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LaMalfa Comments on Farm Aid Package

Congressman Doug LaMalfa News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale) released the following statement after President Trump announced an economic assistance package for American farm producers:

"I appreciate the Trump Administration for taking important action to protect farm country," said Rep. LaMalfa. "American agriculture is faced with skyrocketing input prices and rising labor costs and is in much need of assistance. This year we achieved monumental successes for farming via H.R. 1. We increased the Death Tax exemption so that family farms can stay in families. We achieved wins in the Farm Bill like crop insurance reforms and updated reference prices. Importantly, passage of the Secure Rural Schools act is on the horizon as well. However, there is still much work to be done, and I am actively working with the Trump Administration and the House Agriculture Committee to make sure all the farm commodities we have here in Northern California are supported as well. Food security is national security, and I commend the Administration for the release of this farm aid package."

Last week, Congressman LaMalfa introduced bipartisan legislation with Reps. Thompson (D-CA), Newhouse (R-WA), Salinas (D-OR), and Panetta (D-CA): "the Specialty Crop & Wine Producer Tariff Relief Act." The bill provides direct support to specialty crop growers and wine producers facing economic losses from trade relations and serves as a blueprint for supporting all of farm country, not just the crops covered in today's announcement. Rep. LaMalfa is committed to working with the Trump Administration and Secretary Rollins to find a way to include specialty crops in future packages. Countless specialty crops have been affected by trade relations, and they need to be considered in any path forward.

Congressman Doug LaMalfa is Chairman of the Congressional Western Caucus and a lifelong farmer representing California's First Congressional District, including Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba Counties. ★

A Year in Review

What Readers Clicked, Shared and Talked About Most in 2025

By Shamaya Sutton

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - Every year, hundreds of local stories are published in the Territorial Dispatch. Some quietly inform, others spark conversation, and a smaller number rise above the rest, circulating widely and drawing readers back again and again.

As 2025 comes to a close, the Territorial Dispatch reviewed Facebook analytics to better understand which locally written stories resonated most with readers over the past year. The analysis looked beyond a single metric, examining views, engagement and link clicks to reflect how readers actually interacted with the news. Shared or syndicated content

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A rider holds on tight as the horse leaps into the air at 2025 Marysville Stampede. Photo by Shamaya Sutton



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A Year in Review



A truck decorated with American flags travels along Gray Avenue as participants make their way through Yuba City and Marysville during the Charlie Kirk Freedom Cruise. Photo by Lloyd Green Jr.

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was excluded, with the focus placed on original reporting by Messenger Publishing Group staff.

Using post-level Facebook data from January through mid-December 2025, each story was evaluated through a composite performance score that balanced overall visibility with reader interaction and click-through activity. This approach helped avoid rankings driven solely by reach and instead highlighted stories that prompted readers to pause, respond and seek additional context over time.

When all metrics were combined, one story stood clearly above the rest. “Freedom Cruise Honors Charlie Kirk’s Birthday in Yuba City,” published in late October, emerged as the top-performing post of 2025. It generated the highest overall views, engagement and link clicks of the year, reflecting how politically adjacent local events often drive heightened reader attention and discussion online.

Several other stories followed closely behind this, forming a group of consistently high performers. Coverage involving the Church of Glad Tidings in Yuba City and its proposal to redevelop an abandoned women’s prison into a sanctuary (Peace of Heaven) for children rescued from sex trafficking drew sustained readership and debate.

Reporting on misconduct allegations involving Yuba City physician Dr. Dung Minh Tran also resonated widely, prompting strong engagement as readers sought clarity and

accountability. Seasonal and community-centered stories continued to perform well when rooted in creativity or shared tradition. A feature on Corey Ringseth’s homemade haunted house returning with “Blood Harvest” drew strong sharing and positive response, while coverage of Jim King’s long-running Turkey Smokeout consistently attracted traffic through a mix of food, charity and local support. Similarly, articles involving this year’s Juneteenth celebrations and local black history showed surges in public interest.

Sports coverage followed a familiar pattern. Routine game reporting performed steadily within smaller circles, but only one sports story broke into the top tier overall. A profile of Browns Valley cowboy Jacek Frost qualifying for the National Finals Rodeo stood out as a milestone achievement that extended beyond typical sports readership and tapped into regional pride.

One of the most striking takeaways from the data was sustained reader interest in coverage of Marysville’s historic State Theater. Rather than a single viral post, it was the cumulative impact of ongoing reporting that drove performance.

Multiple State Theater stories ranked among the year’s strongest traffic drivers, including coverage of a lawsuit tied to the property, in-depth reporting on allegations made by Don Melvin, follow-up articles tracking the legal dispute as it evolved, and a timeline piece outlining the

long-running saga. A Yuba County Development Tour article that led with a State Theater announcement also contributed to heightened reader curiosity.

Taken together, these stories generated some of the highest click-through rates of the year, suggesting readers were not only reacting on social media but actively seeking context and updates over time. The continued performance of these articles points to a clear public interest in the future of the venue and its broader implications for downtown Marysville.

Across subject areas, several themes emerged. Accountability and legal reporting consistently drove the strongest click-through rates, particularly when tied to long-running civic issues. Development stories, such as coverage of Yuba City’s Water Tower Plaza, often sparked notable discussion even when overall reach was more modest. Arts and culture features performed best through sharing, especially when connected to local history or creative identity.

Behind every post is a mix of editorial judgment, timing, platform algorithms and audience behavior. A story’s success is rarely determined by a single factor, and high performance does not always correlate with ease or simplicity of reporting.

As the Territorial Dispatch looks ahead to 2026, the data reinforces a familiar conclusion: Readers continue to engage most deeply with stories that are rooted in their community, ask hard questions and document change as it unfolds. ★

Bike Giveaway Exceeds Expectations



Siblings Rosie and Daniel ride their new bicycles outside First Lutheran Church in Yuba City after receiving them during a free Christmas bike giveaway on Dec. 20.

By Shamaya Sutton

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - What began as a small holiday outreach quickly turned into a packed block-long line as hundreds of families gathered at First Lutheran Church in Yuba City on Dec. 20 for a free Christmas bike giveaway.

“We’ve been here since 7:30 a.m. and there was already a line when we got here,” said Jennifer Garcia of Yuba City. “It’s crazy because usually with things like this there’s just a raffle with like five bikes - but here everyone was getting one.”

Garcia’s children, Rosie and Daniel, were already riding their new bikes on the sidewalk, a first for Rosie, meanwhile other families stood waiting, unsure if supplies would last.

“I got here around 8:30 a.m. and they gave out tickets, I’m number 85 and the last number I heard called is 33,” said Grisella Hernandez, another Yuba City mother of two. “I don’t think there’s going to be enough.”

Saturday’s Christmas Bike Giveaway marked the first event of its kind organized by Derrek and Elizabeth Stokes of All-American Construction and hosted by First Lutheran Church of Yuba City, where the couple attends church. The Stokes said they were inspired by a similar event in Sacramento and, after collecting donations from local businesses, partners, friends and family, decided to bring the idea closer to home.



Families line up outside First Lutheran Church in Yuba City while waiting for a chance to receive free bicycles during a Christmas giveaway event on Dec. 20.

“Apparently there is a need for this,” said Elizabeth Stokes. “Our shop is actually in Sutter and we even had people in our parking lot this morning trying to get a bike.”

In total, 86 bikes were distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Families were required to have their children present to receive a bike. Organizers originally planned for the giveaway to run from 10 a.m. to noon, but supplies were exhausted within the first 30 minutes, leaving many families waiting in the rain with disappointed children.

“If we had a thousand bikes, I don’t think it would have been enough,” said Derrek Stokes.

“Unfortunately, there’s a lot of people that are mad at us but we did the best we could and generated as many (bikes) as we could.”

First Lutheran Pastor Nathan Linehan said he was also surprised by the turnout, having expected approximately 30 to 40

families. Upon arrival, organizers said they struggled to find space to park their trucks due to the crowd.

“We were just wanting to get bikes out to the community and make sure that they were able to bless some families during this holiday season,” said Linehan. “My heart hurts right now because I’m just watching all these families leave and the kids are upset.”

As volunteers shared the difficult news with families, Linehan encouraged attendees to take free photos with Santa and invited them to participate in other church programs, including a free Christmas dinner.

Though inventory was limited, the Stokes family said the overwhelming response only strengthened their commitment to the cause.

“Now we know what to do for next year,” said Elizabeth Stokes. “We can build off this and hopefully get more bikes and make it better next year.” ★



Jim King (center left) is joined by his volunteer crew on Nov. 26 outside King’s outdoor smoker in Yuba City. The team gathered to clean, prep, tag, and distribute roughly 75 community turkeys during the 25th annual Turkey Smoke Out, which raised \$2,300 for a local single parent. Photo by Shamaya Sutton



Siblings Rosie and Daniel ride their new bicycles outside First Lutheran Church in Yuba City after receiving them during a free Christmas bike giveaway on Dec. 20.

Council Discusses Establishment of Measure G Oversight Committee

By Shaunna Boyd

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - At the Nov. 18 meeting of the Marysville City Council, they discussed potential guidelines for the establishment of a Measure G Oversight Committee.

Approved by Marysville voters in 2024, Measure G continues an existing one-cent sales tax to support city services including fire and police departments, emergency services, road repairs, etc.

With an estimated revenue of \$3.9 million a year, the measure promised independent audits as well as financial oversight by a local oversight committee. Mayor Chris Branscum said the process for establishing the oversight

committee was not defined by the measure, so council needed to provide direction for its establishment.

Council members Marjorie Rollins and Brad Hudson both stated that community members should be involved in the committee, along with some council members.

Vice Mayor Bruce Buttacavoli clarified that the committee is for oversight and communication and will not be a voting body. He suggested a 2x2 committee of two community members and two council members.

Mayor Branscum said the committee will ensure proper dispersal of the tax revenue from Measure G, and the city’s finance director and senior management

will provide integral support in the process. He supported the idea of a 2x2 committee, with the community members appointed to two-year terms by the council. He also suggested that quarterly meetings would be sufficient.

Vice Mayor Buttacavoli said that he and the mayor already

serve on the financial ad hoc committees, so he suggested other councilmembers should have the opportunity to serve on this committee.

City Manager Jim Schaad said the city does have an existing ordinance on standing committees, so he suggested staff take the council’s direction and draft a proposal for the new committee to be reviewed at a future council meeting.

Next, the council held a public hearing to consider an urgency ordinance to amend the city’s municipal code for sign and fence regulations.

In September, the council approved the downtown specific plan, which included new zoning

districts. As it went into effect, staff realized the sign and fence regulations were not updated to include the new zoning districts. They requested approval of an urgency ordinance, which would immediately go into effect so the headings in the code align with the new plan.

Vice Mayor Buttacavoli clarified that this would not change anything in the regulations; the ordinance just clarifies the language to avoid confusion.

The urgency ordinance was unanimously approved by council. A regular ordinance amendment will go to the planning commission for consideration and then back to council for approval in January 2026. ★



Kindergartners Spread Holiday Cheer at Emerald Oaks



Kindergarten students sing and dance during a festive holiday program at Emerald Oaks Senior Community.

Story and photos
by Lloyd Green Jr.

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - Angel wings and halos filled the room at Emerald Oaks Senior Community as kindergarten students from Andros Karperos School brought a burst of holiday cheer to residents during a special visit in Yuba City.

About 90 students sang

a lineup of Christmas favorites, including “Feliz Navidad,” “Jingle Bells,” “Must Be Santa” and “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.” Residents tapped their feet, sang along and danced as the children performed from the front of the room.

Laughter followed as the program closed with a playful mashup of the Chicken

Dance, “Itsy Bitsy Spider” and “Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes,” drawing smiles from residents and staff alike.

Dr. Gurprit Bains thanked the students for visiting Emerald Oaks and sharing the holiday season with residents. The morning ended with a surprise visit from Santa Claus, who spoke with the

children, answered questions and handed out treats as they boarded the bus.

The performance marked the first time Andros Karperos School has visited Emerald Oaks and also served as the kindergarten class’s first official field trip, turning a simple outing into a holiday memory for both students and residents.



Kindergarten students from Andros Karperos School perform holiday songs for residents at Emerald Oaks Senior Community in Yuba City, dressed in angel wings and halos.

Sutter County Sheriff Welcomes New Recruits

By Shamaya Sutton

SUTTER COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Sutter County Sheriff’s Office recognized three new deputies earlier this month following their graduation from the Butte College Law Enforcement Academy.

On Dec. 5, the department congratulated Katlyn Tarr, Jaden Thames and Matt Miller on completing the academy program. The recruits officially joined the Sutter County Sheriff’s Office and, on Dec. 9, appeared on 93Q Radio to introduce themselves to the community while spreading a bit of holiday cheer.

Katlyn Tarr grew up in Colusa County and, after graduating high school, attended Chico State, where she earned a degree in parks and natural resource management.

“Within that time, I spent a lot of time with the fish and wildlife side in the state parks,” said Tarr. “But I’m a people person so I wanted to better serve my community, so I thought that the Sheriff’s Department was going to be a great fit, so I bit the bullet and went for it.”

Tarr said the academy lasted roughly six months and was not something she would describe as easy. After completing the rigorous program, she said she is looking forward to connecting with the community, whether on the street, in the classroom or in the office.

Her favorite Christmas movie is National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation, and her favorite holiday memory involves spending time with family and saving her stocking for last, a tradition she plans to continue.

Jaden Thames is originally from south Sacramento, but after his parents’ divorce his mom moved to the Yuba City area. After graduating high school, Thames played college baseball



From left, Jaden Thames, Katlyn Tarr and Matt Miller pose outside the Sutter County Sheriff’s Office after graduating from the Butte College Law Enforcement Academy and officially joining the department earlier this month. Photo courtesy of Sutter County Sheriff’s Department

at Cosumnes River College before transferring to Yuba College. From there, he accepted a scholarship opportunity that took him to Oklahoma.

“I ended up not liking it, came back, and picked up a couple jobs just here and there like Target,” said Thames. “Then I decided I wanted to join law enforcement, so I got a job at the casino at Thunder Valley working security. Then I applied to Sutter County and they picked me up.”

Thames now lives in Olivehurst with his grandmother and has a twin brother who also works in law enforcement, serving in Fresno County.

“The original plan after baseball was that we would go into law enforcement together,” said Thames. “Hopefully we’ll meet back together at some point.”

Thames’ favorite Christmas movie is The Nightmare Before Christmas, and his favorite holiday memory involves eating Rollo candies in bed with his twin brother as children.

Matt Miller was born and raised in Sutter County and

graduated from Yuba City High School in 2013. His decision to pursue law enforcement was largely influenced by his brother, who is a firefighter.

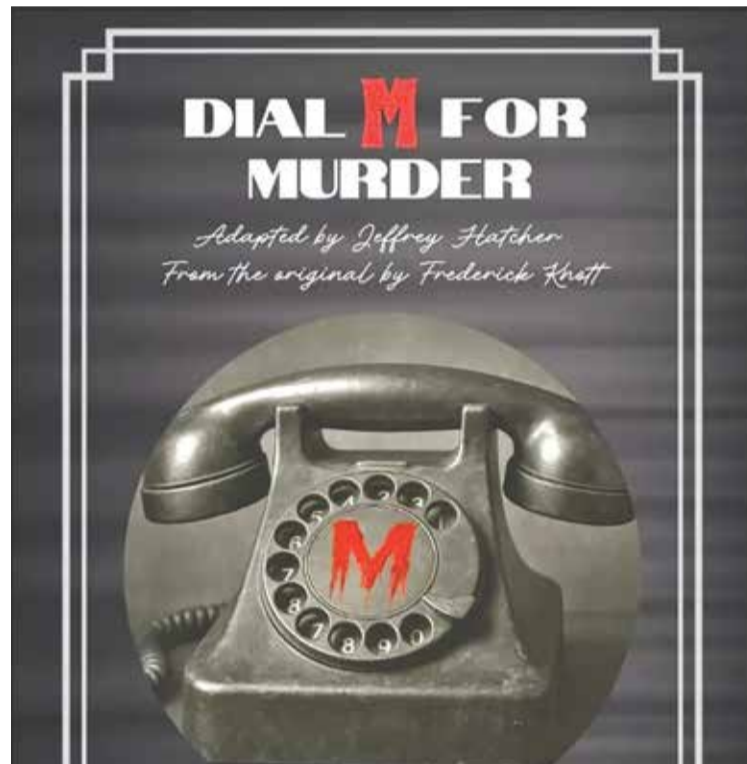
“I was serving the community already in the ag industry and just felt like I wanted to serve my community further in a different way,” said Miller. “My brother encouraged me, he’s a firefighter. I saw how much fun being a first responder was and all the excitement and helping people and I just really wanted to be a part of that.”

Miller said his goal is to help bring more positivity to the public perception of law enforcement.

“Working in law enforcement you’re often there on everyone’s worst day, so you want to be there on their worst day and try to leave a positive impact on them.”

His favorite Christmas movie is Home Alone 2: Lost in New York, and his favorite holiday memory involves receiving a PlayStation 2 and playing Madden and MLB games with his brothers.

The Acting Company Announces Auditions for ‘Dial M for Murder’



Production artwork for Dial M for Murder, a suspense thriller directed by David Wheeler, with auditions scheduled for Jan. 5-6 at The Acting Company in Yuba City. Photo courtesy of The Acting Company

By MPG Staff

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - The Acting Company has announced auditions for Dial M for Murder, the classic thriller by Frederick Knott, directed by David Wheeler, emeritus professor of theater and film at Yuba College.

Auditions will be held Jan. 5 and 6, 2026, at 6 p.m. at The Acting Company Theater. Performances are scheduled to run Feb. 20 through March 15, 2026.

Best known as a celebrated stage and screen suspense story, Dial M for Murder follows Tony Wendice, who suspects his wife Margot of infidelity and becomes entangled in a dangerous web of jealousy, deception and murder. As secrets unravel, suspicion tightens around the characters, leading to a tense and dramatic conclusion.

The production calls for a cast of five principal roles: Margot Wendice (female, 25-35, English), Maxine Hadley (female, 25-35, American), Tony Wendice (male, 30-40, English), Lesgate (male, 30-40, English) and Inspector Hubbard (male, 40-50, English). The role of Inspector Hubbard may be cast as female.

All characters are university educated, polished and language-driven, with strong physical acting ability required. Because of the intensity of the play, all cast members must be available for the full rehearsal and performance schedule. Auditions will consist of cold-readings from the script.

The Acting Company is located at 815 B St. in Yuba City. More information about auditions and the production is available online at actingcompany.org.

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California Farm Bureau President Heralds 'Bright Future' For Agriculture

California Farm Bureau News Release

CALIFORNIA (MPG) - California Farm Bureau President Shannon Douglass applauded the organization's principles and accomplishments this year in an address delivered Dec. 8 at the Farm Bureau's 107th Annual Meeting in Anaheim.

Douglass, who is a diversified farmer and rancher in Glenn County, acknowledged challenges farmers face while expressing her conviction that Farm Bureau's advocacy efforts will bring about positive changes.

"Despite all the challenges we have in the world, all the challenges we have in agriculture, we still have a tremendously bright future," Douglass said. "I believe that it's because of Farm Bureau that the future of California agriculture looks bright."

The Farm Bureau president highlighted several of the organization's achievements this year, including work by its policy advocates to reduce utility rates and to impact state laws pertaining to farmland conservation and protecting livestock from coyotes.

"I think our voices were heard," said Douglass, who was elected in 2023 to lead the Farm Bureau.

Douglass also applauded the Farm Bureau's decision this year to take a principled stand in support of the farm workforce.

In August, the Farm Bureau president and California Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas



President Shannon Douglass delivers her annual address Monday in Anaheim at the 107th California Farm Bureau Annual Meeting, highlighting the organization's accomplishments and upcoming priorities. Photo courtesy of California Farm Bureau

coauthored an opinion piece in The New York Times advocating that a pathway to legal status be created for undocumented farmworkers.

"We simply talked about why this issue is important, why it's important not only on our farms and businesses from a business perspective, but why it's important from a people perspective—and how we value and appreciate the people that work on our farms and are involved in our communities and our families," Douglass said. "We are going to continue fighting on the issue."

During her address, Douglass celebrated efforts by several county Farm Bureaus to grow their membership this year, including the Lake,

Nevada, Napa, Plumas-Sierra, San Francisco, Santa Cruz and Solano County Farm Bureaus, while also acknowledging efforts by the San Bernardino and Alameda County Farm Bureaus.

"We've got over 100 years of history—a whole century of work that's been laid out before us," Douglass said. "All that investment allows us to look ahead at a really bright future."

California Farm Bureau works to protect family farms and ranches as part of a nationwide network representing more than 5 million Farm Bureau members. Learn more at www.cfbf.com or follow @cafarmbureau on Instagram, LinkedIn, X or Facebook. ★

Case of the Month



Corrections personnel with the Yuba County Sheriff's Office are recognized as part of the agency's "Case of the Month" for their role in detecting and removing narcotics from a housing unit. Photo courtesy of the Yuba County Sheriff's Department

Yuba County Sheriff's Department News Release

YUBA COUNTY, CA (MPG) - During his shift, Correctional Officer Matta observed inmates acting suspiciously in the back of their assigned cell and requested assistance from Officer Galvez. During a search of the cell, Officer Matta located a rolled-up playing card containing a small piece of white paper that held an unknown white substance which later produced a presumptive positive result for methamphetamine.

The cell was thoroughly searched for any additional contraband, and both inmates were escorted to booking, patted down, scanned and placed under observation. Medical staff assessed both inmates and determined they did not require medical treatment.

Due to Officer Matta's awareness and quick response, he was able to stop the inmates from using the drugs that were found. Officer Matta and Officer Galvez demonstrated excellent teamwork and professionalism in detecting and safely removing dangerous contraband from the housing unit. ★

In the operations division, Deputies Jarod Kump, Tyler Eck and Nathan Thomas responded to three separate burglary incidents in the Oregon House area, each initially lacking suspect information. Deputy Kump spoke with a victim who had their very distinctive vehicle stolen and immediately recalled seeing the same vehicle at an address in Dobbins.

Acting on this observation, Deputy Kump went to that property and located the stolen vehicle on a 100-acre parcel containing numerous scattered items believed to be additional stolen property. Deputy Kump contacted Detective Brandon Martin who promptly obtained a search warrant for the location. Deputies Eck and Thomas responded to assist in executing the warrant and identifying potential stolen property.

Through their coordinated efforts, the team successfully recovered nearly all of the stolen property connected to the three burglary cases. Victims were contacted and their property was returned. This case exemplifies outstanding teamwork, proactive fieldwork and effective investigative coordination. ★

Feather Falls Casino and Lodge Receives Two Major KOA Awards



Feather Falls Casino Lodge Brewery News Release

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - Feather Falls year's Kamgrounds of America (KOA), located at Feather Falls Casino & Lodge, is proud to announce that it has been honored with two prestigious awards at this year's Kamgrounds of America Annual Convention. These awards recognize outstanding excellence, service, and guest satisfaction across KOA's extensive network of campgrounds in North America.

The highly selective Icon Award is presented to KOA campgrounds that demonstrate exceptional leadership, operational excellence and consistent delivery of a premier guest experience. Feather Falls KOA is one of

only two campgrounds in the state of California to receive this distinction, underscoring its reputation as a standout destination for campers and travelers.

Based on guest reviews and rigorous KOA inspection criteria, the World Class Service Award highlights campgrounds that maintain superior levels of quality, cleanliness, hospitality, and guest satisfaction. Feather Falls KOA earned this recognition through consistent positive feedback and exceptional performance across KOA's national evaluation standards.

"We are incredibly proud of our KOA team and the dedication they bring to creating a warm, clean, and memorable experience for every guest," said Matthew

Mingrone, General Manager of Feather Falls Casino, Lodge, & Brewery. "These awards reinforce the commitment we make every day to provide exceptional hospitality not only at our KOA, but across our entire resort. We look forward to welcoming even more travelers to experience all that Feather Falls has to offer."

Feather Falls Casino, Lodge, & Brewery offers a full suite of resort amenities, including an expansive gaming floor with slots and table games, multiple dining options such as the Feather Falls Brewing Company, luxurious hotel accommodations, and free live entertainment throughout the year in addition to the KOA campgrounds. ★

California State Fair to Move to Fall Beginning in 2027



Fairgoers ride a carnival attraction during the California State Fair this past summer in Sacramento. Fair officials announced the event will move to fall dates beginning in 2027. Photo by Shamaya Sutton

By MPG Staff

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California State Fair will shift from its traditional summer schedule to a fall timeframe beginning in 2027, fair officials announced.

The change is intended to address increasingly extreme summer temperatures in the Sacramento region and improve conditions for fairgoers, staff and vendors. The 2027 fair is scheduled to run from Sept. 17 through Oct. 3.

Officials said the 2026 California State Fair, set for July 17 through Aug. 2, will

be the final fair held during the summer months.

According to fair leadership, the decision follows several years of evaluation and planning, including consideration of public safety, attendance patterns and operational impacts related to prolonged heat. Many other state fairs across the country already operate during fall months.

Fair organizers said the schedule change is a long-term shift and part of broader efforts to adapt the event to changing climate conditions while preserving its traditions. ★

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



As the vaunted Houston Rockets entered Golden One Arena Sunday night with a gaudy 17-8 record was there anyone that could have conceived the Sacramento Kings would rebound the Rockets 55-47? You would be hard pressed to find someone, but that's exactly what the Kings did, resulting in a hard fought 125-124 win!

Sitting just behind the Kings bench I was saddened by the number of empty seats that I gazed upon, and I found myself wondering why so many fans made the decision to stay home just days before Christmas.

Why not take the family out and celebrate the great careers of players like Russell Westbrook and DeMar DeRozan, leading the team to a holiday victory? That's exactly what they did, and coming back from a double deficit hole in the fourth quarter the Kings ended regulation on a torrid 17-2 frenetic scoring stretch that sent the game into overtime.

Future hall of famer Russell Westbrook hit a 3-pointer with just seconds left in regulation to put a hard-fought contest into overtime, much to the delight of Golden One holiday crowd.

DeMar DeRozan led the Kings with 27 big points while teammate Russell Westbrook added 21 points of his own to go with 13 monster rebounds. Yes, Kings fans, the veterans came to play and, on this night, they came to win!

All knotted at 112 apiece the Kings would end their losing streak after suffering back-to-back losses to the Portland Trailblazers, and it was an unlikely 3-pointer from Dennis Schroder with 2.2 seconds left on the clock that would propel the Kings to victory.

Kevin Durant's 20-footer with one second remaining would miss the mark sending home a jubilant Sacramento Kings crowd. No one seemed to mind the rain as fans made their way to their cars, because on this night, the hometown ballers put on a show.

Doug Christie's decision to finally focus on the young players is starting to pay dividends, but his reluctance to play Devin Carter and Keon Ellis is a mystery to me.

Rather than give minutes to Devin Carter, the organization sent this 1st round draft choice to the G-league where he will get

all the minutes he wants. While I agree that court time is what Carter needs, I believe real NBA talent is what he needs to be up against.

If the Kings want to see what the team's youth have to offer let's put them all out there. Both Carter and Ellis represent the defensive presence that coach Christie has been barking about, so why not let them show what they can do. Finally, put together a real plan of attack and get the message out there. Let the veterans do what they do, while giving substantial minutes to the young players at the same time.

Most of all, find a rotation that makes sense and not something new every game. Putting Malik Monk of the bench for two and three games at a time makes absolutely no sense, and it belittles a talent that took considerably less money to stay in Sacramento. Malik showed where his heart is, now show Malik that you value his skills.

Once again, the inability to access talent accurately rises to the top, and this coaching staff needs to get it together.

Games like this victory over the Thunder do not have to be an aberration if this coaching staff will find rotations that make sense. It's not rocket science, so do it!

Without question this team misses Domantas Sabonis and apparently, he is not returning anytime soon, so use your veterans wisely and play the legs off the youngsters.

Fans have their favorite players, and if the messaging coming from Kings is correct, some of your favorite players may soon be taking up residence elsewhere. I for one, hope Domantas Sabonis remains a foundation piece and Sacramento fans can witness his high intensity style of play for years to come.

In the meantime, remember this: The Sacramento Kings have proven on any given night this team can defeat any NBA team in America. The talent is here, and now is the time to come and see future hall-of-famers in action. Get out and support this team because they are playing hard!

Keep the faith Kings fans and have a very Merry Christmas!

Your thoughts are always welcome at vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com. ★

Newsom's \$18 Billion Budget Gap Has Roots in Pandemic Aid Ending



By Dan Walters,
CALMatters.org

When Gov. Gavin Newsom unveils his first draft of the state's 2026-27 budget next month, he'll reveal whether he intends to deal squarely with its chronic, multi-billion-dollar deficit or punt the shortfall to his successor.

Legislative Analyst Gabe Petek, the Legislature's independent fiscal advisor, estimates the state faces an \$18 billion gap between projected spending and likely revenues next year and, if left unaddressed, the deficit will grow to \$35 billion a year.

Meanwhile, Petek says, the state has rung up \$21.6 billion in off-the-books debt to cover deficits in recent fiscal years.

Petek and others have warned about the possibility of a serious recession afflicting the national economy which would exacerbate the budget's imbalance and strain California's emergency reserves, which have already been tapped to cover shortfalls.

Even without a recession, California's economy is, in Petek's words, "sluggish." Jobs are shrinking, and at 5.6% of the labor force, California's unemployment rate remains the highest of any state.

The recent history of papering over deficits with gimmicks and borrowed money is not an encouraging

signal of a forthright approach. However, perhaps Newsom will opt to balance California's books before embarking on a near-certain presidential campaign.

Unfortunately, the state is not alone in being plagued by yawning gaps between income and outgo. Throughout California, school districts, cities, counties and other units of local government are facing deficits rooted in the same dynamics that led to red ink in state finances – immense injections of federal relief funds during the COVID-19 pandemic.

It's been estimated that the feds pumped as much as \$600 billion into California through state and local governments to counteract the pandemic's economic impacts, not counting many other billions that businesses and individuals received directly.

The federal aid gave officials cash to spend with few safeguards and fueled a short-lived jolt of taxes, particularly income taxes.

The Newsom administration interpreted the windfall as a permanent increase in revenue that led the governor to declare, in 2022, a \$97.5 billion surplus. He and the Legislature immediately ramped up spending. But the surplus never materialized, and eventually the administration acknowledged that it had over-estimated revenues by \$165 billion four years.

By then, however, the additional spending, especially for an expansion of medical care, was lodged in state law, and the state was left with what is termed a "structural deficit" in the \$20 billion range.

Meanwhile, local governments and school districts were using their pandemic

aid to satisfy the demands by employee unions for salary increases, which often could not be covered once the federal aid vanished. Inflation in living costs ratcheted up union salary demands even further.

A new report by the Fiscal Crisis & Management Assistance Team, which monitors California school district finances, examined the chronically troubled Sacramento City Unified School District and described how federal aid led to its financial quicksand.

The report catalogued the district's history of overspending revenues and said, "This (federal) funding masked the district's existing structural deficit, delaying the necessary actions to be taken to address it."

Even after the federal aid stopped, the district continued to sign union contracts calling for raises that it could not afford. And it failed to implement the cost-saving steps it had pledged to balance its budget, the analysis found.

The budget problems in other school districts – Oakland Unified is a notorious example – and in local governments such as the City of Los Angeles have a similar ring. School trustees and city council members, elected with union support, squandered federal aid. Then they approved unsustainable contracts and blamed the resulting deficits on insufficient revenue.

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Social Security Matters

Why Won't Social Security Give Me My Benefits?



By Russell Gloor,
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I called the Social Security office, as well as went with my husband when he went to collect his Social Security. Because I work full-time (at about \$800/week), they said I could not file for my Social Security. Yet I seem to read articles all the time about people doing so.

My husband just filed for his benefits and is now collecting them. Out of the two of us, his Social Security will be larger. Please advise me. **Signed: Wanting my Benefits**

Dear Wanting my Benefits: If you have not yet reached your SS full retirement age (FRA) and you are working full time, you are likely being affected by Social Security's Annual Earnings Test, which limits how much you can earn while collecting Social Security prior to your FRA. Your FRA is somewhere between 66 and 67, depending on when you were born.

The annual earnings limit for those collecting

SS benefits prior to FRA in 2025 is \$23,400 (changes yearly) and, if that is exceeded, Social Security will take away benefits equal to \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit. If you applied for your benefits and are still working, and were denied, it's likely because Social Security determined that your current annual earnings considerably exceed the earnings limit and, thus, you cannot collect benefits. That's because the penalty for exceeding the limit would be more than your benefit amount. FYI, the earnings limit will go away when you reach your full retirement age so, after FRA, you can claim your benefits even if you are still working. Or if you stop working before your FRA you can collect your SS benefits at that time.

None of this means you are losing money, because your monthly SS payment will continue to grow until you later claim (e.g., after you stop working, or only work part-time), or until you reach 70 years of age. When you later claim, your monthly benefit will be higher and, depending on your longevity, you may recover what you didn't get now because you are working. And that includes both your own SS retirement benefit and any spousal boost you may be entitled to from your husband.

So, my suggestion is this: as long as you are working full time

and exceeding Social Security's annual earnings limit, continue to wait to claim your Social Security. Then, when you reach your full retirement age (again, between 66 and 67, depending on the year you were born), or if you stop working before that, go ahead and apply for Social Security again. At that time, your application will be approved, and you will be awarded your own earned SS retirement amount plus any additional amount you may be due as your husband's spouse. To be entitled to a spousal boost from your husband, your own FRA entitlement must be less than 50% of your husband's FRA entitlement. But the amount you get will be reduced if you claim before your full retirement age.

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President Trump likes putting his name on things, so maybe it was inevitable he'd get his own corollary to the Monroe Doctrine. Truth be told, what the president's just-released national security strategy sets out as a new proposition is really a restatement of the Lodge Corollary, named after Senator Henry Cabot Lodge in 1912. That proviso prohibited any foreign power or interest -- not just European governments -- from gaining "practical power of control" in the Western Hemisphere.

Naming rights aside, the treatment of our hemisphere is a strong element of the strategy. The so-called Trump corollary aims to assert U.S. preeminence in the hemisphere and keep non-hemispheric actors from creating threats or controlling strategically vital assets here. It is, in the words of the strategy, "a common-sense and potent restoration of American power and priorities, consistent with American security interests."

We should, by all means, breathe new life into a Monroe Doctrine that in recent decades has become a museum curiosity. The precipitating crisis for the making of the doctrine was an 1821 declaration by the Russians that they'd prohibit foreign shipping within 115 miles of their holdings on the Pacific coast. Secretary of State John Quincy Adams rebuffed the edict in terms anticipating the doctrine.

The bigger issue was that the Spanish empire was disintegrating. The end of its

Yes, Revive the Monroe Doctrine

grip in the Western Hemisphere catalyzed the birth of Latin American republics and presented the risk of interventions by ambitious, illiberal continental Europeans states.

What to do? The British, who didn't want to get locked out of Latin American markets by other European countries and viewed the U.S. as a potential partner, suggested a joint declaration that continental powers should steer clear. We strung the Brits along and then President Monroe issued, on his own, what would become his eponymous doctrine in an annual message to Congress in 1823.

He asserted that "the American continents, by the free and independent condition which they have assumed and maintain, are henceforth not to be considered as subjects for future colonization by any European powers."

New European footholds in the Western Hemisphere were thought to represent not just security, but territorial, demographic and ideological threats. Metternich, the Austrian statesman, took great umbrage. He called it an "act of revolt," and pronounced it "fully as audacious" and "no less dangerous" than the Danubian Revolution. Tsar Alexander said that "it merits only the most profound contempt." But Russia backed off its 1821 power play.

Initially, we weren't close to being militarily capable of contesting European encroachments and we relied on the British, in effect, to enforce our declaration. Still, the Monroe Doc-

trine became a predicate of American geopolitical power by avoiding major challenges to our hegemony in our own hemisphere. When we had the means, we enforced it ourselves. Once we were no longer distracted by the Civil War, we pressured France to end its intervention in Mexico in the 1860s. We got Germany to stand down during the Venezuela crisis of 1902 (this event led to the Roosevelt Corollary, named after President Teddy Roosevelt, stipulating the U.S. could deploy "an international police power" when Latin American countries were failing).

Since the 1990s, though, we've let down our guard. China is now Latin America's second-largest trading partner after the United States, and has expanded its influence in the region on all fronts. Russia has relationships with Venezuela, Nicaragua and Cuba, and has increased its covert operations in Mexico. Hezbollah has a notable presence in Latin America.

Trump's focus on countering these malign actors could be seen in his successful effort earlier this year to get Panama to pull out of China's Belt and Road Initiative, and is evident now in his pressure campaign against a Maduro regime in Venezuela that is aligned with China, Russia and Iran.

Trump's actions often feel new and different, but here, his strategic departure is returning to a traditional American approach to our side of the Atlantic.

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Christmas Past



By Kathy Craig Harteis

I'm a sentimental mess when it comes to Christmas.

Having been raised in a big Christian family, the holiday centered on the birth of Christ. Coupled with that was the gathering of loved ones. We were always together with family and anyone else who needed us.

My mom loved a party. She spent a lot of time and effort preparing favorite holiday treats. The dining room table was filled with the treats for all to enjoy.

Fast forward to adulthood for me. I've continued the tradition of gathering family and friends together on Christmas Eve.

I have precious memories of days gone by. Each Christmas was filled with excitement of my children and my grandchildren. As in all things, once little children believing in the magic of Christmas are now grown and growing into adulthood.

Nothing means more to me than my children and grandchildren. Any time I've had with them has been a gift.

As we look forward to the holidays I am still excited to gather with those who love me.

Times and situations have changed a bit for me. Having the lasting affects of my ankle injury last year has altered my stamina. Bless my girls for stepping up to help me.

Even though last year

I was in the hospital, my girls (by birth and by choice) traveled to Bismarck to be with me. I admit although eating Chinese food off of paper plates in a hospital room wasn't all bad. It was certainly a lot less work.

I get frustrated at my limitation's. But, I need only look around me to be reminded that my struggles are minor compared to some.

God has blessed me my whole life. When I consider my blessings the biggest blessings have been the people in my life.

Merry Christmas. Life is good today.

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Food & Farm NEWS

California Farm Bureau President Heralds 'Bright Future'

California Farm Bureau President Shannon Douglass applauded the organization's principles and celebrated its accomplishments this year in an address delivered last week at the Farm Bureau's 107th Annual Meeting in Anaheim. "Despite all the challenges we have in the world, all the challenges we have in agriculture, we still have a tremendously bright future," Douglass said. "I believe that it's because of Farm Bureau that the future of California agriculture looks bright." A diversified farmer and rancher in Glenn County, Douglass was first elected in 2023 to lead the Farm Bureau. Last week, she was reelected to another two-year term. Also reelected last week to two-year terms were Vice President Shaun Crook, a Tuolumne County forster, and Second Vice President Ron Peterson, a Stanislaus County cattle rancher and dairy farmer who also grows almonds and silage crops.

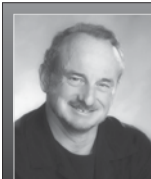
California Farm Bureau Updates Group's Policies

California Farm Bureau approved changes to the organization's policies last week during a House of Delegates session at the organization's 107th Annual Meeting in Anaheim. Delegates voted to approve new and updated policies related to issues

such as wine import subsidies, abandoned farmland and immigration enforcement. In total, California Farm Bureau approved 13 new or updated policies, several of which came in response to recent challenges farmers and ranchers have faced. "Every year, when we have changes that we want to incorporate—if it's a new issue that's come up or maybe we're unhappy about how a policy was previously written—we take the opportunity to make those changes," said Matthew Viohl, a federal policy director for the California Farm Bureau.

Young Farmers and Ranchers Urged to be Industry's Voice

Young farmers and ranchers from across California convened Dec. 6-7 in Anaheim for the 2025 California Young Farmers & Ranchers State Conference, where agricultural leaders underscored the need to strengthen grassroots involvement and cultivate the next generation of industry advocates. "We need diverse voices and perspectives to help shape our future—not only the future of Farm Bureau, but of California agriculture as a whole," said California Farm Bureau President Shannon Douglass, a Glenn County farmer and rancher. "Our young farmers and ranchers are an important feeder for our county Farm Bureau boards and for the leadership of the California Farm Bureau." ★



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All About Them Roundabouts

The average American wastes about one week a year sitting in traffic, so says the Commercial Carrier Journal. They put a dollar figure on it of about \$771.00 annually but since its a week sitting in the car going nowhere, I guess it depends on how much you make a week doesn't it.

All I know if I spend a 40-hour week sitting in unnecessary traffic jams, I would probably eat close to that in gas, let alone the lost productivity.

I don't think about this particular economic cost to mankind very often as we all just kind of accept traffic with a grrr, but it came to mind again when I made my usual drive down to Auburn on highway 49 and hit an atypical traffic jam about halfway down a few months past. After 10 minutes of creeping along, I came upon the reason for the jam up and it was a new roundabout.

It had a weird jig and a jag into this odd circle of lines and the other cars maneuvered as tenderly as I did trying to avoid hitting someone else during the exercise. No doubt all of us were trying to comprehend how this thing was laid out, seeing it for the first time and all.

No sooner then we popped out of the thing, a little further down the road another new roundabout appeared and caused about the same confusion as the first one.

I use the word roundabout loosely here. It was more of a *what's-this-thing-about*.

Actually both of them were odd. I didn't recall any big intersecting side roads that would necessitate either of the new roundabouts. Maybe I don't know the area well enough, but I do drive the route on occasion and don't recall any big clusters happening anywhere near these areas in previous trips down 49 that would require traffic mediation when it comes to needing a roundabout.

I am sure some of you know whence of where I speak when it comes to these two roundabouts and it got me thinking of how these things are engineered the way they are.

Speaking with other drivers who have gone through these two clusters brought them to the same conclusion I did.

Who the heck engineered this thing and if it was a school project he or she probably would have received an F if the grade was arrived at by popular demand.

Frankly roundabouts are supposed to make things smoother and only be installed where they are needed. When it came to these two labyrinths I saw nothing

of the sort. What once was a smooth sailing trip is now a traffic headache that eventually, and to this day, makes me take highway 80 instead. My new route saves me about 20 minutes from what it took me going down 49 now that the new roundabouts were installed.

It reminded me of the roundabout that was installed in Grass Valley where Ridge Road, Zion Street and Nevada City Highway come together. Although not nearly the mazes that the two highway 49 roundabouts are, it's still a jumbled mess. One has to wonder if these two designers went to the same school or sit back imbibing the same elixirs when coming up with these things.

Ah, but all is not lost when remembering the frustrations of the time spent and accidents had on bad highway designs like these roundabouts. Take the roundabout at East Main and Idaho-Maryland which also has a third leg handling a Highway 20/49 off ramp.

The designer of that ought to be given an award as that is a breeze to navigate and a well-designed and simple roundabout that works like it should.

Sometimes simplicity beats out complexity when it comes to handling people and their cars.

In conclusion, while we all breeze through the Idaho-Maryland/East Main roundabout, pity those drivers stuck in the new highway 49 concrete whirlpools or new to the Zion Street roundabout trying to figure out which arm goes where to remain accident free.

Considering the enhanced risk, lost time and wasted gas that goes into these badly designed Frankenbouts, and how long these concrete monstrosities will be used by motorists, it might be better just to bite the bullet, tear them down and redo them.

And when you redo them, hunt down the guy or gal that did the East Main beauty, and give a broom to the other two.

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T.S. No.: 250825715-5 Loan No.: 1716 Order No. 95532189 APN: 021-203-003-000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 8/20/2020. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. No cashier's checks older than 60 days from the day of sale will be accepted. Trustor: Alpine

Holdings, Inc. Duly Appointed Trustee: American Equity Service, Inc. Recorded 8/31/2020 as Instrument No. 2020-013818 in book xx, page xx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Yuba County, California, Date of Sale: 1/8/2026 at 1:30 PM Place of Sale: At the front entrance to the County Courthouse, 215 5th St., Marysville, CA 95901 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$171,334.17 (estimated) Street Address or other common designation of real property: 5919 Park Court Linda, CA 95901 Legal Description: PLEASE SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A" EXHIBIT "A" LEGAL DESCRIPTION LOT 410 AS SHOWN ON THAT MAP ENTITLED, "COUNTRY CLUB PARK SUBDIVISION", RECORDED ON MAY 24, 1960, IN BOOK 6 OF MAPS, PAGE 17. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction,

you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (916) 939-0772 or visit this Internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 250825715-5. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil

Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (916) 939-0772, or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 250825715-5 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. When submitting funds for a bid subject to Section 2924m, please make the funds payable to "Total Lender Solutions, Inc. Holding Account". If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 12/5/2025 Mortgage Lender Services, as Agent for American Equity Service, Inc., as Trustee 7844 Madison Avenue #145 Fair Oaks, CA 95628 Phone: 916-962-3453 Sale Line: (916) 939-0772 BY: Lauren Meyer, Vice President NPP0482052 To: TERRITORIAL DISPATCH 12/19/2025, 12/26/2025, 01/02/2026

T.S. No.: 2025-00996-CA
A.P.N.: 048-230-049-000
Property Address:
12754 JOSSELYN HILL RD, OREGON HOUSE, CA 95962

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a) and (d), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO BELOW IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR.

NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED
注: 本文件包含一个信息摘要
참고사항: 본 청부 문서에 정보 요약서가 있습니다
NOTA: SE ADJUNTA UN RESUMEN DE LA INFORMACION DE ESTE DOCUMENTO
TALA: MAYROONG BUOD NG IMPORMASYON SA DOKUMENTONG ITO NA NAKALAKIP
LƯU Ý: KEM THEO ĐÂY LÀ BẢN TRÌNH BÀY TÓM LƯỢC VỀ THÔNG TIN TRONG TÀI LIỆU NÀY

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/08/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

Trustor: DAVID E VER LINDEN, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY Duly Appointed Trustee: Western Progressive, LLC Deed of Trust Recorded 11/16/2006 as Instrument No. 2006R-023360 in book ---, page--- and of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Yuba County, California, Date of Sale: 02/05/2026 at 01:30 PM Place of Sale: AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE 215 5TH STREET, MARYSVILLE, CA 95901

Estimated amount of unpaid balance, reasonably estimated costs and other charges: \$ 588,553.16

THE TRUSTEE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, A SAVINGS ASSOCIATION OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE:

All right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described as:

More fully described in said Deed of Trust. Street Address or other common designation of real property: 12754 JOSSELYN HILL RD, OREGON HOUSE, CA 95962 A.P.N.: 048-230-049-000

The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above.

The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$ 588,553.16.

Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt.

If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.

The beneficiary of the Deed of Trust has executed and delivered to the undersigned a written request to commence foreclosure, and the undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located.

NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on this property.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (866)-960-8299 or visit this Internet Web site <https://www.altisource.com/loginpage.aspx> using the file number assigned to this case 2025-00996-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale.

NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction, if conducted after January 1, 2021, pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (866)-960-8299, or visit this internet website <https://www.altisource.com/loginpage.aspx>, using the file number assigned to this case 2025-00996-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase.

Date: December 12, 2025
Western Progressive, LLC, as Trustee for beneficiary
C/o 1500 Palma Drive, Suite 238
Ventura, CA 93003
Sale Information Line: (866) 960-8299
<https://www.altisource.com/loginpage.aspx>

Trustee Sale Assistant

**This address must be used for the required delivery by certified or overnight mail of postponement requests as specified pursuant to Civil Code section 2924f(e). (TD) Dec. 26, 2025, Jan. 2, 9, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025F-311

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Olivehurst Market
1890 7th Avenue
Olivehurst, CA 95961
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
Gregory Anderson
1890 7th Avenue
Olivehurst, CA 95961

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).

Signed:
Gurnam Sandhar
California
President

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on November 7, 2025.

(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).

DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By NELIDA WILLIAMS,
Deputy Clerk
Dec. 19, 26, 2025, Jan. 2, 9, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 2025F-285

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

EPS Print Shop
228 9th St
Marysville, CA 95901,
County Yuba
1) Express Postal
Solutions LLC
228 9TH ST
MARYSVILLE, CA 95901

State of Corporation: CALIFORNIA

This business is conducted by Limited Liability Company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Not Applicable.

(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).

Signed:
Richard Coleman
Managing Member

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on NOV 07, 2025, indicated by file stamp.

(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).

DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By NELY WILLIAMS,
Deputy Clerk
12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 12/26/25
CNS-3988479#
TERRITORIAL DISPATCH

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025F-286

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

Expert Roofing Consultants/ Gutter Beast
2299 Casa Dulce Way
Plumas Lake, CA 95961
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
Gregory Anderson
2299 Casa Dulce Way
Plumas Lake, CA 95961
This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/6/2017.

(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).

Signed:
Gregory R. Anderson
California
President

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on November 7, 2025.

(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).

DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By MANDY LUIS,
Deputy Clerk
Dec. 12, 19, 26, 2025, Jan. 2, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 2025F-307

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

TL RESIDENTIAL CARE
2077 River Wood Dr.
Marysville, CA 95901
County Yuba
1) Lezlie T. Pinat
2077 River Wood Dr.
Marysville, CA 95901
2) Reyna An B. Ecleo-Pinat
2077 River Wood Dr.
Marysville, CA 95901

This business is conducted by a Married Couple.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).

Signed:
Lezlie T. Pinat

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba on Dec. 3, 2025, indicated by file stamp.

(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).

DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By NELY WILLIAMS,
Deputy Clerk
Dec. 12, 19, 26, 2025, Jan. 2, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025F-302

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

Nic of all Trades Handyman Service
823 13th Street
Marysville, CA 95901
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
Nicolaus Ryan Jones
823 13th Street
Marysville, CA 95901

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/13/2019.

(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).

Signed:
Nicolaus Jones

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on November 26, 2025.

(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).

DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By BRIDGETTE EVANS,
Deputy Clerk
Dec. 12, 19, 26, Jan. 2, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025F-308

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

Elite Media Productions
3960 Mary Ave.
Olivehurst, CA 95961
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
Jose L. Villasenor
3960 Mary Ave.
Olivehurst, CA 95961

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/22/2016.

(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).

Signed:
Jose Villasenor

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on November 26, 2025.

(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).

DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By BRIDGETTE EVANS,
Deputy Clerk
Dec. 12, 19, 26, Jan. 2, 2025

To Subscribe Phone 530-743-6643

Community Events

CREATIVE THINKERS COMMUNITY CLASSES
THURSDAY EVENINGS 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Steelhouse Coffee, 437 Center St, Yuba City

YUBA COUNTY SENIORS ON THE GO
FREE LUNCHEON 3RD WED OF THE MONTH • 11 AM TO 1 PM
Tri-Counties Community Center, 1830 B St, Marysville
Free Seminars especially for Seniors

BINGO • FIRST AND THIRD FRIDAYS OF THE MONTH • STARTS AT 6 PM
Tri-Counties Community Center, 1830 B St, Marysville

Next Step Community Breakfast
Second Sunday of the Month at Brownsville Community Center downstairs located at 17103 Ponderosa Way.
Complete breakfast includes: Coffee, orange juice & peaches. Choice of eggs, ham or sausage. Choice of pancakes, french toast or biscuits & gravy.
Adults *10, Children under 12 *5, 3 & under Free.

ROY BOURG VFW POST 4095's 'CORNHOLE TOURNAMENTS' OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
6 pm 2nd & 4th Mondays
4965 Powerline Rd, Olivehurst. Info: 530-777-9057

DOBBINS CERTIFIED FARMERS MARKET
BACK IN THE SPRING OF 2026
SATURDAY • 10 am-2 pm
9761 Marysville Rd, Dobbins
Vendor Information call Teresa McFall 530-635-0452

TO PLACE YOUR YUBA COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE

PHONE 530-743-6643

Legal Advertising
530-743-6643

LEGAL ADVERTISING

Territorial Dispatch Adjudicated For and By the County of Yuba, Adjudication No. YCSCCVPT 13-0001066 – February 05, 2014

825 9th Street • Suite A
Marysville, CA 95901

TS No: CA08000815-23-1 APN: 014-442-011-000 To No: 230330012-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED June 27, 2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On January 22, 2026 at 01:30 PM, at the front entrance to the County Courthouse, 215 5th St., Marysville, CA 95901, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on July 8, 2005 as Instrument No. 2005R-015655, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Yuba County, California, executed by JAMES E MOORE AND JUDITH KAY MOORE HIS WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for AMPRO MORTGAGE CORPORATION as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF

TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 4327 LARSON STREET, MARYSVILLE, CA 95901 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$215,770.40 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such

funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may visit the Internet Website address www.nationwideposting.com or call Nationwide Posting & Publication at 916.939.0772 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file

number assigned to this case, CA08000815-23-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 916.939.0772, or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA08000815-23-1 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: December 10, 2025 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA08000815-23-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 By: Loan Quema. Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.nationwideposting.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Nationwide Posting & Publication AT 916.939.0772 NPP0482277 To: TERRITORIAL DISPATCH 12/19/2025, 12/26/2025, 01/02/2026

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JOE SELF Case No. PRPB25-00169

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

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: DESIREE REED in the Superior Court of California, County of: Yuba

The Petition for Probate requests that (name): DESIREE REED be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: January 12, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. 4 located at Superior Court of California, County of Yuba, 215 5th Street Ste. 200 Marysville, CA 95901.

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

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California Law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner: Nicholas Deal, Esq.
728 5th Street
Marysville, CA 95901
Phone No.: 530-329-5076
PUBLISHED IN THE TERRITORIAL DISPATCH:
December 26, 2025, January 2, 9, 2026

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DERRICK JAMES RAMORINI Case No. PRPB25-00162

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

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: CASSIDY LEE MACHT in the Superior Court of California, County of: Yuba

The Petition for Probate requests that (name): CASSIDY LEE MACHT be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: January 12, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. 4 located at Superior Court of California, County of Yuba, 215 5th Street Ste. 200 Marysville, CA 95901.

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

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California Law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner: Nicholas Deal, Esq.
728 5th Street
Marysville, CA 95901
Phone No.: 530-329-5076
PUBLISHED IN THE TERRITORIAL DISPATCH:
December 26, 2025, January 2, 9, 2026



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YUBA IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF: Nick Allen Heffner PETITIONER(S) CASE NUMBER: CVPT 25-02139 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

HEARING DATE:
01/26/2026
DEPT: 4
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) Nick Allen Heffner filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

from: Nick Allen Heffner
to: Lucky Joe Black

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter 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 a 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 cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

A copy of this order to show cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Territorial Dispatch.

DATE: 12/17/2025

Stephen W. Berrier
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

December 26, 2025, January 2, 9, 16, 2026.

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE EXTRA SELF STORAGE LINDA will sell the contents of the following units

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(TD) Dec. 26, 2025

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JEFFREY KIRN, JEFFREY ALLEN KIRN, JEFFREY A. KIRN, J. ALLEN KIRN, JEFF KIRN Case NO. PRPB25-00161

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of JEFFREY KIRN, JEFFREY ALLEN KIRN, JEFFREY A. KIRN, J. ALLEN KIRN, JEFF KIRN..

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: SHEILA BARKUM DAWSON in the Superior Court of California, County of: Yuba

The Petition for Probate requests that (name): TERRY ROBINSON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: January 5, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. 4 located at Superior Court of California, County of Yuba, 215 5th Street Ste. 200 Marysville, CA 95901.

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

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Petitioner: SHEILA BARKUM DAWSON
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December 19, 26, 2025, January 2, 2026



Sutter and Yuba County Jails Highlight Facility Improvements and Rehabilitation Efforts



Sutter County Jail: A mural inside the Sutter County Jail highlights the facility's refreshed look following a series of 2025 upgrades aimed at improving safety, living conditions and daily operations for inmates and staff. Courtesy photo

By MPG Staff

YUBA/SUTTER, CA (MPG) - Two neighboring sheriff's departments are marking the end of the year by spotlighting upgrades and inmate-focused programs designed to strengthen safety, improve daily operations and expand rehabilitation opportunities within their jail facilities.

In Sutter County, Sheriff Brandon Barnes praised the work of the jail division following a year of substantial facility improvements. The department reported upgrades throughout the Sutter County Jail intended to enhance safety for both inmates and staff. The county completed improvements to housing units, including new exercise equipment, fresh paint, enhanced lighting and ventilation and the addition of inspirational murals. Officials also removed ligature hazards as part of broader safety enhancements.

Technology updates were made across the facility, including modernized camera systems, digital controls and upgraded intercom equipment. The department also increased staffing and expanded professional training opportunities



Inmates at the Yuba County Jail participate in a food safety course offered in partnership with the Yuba County Office of Education. The class provides Food Handlers Certificates to support job readiness and rehabilitation. Courtesy photo

for correctional personnel. Sheriff Barnes noted that the work reflects the county's commitment to providing a safe environment, including access to educational and rehabilitative opportunities and said staff look forward to continuing progress in 2026.

Across the river, the Yuba County Sheriff's Department highlighted a different type of investment, one focused on job readiness and reentry. In partnership with the Yuba County Office of Education, the jail recently hosted a four-hour food safety course for inmates assigned to kitchen duties. Participants received a Food Handlers Certificate upon completion, providing a credential that can

support future employment in the food service industry.

Yuba County officials said the program represents an ongoing effort to expand rehabilitation opportunities, develop workforce skills and help individuals build stability after release. The collaboration underscores the county's goal of empowering inmates with tools that promote long-term success beyond incarceration.

Together, the updates from Sutter and Yuba County reflect a broader regional emphasis on improving jail conditions and strengthening programs that support safety, education and rehabilitation for incarcerated individuals. ★

LaMalfa Legislation to Protect Rural Areas from Fires Passes House

Congressman Doug LaMalfa News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - On Dec. 11, the Forest Protection and Wildland Firefighter Safety Act, which was introduced by Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale), passed the House as part of a larger permitting reform package, the PERMIT Act. In 2023, a court ruling imposed additional unnecessary and burdensome red tape on the use of aerial fire retardant by the U.S. Forest Service and other firefighting entities. These restrictions risk slowing down response times when swiftness is imperative to protect lives and property.

LaMalfa's bill ensures that aerial fire retardant remains available when wildfires strike without being sidelined by years-long Clean Water Act permitting delays. These provisions remove uncertainty created by lawsuits and build on permitting

exemptions for firefighting activities already in law. Without this fix, federal, state, local and tribal firefighters could eventually be forced to navigate a patchwork of duplicative permits just to use one of the most important tools they have to slow down fast-moving fires.

"With wildfire season now practically year-round and more destructive than ever, preventing or limiting the use of any fire retardant because someone insists on a permit first is completely backwards," said Rep. LaMalfa. "Aerial fire retardant has been used safely for decades and is already highly regulated. These lawsuits don't protect the environment; they tie firefighters' hands while fires race through forests and towards homes. I'm glad to see the PERMIT Act passed the House with my bill included. It ensures our crews can act quickly, without being tripped up by fringe litigation or years of

paperwork."

U.S. Forest Service Chief, Tom Schultz said, "Aerially delivered long-term fire retardant is an essential tool the Forest Service and the interagency wildfire response community use in support of ground-based firefighting resources. We thank Chairman LaMalfa for leading legislation to ensure retardant remains a tool in the wildland firefighting toolbox to protect homes and communities from the devastating impacts of catastrophic wildland fire."

To view my remarks in debate on the House floor, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VHUVrNWFqnv>

Congressman Doug LaMalfa is Chairman of the Congressional Western Caucus and a lifelong farmer representing California's First Congressional District, including Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba Counties. ★

LaMalfa Makes Statement on Lower Health Care Premiums for All Americans Act

Congressman Doug LaMalfa News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale) released the following statement after voting in favor of H.R. 6703, the Lower Health Care Premiums for All Americans Act:

"I'm pleased to see the House pass real change for our healthcare system," said Rep. LaMalfa. "This bill gives people more choice, helps lower costs and represents a step in the right direction. These reforms will lead to decreases in insurance premiums in the coming years. Folks in my district need more immediate relief. Families are still facing costs that are needlessly high, teetering on the edge of insurmountable healthcare expenses. Congress has a responsibility to address this before even more people are priced out of coverage entirely."

The Lower Health Care for All Americans Act represents a significant step toward making health insurance more affordable, particularly for small employers and individual consumers. The bill expands

Association Health Plans, allowing small businesses to join together to access group rates and larger networks on ACA exchanges. It also deregulates Stop Loss Insurance, encouraging more employers to offer health benefits without the burden of Obamacare's red tape. Employers can now place funds in employee accounts, giving workers greater flexibility to choose the plan that works best for them.

The legislation also increases transparency for Pharmaceutical Benefits Managers (PBMs), cracking down on practices that drive up drug costs. Additionally, it ends the practice of insurers inflating silver plan prices to capture larger federal subsidies. These changes are expected to save federal dollars, reduce premiums by an estimated 11%, and reduce reliance on costly insurance payouts.

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Salmon Spawning Operations



A view of the salmon spawning operations, where personnel harvest and fertilize eggs, at the Feather River Fish Hatchery in Oroville, California. Photo taken Oct. 9, 2014. Photo courtesy of the Department of Water Resources

Department of Water Resources News Release

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - Annual Chinook salmon spawning activities at the Feather River Fish Hatchery in Oroville have been completed. The Hatchery collected enough eggs to meet its normal production goal of 2 million spring-run fingerlings and 6 million fall-run fingerlings, with additional eggs collected to increase production this year. To help address recent declines in Central Valley Chinook salmon populations, the Hatchery will produce an additional 1 million spring-run fingerlings and 2.5 million fall-run unfed fry, as well as 1 million fall-run Chinook salmon fingerlings to support ocean fisheries.

The Hatchery's spawning process collects eggs from returning adult females and milt (sperm) from returning adult male Chinook salmon to fertilize the eggs. After fertilization, the eggs are placed in incubators to develop for approximately 85 days. Once they reach the fry stage

and can consume food, they will either be released into the Feather River or transferred to long ponds called raceways at the facility to grow into fingerlings. Chinook salmon fingerlings raised at the Hatchery will be released in the Feather River and San Francisco Bay between March and June to support inland and ocean populations. In addition, the Department of Water Resources and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife continued thiamine treatments to combat B1 vitamin deficiencies. This treatment improves the health of the fish, increasing the survival of Chinook salmon from egg to juvenile.

The Feather River Fish Hatchery is a California State Water Project facility built in the late 1960s by the California Department of Water Resources to mitigate impacts on fish migration resulting from the construction of Oroville Dam. Department of Water Resources owns and maintains the facility and provides funding to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to perform spawning, rearing and stocking operations. ★

Community Calendar

Sutter County Library

Sutter County library main branch, at 750 Forbes Ave., Yuba City, is taking a short winter break from programs until January, to prepare for the new year. Call 530-930-2315 for more information on general library offerings.

Yuba County Library

Yuba County Library will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 31 through Friday, Jan. 2 for the New Year's Holiday.

Call 530-749-7380 for more information or email library@co.yuba.ca.us

Tuesday, Dec. 30

Rainbow Girls of Marysville Blood Drive, 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Yuba City Lodge Dining Room, 501 2nd Street, Yuba City. Donors of every blood type are vital! Typically, fewer blood donors give during the two holiday weeks in December than any other time of year, but patients need blood every day. To schedule your appointment, call Vitalant at 530-893-5433 and mention blood drive code 10055464.

Thursday, Jan. 1

Polar Plunge, on 1 p.m. at the Morehead Family Pool, 7740 Butte House Road, Sutter. Bring your friends, bring your bravery, and let's ring in the new year the coolest way possible. Warm up afterward with a cozy cup of hot cocoa.

Meeting Minders

Ongoing Activities (Current as of publication, please verify schedule with the organization):

American Legion Post 42 meets the second Monday each month at 211 17th St., Marysville. For more information, call 530-743-0948.

Marysville City Council meeting, 6 p.m., first and third Tuesday each month

in the City Council chambers at 526 C St. The next meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 6.

Rotary Club of Yuba City meets Wednesdays at noon at the Harvest Room, 1475 Tharp Rd., Yuba City.

Sutter County Board of Supervisors meeting, 3 p.m., generally on the second and fourth Tuesday each month, in the council chambers, 1201 Civic Center Blvd., Yuba City. The next meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 13.

City Council meetings for Yuba City, 6 p.m., first and third Tuesday each month in the council chamber at City Hall, 1201 Civic Center Blvd. Call 530-822-4817 for more information. The next meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 6.

Yuba County Board of Supervisors meeting, 9 a.m., generally on the second and fourth Tuesday each month, in the board chambers, 915 8th St., Marysville. Due to the holidays, the next meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 13.

Community Resources – Find Food

Christ Has Risen Ministries, noon on Sundays at 1225 Pasado Rd., Olivehurst. Call 530-743-3750 for more information.

First Presbyterian Church, 10 a.m. to noon every Friday at 1905-C Covillaud St., Marysville. Call 530-742-5541 for more information.

First Lutheran Church, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. every Friday at 850 Cooper Ave., Yuba City. Call 530-673-8894 for more information.

The Salvation Army, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. every day at 131 F Street Marysville. Call 530-749-6811 for more information.

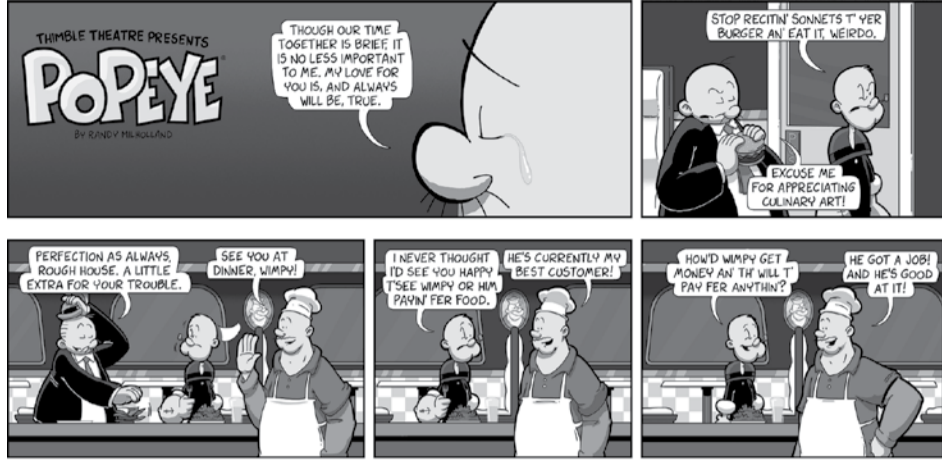
Yuba-Sutter Food Bank, 8 a.m. to noon, 760 Stafford Way, Yuba City. Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. Call 530-673-3834 for more information. ★

COMICS & PUZZLES

The Spats



by Jeff Pickering



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by Dave T. Phipps



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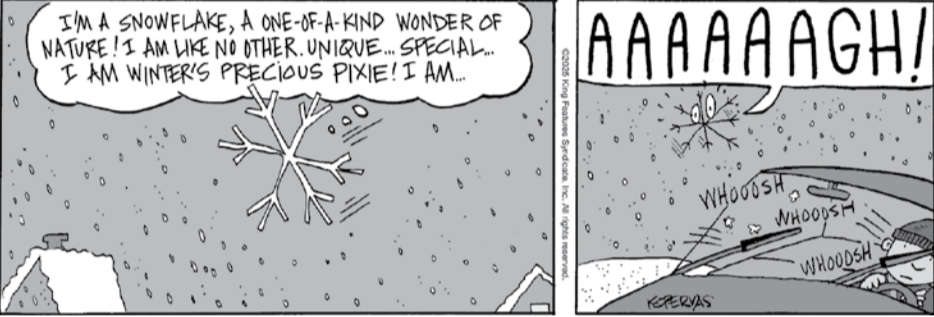
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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by Gary Kopervas

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by Dave T. Phipps

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 - Put on fancy dress (2 words)
 - "Making facial expression showing pain"
 - Mine passage
 - Single-handedly
 - Assistance
 - Made according to specifications
 - Economizes
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 - Aerie baby
 - Genesis skipper
 - Leaves out
 - "Some look up and to the right when telling one"
 - Watcher
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 - Weasel-related onomatopoeia
 - Undo laces
 - Helicopter sound
 - "Showing low self-esteem or boredom"
 - 100 centimes
 - Purl partner
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 - Frustration, in a comic book
 - "At ___, soldier!"
 - Don't go
 - Dashboard acr.
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 - Dress with a flare
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 - Famous Christmas guests
 - Like some champagnes
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 - "Showing agreement"
 - Healing plants
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 - Eurasian antelope
 - "___ but not heard"
 - Much, in Italy
 - Song of praise
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Sutter Tournament Brought Quality Matchups

By YSBC

SUTTER, CA (YSBC) - Three local girls basketball squads battled it out at the Sutter Union campus from December 18 through Saturday, December 20 as the Huskies hosted an eight-eight bracket tournament.

The field welcomed three Northern Section schools (Gridley, Chico and Colusa) and fellow Sac-Joaquin Section combatants (Nevada Union, Placer, River Valley and Faith Christian).

Chico defeated Nevada Union 61-51 in the final.

Sutter

The young Sutter Huskies went 1-2 in the tournament and continued gaining experience game-by-game.

Sutter lost their tournament opener to Gridley by five before they rebounded next night and beat Colusa for the second time in three attempts this year.

In the Huskies final game of the tournament last Saturday, Sutter lost to a talented Placer team that has been off to a hot start in the first half of their season.

Huskies freshman Gia Rickertsen scored all 10 of her team leading points in the opening quarter. Sutter trailed 18-14 at the end of the first.

Placer gained a lot of momentum and took advantage of some of the



Sutter senior Presley Peyret (2) drives the ball into the lane on Saturday, December 20 during the Huskies' defeat to Placer. Photo by Steven Bryla

Huskies' mistakes in the second and Sutter didn't score double digits in a quarter for the rest of the afternoon.

Placer led by 16 at the half and extended it to 21 after the third. Huskies head coach Brandee Harter told Yuba Sutter Butte Colusa Sports that they had a great tournament and have learned a lot through the first third of the season.

Sutter is scheduled to travel to Reno, Nevada and participate in the Hug high school tournament that starts on Saturday, December 27.

River Valley

River Valley went 0-3 in the Sutter tournament last weekend and competed well against the Northern Section schools.

The Falcons lost their opening game of the tournament as they played Chico, who eventually won the whole tournament by 25.

River Valley was beaten by Foothill Valley League foe Placer in a significant loss by a lot of points in the second game. The Falcons battled it out with Colusa in the tournament final that went

back-and-forth for the whole game.

River Valley senior guard Rylee Bradfield battled it out with Colusa junior Peyton Miller were the only two players in the game who scored double-digits.

Bradfield had 17 points in the loss and Miller had 19, including when she hit the game winning shot with 17 seconds remaining as she drained a three-point shot from the right side of the floor.

The Colusa defense held off the Falcons offense for the final shot and the



Faith Christian senior Presley Berry (21) shoots a free throw in the Lions' victory against Gridley on Saturday, December 20. Photo by Steven Bryla

RedHawks secured the 37-36 victory.

Faith Christian

The defending CIF Nor Cal Division VI Champions took third place overall in the Sutter tournament as they played the hardest schedule throughout the tournament.

On December 18, they played Placer, who was ranked in the top of five of the Sac-Joaquin Section teams.

Faith Christian led at the half as they were able to get plenty of transition-fast

paced baskets in the first half.

The Lions held off a late charge by Placer and senior Presley Berry iced the game with a couple late free-throws for Faith's victory.

Faith Christian lost their first game of the season on the next night against Chico that went down to the wire. Chico's three losses came to all high-level Division 1 teams in the SJS.

The Lions ended the tournament with a controlling win over the Gridley Bulldogs on Saturday, December 20. ★



Sutter senior Presley Peyret (2) drives the ball into the lane on Saturday, December 20 during the Huskies' defeat to Placer. Photo by Steven Bryla



River Valley sophomore Emma Jolly (33) lays the ball up on Saturday, December 20 in the Falcons' loss to Colusa. Photo by Steven Bryla

Miniature Dachshund Wins California Farm Bureau Farm Dog of the Year

California Farm Bureau News Release

CALIFORNIA (MPG) - Willy, a miniature long-haired dachshund, has earned the \$1,000 Grand Prize in the fifth annual California Farm Bureau Farm Dog of the Year Contest. The award was announced during the 107th California Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in Anaheim.

Open to Farm Bureau members, the competition asked entrants to submit photos and answer brief questions about their dog.

Marshal Hagedorn, owner of Hagedorn Forestry Management, works as a tree feller in Shasta and Tehama counties and also runs cattle near Montague. He and his girlfriend, Bailey Thomas, adopted Willy in February 2023. Willy quickly became an active member of the ranch, helping control critters like rabbits and ground squirrels. When Hagedorn heads into the woods for logging work, Willy tags along, offering both companionship and moral support.



Willy, a 2-year-old miniature long-haired dachshund, is the winner of the annual California Farm Bureau Farm Dog of the Year Contest. He was nominated by Bailey Thomas, who shares Willy with her boyfriend, Marshal Hagedorn. Photo courtesy of photographer Frank Rebelo

oversized trees that the loggers can't handle with their machines," Hagedorn said. "He goes with me everywhere every single day."

Willy, though not a traditional herding breed, has taken to the job naturally. He's never been trained to corral livestock, but he uses his bark and energy to move calves and

even larger cattle. "That's just it. He's so small and when he comes out of the grass at full speed, they don't really know what to think,"

Hagedorn said. The first runner-up honor, and a \$500 prize, went to Jim, a border collie owned by Kelsey Nichols of Solano County.

At Nichols' 3,000-acre Rio Vista Ranch, Jim is known for his loyalty and hard work. After losing a hind leg to infection, Jim is now back to his regular duties.

Second runner-up, and \$250, was awarded to Corduroy, owned by Sam Terpstra of Stanislaus County. The labradoodle enjoys hunting for pests and "earns his keep every day, patrolling for gophers and joining in on daily tasks," Terpstra said.

Third runner-up, and \$100, went to Sheila, an Australian cattle dog who catches gophers, digs mounds and brings joy to everyone on the vineyard managed by her owners, August D'Amato and Ben Forgeron of Napa County.

The Farm Dog of the Year Contest is supported by Nationwide.

California Farm Bureau works to protect family farms and ranches as part of a nationwide network representing more than 5 million Farm Bureau members. Learn more at www.cfbf.com or follow @cafarmbureau on Instagram, LinkedIn, X or Facebook. ★