maria, a restaurant that has grandmother chefs, portrayed by Brenda Vaccaro, Talia Shire, Lorraine Bracco and Susan Sarandon, preparing their delicious family recipes from different regions in Italy.

Nonna is Italian for grandmother, and the four women may bicker and tease with a degree of affection and yet evince an unyielding loyalty to Joe's vision even when missteps and setbacks threaten to derail the venture.

The opening night goes horribly wrong, due in part to a thunderstorm, with the only guests being Bruno and Stella. After a spell of no business, Joe decides to host a last hurrah dinner for friends and colleagues.

While Joe's campaign to get restaurant critics to review his establishment falls on deaf ears, a stealth critic manages to sample the fare and a glowing review rescues Joe's joint, turning it into a thriving business to this day.

"Nonnas" warms the heart with its true-to-life feel-good story of not just triumph over adversity, but mainly for its message that great food with friends and family has an unmistakable healing power.

FOX NETWORK SUMMER PROGRAMS

Ordinarily around this time of year the major television networks start touting the fall season offerings, and while the FOX network is no different, it does use the summer to launch new seasons of current programs.

Beyond new episodes of "Lego Masters," "The Quiz with Balls," "The 1% Club,"



California Unveils Wolf Mapping Tool to Help Avoid Conflicts with Livestock

California ranchers have a new mapping tool designed to provide regular location information on GPS-collared gray wolves in the state to help prevent wolf-livestock conflicts. Provided by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the wolf tracker shows the approximate location of collared wolves across the state. "Knowing where California's collared wolf population is means that ranchers have access to critical information," said California Farm Bureau President Shannon Douglass. "We appreciate CDFW's focus on transparency to help farmers and ranchers navigate the growing number of wolves in the state."

Grower Uses New Tech to Save Water and Improve Crop Health

Yolo County farmer Ray Yeung has found success implementing new technology on his farm to improve water efficiency and keep tomato plants healthy during the transplanting process. Yeung uses a system developed by California tomato processor Morning Star that photographs tomato plants and uses an algorithm to assess their water needs. "It's a total game changer," Yeung told Ag Alert® this month in a From the Fields report. Meanwhile, a Japanese product applied to plants to prevent heat damage has enabled Yeung to plant some of his crop later in the season when temperatures are higher. "I'm always willing to try something new," he said. ★

"and "MasterChef," along with all new episodes of animation favorites that include "Bob's Burgers," "Grimburg," "Family Guy," and "The Great North," there are two new unscripted series.

Already out of the gate is "Gordon Ramsay's Secret Service," where the famed culinary titan trades his signature chef knives for a state-of-the-art surveillance vehicle and cutting-edge spyware that targets the Washington, D.C. Greek restaurant "Parthenon."

The premise of the new series is that Chef Ramsay will venture into a struggling restaurant under the cover of night, with the help of a secret source on the inside, to gather raw, unfiltered evidence of major issues plaguing the dining establishment.

During the course of the one-hour episode, Ramsay first starts by breaking into the Parthenon after hours to document such horrors as the basement crawling with rats, ovens that haven't been cleaned in forever, and a filthy band saw harboring excessive amounts of bacteria.

Parthenon is a family-owned business with Pete as the stubborn owner holding the old-school attitude that he's the boss who knows better and insists nothing is going to change as long as he's in charge.

Pete's wife, Susie, acts as hostess, and is worried that the restaurant will shut down because her husband doesn't listen. She also knows that their son Mikey, acting as manager, is not being given the chance by Pete to step up and take over the business.

You can probably guess that chances are the business will turn around due to Ramsay's intervention. A lot of the dialogue has the feel of being a bit too convenient for an unfolding drama. And then there is Ramsay getting bleeped fairly often.

Arriving on June 10th is the all-new, wholly-owned "social survival of the fittest" competition series "The Snake," hosted by comedian Jim Jeffries, that thrives on an unmatched battle of plotting, scheming and strategy.

Fifteen masters of manipulation from various persuasive professions with unique skill sets are assembled to compete in an outrageous array of challenges and twists – all of which help contestants slither toward becoming the week's Snake.

The top reptile takes the most powerful position in the game and becomes the ultimate decider of who stays and who goes. Each contestant must leverage their unique skills, training, and powers of persuasion as they face a multitude of challenges.

"The Snake," with its chain reaction elimination where it's not about who wants you gone, but who is willing to save you, seemingly results in a contest that will be best understood when we see how only one contender gets within striking distance of the \$100,000 grand prize. ★

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DIXON POLICE LOG

Thursday, May 22

- 0950 - School-related incident in 1800 block of Gold Street.
- 2040 - Information report in the 400 block of Ellesmere Drive.

Wednesday, May 21

- 0710 - Stolen Vehicle recovery 200 block East Dorset Drive.
- 1020 - Battery report 200 block South Jefferson Street.
- 1200 - Lost Property report 100 block Heritage Lane.
- 1320 - Fraud report at Dixon Police Department.
- 1358 - Hit and Run collision report 1100 Pitt School Road.
- 1440 - Controlled Substances report 500 block College Way.
- 1600 - Collision report 400 block West Chestnut Street.
- 1603 - Confidential report 600 block North First Street.
- 1641 - Theft report 1200 block Stratford Avenue. Oshzanae Stockton (25) of Dixon was located and arrested for theft. She was booked into the Solano County Jail.
- 1910 - Petty theft report in the 1000 block of North First Street.
- 0246 - Domestic violence investigation in the 1100 block of Pitt School Road.

Tuesday, May 20

- 0702 - An informational report was taken at Dixon Police Department.
- 0904 - An indecent exposure report was taken at Northwest Park.
- 1130 - A School Resource Officer report was taken in the 400 block East A Street.
- 1134 - A fraud report was taken 500 block Devonshire Drive.
- 1202 - A traffic collision report was taken at the intersection of Royal Elf Court and Parkgreen Drive.
- 1247 - A battery report was taken at John Knight Middle School.
- 1359 - An informational report was taken in the 100 block of South First Street.

Monday, May 19

- 1322 - A theft report was taken in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive.
- 0137 - Vandalism reported in the 600 block of North Almond Street.

Sunday, May 18

- 2144 - Information report taken in the 100 block of Porter Road.

Saturday, May 17

- 1000 - Brandishing report and Joshua James (37, out of Sacramento) was arrested for an unrelated felony warrant.
- 1328 - An information report was taken at the Dixon Police Department.
- 1407 - A Domestic Battery report was taken in the 1800 Block of Gold Street.
- 2149 - 5150 hold in the 2000 block of Keel Court.

Friday, May 16

- 0545 - Vehicle burglary at a business in the 1300 block of Commercial Way.
- 0825 - Vehicle burglary at a business in the 1300 block of Commercial Way.
- 0850 - Theft from a person in the 100 block of Pegod Avenue.
- 1020 - Industrial accident at a business in the 1000 block of North First Street.
- 1250 - Threats report in the 600 block of Evans Road.
- 1420 - Vandalism to two buildings in the 200 block of Stratford Avenue.
- 1530 - Grand theft from a vehicle in the 400 block of Mast Court.
- 1649 - Vehicle versus pedestrian accident in the 300 block of East Mayes.
- 1950 - Vandalism report in the 1000 block of North First Street.
- 2006 - 243 (D) PC, felony battery report in the 1100 block of Pitt School Road. Juvenile suspect was arrested without incident and booked into Juvenile Hall.
- 2151 - Suspicious Circumstance report in the 1700 block of Butterfly Lane.
- 2254 - Agency Assist at the intersection of North First Street and North Lincoln Street.
- 2313 - Non-injury collision at the intersection of Pitt School Road and Stratford Avenue.

Thursday, May 15

- 0720 - Female placed on a mental health hold in the 700 block of South First Street.
- 1030 - Vehicle towed in the area of Linford Lane and Justin Way.
- 1115 - Oscar Ozorco (34) of Dixon was arrested in the 400 block of North Adams Street. and arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and a violation of probation.
- 1150 - School-related incident.
- 1448 - Petty theft in the 1400 block of Madera Drive.
- 0159 - Vandalism report in the 100 block of South First Street. Suspect Jacob Conley (30-year-old, male, out of Fortuna, CA) was arrested without incident and booked into Solano County Jail for vandalism.

Wednesday, May 14

- 1122 - A vandalism report was taken in the 200 block of North Jefferson Street.
- 1221 - A fraud report was taken in the 1100 block of North First Street.
- 1303 - An informational report was taken at Northwest Park.
- 2049 - Pedestrian stop in the 100 block of South First Street. resulted in the arrest of Allen Epperson (38) of Dixon for a misdemeanor warrant. He was taken to county jail.

Tuesday, May 13

- 0819 - A vandalism report was taken in the 400 block of La Esperanza Drive.
- 0836 - A child abuse report was taken in the 500 block of West C Street.
- 1401 - A domestic violence and violation of a court order arrest report was taken in the 600 block of McKenzie Drive. Officers contacted (S) Juan Torres (40) of Dixon. Juan was arrested and transported to the Solano County Jail.
- 2050 - Theft reported in the 2000 block of North First Street.

Monday, May 12

- 1342 - A warrant and violation of probation arrest report was taken in the 800 block of North Adams Street. Officers contacted (S) Mercado Estrada (49) of Dixon. A records check revealed he had an outstanding felony warrant out of Solano County. Estrada was transported to the Solano County Jail.
- 1651 - A threat report was taken in the 1500 block of Pembroke Way.

Sunday, May 11

- 1328 - A Lost property report was taken in the 1200 block of Bello Drive.
- 1559 - Traffic stop for vehicle with no plates. Driver cited for being unlicensed driver and possession of drug paraphernalia at the intersection of West D Street and North Adams Street.
- 0153 - Traffic stop in the 700 block of North Adams Street. resulted in the arrest of Darla Bishop (37) of Vacaville for a misdemeanor warrant. She was taken to jail.

Saturday, May 10

- 0700 - Identity theft report in the 100 block of Heritage Lane.
- 0705 - Vehicle towed in the area of North Third Street and East A Street.
- 0750 - Robert Zayas (45) of Dixon was arrested in the 200 block of South Jackson Street and later arrested for possession of methamphetamine, misappropriation of property and an outstanding warrant.
- 1130 - Vandalism to a vehicle in the 200 block of Alderglen Drive.
- 1300 - Vehicle versus a pedestrian in the 800 block of West A Street.
- 2236 - Non-injury vehicle collision report taken at the intersection of Stratford Avenue and Pitt School Road.

Friday, May 9

- 0900 - Christopher Johnson (34) of Sacramento was contacted in the 400 block of East Mayes and arrested for hit and run with property damage, driving on a suspended license, driving under the influence, resisting a peace officer and outstanding warrants.
- 1200 - School-related incident.
- 1420 - Vehicle towed in the 200 block of West A Street.
- 1700 - Elder abuse report in the 400 block of West Chestnut Street.
- 2255 - Report of a battery taken in the 500 block of Park Drive.
- 2352 - DUI arrest, vehicle stopped at the intersection of North First Street and East C Street. Suspect Noelle Jamari (32-year-old, out of Davis, CA) was transported to the Dixon Police Department and released on a citation to family.
- 0033 - Trespass, obstructing an officer and public intoxication arrest in the 100 block of South First Street. Suspect Michael Burton (59-year-old, out of Dixon) was arrested and booked into Solano County Jail.
- 0148 - Public intoxication arrest in the 800 block of North Adams Street. Suspect Cody Mana (35-year-old, out of Dixon) was arrested and booked into Solano County Jail.

Thursday, May 8

- 1804 - Information report taken in the 900 block of Newgate Way.

Wednesday, May 7

- 1200 - Thomas Rafferty (64) of Dixon was arrested for an outstanding warrant in 1700 block of North Lincoln Street.
- 1413 - Derrin Torres (34) of Oakland was arrested for lewd acts in public.
- 1600 - Vehicle accident with no injuries in the area of South First Street and West Chestnut Street.
- 1650 - Battery report in the 1300 block of Bello Drive.

Tuesday, May 6

- 1054 - A warrant arrest report was taken at the intersection of North First Street and East C Street block of Commercial Way. Officers contacted (S) Oscar Orozco (34) of Dixon. Orozco was arrested and transported to the Solano County Jail.
- 1550 - A theft report was taken in the 1200 block of Stratford Avenue.

Soroptimists Gives \$16,000-Plus in Scholarships

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Soroptimist International of Dixon honored 13 graduating seniors from both Dixon High School and Maine Prairie High School at a Soroptimist luncheon May 15.

The 13 honorees were awarded one of two scholarships: the Soroptimist Scholarship or the Touch from Above Scholarship.

According to Soroptimist International of Dixon Chapter President Barbara Rigdon, their goal is to empower youth through the club's support.

"Our goal, our mission, is to empower youth to achieve their goals. Annual scholarships are absolutely one way we accomplish this by giving them the tools or the money necessary to keep their momentum going," said Rigdon.

Through various outreach efforts and consistent fundraising, the club can accrue capital for scholarships such as the Soroptimist Scholarship, which was awarded to six students: Harmony Caldera, Mia DeLeon, Karen Heredia, Paige Purcell, Taylor Stow and Tatianna Treisman.

The Soroptimist Scholarship is annually awarded to girls graduating from Dixon High School who plan to attend a two- or four-year college or vocational school. In addition, honorees need at least a 3.0 GPA and participate in community service.

Dixon High School senior and Soroptimist awardee DeLeon appreciated the scholarship award.

"I was very honored, because I was already familiar with Soroptimist Dixon from another award that I got," said DeLeon. "I know how much they do for the community and others, so I was honored they chose me."

DeLeon was previously honored as Soroptimist International of Dixon's 2025 Young Woman



The Soroptimist International of Dixon club raised funds to honor their 13 scholarship winners through fundraising and outreach efforts. Photo courtesy of Soroptimist International of Dixon

of the Month for March. Deleon intends on going to University of California, San Diego in the fall to pursue a degree in political science.

The other event honorees were awarded the Touch from Above scholarship, which is awarded to both Dixon and Maine Prairie High seniors who plan to attend a two-to-four-year college or vocational trade school. Selected students were chosen because, according to Rigdon, they embody strong achievement, work ethic and community service.

The Touch from Above scholarship, a memorial fund built on donations, was awarded to seven seniors: Giovanni Castellanos, Kylee Gage, Makenzie Jacobs, Vinsom Lam, Nery Marquez Manriquez, Layla Rhodes and Lena (Jamie) Ross.

According to Maine Prairie High senior and Touch from Above awardee Jacobs, she was humbled by the experience.

"It was amazing. I'm just really grateful and thankful. I didn't know what to say; I was kind of speechless when I received the scholarship,"



Soroptimist International of Dixon hosted a luncheon in May, in which they honored a collective of 13 Dixon and Maine Prairie High School seniors with scholarships. Photo courtesy of Soroptimist International of Dixon

said Jacobs.

Jacobs was previously honored as Soroptimist International of Dixon's 2025 Young Woman of the Month for May. Jacobs is considering attending Salt Lake Community College to pursue mechanical engineering.

Overall, Soroptimist

International of Dixon awarded approximately \$16,750 in scholarships. Since 1968, the club has offered scholarships to Dixon graduates and, according to Rigdon, is proud to do so.

"Soroptimist International of Dixon is immensely proud to be able to give these scholarships

and it is what we work for every year to produce them. We have found each of our awardees to be genuine, motivated and gracious people," said Rigdon.

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The Soroptimist Scholarship is annually awarded to young women graduating from Dixon High School who plan to attend college or vocational school, maintain at least a 3.0 GPA in school and participate in community service. Mia DeLeon (center), the former Young Woman of the Month for March, was one of these honorees. Photo courtesy of Soroptimist International of Dixon

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