



## Soroptimist Inducts New Members

PAGE 3

## Dixonites Hold Vigil

PAGE 5



# Dixon Independent Voice

The Official Newspaper of Record for the City of Dixon

VOLUME 33 • ISSUE 38

Serving Dixon and Solano County since 1993

SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

SEE INSIDE

LEADERSHIP TRANSITION AT THE CHAMBER



PAGE 3

FROM THIS TRAGEDY, MORE VOICES MUST RISE



PAGE 6

IT'S TIME TO GET EXCITED KINGS FANS



PAGE 4



Scan our QR Code for a direct link to our online edition!

PRSRTD STD. U.S. POSTAGE PAID CARMICHAEL, CA PERMIT NO. 350 OR CURRENT POSTAL CUSTOMER

## Home and Garden Show Returns



The Solano County Fall Home & Garden Show returns this weekend to the Dixon Fairgrounds from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 20 and Sept. 21, marking its 10th anniversary. About 75 vendors, live demos and family-friendly attractions will be set up at the event. Photo courtesy of the Solano Home and Garden Show

By Kendall Brown

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - The Solano County Fall Home & Garden Show returns this weekend to the Dixon Fairgrounds, 655 S. First St., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 20 and Sept. 21, marking its 10th anniversary.

Although smaller than its spring counterpart, the fall edition offers a robust lineup with more than 75 vendors, live demos and family-friendly attractions.

Solano County Fall Home & Garden Show CEO Shawna Arzadon emphasizes that it's a great opportunity for homeowners

to complete projects before winter.

Since its 2015 debut, the Solano County Fall Home & Garden Show has become a seasonal hub for DIYers and homeowners, drawing vendors from across the region to its centrally located venue in Dixon.

This year's highlights include HGTV's Ahmed Hassan, known for engaging with the community, and gardening expert Liza Abboud of El Rancho Nursery. The duo will lead educational gardening demonstrations focused on what thrives in Solano County.

Vendors from Dixon, Woodland and surrounding towns will

showcase home goods, crafts and specialty foods.

Participating businesses include Candle Down, Jane's Rustic Ranch Soap and Colomba Bianca Olive Oil Farm, along with many others. Families can enjoy Saturday kids' activities, including balloon animals, glitter tattoos and the popular "Foamtastic" foam party.

Show organizers expect between 3,000 and 3,500 visitors.

Parking is free. Admission is \$8 general, \$5 for seniors and military, and free for children under 12.

For more information, visit [solanohomeshow.com](http://solanohomeshow.com) or call 707-655-8439. ★

## Kiwanis Club Open House Focuses on Literacy Initiatives

By Kendall Brown

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - The Kiwanis Club of Dixon hosted an open house the night of Monday, Sept. 8 at the Joystick Gaming Lounge, drawing 23 attendees, including seven prospective new members, for a community-focused discussion on local education and youth literacy.

According to Kiwanis Club President Michel Liu, the event's goal was to host an open discussion about reading scores, assessment plans and the future of youth in Dixon.

"The main focus is on literacy and programs being put into place at the Dixon schools to address the low level of students who are at or above the proficiency levels for their grades," said Liu. "The main theme was that, because of the pandemic, students across the country suffered in reading scores and they're putting into place this year a program to assess and address reading capabilities."

Held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Sept. 8 at Joystick, 420 Gateway Drive, Suite C, the event featured appetizers provided by the newly opened Mountain Mike's Pizza and refreshments courtesy of the venue. Attendees were welcomed with pizza, chicken wings and a chocolate chip cookie pizza.

The keynote speaker for the open house was Dixon Unified School District Superintendent Brett Barley, who spoke on the importance of early literacy and its impact on long-term student outcomes.

"We talked about early literacy, specifically the state of early literacy across Dixon, across California, and across the country," said Barley "It's one of the most important things kids learn in school."

Barley emphasized that students who read proficiently by elementary school are more likely to attend college, find stable careers and avoid involvement in the criminal justice system.

"When we look at later life outcomes, strong reading skills lead to long-term success," said Barley.

The Kiwanis Club highlighted its current and planned initiatives in collaboration with Dixon Unified School District to address the lingering impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on student literacy. According to Liu, the school district has assessed more than 1,100 students

Continued on page 3

## Combating Feral Cat Overpopulation

By Kendall Brown

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - The Solano Kitten Network, a nonprofit organization based in Solano County, continues its mission to address the growing population of stray and feral cats through spay and neuter services, adoptions and public outreach.

Founded officially in 2019, the group operates with a team of about 30 volunteers and is fully funded by community donations.

According to network president Trina Tindall-Shaw, the organization's core mission is to save cats and kittens from homelessness and offer them an opportunity for a better life.

"Our core mission is to help the community with spay and neuter services for cats, feral, stray and community cats that residents can't afford," Tindall-Shaw said. "We take in cats and kittens that are homeless off the street and provide them a better life through spaying and neutering, vaccinations and



Solano Kitten Network hosts adoptions from 1:30 to 4 p.m. every Saturday at PetSmart in Vacaville and will hold its second annual Scentsy Bingo Night fundraiser on Nov. 2. The event is the organization's biggest fundraiser of the year, as it relies entirely on donations. Photo courtesy of Solano Kitten Network

finding them homes."

Each Tuesday morning, volunteer Kacy Kinder transports from 20 to 30 cats to Auburn for low-cost veterinary care. According to Tindall-Shaw, costs in Solano County can be prohibitively high, with some local vet clinics charging up to \$750 to spay a female

cat. Out-of-county procedures cost \$140 for a spay and \$115 for a neuter, including vaccines.

Without local resources, the organization relies on weekly trips beginning at 5:45 a.m. every Tuesday. Solano Kitten Network spends about \$1,700 to \$2,000 weekly to ensure

these cats and kittens are taken care of. Cats are returned to their owners later that day at Fast Eddie's in Dixon, where pickup instructions are provided.

"We used to do a spay and neuter clinic in Vallejo once a month, where we'd do around 150 cats a day," Kinder said. "It made us realize there was a need to foster and, with raising small children, we could teach them empathy while helping the community."

The organization also hosts adoptions from 1:30 to 4 p.m. every Saturday at PetSmart in Vacaville and will hold its second annual Scentsy Bingo Night fundraiser on Nov. 2. The event is the organization's biggest fundraiser of the year, as it relies entirely on donations. The bingo night will have a \$40 buy-in and be held at American Legion Hall, 1305 N. First St. Check-in is from noon to 2 p.m., with games starting at 2 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Tindall-Shaw, who began rescuing animals in

Continued on page 3

# Dixon News Briefs

By MPG Staff

## Comedy Night with Dixon Family Services

Dixon Family Services is hosting a comedy night in honor of its 40th anniversary from 6 to 10 p.m. Sept. 27. Held at Olde Vet's Hall, 231 N. First St., the event offers a no-host bar, dessert auction and dinner catered by Bud's Pub & Grill for \$65 per ticket. Tickets are on sale now.

For more information, visit [givebutter.com/DFScomedyevent](http://givebutter.com/DFScomedyevent) or call 707-678-0442.

## Dixon High School Football

The Dixon High School Rams Football Team has its homecoming game Sept. 19. Hosted at Dixon High School, 555 College Way, games will begin at 5 p.m. for Junior Varsity and 7 p.m. for Varsity. The Rams will take on the El Camino Eagles.

For more information, visit [dixonrams.com](http://dixonrams.com) or call 707-693-6330.

## Movies in the Park Returns

The Movies in the Park series has returned, with the next film scheduled to play at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 20. Hosted by the City of Dixon in Hall Park, 450 Hall Park Dr., the event offers a night under the stars with friends and family. On Sept. 20, Lilo and Stitch (Live Action) will be shown. Updates will follow soon, but future dates include Sept. 27, Oct. 4 and Oct. 11.

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

## Farmers' Fall Market

The Downtown Dixon Business Association (DDBA), in partnership with Dixon Library, is hosting Dixon Farmers' Fall Market from 5 to 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday beginning Sept. 3. Hosted in Women's Improvement Club Park next to the library, 230 N. First St., the event offers a wide variety of locally grown produce and vendors. The final Wednesday of the market is Oct. 22.

For more information, visit the Dixon Calendar and Events Facebook page or call 707-678-8400.

## Live Solano Give Solano

Friends of the Dixon Public Library are hosting a Live Solano Give Solano Fundraising event all day Oct. 1. Donations to the organization will support programs and services provided by Dixon Public Library, directly benefitting the local community. To donate, visit [livesolanogivesolano.org](http://livesolanogivesolano.org) and search for "Friends of the Dixon Public Library" on Oct. 1.

For more information, visit [livesolanogivesolano.org](http://livesolanogivesolano.org) or email [friendsofdixonlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofdixonlibrary@gmail.com)

## Auditions for the Christmas Express

Dixon Community Theater will begin auditions for its production of The Christmas Express from 6 to 8 p.m. Sept. 29 and 30. Hosted at Veterans' Memorial Hall, 1305 N. First St., the theater is looking to cast actors 18 and up. Show dates are listed as Nov. 28, 29, 30 and Dec. 5, 6 and 7. The production



The Office of Assemblywoman Lori D. Wilson is hosting an event from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 30. Held at City Hall, 600 E. A St., the event offers constituents the opportunity to schedule one-on-one meetings with Assemblywoman Wilson. Photo courtesy of the Office of Lori D. Wilson

will be directed by David Cripe.

For more information, visit the Dixon Calendar and Events Facebook page or call 707-903-8387

## Veterans' Dinner

American Legion Post 208 is hosting a Veterans' Dinner from 4 to 9 p.m. Sept. 19. The dinner, held at Veterans' Memorial Hall, 1305 N. First St., offers a quality meal for \$20 per guest. Dishes include New York steak, baked potatoes, bake beans, salad and a roll. The bar opens at 4:30 p.m. with dinner served by 5:30 p.m.

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

## Rotary Club Rummage Sale

Rotary Club of Dixon is hosting a rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 20. Held in the Dixon Chamber of Commerce parking lot, 220 N. Jefferson St., the event will raise funds for future events hosted by the club. Both cash and Venmo will be accepted.

For more information, visit the Rotary Club of Dixon CA Facebook page or call 916-240-0147.

## Assemblywoman Wilson at City Hall

The Office of Assemblywoman Lori D. Wilson is hosting an event from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 30. Held at City Hall, 600 E. A St., the event offers constituents the opportunity to schedule one-on-one meetings with Assemblywoman Wilson. Interested parties can RSVP and schedule their meeting at [tinyurl.com/ad1latcityhallrsvp](https://tinyurl.com/ad1latcityhallrsvp).

For more information, visit <https://all.asmdc.org/> or call 707-438-7359.

## Chamber Mixer at the Museum

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Dixon Historical Society, are hosting a mixer from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Sept. 24. Held at the Dixon Historical Society Museum, 125 W. A St., the event will offer Dixon professionals to come together and network.

For more information, visit [dixonchamber.org](http://dixonchamber.org) or call 707-678-2650. ★

# Suisun Club Donates \$1,000 to County Office of Education



Shown are Wednesday Club of Suisun President Evelyn Wickham and member Penny Fisher. Photo courtesy of Solano County Office of Education

## Solano County Office of Education News Release

**SUISUN CITY, CA (MPG)** - Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) is honored to receive a generous \$1,000 donation from the Wednesday Club of Suisun in support of Solano County Office of Education's Foster and Homeless Youth Services programs.

The donation was presented to Solano County Office of Education on Sept. 10 during a special luncheon hosted by the Wednesday Club, with President Evelyn Wickham welcoming attendees and leading the event.

Alongside Solano County Office of Education, the Wednesday Club of Suisun also presented other Solano community services organizations such as Opportunity House, CASA, VOICES, Meals on Wheels, Safe Quest Solano and the Solano Commission for Women and Girls with donations.

Assistant Superintendent Jennifer Leonard attended on behalf of Solano County Office of Education and shared brief remarks about the impact and ongoing needs of Foster and Homeless Youth Services across Solano County. Currently, Solano County public schools serve approximately 2,200 students who are experiencing housing insecurity, as well as 175 students in foster care.

"Our Superintendent, Dr. Nicola Parr, began this meaningful collaboration with the Wednesday Club during her time as our foster and homeless youth program liaison," said Solano County Office of Education's Program Manager and

Educational Liaison, Akon Walker, MDiv, MPA. "We are grateful that this partnership continues under her leadership as superintendent as we work together to support our students and families."

Solano County Office of Education's Foster and Homeless Youth Services program partners with school districts, charter schools, local agencies and community members to remove systemic barriers and close opportunity gaps for students. These collaborative efforts aim to ensure that every student, regardless of their living circumstances, can reach their educational goals.

"We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Wednesday Club of Suisun for their continued generosity and support," Leonard said. "This contribution reflects the longstanding tradition and commitment to serving our community that the Wednesday Club has fostered over the last 100 plus years and it will directly support students who need it most."

To learn more about how to support students in foster care and those experiencing housing insecurity, visit [www.solanocoe.net](http://www.solanocoe.net).

Solano County Office of Education provides leadership, support and fiscal oversight for charter schools and Benicia, Dixon, Fairfield-Suisun, Travis, Vacaville and Vallejo school districts which serve approximately 60,000 students. Solano County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Nicola Parr, is a state constitutional officer who serves as the Solano County Office of Education's chief executive officer and as a liaison between local school districts and the state. ★

**WE SUPPORT FIRST RESPONDERS**

**MPG**  
Messenger Publishing Group

**MPG**

**Advertise in your Local Community Newspaper**

Call **916-773-1111**

**Fisk's Cyclery**  
"Your family bike shop since 1976"

**FULL SERVICE BIKE SHOP**

**Professional Affordable Repairs**

**FAST SERVICE!**

Tuesday - Friday 9:30 - 6:00 PM • Saturday 9:30 - 3:00 PM

**539 N. Adams St., Dixon • 707.678.4330**  
[fiskscyclery.com](http://fiskscyclery.com)

**Solano County HOME & GARDEN SHOW**

**Solano County HOME SHOW**  
**DIXON FAIRGROUNDS**  
**SEPT 20 & 21**  
Sat & Sun 10am-4pm

- Heating & Air (HVAC)
- Kitchens & Bathrooms
- Doors & Windows
- Pavers & Landscaping
- Solar & Lighting
- Arts & Crafts
- Live Music
- Food Trucks
- Games & More

The original host of HGTV's "Yard Crashers" will host demos/workshops and Q&A both Saturday and Sunday.

**AHMED HASSAN**  
CELEBRITY LANDSCAPER

Greiner, Arabian Rugs, HMA Landscape Services, Lowe's

# Leadership Transition at the Dixon Chamber of Commerce

## Dixon Chamber of Commerce News Release

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - The Dixon Chamber of Commerce bids a heartfelt farewell to our fearless leader, Shauna Manina, who has faithfully served as president and CEO for the past five years.

Under Manina's leadership, the chamber has grown stronger, more connected and better equipped to serve our community. Her dedication, vision and tireless energy have left a lasting mark and we are deeply grateful for all that Manina has accomplished.

As Manina now turns her focus to her health, we honor her commitment and wish her all the best on this next chapter. She will always be part of the Dixon Chamber of Commerce family and her impact will be remembered for years to come. Thank you, Shauna Manina.

We are excited to announce Sara Echarte as the new chamber manager of the Dixon Chamber of Commerce.

Echarte brings a wealth of experience from her 15-year career with Sutter Health, where she served as a patient service coordinator/surgery scheduler and medical assistant. Along the way, Echarte became a certified trainer, safety ambassador and ergonomic trainer; demonstrating her commitment to teamwork, leadership and workplace wellness.

Echarte's service extends beyond her profession. Echarte has volunteered on major committees, including Sutter's largest internal groups and the March of Dimes. She has helped organize fundraisers and office events to bring people together and



After five years, Shauna Manina has stepped down as the president and CEO of the Dixon Chamber of Commerce. Sara Echarte (pictured) has succeeded her. Photo courtesy of Dixon Chamber of Commerce

strengthen morale.

Locally, Echarte has been deeply rooted in Dixon life. She and her husband are raising their children in the Dixon Unified School District and her husband, born and raised here, runs a local catering business and is an active chamber member.

Echarte is currently serving her second term as the president of the PTO for Anderson Elementary School and has just joined the John Knight Middle School PTO. Echarte also works at Rohwer Insurance Agency, current chamber members, as an administrative assistant and marketing coordinator, giving her valuable insight into small business

needs. Since February 2024, Echarte has served as a Dixon Chamber of Commerce ambassador, already showing her dedication to connecting businesses and the community.

Beyond her professional and community service, Echarte enjoys spending her time with her family and friends, going to the beach or a good concert.

We are thrilled to welcome Echarte to this new role. With her strong community ties, proven leadership and passion for connection, we know that she will continue to advance the chamber's mission and support Dixon's businesses and residents. ★

# Kiwanis Club Open House Focuses on Literacy Initiatives



Kiwanis Club, helmed by Michel Liu (right) intends to collaborate with Dixon Unified School District (DUSD) to address the lingering impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on student literacy. Photo courtesy of Kiwanis Club of Dixon

Continued from page 1 across all grade levels and is implementing targeted tutoring based on those assessments, which are reviewed every six weeks.

"There's a significant gap in reading proficiency, especially among minority and economically disadvantaged students," said Liu. "The district is engaging the community to help address this and we're ready to support them."

Programs currently in place include Key Club volunteers from Dixon High School who assist with reading tutoring on Mondays. Additional plans include placing book vending machines in elementary schools, funded through a multi-year grant initiative.

"Our volunteers also plan to begin reading with students at Gretchen Higgins Elementary this year," said Patti Sousa-Liu, a club member and Michel Liu's wife.

Lieutenant Governor David Arnold attended the meeting in support of the club's efforts.

Future Kiwanis Club events include participation in National Night Out on Oct. 1 at



Barley's presentation focused on the importance of early literacy and its impact on long-term student outcomes. The Superintendent emphasized that students who read proficiently by elementary school are more likely to attend college, find stable careers and avoid involvement in the criminal justice system. Photo courtesy of Kiwanis Club of Dixon

Northwest Park and continued monthly meetings at Joystick, now the club's regular venue. The Kiwanis Club will have a table set up in Northwest Park from 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 1. The event, sponsored by Paul Anderson, aims to bring the local community together for a night of celebration. Liu and Sousa-Liu encourage other local nonprofit organizations to join in.

Moving forward, Liu and Sousa-Liu, alongside the club, intend to continue supporting the needs of all

Dixonites from the ground up.

"We're the only nonprofit that does leadership training at every level," said Sousa-Liu. "That's how we build a successful future, by helping children grow into strong adults."

The Kiwanis Club of Dixon meets at 6 p.m. the fourth Monday of every month at Joystick Gaming Lounge.

For more information, visit the Kiwanis Club of Dixon CA Facebook page or call 707-635-3303. ★

# Combating Feral Cat Overpopulation



Solano Kitten Network has about 30 volunteers who work at all times of the day to support the needs of stray, feral and community cats for both the safety of the cats and the masses. Each Tuesday morning, volunteer Kacy Kinder transports from 20 to 30 cats to Auburn for low-cost veterinary care releasing cats for adoption. Photo courtesy of Solano Kitten Network

Continued from page 1

her teens, said the work is essential.

"If it weren't for me and the 30 other volunteers, the county would be overrun with cats," Tindall-Shaw said. "We don't even have a regular vet offering us discounts."

Solano Kitten Network also focuses on cats in need of urgent medical attention, including amputations and eye surgeries.

To support the network, Tindall-Shaw encourages community members to donate, foster, adopt or volunteer. Applications are available on the organization's website.

For more information or to apply to volunteer, visit solanokittenetwork.com or email sknfosters@yahoo.com.

"It takes a village," said Tindall-Shaw. "One female cat can lead to more than 200 kittens in a year. If people understood that, more could help." ★



The Solano Kitten Network, a nonprofit organization based in Solano County, continues its mission to address the growing population of stray and feral cats through spay and neuter services, adoptions and public outreach. The organization was officially founded in 2019 by Dixon resident Trina Tindall-Shaw. Photo by Kendall Brown

# Soroptimist Inducts New Members

## Soroptimist International of Dixon News Release

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Soroptimist International of Dixon held its first meeting of the year on Sept. 4 with a special ceremony.

Sara Camara and Olivia Miranda Wasser were inducted into the Soroptimist International of Dixon Club as members. The ceremony marked the new year with these exceptional women joining the club, working toward the goal of "the betterment for women and girls."

Soroptimist members gathered at the ceremony to surround the new members with the sincerity of friendship, as well as the joy of accomplishment and the ability to serve the community for the betterment of humanity.

Soroptimist is a global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment.

The club has held many fundraisers in the community this past year that have allowed it to present scholarships and awards to Dixon students, including donating to various local organizations, donating food items to the Dixon High School Ram Vault, and the Remember a Vet Wreath project.



Soroptimist International of Dixon held its first meeting of the 2025-26 year on Sept. 4. At this meeting, they inducted new members, from left, Sara Camara and Olivia Miranda Wasser. Photo courtesy of Soroptimist International of Dixon

The club is currently working on upcoming fundraising events. Be sure to be on the lookout for what is coming to the community.

For more information about Soroptimist International of Dixon or to join, contact Karen Walker at Walkerc6@yahoo.com. ★

# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



The Oklahoma City Thunder are the well-deserving champions of the NBA, and there is much to like about this team. Without question they play a high tempo, energetic defense, and that same energy resonates throughout the entire team.

Their starting five are a good group, but the Thunder would never have hoisted the Larry O'Brien trophy had it not been for their amazing bench.

As we turn our attention to the hometown Kings, I'll stack up our starting five against anyone in the league, but the real question mark is the Sacramento Kings bench.

I'm still in shock that new G.M. Scott Perry did not value what he had in Jonas Valanciunas, who in my humble opinion represented the best backup center in the NBA. A more than capable starting center, Valanciunas publicly stated that he was content to do whatever the team asked of him, and that he would happily back up Domantas Sabonis and be proud to do so.

Great player with a team spirit, and yet the short-sighted Kings turned a blind eye and let him walk out the door. Mistake, oh yes it was a herculean mistake, so now the Kings will be rolling the dice with a combination of Drew Eubanks, Darion Saric, and rookie Maxime Raynaud. Only time will tell if Scott Perry made the right decision, but the question remains, who will comprise the primary players from the bench starting the season.

The Kings waived little used Terence Davis last week, making room for potentially Russell Westbrook, and if in fact that happens, I give it my hearty support.

Westbrook has been much traveled, but his on court presence could be a real difference maker for the Kings. Russell is in the twilight of his hall of fame career, but still has some gas in the tank. The NBA's all-time leader in triple doubles, Westbrook has an all-round game, and I believe is a player that would fit in with the Kings in a big way.

More importantly, Westbrook strengthens the Kings bench and can be counted on to play important minutes.

Unfortunately, like Jonas Valanciunas, Trey Lyles is no longer with the team, so the forward position for the Kings remains their weakest spot. A glaring week spot for the Kings since the days of Chris Webber,

Sacramento needs to consummate a trade and work with the youngsters that are already on the roster.

In my opinion that means it's time to pay some real attention to Issac Jones. This athletic big man needs to get his share of minutes every game and becomes a consistent player that can be counted on night in and night out.

Jones is a late bloomer, entering high school at 5'5" and graduating at 6'4". He played for Wenatchee Valley College for 3 years before transferring to Idaho, and eventually to division one Washington State, where he averaged 15 points and 8 rebounds per game.

Going undrafted in the 2024 draft, the Kings offered Jones a 2-way contract which has since been converted to a standard NBA contract.

Isaac is signed only through the upcoming season and will become a free agent in 2026 if the Kings don't offer him an extension.

Jones had an opportunity to strut his stuff in the NBA summer league and acquitted himself admirably. At 6'9 "and with an undeniable degree of athleticism Jones has a nice touch for a big man around the rim and is a capable shot blocker that looks to be a nice compliment to Domantas Sabonis.

Without question Jones can help Sabonis on the boards, and he loves to dunk the basketball. I can see a of offensive rebounds turning into two points for the Kings if Jones gets his hands on the ball.

The question of Isaac Jones and how good he can be, will be an ongoing debate until Doug Christie makes a commitment to playing him on a regular basis, and for Jones's sake and fans alike, I hope this season is when it happens!

Yes, Kings fans, let's sign Russell Westbrook because there is no downside, and Westbrook needs a home. Likewise, don't give up on the possibility that Jonathan Kuminga may join the Kings family as well.

Blink, and the pre-season will be here, so it's time to get excited Kings fans. Say your prayers and buy your tickets, because with just a little luck, this season could surprise you!

All the best!

Your thoughts are always welcome at [vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com](mailto:vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com). ★



# Riley Reviews

THE SPIRIT OF THE "TOP GUN"  
FILMS COMES TO REAL LIFE ON TV

A Film and TV Review  
by Tim Riley

Before he was master spy Ethan Hunt in the popular series of "Mission: Impossible" films, Tom Cruise demonstrated his traits of bravado and reckless behavior in 1986's "Top Gun" as a cocky naval aviator.

Cruise's Lieutenant Pete Mitchell, known by his call sign Maverick, entered a training program at the U.S. Navy's Fighter Weapons School where his reputation as an impulsive pilot willing to break the rules put him at odds with fellow aviators and Navy brass.

Almost four decades later, an even more popular sequel emerged with "Top Gun: Maverick," and Cruise's now-Captain Mitchell, though still flying, was now training young Top Gun graduates for a dangerous mission.

The idea is not far-fetched that Tom Cruise's impetuous and foolhardy antics as a Navy fighter pilot served him well for many of the daring stunts he pulled off in the "Mission: Impossible" franchise.

Moreover, "Top Gun" proved to be a recruiting tool for the Navy. The image of brash rule-breaking fighter pilots may seem cool, but real-life Top Gun pilots are efficient, methodical professionals engaged in strict rules of engagement.

This is why National Geographic's "Top Guns: The Next Generation," a six-part series that will also stream on Disney+ and Hulu, takes a real-life view of what it takes for one to be an elite fighter pilot.

In this compelling series, the cameras follow a class of Navy and Marine Corps student pilots as they enter the final and most unforgiving phase of elite strike fighter training.

The grueling program is six months of high-stakes aerial training, brutal physical demands, and emotional reckoning, where only the top performers earn the chance to fly the most coveted aircraft.

The series goes beyond the cockpit, following ambitious young Navy and Marine students both in the air and off-base, capturing candid moments with family and friends and revealing the personal stakes, sacrifices and motivations that brought them here.

Filmed with unprecedented access, the series immerses audiences in a world of intense pressure and soaring expectations, where dreams of earning wings of gold collide with the harsh reality of demanding training.

From bombing drills to close-range dogfights and nail-biting aircraft carrier approaches, each episode captures the intense demands of a program that challenges their abilities, endurance, and resolve at every turn.

While the emotional stakes fuel the story, the skies are where the drama hits full throttle. Outfitted with in-cockpit cameras, the series delivers a breathtaking front-row experience to capture moments

of precision, panic, and hard-fought triumph as they happen.

Filmed by some of the creative talent behind the blockbuster film "Top Gun: Maverick," the aerial sequences are cinematic and pulse-pounding, pushing the limits of what these student aviators and their aircraft may accomplish.

The first episode, "Strike," finds one student's dreams of becoming a fighter pilot put in jeopardy as the class starts advanced phase training with a set of breathtaking bombing tests.

Diving at speeds they've never faced before, students struggle with the dynamic moves and start to make high-risk mistakes. Instructors deliver tough assessments in the debriefs to keep students safe. "Catching the Wire" episode follows next. Landing on an aircraft carrier demands precision flying and is a skill vital for all U.S. Navy fighter pilots.

As the students tackle the longest and most technical section of the Advanced Phase, they know it's a test they must pass to keep their dreams alive. The pressure mounts on some struggling pupils, and the commanding officer issues a timely warning to one.

As the students reach the midpoint of their training in "Attack Attack!," they start the iconic dogfighting phase. Against them are seasoned instructors with hundreds of hours of real-world experience.

To pass, they must outmaneuver the enemy to take a "kill shot." One student has the added pressure of flying with his Top Gun-trained commodore, while another struggles to control his aggressive instincts.

Entering the second and most challenging phase of dogfighting in "Fight's On!," apprentice pilots find everything is on the line.

Defensive dogfighting involves dynamic maneuvers to evade battle-hardened instructors. The physical strain proves too much for one student, while another has a crisis of confidence when past failures come back to haunt him.

In "Head-to-Head," the students face their final test in an iconic head-to-head dogfight against an instructor. To pass, they must bring all the skills they've learned during their Advanced Phase training.

With graduation just days away, students start to worry about their final grades and whether they will get the posting they – and in many cases, their families – want.

In the appropriately-titled last episode "Last Chance," it's graduation week. For the remaining students, it means they have one last chance to prove they deserve their prestigious fighter pilot wings.

Standing in their way is a tense head-to-head dogfight against an instructor. Past failures come back to haunt one student, and another's whole fighter pilot future comes down to a single flight with their commanding officer. ★

FOR THE LOVE OF  
**BOOKS**  
By Amy Shane

BOOK REVIEW & SPECIAL EVENTS EDITOR • ✉ [amy-shane@att.net](mailto:amy-shane@att.net) • 📱 [amy\\_fortheloveofbooks](https://www.instagram.com/amy_fortheloveofbooks)

## Mystery James Digs Her Own Grave

by Ally Russell

Meet Mystery James, a brave thirteen-year-old girl, her best friend, a spider named Coffin, and a cemetery of ghosts. What could go wrong in this unique middle-grade ghost mystery?

Mystery James' life is a tapestry of the extraordinary. Found by her "aunt," Tia Lucy, as a baby abandoned in the cemetery, and possessing the unique ability to smell ghosts, Mystery was destined for an unusual life. Living in a funeral home only adds to the intrigue,

but for Mystery, it's a world she adores. Little did she know, the real mystery was yet to unfold beyond the cemetery gates.

When a priceless heirloom necklace is discovered missing from one of the graves, everything quickly goes haywire. Now with everything on the line, between the funeral home and Tia Lucy's freedom, Mystery knows she has to crack the case. Luckily, Mystery has her best friend, Garrett, and his camera, to help uncover the truth. Although Mystery never expected a vampire ghost to be at the root of her problems. But with a little bit of quick wit, 13-year-old tenacity, and the help of a few friends along the way, Mystery is about to uncover a truth that has been buried for over 150 years. But will she get out alive?

Ally Russell once again delivers a middle-grade spooky read that will keep readers on the edge of their seats and peeking out the window. With all the



◆ Publisher: Delacorte Press  
◆ Intended Audience: Middle Grade  
◆ Release Date: September 16, 2025

creeps and chills to cool off any warm summer night, readers will either want to head off into the cemetery to investigate or stay hidden under a blanket. Mystery James is a fun and unique main character who is not your average girl, and that is what makes her spectacular. Mystery is a girl who is not afraid of anything, which often gets her into a little bit of trouble. Living in a funeral home, next to Olde Ellis Town Cemetery, smelling the obnoxious scent of ghosts,

suffering from sleep paralysis, and uncovering a half vampire, half ghost haunting the cemetery, Mystery's life is anything but ordinary. Yet through her quick thinking, clever mind, and some great friends, Mystery saves the day and the Garcia Graves & Funeral Home.

Ally Russell's heart pours over the pages of Mystery James; any reader can feel her love of cemeteries and ghost stories, and hopefully will be encouraged to touch the grass or hear the leaves crunch under their feet as they walk through their next cemetery. As a unique and helpful addition, this book also includes illustrated information pages and even a cemetery map—a perfect book for fans of Netflix's Wednesday, Beetlejuice, spooky reads, and mysteries. With the ideal combination of Mystery, friendship, family, and real-life obligations, combined with a dash of spooky, this book is just the right thrilling tempo for any reader. ★

**LOCAL  
ARREST  
RECORDS**

Find out what's happening in your local area

Arrest Logs updated daily

[INDEPENDENTVOICE.COM](https://www.independentvoice.com)

**Harvest Inn**  
(Formerly Super 8)

Serving our Dixon community.  
Great customized rates to meet your needs.

**HARVEST INN**

2500 PLAZA CT.  
Dixon 95620

Exit 63 on I-80 (behind Chevron).  
Please call 707.678.3399 or email [harvestinndixon@gmail.com](mailto:harvestinndixon@gmail.com)

Families, Students, Work crews, Truckers & Tourists are all welcome!

# Dixonites Hold Vigil

By Kendall Brown

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Dixonites gathered in Pardi Plaza, located at 132 E. A St., the night of Sept. 14 to honor those who have lost their lives this year.

The event, inspired by the murder of American political activist and author Charlie Kirk, was for those who have experienced injustice in general, according to organizer Dayna Daniels.

“This vigil was not just for Charlie Kirk; it was for him, Iryna, Melissa Hofman and her husband, and for mass shootings,” Daniels said. “Just the injustices in our country that seem to keep being swept under the rug as if it’s just another day. And that is not how it should be at all.”

According to Daniels, many attendees showed up early to help set up, stayed late to clean up and donated flowers, money, water bottles, the speaker and mic setup used and their time.

“In my mind, the only way we’ll get that change is if we all can come together and work as a community,” Daniels said. “We need to be the light in the darkness.”

Daniels encourages “Dixonites and American citizens to remain vigilant in this time of change.” Daniels also suggests citizens check the resources that Sandyhookpromise.org offers related to school shootings to keep parents and children informed and safe. ★

According to organizer Dayna Daniels, many attendees showed up early to help set up, stayed late to clean up, and donated flowers, money, water bottles, the speaker and mic setup, and their time. Photo courtesy of Dayna Daniels



## LEGAL ADVERTISING

Legal Advertising  
916-483-0946

Dixon's Independent Voice Adjudicated For and By the County of Solano, Adjudication No. FCS030046 – November 24, 2008

2508 Garfield Ave. • Ste. A  
Carmichael, CA 95608

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001263**  
The following persons are doing business as: Surpass Estate Group, Norcal Home Team, 4160 Suisun Valley Road #A, Fairfield, CA 94534.  
Navigate RE Co., 4160 Suisun Valley Road #A, Fairfield, CA 94534.  
Date filed in Solano County: August 13, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration August 12, 2030. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)  
Publish: August 29, Sept 5, 12, 19, 2025  
SURPASS 9-19-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001262**  
The following persons are doing business as: Delta Realty Group, Navigate Property Management, Navigate RE, Navigate Real Estate, Delta Property Management, 4160 Suisun Valley Road #A, Fairfield, CA 94534.  
Delta Realty Group, Inc, 4160 Suisun Valley Road #A, Fairfield, CA 94534.  
Date filed in Solano County: August 13, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration August 12, 2030. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)  
Publish: August 29, Sept 5, 12, 19, 2025  
DELTA 9-19-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001241**  
The following persons are doing business as: Wedgewood

Wedding & Banquet Center, Wedgewood at Jefferson Street Mansion, 1063 Jefferson Street, Benicia, CA 94510.  
Z Golf Food & Beverage Services, LLC, 43385 Business Park Drive, Suite 120, Temecula, CA 92590.  
Date filed in Solano County: August 12, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: December 1, 2016  
This Business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration August 11, 2030. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)  
Publish: August 29, Sept 5, 12, 19, 2025  
BANQUET 9-19-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001242**  
The following persons are doing business as: Jefferson Street Mansion By Wedgewood Weddings, 1063 Jefferson Street, Benicia, CA 94510.  
Wedgewood Beverage, Inc., 43385 Business Park Drive, Suite 120, Temecula, CA 92590.  
Date filed in Solano County: August 12, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: October 1, 2018  
This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration August 11, 2030. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)  
Publish: August 29, Sept 5, 12, 19, 2025  
JEFFERSON 9-19-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001243**  
The following persons are doing business as: Wedgewood Wedding & Banquet Center, Wedgewood at Jefferson Street Mansion, 1063 Jefferson Street, Benicia, CA 94510.  
Wedgewood Beverage, Inc., 43385 Business Park Drive, Suite 120, Temecula, CA 92590.  
Date filed in Solano County:

August 20, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section

August 12, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: December 1, 2016  
This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration August 11, 2030. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)  
Publish: August 29, Sept 5, 12, 19, 2025  
BANQUET 9-19-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001298**  
The following persons are doing business as: CruzCutz, 1809 Rhine Court, Fairfield, CA 94533.  
Mario Alberto Cruz Gonzalez, 1809 Rhine Court, Fairfield, CA 94533.  
Date filed in Solano County: August 20, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration August 19, 2030. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)  
Publish: August 29, Sept 5, 12, 19, 2025  
CRUZ 9-19-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001297**  
The following persons are doing business as: Immacutint, 53 Commerce Place, Vacaville, CA 95687.  
Wesley Edward Smith, 513 Countryside Drive, Vacaville, CA 95687.  
Date filed in Solano County: August 20, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section

17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration August 19, 2030. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)  
Publish: August 29, Sept 5, 12, 19, 2025  
IMMACUTINT 9-19-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001240**  
The following persons are doing business as: Jefferson Street Mansion by Wedgewood Weddings, 1063 Jefferson Street, Benicia, CA 94510.  
Z Golf Food & Beverage Services, LLC, 43385 Business Park Drive, Suite 120, Temecula, CA 92590.  
Date filed in Solano County: August 12, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: October 1, 2018  
This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration August 11, 2030. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)  
Publish: Sept 12, 19, 26, Oct 3, 2025  
TENBRINK 10-3-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001308**  
The following persons are doing business as: Shuri Path, 1680 North Lincoln Street, Dixon, CA 95620  
Ramtown Karate Boosters Club, Inc., 1680 North Lincoln Street, Dixon, CA 95620.  
Date filed in Solano County: August 21, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration August 20, 2030. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious

Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)  
Publish: September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025  
SHURI 9-26-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001341**  
The following persons are doing business as: Tenbrink Farms, 5340 Thissell Road, Winters, CA 95694.  
Charlene Harriett Tenbrink, 7056 Gibson Canyon Road, Vacaville, CA 95688.  
Date filed in Solano County: August 27, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration August 26, 2030. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)  
Publish: Sept 12, 19, 26, Oct 3, 2025  
TENBRINK 10-3-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001342**  
The following persons are doing business as: Diane Kemena Home Care, 112 Saybrook Avenue, Vacaville, CA 95687.  
James Aaron Allen, 112 Saybrook Avenue, Vacaville, CA 95687.  
Date filed in Solano County: August 27, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration August 26, 2030. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)  
Publish: Sept 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, 2025  
DIANE 10-10-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001372**  
The following persons are doing business as: Jasper Old Girls Alumni – USA Association, Jogs-

USA, 500 Evans Road, Dixon, CA 95620.

Jasper Old Girls Alumni – USA Association, 500 Evans Road, Dixon, CA 95620.

Date filed in Solano County: September 9, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: July 19, 2025  
This Business is conducted by: An Unincorporated Association other than a partnership. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration September 8, 2030. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)  
Publish: Sept 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, 2025  
JASPER 10-10-25

### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #CU25-07332

Janae Chadwick. filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Kaylee Mae Hansen to Kaylee Mae Hansen-Chadwick.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. October 15, 2025, 9:00 a.m. Department 3, Room 3, Superior Court of California, County of Solano, Old Solano Court House, 580 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533  
Judge of the Superior Court: Christine A. Carringer  
Dated: August 20, 2025  
Publish: August 29, Sept 5, 12, 19, 2025  
CHADWICK 9-19-25



Call to place your legal advertising  
916-773-1111

# From This Tragedy, More Voices Must Rise

*Silencing one voice cannot end the conversation. It must awaken a chorus of many*

By Hector Barajas,  
California Globe

Charlie Kirk's death on September 10 was more than a personal tragedy; it struck at the very heart of free speech in America. For years, he had become a modern symbol of debate culture, a figure willing to put himself in front of hostile audiences and say, "Let's talk."

In a time when disagreement often leads to shouting, shaming, or silencing, Kirk chose dialogue — once so common it wasn't even considered special in America, but now it seems like a lost art.

Kirk built his career not by hiding from critics but by meeting them head-on. In person, not from the safety of an online echo chamber. On college campuses across the country, he welcomed tough questions from students who often opposed everything he represented. He listened, he argued, and he stood his ground with facts, critical thinking, and a depth of knowledge rare for any citizen, especially someone his age.

It was not about demanding agreement but about proving that open dialogue matters more than uniformity of thought. He even sat with California Governor Gavin Newsom; while the two disagreed on most issues, they still managed to show millions of viewers what respectful debate



Charlie Kirk and his wife, Erika, speak together at an event in Texas in 2025. Photo courtesy of CA Globe

could look like.

That choice to engage with opponents was no small act. In today's culture, it is easier to cancel, shame, or attack than to have a real conversation. Too many people treat disagreement as something to shut down and silence. Kirk refused to play that game. He believed the only way to sharpen your own argument was to test it against the strongest case from the other side. In that way, he upheld the older American tradition of free speech, where ideas meet head-on and the best argument stands.

His assassination is therefore not only the silencing of one

man, but also an assault on the heart and soul of America. When violence is used to end debate, free speech itself becomes the casualty. We cannot accept a future where the price of speaking out is fear for your life.

There is also a broader warning in this tragedy. Political violence doesn't stop with one person. Once it becomes acceptable to kill or threaten a voice because you disagree with it, the door opens to silence anyone.

Today it was Charlie Kirk. Tomorrow it could be an elected official, a professor, a journalist, a union organizer, or a student. Free speech is not a partisan value. It is the foundation of

democracy, and without it, every other right grows weaker.

Charlie Kirk forced people to think, respond, and defend their beliefs. He showed that disagreement doesn't have to lead to dehumanization. He showed that you can argue passionately and still see the humanity in the person you're debating.

Perhaps even more troubling than the cancer consuming the art of civil discourse is that Charlie Kirk's underlying message was essentially one of love and respect for our country, our fellow citizens, our values, our history, and our future generations.

There is a poignant video clip

circulating online of George Carlin, the sardonic comedian and social critic, who framed assassination this way:

"It's interesting to notice who it is we assassinate. You know who it is — it's always people who told us to live together in harmony and try to love one another. Jesus. Gandhi. Lincoln. John Kennedy. Bobby Kennedy. Martin Luther King. Medgar Evers. Malcolm X. John Lennon. They all said try to live together peacefully . . ."

Sadly, we've experienced too many of these tragic moments in American life. Kirk's assassination is yet another.

But like other moments in history, this tragedy can be a turning point. The best way to honor Kirk's legacy is to refuse silence. We must keep speaking, listening, and debating, even when it is uncomfortable. Fear cannot be allowed to dictate our voices. The future of free speech, and the restoration of respect and love for this nation and for our fellow countrymen, depends on it.

*Hector Barajas is a communications strategist who advises companies, associations, and campaigns on public affairs and policy issues. He is the founder of Amplify360 Inc., a strategic communications firm, and a frequent commentator on politics, legislation, and Latino issues in English and Spanish-language media. ★*

## Please, Conversation Not Assassination

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Charlie Kirk was a man who had opinions and vocalized them. He believed in free speech. He also believed in the right of free speech for those who disagreed with him. In his Turning Point rallies, he gave untold numbers of people the opportunity to express their opinions and to debate him. He respectfully gave each person the time to state their case on whatever the subject. Charlie was adamant, profound and articulated strong convictions.

Sadly, a deranged 22-year-old man from Utah took Charlie's life. It has been reported that the gunman had previously stated at a family dinner that he thought Kirk was filled with hate. When Kirk spoke at a university rally in Utah, the gunman plotted and positioned himself to shoot a single long-range rifle shot that took Kirk's life. The man ran back to his home where he later had no choice but to confess to his father that he was indeed the man who had been videotaped at the rally who took Charlie Kirk's life. The lone assassin is an evil coward who silenced one of America's star voices. At least he thought he did. Charlie Kirk has become more known, and his sound clips have been heard more in the last few days than in his entire ministry/career. Kirk has been propelled by the assassin to a status in American culture that will never be forgotten. Instead of silencing Kirk he magnified Kirk's voice and message a hundred or more times. Kirk is now being remembered around the world.

Charlie Kirk used his voice. Every American is entitled to this freedom. His voice cost him his life.

Abraham Lincoln gave his life

reuniting our country and abolishing slavery. A cowardly assassin took Lincoln's life as he leisurely watched a play at Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C. John F. Kennedy used his voice to excite the American people and to bring about a positive attitude in the country but was gunned down by an assassin from a hidden window in downtown Dallas, Texas. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a man with a great voice who stirred the hearts of millions of Americans and brought about liberating change for black Americans. An assassin who disagreed with King cowardly hid and took King's life with a bullet. Malcom X and Bobby Kennedy were orators for positive change in America but someone who disagreed with their views killed them.

The greatest voice of hope, love, change and forgiveness, who ever lived, was Jesus Christ. A cowardly crowd yelled for him to be executed.

These mentioned voices were not silenced by hideous crowds or hidden gunmen. Each of their voices have rung loudly and clearly. Their legacies have only grown bolder and stronger.

It is sad that Charlie Kirk's assassin did not go down to the rally, stand up like a man and challenge Kirk in a debate. He could have told Kirk what he thought about him and given Kirk a chance to respond. But no, he was a weak, spineless man filled with more hate than probably anyone in America at that given moment. It's one thing to have a hateful, negative thought, but it's another to allow hate to act itself out in such a way.

Violence is never the answer. Let's keep America free. Free to speak, free to debate, free to practice and express our religion. Let's have peaceful and strong conversation, not assassination. ★

never backed down from his beliefs, his faith, or his love of this country.

Charlie brought light into dark places. On campuses where free speech is under attack, he stood strong and gave others the courage to speak up. As the founder of Turning Point USA, he organized a movement that will shape generations.

He was bold in his faith, clear in his convictions, and fully embraced his conservative values.

Charlie is now with the Lord — but the work he started isn't finished." ★

## America's Sports Teams Pay Tribute to Charlie Kirk

**The White House News Release**

**WASHINGTON, CHRISTIAN NEWSWIRE (MPG)** - The White House releases the following:

From coast to coast, sports teams and organizations paused this week to commemorate the legacy of Charlie Kirk. The White House recognizes these profound tributes that celebrate Kirk's enduring legacy as a champion for faith and patriotism and honor the remarkable impact he had on millions of Americans.

NFL franchises, including the Green Bay Packers, New York Jets, Dallas Cowboys, Miami Dolphins, New Orleans Saints, Kansas City Chiefs, Pittsburgh Steelers, Tennessee Titans, and Arizona Cardinals

all held moments of silence or special recognitions.

In baseball, the Chicago Cubs and New York Yankees paid tribute. College football teams, such as the South Carolina Gamecocks, LSU Tigers, and the Wyoming Cowboys, joined in — as did the UFC and NASCAR, showcasing the broad reach of Kirk's influence.

These tributes reflect the widespread admiration for Kirk's dedication to inspiring the next generation of American Patriots. We commend these organizations for honoring a figure who championed the values that unite us all, and we join the nation in celebrating his legacy. ★

## Liberty Counsel: Message From Mat Staver Regarding Charlie Kirk

**Liberty Counsel News Release**

We are heartbroken to learn that Charlie Kirk has been shot while speaking at Utah Valley University.

Our prayers go out to Charlie, his wife and two young children, and all those affected by this tragic and senseless

act of violence.

We ask everyone to join us in praying for Charlie and his family, for peace, and for strength during this incredibly difficult time.

And we pray against this senseless hatred and disdain for human life that elevate violence over dialogue. ★

## Bera Condemns the Killing of Charlie Kirk

**Office of U.S. Representative Ami Bera, M.D. News Release**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG)** - Representative Ami Bera, M.D. (CA-06) released a statement after conservative activist Charlie Kirk was shot and killed at an event at Utah Valley University on Sept. 10:

"This is a dark day for America. The killing of Charlie Kirk is a horrific and deeply disturbing act of political violence. I condemn it in the strongest possible terms.

"Political violence is a cancer on our nation. We

don't have to agree with one another's beliefs — in fact, we may find some views deeply offensive or wrong — but we must reject violence as a means of resolving disputes. It corrodes the very foundation of our democracy and threatens the freedoms we all cherish. Democracy demands that we resolve our differences peacefully through debate, civic engagement, and at the ballot box.

"I urge law enforcement to use every available resource to bring the perpetrator of this act to justice. There must be

accountability. We cannot allow violence to take root as a tool of political expression in America.

"In moments like these, we must rise above partisanship and reaffirm a simple truth: violence against anyone — Republican or Democrat, liberal or conservative — has no place in our society. No person or political party is immune to this disturbing and growing trend. Above all else, we are Americans.

"My thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Kirk's family, loved ones, and all those impacted by this heinous act of violence." ★

## Republican Leaders Issue Joint Statement on Assassination of Charlie Kirk

**Assembly Republicans News Release**

**SACRAMENTO (MPG)** - Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher (R-East Nicolaus) and Leader-Elect Heath Flora (R-Ripon) issued the following statement on the assassination of conservative leader and Turning Point USA founder, Charlie Kirk:

"In the 21st century, no one did more to lead the conservative youth movement than Charlie Kirk. He spoke the truth, welcomed respectful debate, and

# Suisun City Seeks Community Input

**City of Suisun City News Release**

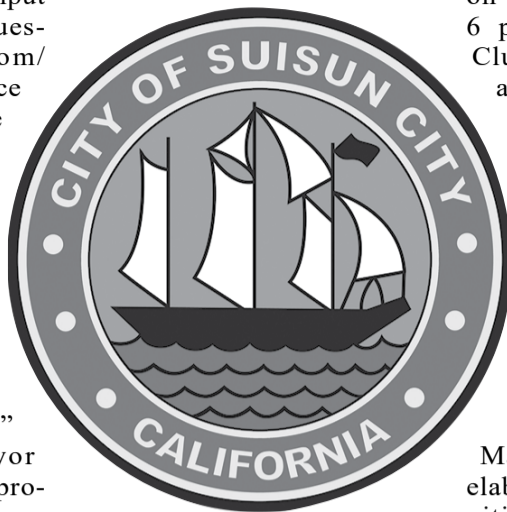
**SUISUN CITY, CA (MPG)** - is launching a series of Community Conversations to invite resident engagement as the city explores annexation as a way forward for Suisun's future. Beginning with two sessions this fall on Sept. 24 and Oct. 27, attendees will have the opportunity to learn about how the city is progressing through the expansion exploration process and where they can get involved.

Each meeting will feature presentations given by subject matter experts, followed by an interactive question and answer session where

residents are encouraged to provide feedback. The city is also actively seeking input through a community questionnaire at [Suisun.com/ExpansionInput](http://Suisun.com/ExpansionInput) in advance of the meetings. The questionnaire aims to ensure that residents' priorities, questions and concerns regarding expansion are heard and addressed at the workshops.

"We know our community has questions, and we welcome them," said Suisun City Mayor Alma Hernandez. "This process is about open dialogue, transparency and listening. Resident participation is key to ensuring the decisions we

make truly reflect the needs and priorities of



Suisun City for today and the next generation."

The first workshop in this series will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 6 p.m. at the Wednesday Club (225 Sacramento St.), and will feature a general overview of development and expansion efforts thus far, including what annexation is and how expansion could impact Suisun City's economic future. The second workshop will be held on Monday, Oct. 27 at 6 p.m. at The Vault (700 Main St STE 102), and will elaborate on unique opportunities for economic growth and the potential to bring more cultural and commercial experiences to residents

and visitors alike.

"Annexation is a complex process that has the potential to positively impact Suisun City in a number of areas," said Suisun City City Manager Bret Prebula. "We want to ensure residents are aware of the process, are provided information to understand the impacts and have opportunities to share their desires, thoughts and concerns along the way."

Suisun City remains committed to centering community voices in the expansion exploration conversation. The city invites all residents to complete the community questionnaire and participate in upcoming Community Conversations.★

## Local Classifieds Advertise in your local community newspaper Call 916-773-1111

**For Sale**

V-8 (Cadillac Engine) in 1995 Oldsmobile Aurora. 64,000 original miles. Must take whole car. Transmission is no good. \$500 or best offer. Call 530-742-9144 and leave message. (TFN)

**LEGAL ADS FOR SOLANO COUNTY?**  
916-773-1111

**Need Help?**



**Hire A Pro!**  
Buy and Shop Locally

**Health/Wellness**

**XOSIALX** - Get Social. Be EXCEPTIONAL. XILERATE is redefining energy for everyone. It provides an authentic, jitter-free boost that appeals to both regular energy drink users, and those who may have avoided them due to artificial ingredients or harsh effects. FREE TO JOIN. [www.canderson.xosialx.com](http://www.canderson.xosialx.com) (TFN)



**Are You a Pro?**

Get the word out!  
Advertise in the Classifieds  
Call 916-773-1111

**GOT LOCAL NEWS?**  
Call (916) 773-1111

**Landscaping/Maintenance**

RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, HANDYMAN, MANY FIELDS: Irrigation (manual or automatic) installation or repair; cement, mow strips, masonry (walls & columns), retaining walls; fence installation (wood, vinyl, chain-link, iron); plumbing; mowing, edging, clean-up, hauling; pruning (all kinds of fruit or shade trees); tree removal, rock, bark or sod. Call Andy 530-701-8098. (TFN)

Advertise in your local community newspaper  
Call (916) 773-1111



## CALL A PROFESSIONAL

**CLEANING**

**S & Y Cleaning Services**  
Weekly • Bi-Weekly • Monthly • One Time  
Weekends • Move-Ins • Move-Outs

Lots of References on Request  
Gift Certificates Available  
**(707) 689-6532**  
FREE ESTIMATES

**PROPANE**

We live where you live  
We understand your propane service needs.

WE ARE **Pro-Gas**  
**ALLIED PROPANE**  
**(707) 678-8500**  
1700 N. First Street | Dixon  
RobL@alliedprogas.com

**FLOORING**

Please call for a free in-home estimate!

**HOUSE OF FLOORS**  
QUALITY WITH FRIENDLY SERVICE  
Hardwood-Laminate-Luxury Vinyl-Carpet-Tile-& More

1690 N. Lincoln Street • Dixon, CA 95620  
**(707) 676-5385**  
houseoffloors@att.net • www.houseoffloors.org

Be a part of something important

**Local Writers Wanted**

We are looking for local Freelance Writers to provide great coverage.

**MPG** Call us today at 916-773-1111

**PREGNANCY**

**Pregnant? Worried? We Can Help!**

All services are free & completely Confidential.  
Info on Pregnancy, Adoption & Abstinence  
Post-Abortion, Miscarriage & Stillbirth Counseling

**707-449-8991**  
Alpha Pregnancy Resource Center  
138 S. Orchard St. Vacaville

**FOLLOW US**  
for Local News and much more!

**Dixon Independent Voice**  
Facebook: @DIVMPG8

**Do You Need Your Legal Ads Published? We can help.**

Call us now to place your legal advertising!

**916-773-1111**  
All legal ads published by Messenger Publishing Group.

**Dixon Independent Voice**  
Serving Dixon and Solano County since 1993

It is the intent of the *Dixon Independent Voice* to strive for an objective point of view in the reporting of news and events. It is understood that the opinions expressed on these pages are those of the authors and cartoonists and are not necessarily the opinions of the publisher or our contributors.

The *Dixon Independent Voice* is not responsible for unsolicited manuscripts or materials. The entire contents of the *Dixon Independent Voice* are copyrighted. Ownership of all advertising created and/or composed by the *Dixon Independent Voice* is with the publishing company and written permission to reproduce the same must be obtained from the publisher.

Subscriptions should be mailed to:  
*Dixon Independent Voice*  
100 N. Adams, Dixon, CA 95620

Subscription rate is \$52 per year within Dixon and Solano County. \$72 per year (Mail only).

Main Office Address: 2508 Garfield Ave., Suite A, Carmichael, CA 95608. Call 916-773-1111 for more information. The *Dixon Independent Voice* is published weekly on Friday.

We are proud members of these newspaper associations.

**Publisher, Paul V. Scholl**  
*Dixon Independent Voice* is a member of **Messenger Publishing Group**

To submit your articles, information, announcements or letters to the editor, please email a Microsoft Word file to: [Publisher@mpg8.com](mailto:Publisher@mpg8.com). Be sure to place in the subject field "Attention to Publisher." If you do not have email access, please call us at (916) 773-1111.

# 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](http://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](http://www.dixonveterans.org/Legion).

### Anderson PTO

– Meets monthly at 7 p.m. at Anderson Elementary School, 415 East C St. Email [andersonroadrunner-spto@gmail.com](mailto:andersonroadrunner-spto@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@sbeglobal.net](mailto:fivedages@sbeglobal.net) or president, James Fuller at 916-952-0167, [jameskfuller@yahoo.com](mailto:jameskfuller@yahoo.com).

### Boy Scout Troop 152

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

### Chief Solano Kennel Club, Inc. meetings

– at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday at the Elmira Fire Station. Call Linda at phone below to RSVP. Open to everyone. No July meeting. For info call 446-7492 or visit [www.chiefsolanokennelclub.org](http://www.chiefsolanokennelclub.org).

### Chief Solano Kennel Club, Inc. classes

– Puppy Socialization 6:20 to 6:50 p.m. (4 to 12 mos), Beginning Obedience 7 to 7:40 p.m. (4 mos & older) indoor training classes on Wednesdays at the

Elmira Fire Station, as well as Conformation classes at 7:50 to 8:30 p.m. for those who show dogs or are interested in showing their dogs. Classes are open to everyone and their canine companions. Classes are not appropriate for aggression issues. Discounts for Seniors 55 and over, Juniors under 16, and those who have adopted a dog from the Humane Society, a breed rescue group, or your local shelter. Bring adoption certificate when you register. Visit [www.chiefsolanokennelclub.org](http://www.chiefsolanokennelclub.org).

### CITY OF DIXON:

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

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

**Planning Commission** – Meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

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

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

**Dixon Adult Literacy Program** – Solano County Library Adult Literacy Services is seeking volunteers to help an adult with their reading, writing, or English-speaking skills at the Dixon Public Library. No experience necessary, flexible hours. All training and materials are provided. Contact: [Literacy@solanocounty.com](mailto: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](http://www.downtowndixonca.com), email [DDROAC@yahoo.com](mailto: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](http://www.dixonhistoricalsociety.org). Email [dhs.dixonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto: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/second Wednesdays at Bud's Pub & Grill from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Website: <http://e-club-house.org/sites/dixonca>. Facebook page: Dixon Lions Club.

### Dixon Rotary Club

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

### Dixon Scottish Cultural Association

– Open to anyone who is interested in celebrating Scottish culture. Meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall,

1305 N. First St. For details, visit <https://scot-sindixon.us/>.

### Dixon Senior Club

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

### Dixon Toastmasters/Public Speaking Club

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

### Dixon Women's Improvement Club

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

### Dixon Youth Soccer Board Meetings

– The board will meet the third Tuesday of each month, except for December, at the Sutter West Medical Center Conference Room, at 7 p.m.

### Domestic Violence Support Group

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

### Dry Dock

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

### Fairfield/Suisun Bass Reapers

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

### Friends of the Dixon Public Library

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

### Gretchen Higgins Parent Teacher Organization

– We meet the second Monday of each month in the library at our school. Email [ohpto1525@gmail.com](mailto:ohpto1525@gmail.com) for more information.

### Independent Order of Oddfellows Montezuma Lodge #172

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

### Lambtown Committee

– Meets third Monday each month at 6 p.m. at Veteran's Hall. Email John Knight at [johnknightpto@gmail.com](mailto:johnknightpto@gmail.com)

### Living With Cancer

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

### Narcotics Anonymous

– Open meetings are held every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 7:30

to 8:30 p.m. at Dixon United Methodist, 209 N. Jefferson St. (Corner of West B and N. Jefferson). For helpline information and other meetings, go to [www.napasolanona.org](http://www.napasolanona.org).

### Northern Solano Democratic Club (NSDC)

– Meets on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at IBEW, 30 Orange Tree Circle, Vacaville (behind Home Depot). For more information, contact Jeanie White 615-260-7896 or email [pres.nsdc@gmail.com](mailto:pres.nsdc@gmail.com). Visit our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/northernsolanodem/](http://www.facebook.com/northernsolanodem/).

### NSDC Democrats in Action

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

### Promises AA Group

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

### Sexual Assault Support Group

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

### Solano County Mental Health Education

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

### Sons of the American Legion

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

### Soroptimist International of Dixon

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

### 36th District Agricultural Assn.

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

### Tremont Teachers and Parents Association

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

### Toastmasters

– Meets every other Monday from 7 to 8 p.m. Contact Lynda Mendez at 530-665-0948 or email her at [mendezlynda55@yahoo.com](mailto:mendezlynda55@yahoo.com)

### Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

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

### Young Ladies Institute of Dixon

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



### Napa Vineyards Helped Douse Pickett Fire

Napa Valley winegrape growers are no strangers to wildfires, which have ruined crops in the region three times in the past decade. The Pickett Fire, which started Aug. 21 in Calistoga and burned about 6,800 acres, caused an estimated \$65 million in agricultural losses, including damage to about 3% of Napa Valley's vineyard acreage. For some growers, the losses were significant, but they said the outcome could have been far worse. The fire was contained in a corner of the valley thanks in part to a yearslong effort by the wine industry to better prepare for wildfires. During the past few years, groups representing vintners and grape growers donated money to build access roads and containment lines, and farmers coordinated with Cal Fire to map agricultural infrastructure such as reservoirs that could be used to fight wildfires. "It came into play on this fire," said JC Greenberg, deputy chief for Cal Fire and the Napa County Fire Department. "We were ahead of the game."

### Tomato Yields Up as Canneries Try to Reduce Inventory

Thanks to adequate water supplies and mild conditions throughout the growing season, California farmers may end up with a lot more tomatoes than canneries need. "It's a very excellent problem to have," Mike Montna, president and CEO of the California Tomato Growers Association,

said of what's been described as a bountiful and quality tomato crop. The larger-than-expected crop means some of the fruit may go unpicked if the weather remains dry and harvest goes as planned. Colusa County grower Mitchell Yerxa said tomatoes aren't the only crops seeing upticks in yield. He noted his other row crops—including vine seed, cucumbers, watermelon and sunflowers—also have benefited from the weather this year. "We're all very pleasantly surprised at how good the yields have been," Yerxa said.

### California Farm Bureau Working Group to Address Predator Issue

A surge of livestock kills, attacks and other conflicts caused by the state's growing predator population has prompted the state's largest agricultural organization to form a predator working group. The California Farm Bureau group will work in conjunction with law enforcement and other advocacy groups to examine the state's predator issue, with a current focus on wolves. It will also address conflicts caused by other predators, including mountain lions and bears. Since March, there have been more than 60 confirmed and probable cases of cattle killed by wolves in the Sierra Valley region of Plumas and Sierra counties. The apex predators remain fully protected as endangered under state and federal law, which means ranchers are prohibited from doing anything that could kill, harm or harass the species without facing criminal or civil penalties. ★

# Ask DR. UNIVERSE

## What is the most poisonous thing in the world

- Macmillan, 16, India

Dear Macmillan,

There are some amazing deadly things out there. Like a frog that oozes poison from its skin. Or a jellyfish that uses itty bitty hooks to inject venom into its prey.

But it turns out the most poisonous thing on Earth is everywhere. It's in our soil. It's in our water. It might be in your kitchen.

It's a species of bacteria called *Clostridium botulinum*.

I talked about it with my friend Susie Craig. She studies food safety at Washington State University.

She told me that *C. botulinum* makes the toxin that causes botulism. People can get it by eating food that wasn't preserved the right way.

"I don't think people recognize how powerful the toxin from *Clostridium botulinum* really is," Craig said.

Botulinum toxin targets the place where nerves and muscles talk to each other. It blocks a chemical the muscles need to work. Without it, they get weak, droopy and paralyzed. It can be deadly if it affects the muscles we use to breathe.

Luckily, there's an antitoxin for botulism. It grabs the toxin still traveling in the blood. But it doesn't reverse any damage. So, people may need medical care to keep them breathing while they recover.

So, how does that bacteria get into preserved foods?

*C. botulinum* thrives in places with low oxygen—called anaerobic. When there's too much oxygen or other unfavorable conditions, it forms a spore. That's a hard, protective coating that encases the bacteria. It can stay safe inside that spore for years.

When conditions are just right, *C. botulinum* sheds its spore coat. It becomes active again. It starts making botulinum toxin.

Let's say we want to can green beans from our garden. But we don't bother to look up the food safety rules for

preserving them. We just drop our jars in boiling water to seal them.

Spoiler: this is a rotten plan.

Green beans are a low-acid veggie—which *C. botulinum* likes. The space inside our sealed jar is low oxygen—which *C. botulinum* loves. If our green beans have spores on them from the soil, boiling water won't get the jar hot enough to kill them.

*C. botulinum* can sense our jar is cozy. It can shed the spore and start cranking out toxin. When we pop open those green beans, they'll be poisonous.

We should have used a pressure canner. That raises the boiling point of water, so it gets hot enough to kill any spores. Or we could have frozen our green beans instead.

You don't have to worry about canned food you get at the store—unless it's super dented, puffy or leaking. We have strict food safety rules to make sure companies do it right.

Craig told me it's totally safe to preserve food at home as long as we follow the rules.

"You're at risk for botulism if you preserve food with an untested recipe, especially if the food has a relatively low acid content," she said. "You should use recipes from the National Center for Home Food Preservation."

There's one more food safety rule for avoiding botulism. Never feed honey to a baby.

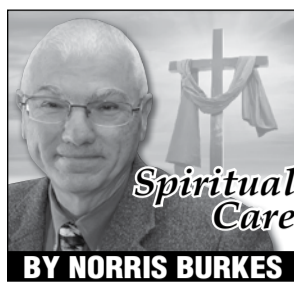
Sometimes bees bring *C. botulinum* back to the colony. It winds up in their honey—which is no big deal for people with strong immune systems. But babies are still building theirs, so it can make them sick.

And there's nothing sweet about that.

Sincerely,

Dr. Universe

## Chaplain Brings the Lucky Charm



I'm not a superstitious person, but during the years I served as an Air Force chaplain, I was occasionally passed off as the spiritual equivalent to a lucky charm.

One of those occasions happened at Patrick Air Force Base while I served as the launch crew chaplain at nearby Cape Canaveral (1999-2002). In that role, I gave the official prayers for most launches, which included shuttles and satellites.

In military tradition, my prayers were more ceremonial than a legitimate attempt to court God's favor. They were generic in nature, seeking good weather, safety and success.

It's normal for technical difficulties to delay launches, but in the late months of 1999, we had favorable results in launching on our first attempt. Crews began to tie these successes with the arrival of their new chaplain. Their thinking became so ridiculous that one superstitious commander actually checked with my boss to confirm that I'd be the chaplain delivering "their prayer."

These were the same folks who, in good fun, wore something for good luck on every launch day. They brought everything from lucky socks to coins or even a piece of a failed rocket. Now I'd suddenly become their "lucky

charm chaplain."

But my luck wasn't going to hold.

One evening, after I'd been there for about six months, I composed a fervent prayer for a 2 a.m. launch. At the last minute, the mission was scrubbed because of weather but rescheduled for the same time on the next morning. "God speed," I said, with a dismissive assumption that my job was done.

They looked at me as if I'd hung them with their lucky necktie. "You're coming back tomorrow night, aren't you Chaplain?"

"Uh, sure."

The next morning, I reported for duty, bleary-eyed, hoping to pass off the same crumpled prayer from the previous evening.

Same result. No launch. As I offered condolences to the disappointed crew, Brigadier General Donald Pettit, the Wing Commander, barked at me. "Chaplain, your prayer didn't work! You need to write a new prayer."

It's possible that what I said next might explain why I had to finish my military career in the reserves.

"You're kidding, sir." He assured me in general-like terms that he wasn't kidding.

I still thought he was ribbing me, but I was too new to our spacy business to be sure. So, a few days later, I brought a new prayer. Unfortunately for all concerned, I was forced to repeat the rewrites for the next three weeks.

When our rocket finally soared on our sixth

attempt, I reached across the consoles to exchange handshakes with the ground crew. One engineer in his lucky sweater, slapped my back and said, "You finally did it, Chaplain."

"Did what?" I wondered, as I drove home on that early morning.

I wasn't the lucky horseshoe in this arrangement. I simply offered a prayer — not as a magical incantation, but as a reminder that God comes where he is invited.

It's the same idea I share in premarital counseling.

"I'm not the lucky god charm," I tell the couple. "I don't bring God's presence into your marriage. You must do that."

The next morning, I was walking across the base courtyard, when Gen. Pettit motioned me over to him.

I offered him a salute weakened by fatigue.

"Your prayer didn't work!" he said.

"But, sir, I saw it launch."

"We launched it, but it never reached the intended orbit," he said.

"That'll be all," he added, before returning my salute with a smirk that told me he really was ribbing me.

Nevertheless, that was the day their lucky chaplain lost his lucky charm.

Email me with questions or comment at [comment@thechaplain.net](mailto:comment@thechaplain.net).

Sign up to receive this column by email at [thechaplain.net/columns/](mailto:thechaplain.net/columns/). Contact Chaplain Norris at [comment@thechaplain.net](mailto:comment@thechaplain.net) or 10566 Combie Rd. Suite 6643 Auburn, CA 95602 or voicemail (843) 608-9715. ★

## Californians Don't Know Full Impact of \$20 Fast Food Wage



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

As the California Legislature churns toward the end of its 2025 session this week, processing the remnants of thousands of bills introduced during the year, several measures encompass the Capitol's most enduring conflict: Labor unions vs. employers over working conditions.

Unions seek higher wages and benefits, citing the welfare and financial needs of workers and their families. Employers counter that the cost of providing what unions want adversely affects their competitiveness in other states and nations and forces them to raise prices, reduce employment or even leave California to remain solvent.

In the main, unions fare better than employers in California's political arena — not surprising given that union-friendly Democrats from the governor down dominate the Capitol.

One of the most intense union-employer battles arose in 2022 over legislation that would have raised the minimum wage for fast food workers to \$22 an hour. It also declared that fast food franchises are merely subsidiaries of their parent chains, rather than independently owned businesses.

Fast food companies and franchisees saw it as a double whammy that not only

would increase their costs but it would undermine the franchise system itself. The industry also disliked the bill's creation of an appointed council with the power to regulate fast food working conditions, especially wages.

The measure passed both legislative houses with party-line votes, and Gov. Gavin Newsom signed it. The industry responded with a campaign to put the issue on the ballot, pledging that affected corporations would spend any amount of money to overturn the law due to its effects on the franchise system.

Which faction would win such a battle will never be known, however, because a year after the bill was signed and after lengthy negotiations, a compromise was worked out and quickly enacted. It raised the minimum wage to an initial \$20 an hour and left the oversight council intact, albeit with some changes. More importantly to the industry, it did not interfere with the franchise system.

The new wage went into effect in April 2024, and since then the industry and the unions have sparred over its impact not only on wages but on overall employment and fast food prices.

The factions are marking the second anniversary of the 2023 compromise by issuing reports that could not be more different.

Labor acted first with the September 5 release of an analysis by UC-Berkeley's Center on Wage and Employment Dynamics. It's a research organization whose reports uniformly support the union side of issues.

Researchers Michael Reich and Denis Sosinskiy declared that the \$20 wage did not

reduce fast food employment, didn't change the number of hours worked and "only led to minimal menu price increases (about 8 cents on a \$4 burger)." They said their study included price data from more than 2,000 restaurants in California and other states.

Five days later the Virginia-based Employment Policies Institute — which was created by Berman and Company, a lobbyist for restaurant, hotel beverage, tobacco and fossil fuel interests — issued its study based on data from the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics.

It concluded that California's fast-food industry has lost 19,102 jobs since Newsom signed the law in September 2023, including 15,988 since the law went into effect last year, more than double the rate of loss seen in fast food outlets nationally. It did not delve into fast food prices.

The two competing studies from less-than-objective sources leave us still wondering what the true impact might have been. It's a knowledge gap that should be filled by someone or something with impeccable credentials because other business sectors might be the next targets.

In fact, there's already a battle in Los Angeles over the \$30 wage for workers at hotels and other hospitality businesses imposed by the city council.

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

## WE SUPPORT FIRST RESPONDERS

Persons listed in this log from the Dixon Police Department are considered innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. Only activities deemed significant by the Police Dept. are included.

### DIXON POLICE LOG



#### Tuesday, September 9

- 0852 - Restraining order violation reported in the 800 block of Camilia Drive.
- 1058 - Theft report taken in the 600 block of Hansen Court.
- 1602 - Petty theft reported at Dixon High School.
- 2335 - A confidential report was taken in the 400 block of Ellesmere Drive.

#### Monday, September 8

- 0750 - Suspicious vehicle 400 block North Adams Street. Daniel Figueroa-Rios (51) of Dixon was arrested for an outstanding warrant and was booked into the Solano County Jail.
- 0942 - Suspicious vehicle 1400 block Ary Lane. Samuel Sverlow (30) of Dixon was arrested for possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. He was cited and released.
- 1145 - Citizen Assist at Dixon Police Department.
- 1540 - Verbal altercation at West A Street at Pitt School Road.
- 1610 - Welfare Check 100 block West B Street.
- 1715 - Family disturbance 400 block South Adams Street. John Harris (56) of Dixon was arrested for public intoxication and booked into the Solano County Jail.
- 1841 - A contributing to the delinquency of a minor report was taken in the 300 block of 300 block of West Walnut.
- 2149 - A disorderly conduct and probation violation arrest report was taken in the 1000 block of North First Street Officers contacted (S) Oscar Orozco of Dixon. He was arrested and taken to the Solano County Jail.

#### Sunday, September 7

- 0821 - Theft report taken in the 300 block of East B Street. Tools taken from an unlocked truck.
- 0704 - Theft report taken in the 700 block of Birch Way. Tools taken from an unlocked truck.
- 1030 - Theft report taken in the 500 block of Ventura Court. An unknown subject stole the front license plate from the truck.
- 1333 - Theft report taken in the 300 block of Archer Place. Tools taken from an unlocked truck.
- 1653 - Child custody order violation reported at the Police Department.
- 1914 - A warrant arrest report was taken in the 100 block of East Mayes St. Officers contacted (S) Guadalupe Paredes-Caballero (38) of Dixon. Paredes-Caballero was arrested and transported to the Solano County Jail.

#### Saturday, September 6

- 1055 - Stolen vehicle report in the South Adams Street and West Walnut Street.
- 1144 - Loitering call in the 1400 block of Ary Lane led to the arrest of Gaige Pope (31) of Kansas City, Missouri, for an outstanding warrant.
- 1522 - Lost property report in the 100 block of North First Street.
- 1634 - Information report in the 400 block of Gateway Drive.

#### Friday, September 5

- 1455 - Child Welfare Service report in the 600 block of Cypress Street.

#### Thursday, September 4

- 0916 - Burglary to a vehicle in the 2800 block of West A Street.
- 1420 - Tyler Wanderstandt (24) of Dixon was arrested in the 400 block of La Esperanza for an outstanding warrant.
- 1649 - Theft from a business in the 1000 block of North First Street.

#### Wednesday, September 3

- 0632 - A vehicle burglary report was taken in the 500 block of Syracuse Lane.
- 0644 - A traffic collision report was taken at the intersection of Currey Road at Milk Farm Road.
- 0919 - A vehicle burglary report was taken in the 1300 block of Cornell Drive.
- 1538 - An informational report was taken at the intersection of Folsom Fair at Arlington Court.
- 2005 - Vandalism reported in the 1200 block of Baylor Way.
- 2145 - Battery reported in the 100 block of North Second Street.

# Wine Bar Adds Flavor to Downtown Dixon



Pip Wine Bar, located at 116 N. 1st St., opened its doors March 4, 2020, offering a curated wine experience in a relaxed, welcoming setting. Founded by Amy Grabish, the space was established as a cozy place that was neither a traditional bar nor a formal tasting room. Photo courtesy of Pip Wine Bar

By Kendall Brown

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - A cozy spot for wine lovers has quietly become a staple in downtown Dixon. Pip Wine Bar, located at 116 N. 1st St., opened its doors March 4, 2020, offering a curated wine experience in a relaxed, welcoming setting.

Founded by Amy Grabish, a wine industry professional with 25 years of experience, Pip Wine Bar was inspired by her desire for a space that was neither a traditional bar nor a formal tasting room.

"I wanted to go to a comfortable place and have a really nice glass of wine but not necessarily a bar-bar," said Grabish.

The bar features a rotating inventory of approximately 200 wines, tailored to suit a range of tastes and occasions.

"It all depends on mood or what we're having for dinner," said Grabish. "What do you normally like to drink? Is this going

with dinner or are you sipping it on its own? Do you have a price range?"

Grabish's passion embodies more than 25 years of experience in wine sales and marketing. She holds an intermediate certification from the Wine & Spirit Education Trust, an internationally-recognized organization based in the United Kingdom.

According to the wine bar's website, the name "Pip" reflects multiple meanings, including the seed of a grape, a peep or chirp or "something or someone wonderful."

In addition to wine by the glass or by the bottle, the bar offers light food options, although it is not a full-service restaurant. Outside food is not allowed but customers can bring celebration desserts for a fee. Patrons must be 21 years or older, in compliance with the bar's alcohol license.

Pip Wine Bar also hosts private events and tastings both on- and

off-site. Its Wine Club offers curated monthly selections, with benefits such as discounts and complimentary corkage on in-house consumption.

Grabish, who lives just outside Dixon with her husband, emphasizes the bar's laid-back atmosphere.

"The Pip is special because of how comfortable people feel when they come in," said Grabish "When people are comfortable, we can focus on the wine, the cocktails and the hospitality."

Pip Wine Bar is open from 2 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays and closed Sundays through Tuesdays.

"We add diversity," said Grabish "We're one more different kind of business in downtown Dixon. We just add another option for out-of-town guests and in-town drinkers."

For more information, visit [thepipwinebar.com](http://thepipwinebar.com) or call 707-693-3069. ★



The bar features a rotating inventory of approximately 200 wines and offers light food options, although it is not a full-service restaurant. Outside food is not allowed but customers can bring celebration desserts for a fee. Photo courtesy of Pip Wine Bar



Pip Wine Bar also hosts private events and tastings both on- and off-site. Its Wine Club offers curated monthly selections, with benefits such as discounts and complimentary corkage on in-house consumption. Photo courtesy of Pip Wine Bar

# One Weekend, World of Flavors

## Terra Madre Americas Culinary and Cultural Festival

By Idaly Valencia

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Experience the flavors of the Americas at a first-of-its-kind event when Terra Madre Americas is in Sacramento from Sept. 26 to Sept. 28.

Presented by Visit Sacramento and Slow Food, the weekend will be dedicated to showcasing the diverse flavors and traditions of Sacramento and cultures from around the globe.

The Terra Madre Salone del Gusto, Slow Food's premier international festival, is held every other year in Italy, where farmers, chefs and food lovers gather to promote good, clean and fair food for all.

Inspired by that festival, Terra Madre Americas will bring food and drink tastings, live music, chef demonstrations, educational panels, artisan vendors and family-friendly activities to Sacramento.

Apart from certain ticketed/reserved experiences, the festival entrance is free and open to all ages.

Whether you're a cook, farmer or just a food lover, Terra Madre Americas is an opportunity to learn and connect with the cultural background behind the food that is being enjoyed.

### Grand Tasting

The Grand Tasting, a separately-ticketed event, will kick off the weekend from 6 to 9 p.m. Sept. 26 and feature tastings from more than 20 chefs, along with craft drinks and live entertainment.

Local chefs participating include Rebecca Campbell of Sac City Brews, Pedro Depina of The 7th Street Standard, Craig Takehara of Binchoyaki, Michael Fagnoni of Hawks Public House and Nina Curtis of Plant-ish & Co.

General admission is \$125 and includes two drinks with unlimited tastings. The experience is limited to ages 21 and older.

### Live Music at the Golden 1 Stage

The Golden 1 Live Music Stage, located at 14th and I streets, will host free performances Sept. 27 and Sept. 28 where attendees can listen to the contemporary sound of national headliner performers to standout local talent.

Acts include deejay NESSS, Son Café, hotplug, Jon Wulde, Zephyr, Passion Pit (solo acoustic), Jade Bird, Spoon, The War on Drugs, deejay Lady Char and Big Head Todd and the Monsters.

Performances will be from noon to 8:20 p.m. Sept. 27 and from noon to 4:30 p.m. Sept. 28. For set times, visit [TerraMadreUSA.com](http://TerraMadreUSA.com).

Visit Sacramento curated a playlist for attendees to get a sneak peek of the music that will be heard at Terra Madre Americas Festival on Spotify at [bit.ly/41CSL6U](https://bit.ly/41CSL6U) (case sensitive).



Celebrity chef Alice Waters is one of the many world-renowned culinary talents participating at the Terra Madres America festival from Sept. 26 to Sept. 28 at the downtown SAFE Credit Union Convention Center, 1401 K St., Sacramento. Photo courtesy of Terra Madre Americas



Presented by Visit Sacramento and Slow Food, Terra Madre Americas will be dedicated to showcasing the diverse flavors and traditions of Sacramento and cultures from around the globe Sept. 26 to Sept. 28 at SAFE Credit Union Convention Center, 1401 K St., Sacramento. Photo courtesy of Terra Madre Americas

### Marketplace and Outdoor Vendors

The Terra Madre Americas Marketplace, presented by UC Davis Health, will be open to all attendees to shop with local and international

vendors offering coffee, spirits, meats, cheeses, seafood, produce and other products.

There will also be outdoor vendors featuring some of the best of Sacramento's flavor with food, locally-made beers and wines, handmade goods, interactive exhibits and more.

### Educational Panels

Free workshops and panels will be held at the convention center covering topics such as globalized food systems, access to food, biodiversity and indigenous perspectives.

Sessions include "Food as Relationship: Reimagining the Future Through Connection," "What Is Specialty Coffee," "Cacao in a Cup: Traditions from Brazil, Mexico and Ecuador" and a Wilton Rancheria discussion. Seating is first-come, first-served.

### Enoteca Wine Lounge

The Enoteca, presented by Bank of America, will offer wine tastings from North and South America, emphasizing the stories and traditions that are behind each pour.

### Terra Madre Americas Bistro

Sponsored by SMUD, the Terra Madre Americas Bistro will present three-course meals curated by world-renowned chefs on Sept. 27 and Sept. 28. This reservation-only dining experience ranges from \$55 to \$80, with optional wine pairings for \$25.

On Sept. 27, chef line-up includes Matthew Beaudin, Drew Deckman and Elizabeth Falkner. Dishes featured in their dining experience vary from an Ora King Salmon Tartare, a Dubai Croissant, Silken Tofu and Pan Roasted Halibut.

On Sept. 28, chefs Jeremiah Tower, Mary Sue Milliken and Sean Sherman will prepare dishes such as Goat Birria, a Ceviche Sampler, Incense Cedar Braised Rabbit, Blue Corn Tostada and vegan Wild Rice "Tres Leches" Cake.

### Slow Food International

The organizer, Slow Food, is a grassroots movement dedicated to good, clean and fair food for all. The organization cultivates a worldwide network of advocates in cultural and biological diversity, promotes food education and influences policies in public and private sectors that transform food systems.

The festival runs from noon to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28 at the SAFE Credit Union Convention Center in downtown Sacramento, 1401 K St.

For more information about the festival or to learn more about the experiences, visit [terramadre-usa.com](http://terramadre-usa.com). ★