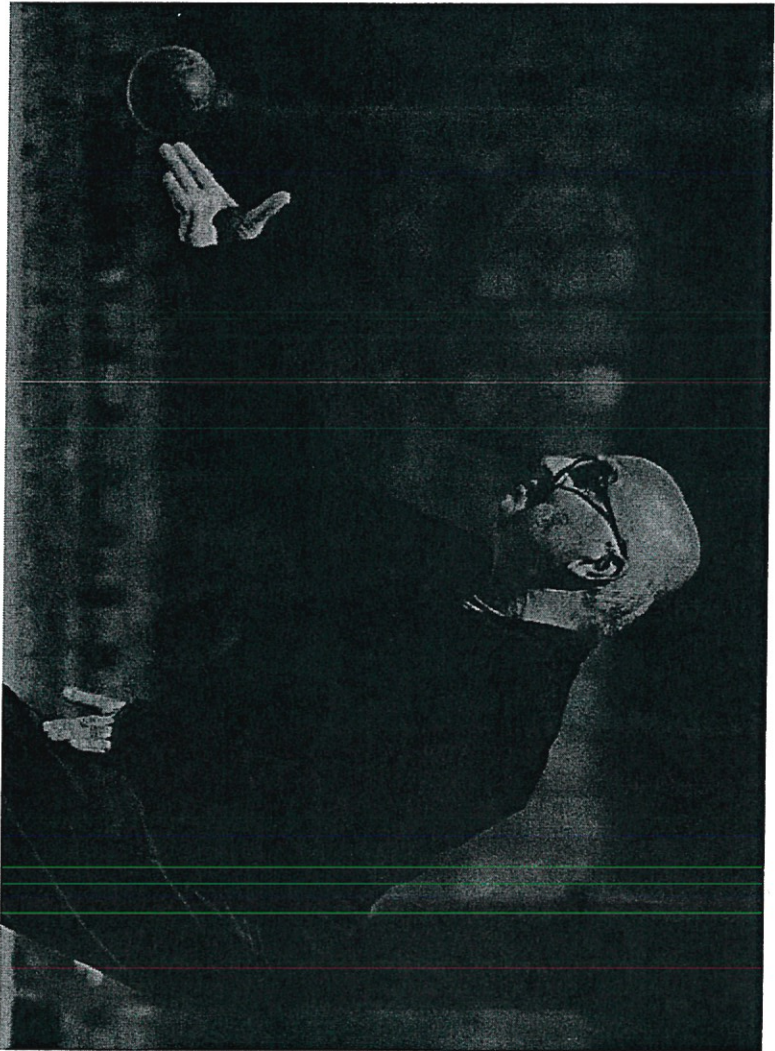


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A senior plays bocce at the John Magnetti Memorial Bocce Courts Complex in Fairfield, Tuesday, May 3, 2022. The Solano County Board of Supervisors recognized May as Older Americans Month in Solano County. (Aaron Rosenblatt/Daily Republic)

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# Supervisors recognize importance of planning for age-friendly communities

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FAIRFIELD — On a day the Solano County Board of Supervisors recognized May as Older Americans Month across the county, it also quietly joined the World Health Organization's effort to build an age-friendly network of cities and communities.

The board, as part of its consent calendar, adopted a resolution to “support initiatives and opportunities to engage in the World Health Organization's Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Network.”

Supervisor Monica Brown, the board representative on the Napa-Solano Area Agency on Aging, brought the resolution to the board.

“Population aging is a global trend and major force shaping the 21st century. We all need to prepare for the rapid aging of the U.S. population by paying increased attention to the environmental, economic and social factors that influence the health and well-being of older adults. Older people are a resource for their families, communities and economies in supportive and enabling living environments,” the staff report to the board states.

The staff report also noted the planning needed to address the aging population in order to “promote health, sustain economic growth and make for happier, healthier residents of all ages.”

The staff report also listed the “8 Domains of Livability” as defined by the World Health Organization and the AARP – the American Association of Retired People. Those are:

- Outdoor Spaces and Buildings.
- Transportation.
- Housing.
- Social Participation.
- Respect and Social Inclusion.
- Work and Civic Engagement.
- Communication and Information.
- Community and Health Services.



An age-friendly approach benefits multiple generations because safe, healthy communities make it possible for young children and elders to navigate independently and this independence promotes active aging and healthy child development, but it also relieves the pressures of caregiving on other family members, the staff report states.

That resolution followed the previous action to recognize May as Older Americans Month in Solano County, also presented by Brown.

The resolution states that Solano's population of residents 60 or older is estimated at 104,400 in 2021, according to the California Department of Aging, and is one of 24 counties that will have an expected growth rate of more than 150% based on 2010-60 data projections.

The 2022 theme for the May celebration is "Age My Way" and recognizes the importance of keeping older adults in their homes and living independently.

In other action, the board:

- Recognized May 6-12 as National Nurses Week in Solano County.
- Recognized May 6 as Child Care Provider Appreciation Day in Solano County.
- Recognized May 2022 as Building Safety Month in Solano County.

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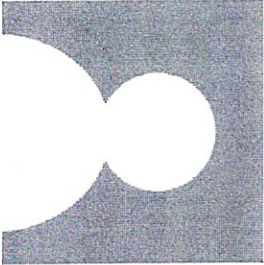
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