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Maine Prairie High Honors Graduates

With such a large class of graduates, diploma presentation

was segmented into three distinct sections, separated by a

series of student speeches. Speakers included Reagan Castelli

(pictured), Alexa Lopez Ramos and Emily Penery.

Dixon High School hosted its graduation for the Class of 2025 at 9 a.m. June 7. Held at Finney Field, 555 College Way, the event

honored 234 Dixon High seniors, including 16 distinguished scholars and 21 students who have earned their state Seal of Biliteracy.



Diploma presentation was led by Maine Prairie High staff, who honored each student for their accomplishment. Contributing staff include counselor Joy Souza, social science teacher Dan Bledsoe, art teacher Regina Peterson, parent liaison Susana Perez, resource specialist Bridgett Murphy, English teacher Lindsey Balidoy and science teacher Dina Flamik. Photo courtesy of Isabella Ouiniola/Dixon Unified School District

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Maine Prairie High School hosted graduation for its Class of 2025 at 6 p.m. June 4.

Held at the Dixon Community Performing Arts Center, 555 College Way, the event recognized 31 Maine Prairie High seniors.

According to Maine Prairie High School Principal Angelina Arias, the Class of 2025 has no limits.

"They have learned that there are

no limits to the goals they set themselves," said Arias.

The ceremony began with graduates entering and being seated to the tune of "Pomp and Circumstance," followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by graduate John Michael Mendoza.

Arias then addressed the crowd, stating her honor to recognize the Class of 2025.

"Tonight, you will hear heartfelt stories about determination and

overcoming challenges," said Arias.

Distinguished guests were also addressed, including the Governing Board of Trustees, Maine Prairie staff and community partners.

Makenzie Jacobs, a graduate and former Young Woman of the Month, was invited to the stage as the first of three student speakers. In her speech, Jacobs discussed graduating a year early, finding genuine connections and her instant comfort at

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Limited Spots Open for Summer Solano Water Institute for Teachers

Solano Resource Conservation District News Release

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG)

- Teachers seeking a unique summer opportunity should look no further than the Solano Water Institute, held this year from July 28 through 30. This free three-day program hosted by the Solano Resource Conservation District includes a boat tour of Lake Berryessa and an interpretive hike around Rush Ranch Open Space, as well as time to network with other educators and plan for the upcoming school year while enjoying the natural world.

"We're stoked; this is

a happy day," said Slone.

"The future belongs to

those who believe in the

The ceremony began

with the Class of 2025

marching onto the foot-

ball field to the tune of

"Pomp and Circumstance,"

followed by a rendition

of "The Star-Spangled

Banner" performed by

graduate Cristian Mata De

La Paz on electric guitar.

Principal Angela Brown

then welcomed the crowd

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and students.

beauty of their dreams."

Participants will spend the first day of the training at Rush Ranch Open Space, a Solano Land Trust property, learning about the ecology of the Suisun Marsh and hearing from experts from the Suisun Resource Conservation District. Brian Brown, California's Project WET (Water Education Today) coordinator, will then lead teachers through water education activities that can be adapted for all ages in the classroom.

On the second day of the training, teachers will take a boat tour of Lake Berryessa and hear from an expert panel on Solano County's water resources. Many past participants have noted this as a program highlight.

The third day of the training will include more time walking through activities in the Project Water Education Today curriculum at Dunnell Nature Center. Teachers will have the opportunity to share ideas as they consider how to connect the Solano Institute content to their classes in the fall.

Participants will receive a stipend of \$100 per day upon completion of the full program and teachers can claim up to 27 hours of continuing education credit. Breakfast and lunch will be provided each day of the training. To conclude the program, teachers will come back together in October for a workshop day when they will share how they've applied the training's content in their classrooms.

Teachers interested in joining the Solano Water Institute should register at www.solanorcd.org/events. Questions can be directed to Shea Kinser, education program manager, at shea. kinser@solanorcd.org.

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MEMORIAL

WILLIAM "BILL" FAIRFIELD • 11/18/1925 - 05/14/2025

William "Bill" Fairfield passed away peacefully on May 14th. He was born Nov 18th 1925, and was 99 yrs young. A family patriarch, WWII veteran, community leader as Dixon's longest serving Fire Chief, elk hunting guide in Colorado, crew chief of the Jeremiah O'Brien, drummer with the Phirehouse Philharmonics, he will be greatly missed by all who knew him during his full and varied life. He is now with his loving wife Bea who passed in 2021.

In 1937, at age 11, Bill moved with his family from Sacramento to Dixon. He graduated DHS in 1943, playing football, baseball, and trombone in the school band. With WWII raging, he enlisted in the Army transport service, transitioning to the Merchant Marines and supplying troops in the South Pacific. He was part of General MacArthur's liberation of the Philippines, the Battle for New Britain Island, and the Battle of Hollandia.

Returning to Dixon, he worked at the Farmer's Exchange, later becoming a partner the business.

Bill and Bea were married in 1947, and had two children, Bill Jr and Melanie.

Starting as a Fire Dept volunteer, then Assistant Chief, he was voted Chief in 1958, serving as Chief until retiring in 1986. He was Dixon's first fulltime paid Fire Chief, and was first-call on every medical emergency.

Besides the City, Bill oversaw the larger fire



district which included the Allendale Fire Dept. Hwy 80. all the land South to Rio Vista. West to Vacaville. North to Putah Creek. He also taught Fire Science at Solano Junior College and mentored many young Dixon boys who went on to have careers as firefighters.

Bill was Fireman of the Year in 1963 and Dixon's Citizen of the Year in 1982.

Shortly after retiring as Fire Chief, Bill started volunteering as a crew member on the Jeremiah O'Brien, the last remaining sea-worthy WWII Merchant Marine Liberty Ship. Docked at Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco. Bill would make at least one trip a week to spend a day or two refurbishing and taking the ship out for cruises. Becoming the crew representative on the Board of Directors, he was instrumental in planning the O'Brien's trip to Normandy in 1994 for the 50th anniversary of D-Day. This trip across the ocean, feeling the appreciation of the French people, steering the ship down the East river in NYC, and crossing the Panama Canal was a highlight of his life. Bea flew to France to participate in all the D-Day events, and they had a wonderful time.

Other highlights for Bill and Bea were the many trips and events with the Phirehouse Philharmonics, Dixon's Dixieland jazz band. Many local fans accompanied the band on numerous trips to Hawaii and Europe, and their annual performances at the May Day parade after-party, held at the Firehouse, were legendary good times.

Above it all, Bill loved large family gatherings, birthdays, holidays, and any special occasion. He always had a new story to tell, and his mind was strong until the end. Bill and Bea also enjoyed the monthly Dixon Boat Club dinners, he having been a member since the early 1950's.

He was a proud member of "The Greatest Generation", and attended the 2024 national Merchant Marine convention in New Orleans where he was honored for his service. He was especially proud of the Congressional Gold Medal he received, and having his name read on the floor of Congress.

Special thanks to his loving caregiver, Cynthia, for the last few years, and her help with the New Orlean's trip.

He was predeceased by wife Bea, and is survived by son Bill Jr (Linda), and daughter Melanie (Rick), 6 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren.

There will be a Celebration of Life on Tuesday June 24th, 1pm, at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 N 1st St, Dixon.

Dixon News Briefs



The Dixon Chamber of Commerce is hosting a networking mixer from 5:30 to 7 p.m. June 18. Held at Bank of Stockton Dixon, 2200 N. First St., the event is free and offers attendees snacks, raffle prizes and a no-host beer and wine bar. Photo by Kendall Brown

By MPG Staff

Veterans' Dinner

American Legion Post 208 is hosting a Veterans' Dinner from 4 to 9 p.m. June 13. The dinner, held at Veterans' Memorial Hall, 1305 N. First St. offers an all-youcan-eat meal for \$12 per guest. Dishes include fried fish, French fries, hushpuppies and a roll. The bar opens at 4:30 p.m. and dinner is served at 5:30 p.m.

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

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.

Bank of Stockton Mixer

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce is hosting a networking mixer from 5:30 to 7 p.m. June 18. Held at Bank of Stockton Dixon, 2200 N. First St., the event is free and open to all. Attendees can expect snacks, raffle prizes and a no-host beer and wine bar.

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

Dixon Moose Lodge

brisket and ribs barbecue at 5:30 p.m. June 21. Held at the lodge, 180 W. B St., the event offers raffle prizes, a full bar and desserts. Tickets are available for \$30 per person.

For more information, visit the Dixon Moose Lodge Facebook page or call 707-678-9407

Dixon Dolphins Water Polo Clinics

Dixon Dolphin Swim Team is hosting a series of water polo clinics beginning at 4 p.m. June 13. Held at the Pat Granucci Aquatic Center, 450 E. Mayes St., the clinic is available for children aged 6 to 19 for \$25 per session or \$75 for all four sessions. Sessions are from 4 to 6 p.m. on June 13, 20, 27 and July 11.

For more information or to register, visit dixondolphins.swimtopia.com or email dixondolphinsinfo@gmail.com.

Free Lunch at the Dixon Library

Dixon Library is offering free lunch to kids and teens from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. June 9 to July 31. Held at the library, 230 N. First St., free lunches will be available to youth 18 and under with no registration required. Meals are offered in partnership with local school districts, funded by the California State Library, and must be eaten on-site. Lunch will not be served on the July 4.

For more information, visit the Solano County Library Facebook page or call 1-866-572-7587.

Father's Train Free in June

Ramtown Karate is offering a special deal throughout June. In honor of Father's Day June 15, Ramtown, 1680 N. Lincoln St., # A, is offering fathers free training. Only new members are

For more information, visit the Dixon Calendar and Events Facebook page 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.

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Participants will receive a stipend of \$100 per day upon completion of the full program and teachers can claim up to 27 hours of continuing education credit. Photo courtesy of Solano Resource Conservation District

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The Solano Water Institute for Teachers is funded by the Solano County Orderly Growth Committee, with support from the California Department of Water Resources and the School Water Education Program (Solano County Water Agency; Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District; and the cities of Vacaville, Fairfield, Suisun City, Vallejo,

Dixon and Benicia).

The workshop is hosted by Solano Resource Conservation District with support from Brian Brown, Project Water Education Today coordinator for California.

For more information, visit online https://www.solanorcd.org/ projects-and-programs/education/educator-workshops.html.

Council Approves 2025-2026 Budget

By Shaunna Boyd

DIXON, CA (MPG) - At the June 3 Dixon City Council meeting, City Council considered a resolution to approve the annual budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Across all city funds, Finance Director Kate Zawadzki said, the proposed budget includes \$73.6 million in revenues and transfers and \$60.6 million in expenditures and appropriations.

Looking specifically at the General Fund, Zawadzki said, revenues are expected to total \$33 million with expenditures totaling \$34 million. However, there will be approximately \$500,000 in savings from delayed hiring for current vacancies.

In General Fund revenues, Zawadzki said, sales taxes are expected at \$15 million, which is an increase from \$12.2 million last fiscal year. The \$3.1 million in additional revenue is coming from the Public Benefit Fund, a 1% sales tax increase approved by voters in November 2024. That extra funding will cover public safety staffing in the fire and police

In the enterprise funds, the Wastewater Fund revenues exceed expenses but expenses are higher than revenues in the Water Fund. Zawadzki said that is due to capital projects and the extra will be paid

The budget must be adopted by the end of June and then it can be adjusted by council approval throughout the fiscal year, if needed.

Vice-Mayor Thom Bogue said that there was no reason to maintain the Public Benefit Fund as a separate fund "since it just goes into the General Fund" to cover staff salaries.

Councilmember Don Hendershot said having a separate fund provides transparency about where those funds are being spent.

Bogue said that the fund title is "misleading," because the name implies the funding would cover one-time costs that benefit the public. A separate fund, Bogue said, requires additional staff time and labor to manage the accounting.

Zawadzki said it doesn't add any staff time and Councilmember Kevin Johnson said it's important to know how much funding is being collected through that tax. The council voted 4-0 to approve the

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget, with Councilmember Jim Ernest absent. Community Development Director Raffi Boloyan gave a presentation about devel-

opment activity in the city, reviewing various projects and where they are in the permitting process. Hendershot asked about the park planned at the Homestead development. Boloyan said that the park is a city obli-

gation, since that land will be deeded to the City of Dixon. Based on the amenities specified in the park master plan, Boloyan said that the estimated cost for that park is higher than what the city can currently afford. City attorney Douglas White said resi-

dents often oppose various development projects and ask why the city even considers them.

"I think it's important for the public to know when someone turns in a project application, we have a legal obligation to go through it," White said. "We can't just reject them and not process them."

Johnson asked about the status of the new fire station and City Manager Lindley said it is currently in the design phase.

"The funding plan is coming together well," Lindley said. "It looks like probably the middle of next year, we'll have enough funding to move forward with it and not issue any debt."

A resident spoke during public comment about weed abatement issues in a ditch near his property along Pitt School Road.

The resident said the drainage ditch was put in by the city, making it a city responsibility. He said that it is rarely maintained, making it a fire hazard.

Another resident in that area said that she often clears the weeds out of the drainage ditch along her property and it shouldn't be her responsibility. She said the city would impose a fine if she allowed weeds to get out of control on her own land but they aren't properly managing their own section.

Dixon City Manager Jim Lindley said staff will investigate the issue.

The next Dixon City Council meeting is scheduled for June 17.

Women's Improvement Club Installs **Officers and Committee Chairs**



Dixon Women's Improvement Club held a general meeting on May 21, where the 2025-2026 board officers and committee chairs were officially sworn in. A photo was taken immediately after the swearing-in ceremony, capturing the energy and unity of the newly-elected team. Photo

Dixon Women's Improvement Club News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixon Women's Improvement Club held its general meeting on May 21, where the 2025-2026 Board Officers and Committee Chairs were officially sworn in. The ceremony marked the beginning of a new term of leadership dedicated to continuing the club's longstanding mission of service, education and community engagement.

The 2025-2026 Dixon Women's Improvement Club officers and committee chairs are as follows. Teri Brown serves as president, with Jewel Fink as vice-president. Cindy Heeney is the treasurer and Ashley Alvarez holds the position of recording secretary. Pat Inderbitzen is the corresponding secretary, and Martha Dukes is responsible for financial review. The member-at-large position is currently unfilled.

Committee chairs include Brown for community grants, Pam Marks for the Dixon Women's Improvement Club Rose Garden and Cheryl Hughes as historian.

Binky Eason and Angela Remides co-chair hospitality and membership. Fink is the parliamentarian, and Alvarez is volunteering to assist with publicity and press releases until the position is filled.

Diane Schroeder chairs the scholarships committee and Inderbitzen oversees telephone and sunshine duties.

The May 21 meeting also celebrated the club's recent volunteer success at the Dixon May Fair, which resulted in additional funding awarded to Dixon Women's Improvement Club. Members were thanked for their time and energy spent supporting the event.

Looking ahead, the club has announced that dinner fundraisers at Panda Express will take place over the next several months to support Dixon Women's Improvement Club.

The newly-installed board will meet soon to review member-submitted ideas for 2026's meeting topics and excursions, ensuring that the upcoming calendar reflects the interests and passions of the club's membership.

Dixon Women's Improvement Club thanks its outgoing officers and chairs for their service and welcomes the new leadership team. Together, members look forward to another year of making a positive impact throughout the Dixon community.

For more information about Dixon Women's Improvement Club, upcoming events or ways to get involved, attend the next general meeting at noon Sept. 17. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month from September to May at Dixon United Methodist Church, 209 N. Jefferson St.

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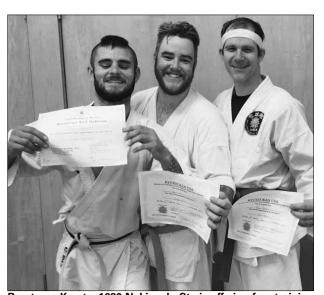
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Celebrate Father's Day Locally



Ramtown Karate, 1680 N. Lincoln St., is offering free training for fathers throughout June. The offer is available to new members only. Photo courtesy of Ramtown Karate

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) -

According to History.com, the first Father's Day on record was celebrated June 10, 1910, in Washington. The holiday officially became a national holiday in 1972. Father's Day weekend is right around the corner, taking place June 14 and 15. For those looking to do something special for dad, there are multiple opportunities

worth consideration. Dixon United Methodist Church is offering Father's Day root beer floats at 11:15 a.m. June 15. Held at 209 N. Jefferson St., the event is led by the women of the church, who craft root beer floats for the men, returning the favor from Mother's Day, when the men were tasked with making strawberry shortcakes for the women. According Carrie Senecal, Dixon United Methodist secretary, fathers are of great importance.

"Fathers are important. We need them in our lives in all the forms they come in," said Senecal.

For more information about the church event, visit dixonumc.org or call 707-678-2191.

For those interested in something more hands-on, Every Baking Moment is hosting a Father's Daythemed cookie baking class from 10 to 11:30 a.m. June 14. Held on-site at 143 N. First St., the event offers the opportunity for a child and their father or guardian to bake cookies together for \$40 per parent-child duo. All supplies will be provided. For more information, visit everybakingmoment.com or call

707-693-0112. There are also several restaurants offering deals or experiences in honor of the holiday. Jacky's Mexican restaurant and

bar, 127 N. First St. is hosting live music by El Bohemio de Michoacán, who primarily play cumbia and mariachi music. For more information, visit @jacky'smexicanrestaurant on Instagram or call 707-640-9219.

Cattlemen's Steakhouse, 250 Dorset Drive, will open early on Father's Day at 11 a.m. instead of the usual 3 p.m. Alongside gift cards, the restaurant is offering 20-ounce cowboy bone-in ribeye steaks served with an allyou-can-eat garden salad, sourdough bread, ranchstyle beans and a house side for \$38.99. This dinner special will be served from June 13 to June 15. For more information, visit the Cattlemen's Facebook page or call 707-678-5518.

Ruhstaller Farm is hosting live music at 2 p.m. June 15. Held at 6686 Sievers Road, attendees can expect beer, wine, food trucks and a live performance by Kevin Russel and His So-Called Friends, a bluegrass ensemble. All donations go to the musicians. For more information, visit ruhstallerfarm.com or call 530-601-8240.

Finally, for the fathers who are working Father's Day weekend, Ramtown Karate, 1680 N. Lincoln St., is offering free training for dads throughout June. The offer is available to new members only. For more information, visit ramtownkarate.com or call 707-678-4899.

County Champions World Environment Day

Solano County Cleanup News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Solano County celebrated World Environment Day (WED) on June 7, with a cleanup and restoration event hosted by the Solano Resource Conservation District (RCD). The festivities drew 154 dedicated volunteers to Lake Solano and Lake Berryessa, both vital drinking water sources for Solano County residents and crucial to the operations of local businesses such as Anheuser-Busch and Jelly Belly, as well as the county's diverse agricultural sector.

This year's World Environment Day theme was "Beat Plastic Pollution." Volunteers collected nearly 200 pounds of trash and recyclables with an emphasis on removing as much plastic debris as possible to protect against microplastic formation and the serious threat to aquatic ecosystems and water quality this kind of debris presents. Volunteers also planted more than 300 native grass plugs to improve the ecological health of these critical watersheds.

"We are thrilled with both the turnout and the impact our volunteers made this World Environment Day," said Robyn Slater, Solano Resource Conservation District event coordinator. "They eagerly took on the job of removing every bit of plastic they could find. It's inspiring to watch



With reusable items at the ready, volunteers of all ages make **sure no more trash is left behind.** Photo courtesy of Solano County Cleanup

collective action, even on a small scale, especially when those actions result in an immediate positive change for our environment and water resources."

Jennifer Onufer, a parks manager from the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), which owns Lake Berryessa as part of the Solano Project, added, "The Bureau of Reclamation is committed to the responsible stewardship of our water resources. Events like this World Environment Day cleanup, driven by passionate community volunteers and organizations like Solano RCD, are important in protecting the health of our reservoirs and ensuring clean water for all users, from agriculture to urban centers and industry."

This annual event underscores Solano Resource Conservation District's ongoing commitment to environmental stewardship and community involvement.

Solano County residents can also take part in caring for their environment on Coastal Cleanup Day on Sept. 20. That annual community workday will feature more than 50 cleanup sites across Solano County joining the efforts at thousand more cleanup sites worldwide.

Solano Resource Conservation District is a non-regulatory special district dedicated to assisting Solano County residents with the conservation of natural resources. The Resource Conservation District works on projects to restore Solano County watersheds, protect natural resources and provide effective, exciting outdoor environmental education. They build vibrant and diverse partnerships and educate children and adults about watershed science and effective stewardship.

This event is sponsored and supported by Solano County Water Agency, Anheuser-Busch in Fairfield, Solano Volunteers/CVNL, Solano County Parks, Putah Creek Council, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and MCE Energy. To learn more, visit cleanupsolano.org. ★

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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.

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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, credi-

tors, 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 ap-

praisal 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-

Publish: May 30, June 6, 13, 2025

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 dece-

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. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting

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SISTER-STATE JUDGMENT CU25-01509 Case Number PLAINTIFF: **Fundamental** Capitol, LLC **DEFENDANT:** Platinum Window Source, Inc. dba Platinum Window Source and Eddie Figueroa 1. TO JUDGMENT DEBTOR: Eddie Figueroa and Platinum Window Inc. dba Platinum Source, 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.

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Newsom Defunds Prop 36. Republicans Fight Back

Public safety measure left unfunded despite backing from every county in California

Assembly Republican Caucus News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) Governor Gavin Newsom's May budget revision proposes zero dollars for Proposition 36. Assembly Republicans held a press conference demanding that change on June 9.

Prop. 36 passed with nearly 70 percent of the vote and in all 58 counties. It replaced incarceration with mandatory treatment for nonviolent drug offenders. Without funding for mental health and substance abuse programs, the law cannot be enforced. The promise of reform is dead on arrival.

"The governor is ignoring the will of the voters," said Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher (East Nicolaus). "Californians demanded accountability. Newsom delivered nothing.'

Lawmakers were joined by district attorneys, law enforcement officials, and victim advocates who warned that Prop. 36 is meaningless unless the state invests in treatment infrastructure.

"We are asking the Governor to honor the will



Governor Gavin Newsom's May budget revision proposes zero dollars for Proposition 36. Assembly Republicans held a press conference demanding that

of the people and fully fund treatment under Prop 36," said Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig.

Alexa Hansen, Founder of Victim Advocate Angels added, "We need to fund Prop 36 immediately because

we don't need more victims." Assembly Republicans will keep fighting to deliver what Newsom won't: real reform, real treatment, and real public safety. The first step is exposing this broken

Agricultural and Food Producers Raise Alarm Over Assembly Bill

Elevate Public Affairs Commentary

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California's leading agricultural and food industry organizations continue to oppose Assembly Bill 1264 (Gabriel), even with the gratuitous intent language warning that the bill's overly broad approach to "ultra-processed foods" will have a harmful impact to the agricultural industry as well as local farmers, food processors and school meal programs.

The agricultural opposition continues to grow against AB 1264, including the California Farm Bureau Federation, California Food Producers, California Association of Wheat Growers, Association of California Egg Farmers, California Tomato Growers Association, California Walnut Commission, Dairy Institute of California, Agricultural Council of California, American Pistachio Growers, California Bean Shippers Association, Pacific Egg and Poultry Association, California Grain & Feed Association, California Pear Growers Association and Western Tree Nut Association.

"We appreciate the 'intent' but AB 1264 continues to define fruits, vegetables, nuts and grains as ultra processed food and that is absurd at best. California-grown includes millions of products that are processed here, using ingredients grown here. AB 1264 will hurt food producers and the farmers and ranchers that supply them," according to a California Farm Bureau Federation statement.

According to a California Tomato Growers Association's statement, "California tomatoes are enjoyed ripe off the vine and in many forms like pasta sauce, tomato paste, canned chili, salsa and more. AB 1264 manufactures a definition of 'ultra processed foods' that is unnecessary and overly broad. If you claim that you want to support California-grown products, then you need to protect the proven-safe foods that get added value from processing."

AB 1264 attempts to reduce access to so-called "ultra-processed foods" in school meals but it does so by arbitrarily classifying common agricultural products, such as egg whites, rice starch and even citrus juice as harmful. The bill lacks a scientific definition of "ultra-processed," leaving that task to the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), an agency with no food or nutrition expertise.

The bill's author took an amendment that would say: (b) It is further the intent of the Legislature to prioritize California-grown products in school meals, which are among the healthiest and most nutritious available, meeting the highest standards for quality, safety, and

However, intent language does not change any aspect of the law or its wide-ranging consequences to California's agricultural industry.

Further the bill duplicates existing authority already granted to the Department of Public Health under Health and Safety Code Section 110070 to review ingredients for safety. The proposed framework would waste resources. increase food costs and create chaos in school food programs just as new federal nutrition standards are being implemented.

The agricultural industry continues to support healthier meals in schools, especially improving access to Californiagrown products, however, there is no need to define "ultra processed foods" and "particularly harmful ultra processed foods" to increase nutrition in school

AB 1264 passed the Assembly on June 3and is now pending in the Senate.

Bipartisan Alzheimer's Initiative Act to Strengthen Global Response

Office of Representative Ami Bera, M.D. News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - Representative Ami Bera, M.D. introduced the bipartisan Global Alzheimer's Initiative Now (GAIN) Act alongside Representatives Brian Fitzpatrick and Young Kim on June 3.

The Global Alzheimer's Initiative Now Act authorizes the United States to formally participate in the Davos Alzheimer's Collaborative (DAC), a global public-private-patient partnership advancing Alzheimer's and dementia research, diagnosis, treatment and care. The bill positions the U.S. as a global leader in combating a disease projected to affect more than 150 million people by 2050.

"Alzheimer's disease is a global challenge that demands a united global response," said Bera. "The GAIN Act empowers the United States to lead in building global partnerships that accelerate research, improve care and support families both here at home and around the world. With formal authorization, we can help drive innovation and advancements in the fight against Alzheimer's."

This legislation builds on Representative Bera's longstanding commitment to promoting brain health. For the past nine years, he has hosted an annual Brain Health Forum to connect Sacramento County residents with the latest research, caregiving strategies and community resources for those living with Alzheimer's and other dementias.

"We can't afford to stand still in the fight against Alzheimer's. Our GAIN Act is a critical initiative to move us forward, strengthening America's leadership, accelerating global research and supporting smarter, earlier interventions. By backing innovative treatments and real-world solutions, we can bring hope to families, relief to caregivers and a future where Alzheimer's is no longer a life sentence," said Fitzpatrick.

Said Kim, "Alzheimer's disease is the third leading cause of death in older adults in Orange County and seventh leading cause of death worldwide. With more resources dedicated to tackling this global challenge, we can save lives. The GAIN Act ensures the United States leads the global effort to combat Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia head-on."

Said Chairman of Us Against Alzheimer's and Founder of the Global CEO Initiative on Alzheimer's Disease George Vradenburg, "I commend Congressman Ami Bera and Representatives Brian Fitzpatrick and Young Kim for their leadership in introducing the Global Alzheimer's Initiative Now (GAIN) Act. This legislation recognizes the urgent need for a global response to Alzheimer's that brings together governments and the private sector to advance prevention, diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer's. As in other areas of global health, U.S. leadership will prove critical to the global fight against Alzheimer's and this legislation paves the way for mobilizing the resources and facilitating the multi-sector and international cooperation that will be needed to turn the tide on Alzheimer's over the coming decades."

Alzheimer's and dementia affect nearly 60 million people globally and cost the world economy more than \$1.3 trillion annually, an amount that doubles every decade. By formally joining Davos Alzheimer's Collaborative, the U.S. will help drive inclusive, evidence-based solutions to the growing global dementia crisis. Davos Alzheimer's Collaborative aims to raise and deploy \$700 million over six years and currently supports 19 health systems in 12 countries, including the United States.

LaMalfa Applauds DOT Report

Congressman Doug LaMalfa News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C (MPG) - Congressman Doug LaMalfa applauded the U.S. Department of Transportation on June 4 for a newly-released compliance report confirming that California's High-Speed Rail project is in default of its federal grant agreements and has no viable path to completion.

The 315-page report, released by Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy, cites years of mismanagement, missed deadlines, inflated ridership projections and a staggering \$7-billion funding gap just to complete a small segment between Merced and Bakersfield.

The full cost of the project has now ballooned to \$128 billion.

Notably, the Federal Railroad Administration stated it has no confidence that the California High-Speed Rail Authority will ever deliver an operating high-speed rail system and found that the state cannot support the representations it made when applying for federal funds.

In other words, California misled the federal government to secure billions in

taxpayer dollars and still has nothing to show for it. This report confirms what Californians have known for years; this project is a train

to nowhere. It was supposed to be done by

2020. Now they're saying 2030 just to finish a small stretch that costs more than the entire original plan. The price tag has quadrupled to \$128 billion, they're now an incredible \$110 billion short and have only raised about \$17 billion after 17 years. They've barely built anything. It's a waste of time, money and trust, a shining example of government waste," LaMalfa said. "The state has not held up its end of the deal. It's well past time to shut this down and send the money to real infrastructure projects that can actually be delivered, like water storage that California desperately needs or road repairs and traffic relief. I appreciate Secretary Duffy's leadership in holding the line for taxpayers. It's long

past time for accountability."

LaMalfa joined Duffy earlier this year at a press conference calling attention to the project's mounting failures and urging a full federal review. The report issued on June 4 by the Federal Railroad Administration makes clear that the California High-Speed Rail Authority has failed to meet its basic obligations under the \$4 billion in federal grant funding it

The Department of Transportation has given the state until mid-July to respond before the administration moves to terminate the grants. You can find a full copy of the letter and report on the Department of Transportation's website at transportation.gov.

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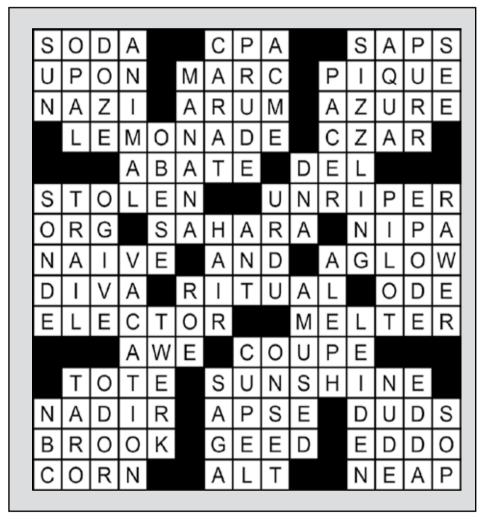
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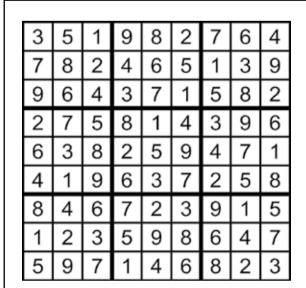


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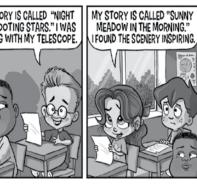












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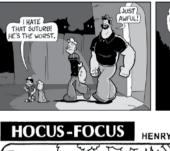


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A Children's Books that Brings Hope

When You Find a HOPE

by Allie Millington and Anne Lambelet

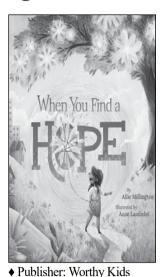
A story of Hope in all of

its stages. Once, there was a little girl who visited the tree of Hope. While others came from far away just to pick a small amount of Hope and keep it stashed away, the little girl set her sights on the highest and brightest Hope, up on the very top. When the little girl climbed down from the tree she was overjoyed to discover her hope could float, and even more unexpected was how happy she felt. The Little girl, never wanting to be separated, tethered her Hope with a string and took it everywhere.

But then, one day, the unthinkable happened, and her Hope was crushed, and shattered into pieces. No matter how hard she tried, her Hope was not the same, but still, the little girl could not leave her Hope behind. But then the unimaginable happenedher string broke, and her Hope was gone.

The little girl became sad, and she avoided Hope, even others, so as not to feel the pain.

But then, one day, on her way home, something magical happened. Could this be a start to the little



- ♦ Intended Audience:
- Children and up
- ♦ Release Date: May 13, 2025

girl finding new Hope, or discovering something even greater?

From the author who brought readers the heartfelt, emotional middle-grade book, Olivetti comes a picture book with a hope and dream all of its

In this heartfelt journey

of Hope and acceptance, When You Find a Hope takes readers on a beautiful story that encapsulates Hope in a creative and way. enlightening Wonderfully imaginative and absolutely breathtaking, this story takes the idea of Hope and treats

Showcasing how some choose to covet and hide their hope away, while one little girl celebrates it. Allie Millington and Anne Lambelet breathe life into an intangible feeling and gives it wings. Once a complex emotion that is willingly impossible to explain to a young child, this book provides the feeling with a physical and tangible presence. What once was a word that was casually tossed around now becomes something that should be cherished and celebrated.

Anne Lambelet's beautiful illustrations leap right off the pages, conveying emotion through both pictures and color, making this story particularly well-suited for classrooms and art discussions.

When You Find a Hope is a transformative story that transcends generations, appealing to readers of all ages. It sparks a desire to rediscover Hope in their own lives, making it a story with a purpose and a message that is beautiful, tender, and inspiring. This book should be read by everyone who has had Hope, a wish, or a dream that they want to hold on to.

Riley Reviews

"BALLERINA" TAKES ITS CUE ON VIOLENT ACTION FROM "JOHN WICK"

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

"BALLERINA" RATED R

Summer season for the movies arrived on Memorial Day weekend when the eighth installment of the "Mission: Impossible" franchise delivered the action thrills that come with Tom Cruise's overthe-top action stunts.

But if anyone ponders whether the seasonal expectations of action cinema have yet to fully materialize, then the unwieldly-titled "From the World of John Wick: Ballerina," arriving with a surfeit of violent action and chaos, should remove any reservations.

Under the direction of action maestro Len Wiseman ("Live Free or Die Hard"), "Ballerina," with a new spin, taps into the ethos of the "John Wick" franchise not just in name, but for the hallmark elements of its adrenaline-fueled action.

Set oddly for a timeline during and after "John Wick: Chapter 3 - Parabellum," the only connection that makes sense is the ballet training school run by Anjelica Huston's mysterious The Director.

Arguably, in some ways this thriller takes the action to a higher level with propulsive set pieces, intricate fight choreography, and an arsenal of inventive weaponry, from ice skates and samurai swords, to ice axes and flamethrowers

Previews have already revealed that Keanu Reeves' John Wick will be in the film, but the titular character is Ana de Armas' Eve Macarro, whom we first see as a child (Victoria Comte) fascinated with a music box that has a mechanical dancing

She is soon robbed of childhood innocence when a band of killers come looking for her father at their home, resulting in a daring escape through secret passageways that only Eve survives.

Orphaned and scared, Eve is recruited by Winston (Ian McShane), manager of the infamous Continental New York hotel that is a safe harbor for assassins, to join the ballet school that is a gateway to the Ruska Roma criminal organization.

As the ruthless head of Ruska Roma, The Director runs her school like a military boot camp and the ballet training results in Eve acquiring a killer instinct inspired by rigorous physical feats far beyond working off a balance barre.

The training program is run by Nogi (Sharon Duncan-Brewster) who wisely tells Eve to "fight like a girl." Karate kicks and gunplay level the playing field for a female assassin overmatched by the brutal strength of male opponents.

Besides a career path of a female

assassin, Eve is consumed with exacting revenge for the party responsible for the murder of her father, though The Director warns against such action as it would upset a centuries-old truce in the underworld.

A trip to the Continental Prague has Eve on Ruska Roma business in pursuit of Daniel Pine (Norman Reedus) who happens to be part of the assassin cult run by The Chancellor (Gabriel Byrne). After checking into the room next to Pine's, Eve discovers that the assassin is

looking to get out from under the thumb of The Chancellor's cult because he has a young daughter he wants to protect from a life of crime. Meanwhile, Eve has also learned that someone who tried to kill her had the same "X" tattoo on his wrist as that of the person

who murdered her father, and this distinctive marking points to The Chancellor as the one behind his death. The plot may be relatively thin, as it relies on relentless action scenes with Eve plowing her way through one ambush

after another, but all roads end up leading to a snowy Alpine village run by The Stopping at the town's restaurant for a cup of coffee, Eve ends up in a death match with an assassin followed by a fight with

the cook where dinner plates and other utensils become the weapons of choice. The quaint Austrian village turns out to be entirely populated by members of The Chancellor's cult, and this is when the action really kicks into high gear, with Eve

resorting to using grenades, swords, and

guns in fighting relentless foes. Action scenes seem obviously inspired by the "John Wick" franchise, but Eve gets to ratch up the stakes with an awesome flamethrower battle that literally lights up an onslaught of thugs, and then hand grenades also prove effective in the

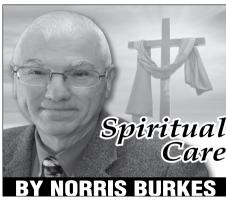
With the timeline of "Ballerina" falling somewhere between the third and fourth chapters of "John Wick," we get not only the benefit of Ian McShane's urbane manager running the Continental, but also the return of fan favorite Lance Reddick as Charon, the stoic hotel concierge.

Reflecting on the last moment in the film, it seems almost like a sure bet that Ana de Armas will return for a sequel, if for no other reason than we have been left hanging with the idea that her battle with the underworld has no quick end in sight.

If there is a "Ballerina 2," the legion of fans for the "John Wick" franchise will be anticipating the return of the female John Wick. The only question might be whether Keanu Reeves is still up for another cameo turn.

Taking Faith for a Pivotal Spin

it like a tender wish.



Imagine taking a virtual plane ride today and meeting me in San Francisco. I pick you up outside the terminal and drive you 30 minutes south to Moffett Federal Airfield, formally known as Moffett Navy Air Station.

I flash my military ID and we slide easily past the Smokey-Bear-hatted federal guards. Just a quarter mile ahead, we pull curbside and walk across the lawn to the Moffett Chapel. In 2014, the chapel was restored to its original Spanish Colonial Mission church design found throughout California

I'm comfortable here. This is where, in 1994, I assumed my first Air Force active duty chaplain assignment. Three USAF chaplains replaced the Navy chaplains when their branch vacated the base, or in naval terms, "Secured the watch."

Inside, we take a breathless pause before walls of stained-glass windows.

But I nudge you forward into an alcove or recessed altar space. Oddly, I ask you to push on the cubby walls.

You're astonished that it moves. With my assistance, we rotate what seems

like a jumbo version of the lazy Susan contained in your kitchen cabinet. Suddenly, we're standing in a Catholic

church adorned by crucifixes and saint I push again, and we share a Jewish altar

with the Torah. You say, "This is nice chaplain, but I'm

undecided about faith. I suppose I'm spiritual, but not religious."

"No problem," I say. "Give that wall another push." You do and are relieved to find yourself in

neutral space. Nothing on the walls. No reli-Why have I brought you for a ride on the

"Lazy" Altar? To illustrate of how one might make a

No, it's not as simple as gyrating the

Wheel of Fortune or spinning the theological bottle to determine where your doctrinal affections will lie.

You might begin the journey on one of the traditional altars of our fathers. Or your spin might take you onto an altar aside your spouse. And it's also legitimately OK to spin faith into something that represents our own journey. Or maybe you don't see faith has having finite definitions, so we choose to blend the moving altars.

But whatever you choose, deciding on faith is a serious business that requires us to become comfortable with the tensions that faith presents.

For instance, how does one explain the love of God in the midst of so much tragedy? Can you deal with the discrepancies of faith and the hypocrites that inhabit all faiths and philosophies? Can we repent of the sins of organized religions while at the same time reinforcing the humanitarian good they do?

I believe it's possible to keep the faith of our parents, but we can change out the theological accessories. For me, I follow the protestant faith of my father, but my worship isn't confined to a hymnal or a pew. Moreover, it means, that I accept his faith, but reject the bigotry I've seen sometimes.

For you, it might mean keeping your faith in the Crucified Christ displayed on the crucifix, but soundly rejecting the sins of the Fathers. It might involve rebuilding a place of worship that holds all women in high regard and safely shelters the children. And if you are rotating the altar in search

of generic worship, it doesn't mean that your new faith has to be cold, politically correct, and without feeling and humanity. It might involve a move toward inclusion of the conservative right side of the church aisle. Finally, if your faith journey ever takes

flight toward the San Francisco Bay Area, stop by Moffett Field Chapel and ask the "Smoky Hats" if they will let you take your

faith for a spin. This column excerpted from my book "Tell it to the Chaplain."

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California Weighs Hollywood Tax Credit Boost after Denying One to Farms

California lawmakers are weighing a proposal from Gov. Gavin Newsom to more than double the state's \$330 million film and television tax credit to protect jobs in Hollywood. The move comes just weeks after a state Senate committee rejected a bill that would have created a more modest tax credit to support struggling farms and farmworkers by reimbursing the cost of overtime wages. "The Legislature elected to ignore our arguments about putting more money in the pockets of farmworkers," said Bryan Little, chief operating officer of Farm Employers Labor Service and senior director of policy advocacy at the California Farm Bureau.

Farmers Suspect Heat Waves is to Blame for Light Cherry Crop

California cherry growers are harvesting a lighter crop this year, with farmers in parts of the state blaming the reduced yield on the heat wave last summer and poor pollination this spring. San Joaquin County Agricultural Commissioner Kamal Bagri requested a disaster declaration after estimating the county's crop was about 43% less than the five-year average, amounting to roughly a \$100 million loss. Donald Drake, who grows cherries near Linden, said the quality of his fruit was excellent, but yields were down 50%. "The fruit I had, I wished I had more of," Drake said.

Farm Bureau Program Pairs New

Farmers with Seasoned Mentors Beginning farmers and their more experienced peers are forging fulfilling partnerships through a year-old mentorship program run by the California Farm Bureau's California Bountiful Foundation and supported by state and federal funding. Launched in spring 2024, the Expanding Our Roots program aims to help newcomers navigate the complexities of farming and ranching by giving them access to seasoned pros who can share the knowledge they've gained through years of trial and error, said Tyler Rood, senior project specialist at the foundation and the program's coordinator.

California Farmers Voice Concerns in Advocacy Effort at State Capitol

California Farm Bureau members from across the state traveled to the state Capitol last month to advocate on issues such as the conservation of farmland and clean water laws, as well as regulatory burdens farmers face. "This is one of the most important things we do," Chris Reardon, vice president of policy advocacy at the California Farm Bureau, said of the annual advocacy effort. "While we have a policy team up here on a regular basis, in all honesty, the most effective communicators of our issues are the members themselves."



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NAVAL RADIO TRANSMITTER FACILITY DIXON SOLANO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA



AT MUNITIONS RESPONSE PROGRAM SITE UX01

June 2025

The Department of Navy announces the public availability of the Action Memorandum for a Time-Critical Removal Action (TCRA) to remove contaminated soil from the former shooting berm at Munitions Response Program (MRP) Site Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) 1, located at Naval Radio Transmitter Facility (NRTF) Dixon, in Solano County, California. MRP Site UXO1 is a former limited firing area located approximately 1,000 ft southeast of the transmitter building within the Natural Resource Management Area. The soil berm is relatively intact and is approximately 8-feet-high, 60-feet-wide, and 100-feet-long. Wooden poles are present on the front of the berm to hold targets and capture ammunition. Previous investigations at MRP Site UXO1 identified elevated concentrations of five metals (antimony, copper, lead, nickel, and zinc) in surface soil on the berm face that pose unacceptable risk to human and ecological receptors.

The Navy plans to implement a TCRA to remove soil with metal concentrations that exceed the background values to effectively protect human health and the environment. The objective of the TCRA is to excavate contaminated soil, remove wooden target support poles, and transport the material to an approved offsite disposal facility. Supporting activities will include biological monitoring for threatened and endangered species, UXO avoidance, soil sampling, and site restoration. Following removal of contaminated soil, the remaining soil will be sampled to confirm that the cleanup goals were met and determine if the site is suitable for unlimited use/unrestricted exposure.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

The Action Memorandum documenting the Navy's planned TCRA is available for public review at the locations listed below. The Navy will accept public comments during a 30-day comment period from June 13, 2025 through July 13, 2025. Comments can be submitted to the NAVFAC Southwest Public Affairs Office at usn.san-diego-ca.navfacswsanca.mbx.navfac-sw-pao-mailbox@us.navy.mil or mailed to: Public Affairs Office, 750 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92132. Written comments must be post marked no later than July 13, 2025. Verbal comments may be submitted at: (619) 909-8746.

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Vacaville Public Library -Cultural Center

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A link to download a PDF of the Action Memorandum can be found on the installation homepage, located at: https://www.navfac.navy.mil/ Divisions/Environmental/ Products-and-Services/ Environmental-Restoration/ Southwest/Dixon-NRTF



SOLANO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA ACCIÓN PROPUESTA DE ELIMINACIÓN CRÍTICA EN EL TIEMPO EN EL SITIO UXO1 DEL PROGRAMA DE RESPUESTA DE MUNICIONES

El Departamento de la Marina anuncia la disponibilidad pública del Memorándum de Acción para una Acción de Eliminación Crítica en el Tiempo (TCRA) para remover el suelo contaminado del antiguo terraplén de tiro en el Sitio del Programa de Respuesta de Municiones (MRP) de Municiones No Explotadas (UXO) 1, ubicado en la Instalación de Transmisión de Radio Naval (NRTF) Dixon, en el Condado de Solano, California. El Sitio MRP UXO1 es un área de tiro limitada anterior ubicada aproximadamente a 1,000 pies al sureste del edificio transmisor dentro del Área de Gestión de Recursos Naturales. El terraplén de suelo está relativamente intacto y tiene aproximadamente 8 pies de altura, 60 pies de ancho y 100 pies de largo. Hay postes de madera en la parte frontal del terraplén para sostener los objetivos y capturar municiones. Investigaciones anteriores en el Sitio MRP UXO1 identificaron concentraciones elevadas de cinco metales (antimonio, cobre, plomo, níquel y zinc) en el suelo superficial en la cara del terraplén que representan un riesgo inaceptable para los receptores humanos y ecológicos.

La Marina planea implementar una TCRA para eliminar el suelo con concentraciones de metales que exceden los valores de fondo para proteger eficazmente la salud humana y el medio ambiente. El objetivo de la TCRA es excavar el suelo contaminado, eliminar los postes de soporte de los objetivos de madera y transportar el material a una instalación de eliminación aprobada fuera del sitio. Las actividades de apoyo incluirán monitoreo biológico de especies amenazadas y en peligro de extinción, evitación de UXO, muestreo de suelo y restauración del sitio. Después de la eliminación del suelo contaminado, el suelo restante será muestreado para confirmar que se cumplieron los objetivos de limpieza y determinar si el sitio es adecuado para uso sin restricciones/exposición ilimitada.

PARA MÁS INFORMACIÓN

El Memorándum de Acción que documenta la TCRA planificada por la Marina está disponible para revisión pública en los lugares enumerados a continuación. La Marina aceptará comentarios públicos durante un período de comentarios de 30 días desde el 13 de junio de 2025 hasta el 13 de julio de 2025. Los comentarios pueden ser enviados a la Oficina de Asuntos Públicos en usn.san-diego-ca. navfacswsanca.mbx.navfac-sw-pao-mailbox@us.navy.mil o enviados por correo a: NAVFAC Southwest Public Affairs Office, 750 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92132. Los comentarios escritos deben tener sellos postales no más tarde del 13 de julio de 2025. Los comentarios verbales pueden ser enviados al: (619) 909-8746.

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Un enlace para descargar un PDF del Memorándum de Acción se puede encontrar en la página de inicio de la instalación, ubicada en: https://www.navfac.navy.mil/ Divisions/Environmental/ Products-and-Services/ Environmental-Restoration/

Southwest/Dixon-NRTF

Community Calendar

Ongoing Activities:

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

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

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

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

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

Regular Meetings:

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

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

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

Anderson PTO – Meets monthly at 7 p.m. at Anderson Elementary School, 415 East C St. Email andersonroadrunnerspto@ gmail.com for dates.

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

Boy Scout Troop 152 – Meets Tuesdays, 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the Social Hall at United Methodist Church, 209 North Jefferson. Scouts is for boys 11 to 18 years old. Contact Matt at 707-685-1750 or email scoutmaster@troop152dixon.com for more information. Check us out on the web @ troop152dixon.com."

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

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

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

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

ond Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

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

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

Dixon Adult Literacy Program - Solano County Library Adult Literacy Services is seeking volunteers to help an adult with their reading, writing, or English-speaking skills at the Dixon Public Library. No experience

necessary, flexible hours. All training and materials are provided. Contact: Literacy@ solanocounty.com or 707-784-1526. Dixon Boat Club - Meets first Thursday

of the month. For more information, call

Butch at 707-678-3622.

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

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

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

Dixon Kiwanis Club – an International civic organization serving the community through enhancing children's lives meets on the fourth Monday of each month at the Dixon Chamber of Commerce Conference Room. Call Kristin Janisch at 918-840-0785 for more information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dixon Youth Soccer Board Meetings - The board will meet the third Tuesday of each month, except for December, at the Sutter West Medical Center Conference Room, at 7 p.m.

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

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

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

Friends of the Dixon Public Library -Meets at the library on the second Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m. For more information, call 707-678-5447.

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

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

Graduates Look to the Future



The June 7 ceremony began with the entire Class of 2025 being led into the football stadium by Principal Angela Brown to the tune of "Pomp and Circumstance." Graduate Cristian Mata De La Paz then performed "The Star-Spangled Banner" on electric guitar.

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"Today, we gather to celebrate a significant milestone," said Brown. "As the principal of Dixon High School, it is my honor to welcome you and honor the Class of 2025. Graduates, today marks the culmination of years of hard work and dedication. Every moment has gotten you to this point. You have grown not only in knowledge but also in character."

Brown concluded her speech by asking Dixon High staff to stand and be recognized. In addition, Brown acknowledged the Dixon Unified School District Board of Trustees, including President Julian Cuevas, Vice-President Regina Espinoza, clerk Jewel Fink and members John Gabby and Robert

Superintendent Brett Barley and Assistant Superintendents Dr. Liza Estupin and Dr. Dan Scudero were also recognized.

Pam Gill Fisher, representing the Dixon High School Hall of Fame, also announced the 2025 Hall of Fame inductees. Honorees include Dan Caldwell (Class of 1958), Cindy Duncan (Class of 1969), John Alarcon (Class of 1975), Henry Stuckey (Class of 1989), Pat Denofrio (Class of 1991), Michelle Bello (Class of 2009), Madison Dwelley (Class of 2013), coach Gabe Villasenor, special contributor Willis Simpson and the 1954 boys' basketball team.

Diploma presentation followed, split into three distinct segments. Each segment was led by a student speech, the first of which

was "Impaction" by graduate and Student Body President Reagan Castelli.

"I believe we should focus on who we will be rather than what we will do in our lifetime," said Castelli.

Castelli was followed by Alexa Lopez Ramos, who gave her speech, "Echale Ganas," in Spanish. Échale ganas is an encouraging phrase that means "give it your all" or "go for it."

And Emily Penery gave her speech, "New Beginnings," where she discussed the next step that graduation offers.

"Here we are. It is finally our turn. We made it," said Penery.

Graduates were excited to discuss their plans for post-graduation, including Harmony Caldera, Gimena Cortez and Mia Guajardo.

"I'm proud of myself and grateful for all the support I have received," said Caldera.

Caldera intends to go to Woodland Community College for biology. "I'm proud of myself for being able to

overcome all these obstacles," said Cortez. Cortez plans to attend California State

University, Sacramento for health science. "I'm excited to start my new journey into

adulthood," said Guajardo. Guajardo plans to attend community college to pursue a career in health.

Congratulations, Class of 2025.

For more information about the June 7 graduation, visit the Dixon High School Facebook page or call 707-693-6300.

Maine Prairie High Honors Graduates



Graduate Gavyn James and his family were excited for Maine Prairie High School's graduation at 6 p.m. June 4. According to James' sister, Savannah Garcia-Colle, they have six siblings and each of them "is incredibly proud" of James's accomplishment. Photo by Kendall Brown

Continued from page 1 Maine Prairie High School. Jacobs is considering mechanical engineering and wants to start her own business.

The next student speaker was Kylee Gage, who discussed how Maine Prairie helped her develop as a person.

"Maine Prairie isn't just a continuation school; it's a place to learn and grow," said Gage. "I wouldn't be here without my chosen family and my grandma looking down on me from above."

Gage is moving to Idaho and starting college in the fall.

Emmanuel A. Velasquez Tobar was the third student speaker.

"I went from being a C average student to someone who could push through and walk the stage. To my classmates, this may be the end of one chapter but it's the beginning of the next," said Velasquez Tobar.

Velasquez Tobar was recognized for earning his diploma ahead of schedule, making him the first graduate in the Class of 2025. Velasquez Tobar said he is thankful for the privilege. He intends to join a union and go into carpentry.

Following these speeches and an address from Dixon Unified School District President Julian Cuevas, diploma presentation began.



Three student speakers, Makenzie Jacobs, Kylee Gage and Emmanuel A. Velasquez Tobar (pictured); addressed the audience. Velasquez Tobar is one of 18 students recognized for earning his diploma ahead of schedule. Velasquez Tobar was the first official graduate of the Class of 2025. Photo courtesy of Isabella Quiniola/Dixon Unified School District

Of the 31 graduates, each student was honored by a specific teacher or staff member. Staff members who presented included counselor Joy Souza, social science teacher Dan Bledsoe, art teacher Regina Peterson, parent liaison Susana Perez, resource specialist Bridgett Murphy, English teacher Lindsey Balidoy and science teacher Dina Flamik.

Parents were excited to see their children take the next step, including Nicole Mason, the mother

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of graduate Kaydence Jimenez.

'We're super proud. She also had a baby last January but she finished in time. She's going to go to collegeand this just shows her determination and strength. I could not be more proud to have a daughter like her," said Mason.

Congratulations, Class of 2025.

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