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We here at the Messenger would like to remind our readers that we have no dog in this fight, and would ask kindly that neither faction deface our poor, unfortunate newsstands in Nevada City.

THE IDAHO-MARYLAND MINE:

WHAT'S ALL THE FUSS ABOUT?

If you live in Nevada County or have been anywhere within a 30-mile radius of Grass Valley, chances are that you've probably already heard the big story: the Idaho-Maryland Mine may be reopening soon, thanks to the miracles of modern mining techniques and the rising price of gold (see our commodity prices table near the back of the paper if you want to know just how much it has risen). However, with all the public debate raging back and forth between the pro and anti-mining factions locally and regionally, you may have missed some or most details of what's being proposed, who is behind it, and what the fuss is all about. That's what we at the Mountain Messenger are here for, which is why we're publishing this article.

Once upon a time, in the not-too distant past, the Idaho-Maryland Mine was the second-largest underground gold mining operation anywhere in California, only surpassed by the nearby Empire Mine,

also on the outskirts of Grass Valley. From its original location in 1865 by the Idaho Quartz Mining Company until its eventual closure in 1957, the mine was operated over six different periods by five different operators and remained consistently one of the most productive mines in the state. The final owners, Idaho-Maryland Industries, closed the mine during World War II in compliance with Order L-208, which specifically closed gold mines nationally to redirect their labor force to aid with the war effort.

Though it reopened after the war, the price of gold was fixed at \$35 an ounce by the Bretton Woods Agreement, which aimed to prevent the conditions that caused the Great Depression from happening again in Europe by stabilizing international monetary policies and exchange rates. This rendered further underground gold mining ...

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COMPETITIVE CONGRESSIONAL RACE HEATS UP

BY DUNCAN A. KENNEDY

With the completion of the 2020 United States Census and distribution of new census data to state, county and municipal government entities, the redistricting fever hit California full-force in late 2021. With districts redrawn, reshaped and reapportioned for every office between U.S. Congress and town dogcatcher, few places were subjected to such political pushing and pulling as the Lost Sierra, which is now part of a contentious district stretching from Lake Almanor to Mount Whitney. With this, a contentious congressional race has begun in the area, complete with everything from dirty tricks to oddly similar names – typical of any political race, honestly.

The Democratic side of the aisle has been firmly locked down by Dr. Kermit Jones of Roseville, a Navy veteran and former White House Fellow turned internal medicine physician. Dr. Jones initially announced in the old CA-04, a district stretching from Truckee to Yosemite represented by conservative elder statesman Tom McClintock (R-Elk Grove), but switched his candidacy to the CA-03 race after the district lines were redrawn in December. McClintock, for in the meantime, switched seats to run in the less competitive CA-05, a redder foothills district running from El Dorado Hills to Fresno.

On the issues, Dr. Jones has been focused on healthcare access and affordability, aiming to increase government involvement in healthcare

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insurance to attempt to expand rural healthcare access. Outside of healthcare, his other main issues are increasing federal funding for rural broadband efforts and highway maintenance, election and educational reforms, and loosening zoning restrictions. He has a somewhat unorthodox stance on forest fires for a Democratic candidate, proposing increasing funding for firesafe programs and sponsoring the construction of local biomass energy facilities.

Dr. Jones has already gained the endorsement of several prominent Democratic-leaning political organizations and the de facto support of the state party. He has also been endorsed by prominent elected Democratic officials, including State Treasurer Fiona Ma, Congressmen Ro Khanna, John Garamendi and Ted Lieu, and the former mayors of Folsom, Truckee and South Lake Tahoe. His only token opposition is Grass Valley-based perennial candidate, universal healthcare activist and technology consultant David Peterson.

Meanwhile, a contentious and divisive race has emerged on the Republican side of the field between State Assemblyman Kevin Kiley (R-Rocklin) and Sacramento County Sheriff Scott Jones of Sacramento, a portion of which is included in the new CA-03. Whereas the Democratic field has been a quiet one-man race without division or mudslinging, the Republican primary has been fraught with political operating

RAINY-DAY WEATHER DOES NOT CLOUD OVER SUPERVISORS MEETING

BY CARL BUTZ

It was a somber, dark grey, chilly and wet morning in Loyalton when all five of the Sierra County Board of Supervisors showed up in person this past Tuesday, March 15th. In a move reflecting the weather outside, the Board Chair, Supervisor Paul Roen, opened the session by asking those in attendance to please stand and observe a moment of silence for the people of Ukraine.

Then, after pledging allegiance to the flag and the roll call was taken, the Board approved without discussion the routine and non-controversial items listed on the Consent Agenda. Thus, an addendum to the County's Medi-Cal Participation Agreement was corrected; the end date of an agreement with a company providing an adult protective services database system was corrected; time extensions were given to the engineering company working on the Salmon Lake Road Bridge, Packer Lake Road Bridge, and Plumbago Bridge replacement projects due to a delay in the receipt of federal funding; the resolution passed in January for PG&E's warming centers in Downieville and Alleghany was rescinded because County staff had realized an earlier such agreement was already in place; a resolution verifying the Board's authorization of a funding agreement with the California Fire Safe Council was adopted; and, the Board passed a resolution proclaiming April 2022 to be Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month.

Next, after no one raised their hand to make a public comment, the group moved on to Committee Reports, wherein Supervisor

Adams informed the Board the RCRC (Rural County Representatives of California) is going to court in order to oppose the California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection process for imposing new, draconian fire safe regulations. Then, Supervisor Dryden reported on her meeting with Health and Human Services and a representative from the Senior Center in Loyalton about gaps in service to our elderly population. As a result, she said, the formation of a local Commission on Aging may be placed on the Board's agenda in the new future. Next, Supervisor Roen reported on a telephone meeting he had with the USFS and a member of the Nevada County Board of Supervisors concerning campground operations at Jackson Meadows.

Moving on to Department Managers reports, Vickie Clark was pleased to tell everyone "things are looking good" on the COVID front. There are now no new cases within the County and the schools are no longer requiring students to wear masks while in class.

When Tim Beals took the podium, the Board learned an upgrade to the quality of the County's current GIS system is in the works. He also spoke about: his staff moving ahead with a Municipal Services Review (MSR) for Loyalton, a process whereby the City of Loyalton's electricity, water, and sewer capacity will be assessed in conjunction with housing development planning grants provided by the State; progress on solid waste management issues awaiting Inter-Mountain Waste Disposal's ability to meet with his staff; the Planning Commission having approved a draft ordinance for short-term rentals to be discussed at a public hearing on April 14; the Verdi Community Council's concerns relating to housing developments in Washoe County affecting Verdi; how the Open Space Screening Committee has had no applicants; the County Engineer and Surveyor is currently evaluating the new FEMA floodplain map in preparation of a formal objection to its content; and, how he believes the Board's Finance Committee should call a meeting to discuss the inventory of existing grants and the "ton of money" coming downstream from the American Jobs Act.

Next, the Rachel Hutchinson from the USFS's Sierraville District noted they are in the process of reopening the Calpine Lookout to the public but problems with the facility at Jackson Meadows will keep the campground closed this year. The decision about whether or not boat ramp there will be available to the public has yet to be determined.

Dang, once again, a lack of space and time, means the news of what else occurred at the BOS meeting will have to wait a week.

Sourdough Jack Sez...



Well, I went to a Supes meetin' once. It was 'bout as much fun as wipin' rock salt on my ass an' then visitin' a petting zoo.



PART TWO OF A TWO-PART SERIES

RETALIATION AND RECALL:

SIERRA COUNTY HAS THUS FAR ESCAPED TODAY'S FIERCE POLITICAL WINDS

BY STEPHEN KULIEKE

By their nature, elections are adversarial. Anyone seeking election can inspire strong support and equally strong opposition.

"A third of people vote for you no matter what and a third won't vote for you no matter what," observed Sierra County Board of Supervisors Chair Lee Adams. "You're fighting for the other third."

In the current climate of scathing polarization, political opposition may actually worsen once a candidate is in office. In the course of carrying out their duties, elected officials find themselves today in a battleground more real than they could have imagined: some are harassed and threatened; others are targeted for recall—removal from office before their term is up.

As Part One of this article described, our neighboring counties of Shasta and Nevada in 2022 face intense political strife, exacerbated by the sharp divide over COVID-19 pandemic policy.

Although Sierra County has avoided similar rancor this year, there is history here of divisive ballot battles.

Let's look back at several Sierra County special recall elections held over the decades:

In September 1980, County Assessor William "Bill" Copren overcame an attempted recall by a better than 2-to-1 margin. "We had a good campaign crew on both sides of the county," remembered Copren in a phone interview with The Mountain Messenger this week. He was in his first term as assessor at the time of the recall and went on to hold the office for some 30 years

until 2006.

Two years later in March of 1982, two-term Second District Supervisor Earl Withycombe narrowly survived an attempted recall, according to the Sierra County Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters.

In July of 1993, District Attorney/Public Administrator Wesley Travis was recalled by county voters by a margin of 667-455 votes, according to election data from the Clerk-Recorder's Office.

In August 2001, Sierra-Plumas Joint Unified School District Area 4 Trustee Anne Eldred kept her seat after a recount in a close but ultimately unsuccessful recall election.

Like a general election, a recall has factors that drive the debate. For Copren in 1980, it was the passage two years earlier of California's Proposition 13 that was a key instigator. While Prop 13 ultimately limited allowable annual property tax increases across the state, benefiting long-time homeowners, it required that taxes on California properties first be assessed at their 1976 value. Because many of Sierra County properties hadn't changed in value since the 1950s, many residents saw their tax bills go up substantially after Prop 13's enactment. Animosity from voters, and a couple members of the Board of Supervisors, was directed at then Assessor Copren despite Prop 13's impacts "being out of my hands," he said. "Some of it was personal," remarked Copren. "Sierra County is small enough that it can be personal. But there was not the overwhelming animosity between people like there is

now," he said. "In my opinion, that's a direct result of Donald Trump."

There's no denying that today's political animosity is at a fevered pitch. That was especially evident in the Feb. 1 recall of longtime Shasta County Supervisor Leonard Moty. "It's very difficult and stressful for an officeholder and his family to be verbally attacked like this," he told The Messenger, describing the highly bitter election. "I'm worried about good people running [for office] in the future, considering what they and their family have to put up with on a daily basis." And he's concerned too about a silenced general public, "good people who stay on the sidelines and remain quiet, afraid of retaliation."

The *Los Angeles Times* spotlighted the issue in coverage earlier this year. In a January editorial ("*The Vitriol in Politics is Driving Good People Out of Public Service*"), the *Times* recounted incidents of members of the public "routinely swearing at and insulting" LA City Council members and LA County Supervisors during meetings. In some cases across the U.S., violent words have become violent threats against elected officials.

And it's not only elected officials: From school administrators to classroom teachers, educators have found themselves at the epicenter of intense debates over mask mandates and pandemic protocols. James Berardi, superintendent of the Sierra-Plumas Unified School District and the Sierra County Office of Education, noted that "schools have become political pawns

in the overall vitriol we have in the country. We can't agree to disagree anymore. Liberal or conservative, we still have to work together." He fears a coming "mass exodus" of educators.

After the "longest three years I've had in education," Berardi says he wants to work with the local school board on "implementing curriculum, sports, music, and expanding opportunities for kids—rather than having [another] mask discussion."

And what of California's no-fault recall law itself that allows the removal of an officeholder without any specific grounds required: Should the law be revisited, revised? That's a question being asked by some who claim that the procedure, while a worthy example of direct democracy, has been weaponized to drive elected officials out of office without sufficient justification. Nineteen states (including California) plus the District of Columbia permit the recall of state officials. Most of us remember California's two recent gubernatorial recalls—the September 2021 failed attempt to remove Governor Gavin Newsom and the October 2003 successful removal of Governor Gray Davis, with Arnold Schwarzenegger elected as his replacement. The Newsom recall effort carried an estimated price tag to taxpayers of more than \$200 million.

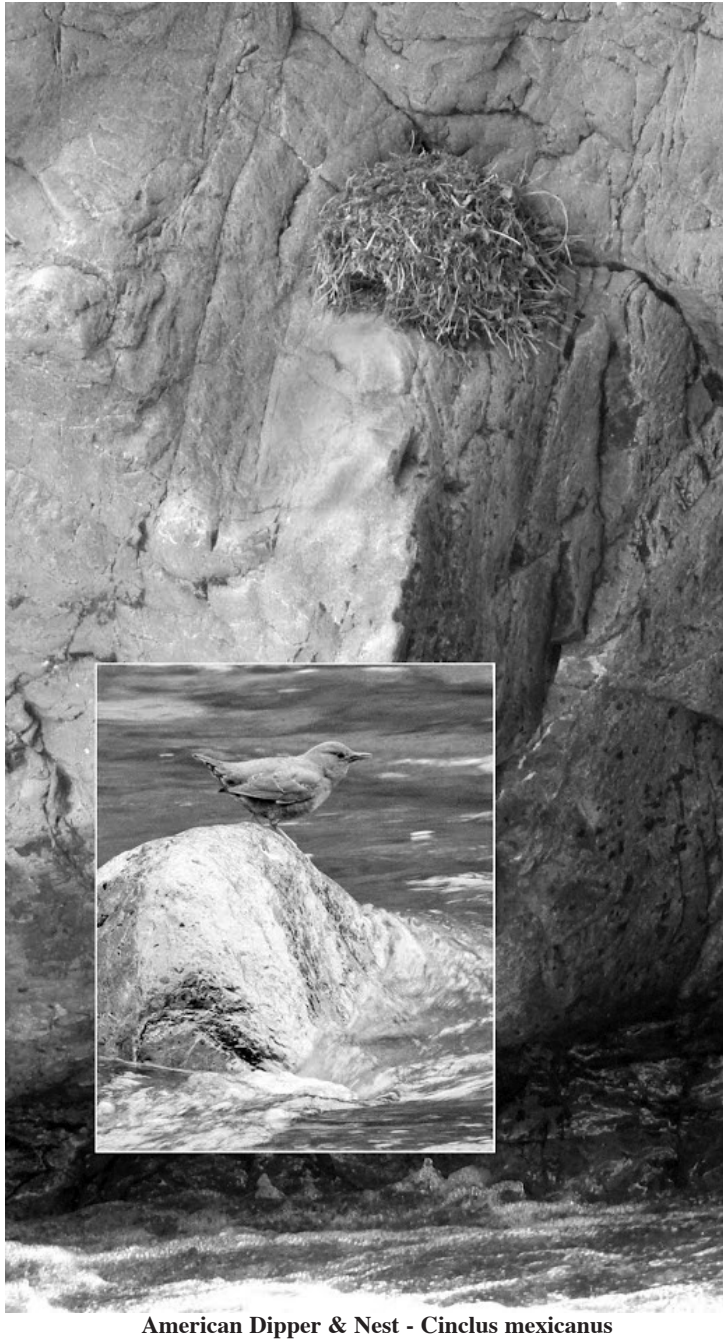
More than 30 states (including California) allow recalls of elected officials in local jurisdictions—and it is at this level where the great majority of efforts occur. California's most controversial recall provision

Katie's Sightings

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KATIE O'HARA KELLY

South Yuba River State Park Revisited



American Dipper & Nest - *Cinclus mexicanus*

My friend Nancy and I decided to go back to the South Yuba River State Park last week, to check out the wildflowers! To our delight there were lots of wildflowers in bloom, the river was an incredible, clear, glass-green, and the weather was perfect! While we were sitting on the shoreline of the South Yuba River, Nancy noticed an American Dipper singing in the river. To our astonishment it flew across the river and landed right by its nest! WOW!!!

The male and the female American Dippers build their nest together, but the female does most of the construction. The nest consists of an inner nest made from woven grasses, leaves, and bark, and an outer shell of moss! I couldn't find the exact length of time it takes for them to build a nest, but I would imagine it would be at least a week or two. She will lay 4-5 eggs and incubate them for 14-17 days. After hatching, the nestlings remain in the nest for 25+ days while both parents feed them. After fledging, the parents will continue feeding them for approximately another week. Their nest was large, about 10" wide and 8" tall! How lucky we were to see this incredible nest built so near the rushing river!

Since it was a warm day, we also saw some lizards for the first time this year! They probably spent the winter under leaves or logs on the forest floor, in a dormant state called "brumation." This one was so camouflaged we wouldn't have noticed him if he hadn't moved!

Later on, a pair of beautiful California Quail crossed our path! This is only the second time I've seen a female California Quail!

What a treat!

At the end of the day a Hermit Thrush paused for a while and checked us out! It probably was on its way to its breeding grounds across the lower half of Canada and Alaska.

We also were thrilled to see several Pipevine Swallowtail Butterflies in the park. Just like birds, the blue color in butterflies is from structural coloration not pigment. If the light is right, the hindwings can be a beautiful blue in color! These butterflies are inedible to predators, because they ingest toxic aristolochic acids from their Pipevine host plant when they are caterpillars. These acids stay in their bodies even when they pupate into adults!

After Pipevine Swallowtail Butterflies mate, the female lays her eggs (which also contain toxic acids) on the underside of Pipevine leaves. When the caterpillars first hatch, they stay together in small groups and feed on Pipevine leaves. When they grow larger they head out on their own to feed and pupate. It takes approximately one week for a caterpillar to change into an adult and emerge from its chrysalis. The adults usually live for a month, feeding solely on wildflower nectar.



Pipevine Swallowtail



Common Side-Blotched Lizard



Hermit Thrush

Music at the Mine in 2022

By Chris Stockdate

Greetings to our Music at the Mine fans and friends! Great news to share...2022 marks the return of live music in the coolest venue for miles (& miles) around. The bands are booked, the dates are set, and I am ecstatic with the line-up. The official Line-up flyer will be posted by mid-April and will contain all of the nitty gritty related to the individual shows. For the moment, however, I will simply give you the dates and bands who will be performing and inducing a whole lot of you to hit the dance floor.

- Sat. 6/25 The Golden Cadillacs w/ the Merrygold Duo
- Sat. 7/09 Achilles Wheel w/ Kyle Ledson (solo)
- Sat. 7/23 Red Dirt Ruckus w/ Jonny Mojo
- Sat. 8/13 86 Proof w/ Opening band TBA
- Sat. 8/27 The Good Bad w/ Kyle Ledson & the Broken Compass

Two big changes this year include having two acts performing at every show and the pre-show BBQ is being laid to rest. You are, as always, welcome to bring your own food and beverages to the show and enjoy the picnic grounds prior to the onset of the show.

I will be posting information, ideally, once a week and you can contact me anytime at cstockrock@gmail.com or (new Phone #) 530 277-6408. Let's get ready for a promising and exciting summer of great music at the Kentucky Mine Amphitheater. Cheers, Chris Stockdale.

Pile burning near Antelope Lake expected in coming weeks

Forest Service Press Release - March 16

QUINCY — Pile burning near Antelope Lake on the Mount Hough Ranger District of the Plumas National Forest is expected to start tomorrow and could continue over the next three weeks, conditions permitting.

Piles will be burned on approximately 1,000 acres in support of reforestation efforts.

Smoke is expected to be visible not only in the immediate area, but in surrounding communities, including Indian Valley, Susanville and parts of Lassen County. Visibility on roads in the project area may be reduced, especially early in the morning and late evening as smoke settles. Drivers in the area should use caution.

Burning will only take place on burn days established by the Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District.

If weather conditions become unfavorable, including increased or gusty winds in the area, burning will stop until conditions improve.

The project is part of improving forest health by reducing fuel loading and brush in the area, as well as applying fire as part of a fire-adapted ecosystem. The burning is also part of preparing for reforestation activities as part of the Moonlight Fire Restoration Plan.

"We appreciate the patience of residents and visitors in Lassen and Plumas counties as this important work is done this spring," said Mount Hough District Fuels Technician Dan Patterson. "There are several objectives to this project that benefit not only forest health, but local communities and neighboring landowners through fuel reduction and restoration."

For more information on the Plumas National Forest, visit www.fs.usda.gov/plumas, follow the forest on Twitter @USFSPlumas or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/USFSPlumas.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ELDA FAE BALL CASE NUMBER: 22PR001 FILED: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SIERRA on January 28, 2022

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both: Elda Fae Ball
2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Adrienne Garza in the Superior Court of California, County of Sierra
3. The Petition for Probate requests that: Adrienne Garza be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
4. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
5. 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.
6. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
 - a. Date: 3/11/2022 Time: 10:00 a.m.
 - b. Address of court: 100 Courthouse Square, Suite 200, Downieville CA 95936
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. Attorney for petitioner: Kelley R. Carroll, 40200 Truckee Airport Road, Suite 1, Truckee CA 96161 (telephone) 530-587-2002; (email) carroll@portersimon.com

Poetry Corner

Voices of the Air

BY KATHERINE MANSFIELD

But then there comes that moment rare

When, for no cause that I can find,

The little voices of the air

Sound above all the sea and wind.

The sea and wind do then obey

And sighing, sighing double notes

Of double basses, content to play

A droning chord for the little throats—

The little throats that sing and rise

Up into the light with lovely ease

And a kind of magical, sweet surprise

To hear and know themselves for these—

For these little voices: the bee, the fly,

The leaf that taps, the pod that breaks,

The breeze on the grass-tops bending by,

The shrill quick sound that the insect makes.

This poem is in the public domain. Published in *Poem-a-Day* on March 13, 2022, by the Academy of American Poets.

About this poem: "Voices of the Air" appeared in *Poems* (Constable & Co. Ltd, 1923).



About this poet: Katherine Mansfield Beauchamp Murray (Born October 14th, 1888) was a New Zealander poet, essayist, short story writer, and journalist from the Modernist movement. She was the author of many collections, including *Bliss* (Alfred A. Knopf, 1920), *The Garden Party* (Alfred A. Knopf, 1922), and *Poems* (Constable & Co. Ltd, 1923). In 1917 she was diagnosed with pulmonary tuberculosis, and died six years later in Fontainebleau, France on January 9, 1923. She was 34 years old.

The Rainbow

BY GERALD MANLEY HOPKINS

See on one hand

He drops his bright roots in the water'd sward,

And rosing part, on part dispenses green;

But with his other foot three miles beyond

He rises from the flocks of villages

That bead the plain; did ever Havering church-tower

Breathe in such ether? or the Quickly elms

Mask'd with such violet disallow their green.

About this poem: Published 30 years after Hopkins' death in *Poems* by his friend Robert Bridges.

About this poet: Hopkins' was born in 1844 and became an ordained Jesuit priest in 1877. He died in 1889.



20/20 Hindsight

The March 3rd edition of *The Mountain Messenger* was technically titled "*The Moutain Messenger*" due to a typo on the head line. This mistake was caught in the following edition and will not be repeated, making that edition a collector's item of sorts.

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On the Shelf

By PAUL GUFFIN

What's New on the Shelves of the Downieville Library

In last week's column we listed the fiction books that have recently been added to our shelves. Here now are the new-to-us non-fiction books:

- Mary Colter: Architect of the Southwest*, by Arnold Berke
- Tombstone Tales: A Walk Through Sacramento's Historic Old City Cemetery*, by John Bettencourt
- 200 Projects to Strengthen Your Art Skills*, by Valerie Colson
- A Christmas Carol: The Original Manuscript*, by Charles Dickens
- Fool's Gold: The Decline and Fall of Captain John Sutter of California*, by Richard Dillon
- No Rooms of Their Own: Women Writers in Early California, 1849-1869*, by Ida Rae Egli
- Western Siskiyou County: God and Dreams*, by Gail L. Fiorini-Jenner & Monica Jae Hall
- Mozart and Leadbelly*, by Ernest J. Gaines (short stories)
- Drawing for the Absolute and Utter Beginner*, by Claire Watson Garcia
- Fire and Civilization*, by Johan Goudsblom
- The Golden Highway: Highway 49, Volume 1, North*, by Jody & Ric Hornor (local interest)
- The Golden Book of Indian Crafts and Lore*, by W. Ben Hunt (juvenile)
- They Saw the Elephant: Women in the California Gold Rush*, by JoAnn Levy (local interest)
- Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder*, by Richard Louv
- The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning*, by Margareta Magnusson
- Assembling California*, by John McPhee
- Quackery: A Brief History of the Worst Ways to Cure Everything*, by Lydia Kang & Nate Pedersen
- Treasury of Best-Loved Poems*, by Louis Phillips (poetry)
- Indian Campfire Tales*, by W.S. Phillips (juvenile)
- April Song*, by Vargus Pike (poetry)
- January Song*, by Vargus Pike (poetry)
- July Song*, by Vargus Pike (poetry)
- October Song*, by Vargus Pike (poetry)
- What Indian Is It?*, by Anna Pistorius (juvenile)
- Pablita Velarde: Painting Her People*, by Marcella J. Ruch
- Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls*, by David Sedaris
- Dogholes and Donkey Engines: A Historical Resource of Six State Park System Units on the Mendocino Coast*, by Martha Sullenberger
- West of Paradise*, by George Venn
- Mountain Memories*, by Philip Wegwart (local interest/local author)
- Swimming Lessons: New and Selected Poems*, by Nancy Willard (poetry)
- Haiku: This Other World*, by Richard Wright (poetry)

Additionally, there are some new DVD videos on the library's shelves:

- Arctic Tale*
- It's a Wonderful Life*
- The Ghost and the Darkness*
- The Man Who Invented Christmas*
- Minion Madness*
- Nature: Dogs That Changed the World*
- Nature: In the Valley of Wolves/Christmas in Yellowstone Rango*
- The Rhinemann Exchange*
- Wonder Woman 1984*



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Sports

By TESSA JACKSON



Left to Right: Loyalton High School Ski Team Coach Cali Griffin and Ava Solberg, the winner of a 7th place medal for her performance in the CNISSF (California Nevada Interscholastic Ski and Snowboard Federation) giant slalom competition held at Mammoth Mountain last week.

It's time for March Madness! Have you all filled out your brackets? The first round of the men's tournament will be played this Thursday and Friday, March 17 and 18; and the first round of the women's tournament will be this Friday and Saturday, March 18 and 19. I was checking out the odds to win the entire tournament and Gonzaga is favored to take it all the way; last year they lost to Baylor in the Finals. On the women's side South Carolina is the team to beat, followed closely by Connecticut. I usually fill out a bracket on Yahoo but they only offer a men's bracket. However, this year I've discovered a women's bracket exists at CBS Sports, and if you are reading this on Thursday, you still have time to fill one out!

We are going to be seeing a lot of Major League Baseball trades right now as the players association finally came to an agreement with the league and ended the longest player lockout and offseason freeze in history. The teams are finally back together and spring training begins this Thursday with the season opener scheduled for April 7.

The Hits Keep Coming for FRC's Sizzling-Hot Golden Eagles!

Last Saturday, March 12, the red hot Feather River College Golden Eagles baseball team won for the 11th straight time with an 18-3 win over the College of the Redwoods in Eureka, using virtually the same recipe they have used most of the spring—lots and lots of offense combined with solid pitching performances.

FRC scored in double figures for the seventh time this season in rolling to the win. Additionally, they have put a 9-spot on the scoreboard five times this year. They have not suffered defeat since February 18.

The Golden Eagles improved to 16-5 in 2022, including 7-0 in the Golden Valley Conference. College of the Redwoods is now 6-14 overall and 0-7 in the GVC.

Feather River scored in every frame of the nine-inning contest except for the eighth inning. They pounded out 15 hits and held the Cosairs to just four hits on the day.

11 different Golden Eagles had hits and four players had two hits each. Eric Romero and Cooper Thacker had home runs, and Romero also had a double. Ryan Blanchard and Cory McIntyre were the other two FRC players with multiple hits.

FRC sent five pitchers to the mound that combined to fan 14 Cosairs. Dylan Cabral (2-3) got the start and worked a very effective five innings, allowing just one hit and one run while walking two and striking out seven.

The Golden Eagles will return home on Friday, March 18, hosting the Butte College Roadrunners in a doubleheader between the two top teams in the Golden Valley Conference. The first game on Friday afternoon begins at noon and the first pitch of the second tilt is slated for 3 PM.

This story is courtesy of Feather River College's Athletics Department.



SIERRA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
SIERRA-PLUMAS JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
109 BECKWITH ROAD
PO BOX 955
LOYALTON CA 96118
530-993-1660

BOARD TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT

~One Year Term, April 2022-Dec 2022~

DISTRICT 2 – SIERRAVILLE, SIERRA CITY, SATTLEY

An opening exists for trustee District #2 – Sierraville, Sierra City, Sattley. An interview of interested candidates will take place at the next regular district board meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 6:00pm.

The Trustee must reside within the trustee district and be a registered voter.

This is considered a provisional appointment until the time of the oath of office of the Trustee's successor in December 2022. Appointee may also run in the 2022 election to qualify for that office.

Those interested in serving as a trustee of the Sierra-Plumas Joint Unified School District Governing Board, and by default also serving on the Sierra County Board of Education, should submit a letter of interest, including past experiences that they believe qualify them for Board membership, and also answer the question, "Why do you want to be a school board trustee?"

Submit a letter of interest no later than 5:00pm, Tuesday, April 5, 2022.

Mail: James Berardi, Superintendent
PO Box 955
Loyalton CA 96118

Hand Delivery: James Berardi, Superintendent
109 Beckwith Road, Building 1 or 3
Loyalton CA 96118

Emailed letters of interest will not be accepted.

Call the District Office at 530-993-1660 (dial 0) for more information.

Here Back East

By LENNY ACKERMAN

Conversation with a Son of Ukraine

One of my paralegals, Simon, hails from Ukraine. He and his wife Viktoriya, also Ukrainian, have lived in the U.S. for 15 years, and during that time have traveled back and forth to visit their family members in Ukraine, many of whom have also visited here. I spoke with Simon yesterday about the terrible events unfolding in his home country. He shared with me some of what he has learned from his family who are living through it and how he, and the local Ukrainian-American community here, are responding to the crisis.

When the war started in Ukraine, all the national television networks agreed to combine their efforts and limit broadcasting to one station at a time. Should one be attacked, it would fall to the next station to continue broadcasting throughout the country. So those with power and a television can still receive independent news and miraculously, the internet is still available, allowing Simon to communicate daily with his parents, who describe the harrowing changes to their formerly peaceful city.

Simon's parents, residents of Kherson, the capital of the Kherson region in the south, are an elderly couple who have been for the most part trapped in their home, fearful of venturing out due to the presence of the volatile Russian soldiers who roam the streets, apparently under no command. They have neighbors and friends who for now manage to bring them food and other essentials. In Kherson, as in other areas of the country, many of the local residents regularly take to the streets, protesting the occupation despite the constant threat of assault and, when the tension heightens, being shot in cold blood by the occupiers. There is also the ever-present risk of shelling. His parents report that humanitarian aid, both for those remaining and those seeking to escape, has been hampered by the Russians with roadblocks and attacks on people in vehicles. Food and medical deliveries have been delayed or destroyed. Farm equipment has been sabotaged, preventing the village farmers from preparing for spring planting. The mayor of Kherson is still in charge of government affairs, though the occupiers are trying to take over administrative power, including recent attempts to organize a so-called "referendum" to declare the Kherson region an independent republic (much like what happened eight years ago with Donetsk and Lugansk, the two eastern-most regions, and in Crimea). At the street level, local Ukrainian vigilante groups have formed to deal with many of the occupying Russian soldiers, mostly young men, who have taken to getting drunk and aggressive, harassing and attacking local residents.

Simon and I spoke by zoom, he from our office conference room, I from my home office in Florida. I could see he looked tired, eyes darkened by lack of sleep. Wearing a green, military-style t-shirt, Simon resembled President Zelensky. He spoke seriously and his attitude was quietly steadfast as he described what his family are enduring. Simon has two little girls who he hasn't seen much of lately, since he has been spending weeknights and weekends shopping for and packing up shelf-stable foods and emergency supplies. He delivers the items to his church where he works with his fellow parishioners packing up and organizing the donations for shipment via air transport from Newark Airport to Poland. His hope is that some of it will reach his family.

A few of Simon's relatives were able to flee, travelling by bus and train to Slovakia where Simon's brother, a doctor, is providing housing and support for family members as well as refugees.

At the end of our conversation, Simon and I agreed that it may just be a matter of time before the Russian people see through all the lies and propaganda. Once they realize their government's grievous actions against their neighbors to the west, they will rise up. The day of reckoning must come.



PUBLIC NOTICE ** PUBLIC NOTICE

The Sierra County Board of Supervisors is seeking interested persons to serve on the following:

SIERRA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #1 (1 Vacancy)

The Sierra County Fire Protection District #1 is a seven-member board established to provide for the local provision of fire protection services, rescue services, emergency medical services, and other services relating to the protection of lives and property which is critical to the public peace, health and safety of the State.

The District is seeking one (1) applicant residing outside of the City of Loyalton, including valley ranches, Loyalton Pines, Belli subdivision or Senior Center. In the event no applications are received for the specific area by the application deadline, the Board shall accept applications from the regional annexation area which includes Sierra Brooks, Verdi, Long Valley and the unincorporated area outside Loyalton, for consideration and appointment. Applicants must be a registered voter of the District. Please contact the County Clerk to determine eligibility.

FINAL FILING DATE: Monday, March 28, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in the Office of the County Clerk, Courthouse, Downieville, CA. Postmarks not accepted.

If no applications are received for the specific area by the application deadline, applications will be accepted from the Sierra Brooks, Verdi, Long Valley, and the unincorporated area outside Loyalton, for consideration and appointment.

APPOINTMENT: will be made at the next appropriate meeting of the Sierra County Board of Supervisors.

PERSONS INTERESTED in serving may submit an application which can be obtained from the Sierra County Clerk's Office, 100 Courthouse Square, Room 11, Downieville, CA, or visit the Clerk-Recorder's web page at www.sierracounty.ca.gov. For further information, please contact the Sierra County Clerk's Office at (530) 289-3295.

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Sheriff's Log

By Jen Henneke

Monday, March 7

13:10 - In Sierra City, a 911 caller reported fluctuating electricity in their house. The Fire Department and PG&E were both notified of the issue.

20:11 - In Loyalton, Eastern Plumas Health Care Ambulance was requested.

Tuesday, March 8

11:17 - In Downieville, an ambulance was requested.

18:59 - On HWY 49 near mile marker 19, there was a campfire down by the river. The Deputy advised the subjects to put out the fire. Friendly reminder, you must have a fire pit and sometimes a fire permit to have a fire by the river.

Wednesday, March 9

11:21 - In Loyalton, Eastern Plumas Health Care Ambulance was summoned.

16:36 - In Sierraville, on the south side of HWY 89, someone crashed and hurt a sign. No other injuries were reported and CHP was notified.

17:04 - In Loyalton, Eastern Plumas Health Care Ambulance was needed.

Thursday, March 10

00:05 - In Loyalton, there was a 911 report of suspicious subjects inside an apartment. A Deputy responded and the suspicious subject lives in the apartment. Maybe it's time to learn who your neighbors are?

Friday, March 11

07:30 - On HWY 49, north of Downieville, a deer was down on the highway.

14:40 - In Chilcoot, some neighbors were having a dispute.

15:49 - In Loyalton, there was a report of some suspicious circumstances.

17:12 - In Loyalton, someone was picked up on a warrant for embezzlement and a new crime of conspiracy to commit an injurious act. Double trouble!

Saturday, March 12

09:44 - In Loyalton, there was a controlled burn.

16:27 - Near Truckee, a motorist was stranded but friends came to the rescue.

Sunday, March 13

05:38 - On US 395 near Chilcoot, a subject was driving on the wrong side of the road. CHP was notified.

07:04 - In Loyalton, someone was arrested for inflicting a corporal injury.

15:29 - In Loyalton, there was a report of vandalism.

16:31 - In Verdi, there was a possible illegal fire. The reporting party requested information on USFS after hours reporting. The information was provided and USFS was also contacted. Again, be sure to have a fire permit and a fire pit or no fire! I cannot stress this enough.

16:31 - Off of Balls Canyon Rd and Lemon Canyon Rd, there was a single vehicle accident. CHP contacted NHP who responded with a unit closer to the incident.

22:43 - In Chilcoot, someone was arrested for a DUI and child endangerment.

There were no 911 hang up calls this week!!!

Total Reported: 20

Notice of Application to Establish a Branch of a State Member Bank

Plumas Bank, with a head office located at 336 Main Street, Quincy, California, intends to apply to the Federal Reserve Board for permission to establish a branch at 900 Mangrove Avenue, Chico, California. The Federal Reserve considers a number of factors in deciding whether to approve the application including the record of performance of applicant banks in helping to meet local credit needs. You are invited to submit comments in writing on this application to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, P.O. Box 7702, San Francisco, CA 94120-7702 or via email: sf.fisc.comments.applications@sf.frb.org. The comment period will not end before April 06, 2022. The Board's procedures for processing applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. Part 262. Procedures for processing protested applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. 262.25. To obtain a copy of the Federal Reserve Board's procedures, or if you need more information about how to submit your comments on the application, Sebastian R. Astrada, Assistant Vice President, Financial Institution Formations + Transactions, 415-974-2303. The Federal Reserve will consider your comments and any request for a public meeting or formal hearing on the application if they are received in writing by the Reserve Bank on or before the last day of the comment period 3/17/22

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SIERRA COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION ON MAY 13th – 16th, 2022 OF TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

On February 1, 2022, I, Van Maddox, Sierra County Tax Collector, was directed to conduct a public auction sale by the Board of Supervisors of Sierra County, California. The tax defaulted properties listed below are subject to the Tax Collector's power of sale.

The sale will be conducted at the Internet auction website Bid4Assets.com, on May 13-16th, 2022, as a public auction to the highest bidder for not less than the minimum bid as shown on this notice. Research the property prior to bidding. Due diligence research is incumbent on the bidder. All property is sold as is. The winning bidder is legally obligated to purchase the item.

Only bids submitted to Bid4Assets.com via the Internet or their off-line bidding process will be accepted. Please call toll-free 1-877-427-7387 for more information regarding off-line bidding after November 1. Computer workstations are available at some public libraries during library hours for those who need them. Bidder registration must be completed and a refundable deposit of \$2,000 by wire must be received by Bid4Assets by Monday, May 9th, 2022. The deposit will be applied to the successful bidder's purchase price. A California transfer tax will be added to and collected with the purchase price and is calculated at \$.55 per each \$500 or fraction thereof. Full payment and deed information indicating how title should be vested is required by 5 p.m. PT on Thursday, May 19th, 2022. Only wire transfers will be accepted.

The county and its employees are not liable for the failure of any electronic equipment that may prevent a person from participating in the sale.

The right of redemption will cease on Thursday, May 12th, 2022, at 5 p.m. and properties not redeemed by that time will be offered for sale. If the parcel is not sold, the right of redemption will revive.

If properties are sold, parties of interest, as defined in California Revenue and Taxation Code section 4675, have a right to file a claim with the county for any excess proceeds from the sale. Excess proceeds are the amount of the highest bid in excess of the liens and costs of the sale that are paid from the sale proceeds.

More information may be obtained by reviewing the Frequently Asked Questions at www.sierracounty.ca.gov, thoroughly reviewing the Bid4Assets.com/Sierra website which will be updated on February 22, 2022, or by calling the Tax Collector at 530-289-3286 if unable to access the Internet information.

PARCEL NUMBERING SYSTEM EXPLANATION

The Assessor's Parcel Number (APN), when used to describe property in this list, refers to the assessor's map book, the map page, the block on the map, (if applicable), and the individual parcel on the map page or in the block. The suffixes used in conjunction with the parcel number are as follows:

0 = Surface and mineral interests

The assessor's maps and further explanation of the parcel numbering system are available in the assessor's office.

The properties that are the subject of this notice are situated in Sierra County, California, and are described as follows:

SIERRA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLUTION NO. 2022-012

Item No.	APN	Assessee	Acreage	Assessed Value	Minimum Bid
1	006-140-010-000	Bolding, Patricia & Flath, Roger 10 Miwok Court, Pike	5.09	65,553	10,500.00
2	017-021-045-000	Weir, Kevin 34 Zolinger St., Loyalton	0.10	60,000	14,100.00
3	023-070-021-000	Miller, William Thomas Acreage, Verdi	15.16	44,240	8,700.00
4	023-070-070-000	Miller, William Thomas 1020 Arbor Ln, Verdi	42.98	390,894	40,000.00

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Van Maddox, Sierra County Tax Collector

Executed at Downieville, Sierra County, CA on February 18, 2022

Published in The Mountain Messenger March 3rd, 10th and 17th, 2022

LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: GREY SQUIRREL ENTERPRISES, THE

Full name of registrant: Terry Penny
Registrant Address: 164 Aldon Drive, Chester CA 96020
Business Address: 164 Aldon Drive, Chester CA 96020
Business Mailing Address: PO Box 1747, Chester CA 96020
Phone number: (530) 816-1431

This business is being conducted by: Individual

The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 2/10/2022

/s/ Terry Penny

This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Sierra County Clerk-Recorder on: February 10, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000037

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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: DAM - DOG'S, THE

Full name of registrant: Terry Penny
Registrant Address: 29571 Highway 89, Canon Dam, CA 95923
Business Address: 29571 Highway 89, Canon Dam, CA 95923
Business Mailing Address: PO Box 1747, Chester CA 96020
Phone number: (530) 816-1431

This business is being conducted by: an Individual

The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 2/10/2022

/s/ Terry Penny

This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Sierra County Clerk-Recorder on: February 10, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000038

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At the Firehouse

By VICTORIA TENNEY

ALLEGHANY: March 7th—Firefighters trained in Pike City. March 13th—Responded for an ill person, who was transported to rendezvous with the ALS ambulance, and taken to SNMH.

DOWNIEVILLE: March 7th—Responded for a Medical Urgent Care incident; Officers meeting, March 8th—Responded for a Medical Urgent Care incident; responded for a person who was unresponsive, and air lifted to SNMH. March 9th—Responded for a Medical Urgent Care incident; COVID-19 testing at the Community Hall. March 10th—Responded for a Medical Urgent Care incident; EMS Training. March 11th—Responded for two Medical Urgent Care incidents.

LOYALTON: March 7th—Older person with possible stroke, Loyalton. March 9th—Adult with severe stomach pain, Loyalton. March 10th—Chempack training, Sierraville

PIKE CITY: March 7th—Firefighters trained. March 10th—Mutual aid response to North San Juan for a vegetation fire. March 11th—Mutual aid response to North San Juan for a structure fire. March 12th—Mutual aid response to North San Juan for a vegetation fire. March 13th—Mutual aid response to Alleghany for an ill person, who was transported to rendezvous with the ALS ambulance and taken to SNMH.

SIERRA CITY: March 7th—Responded for a reported smell of electrical smoke.

SIERRA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #1 (CALPINE, SATTLEY, & SIERRAVILLE): All's quiet.....



LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: INSPIRED DIVERSE ENT. Full name of registrant: Anaris E. Frazier
Business Address: 71857 Kevin La Rue, Portola, CA 96122
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1053, Portola, CA 96122
Phone: (530) 836-1480

This business is being conducted by: Married Couple
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 3/7/2017

/s/ Anaris E. Frazier

This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder, on: March 7, 2022 FILE NO: 2017-0000059

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REVISED NOTICE OF PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY'S REQUEST TO INCREASE RATES FOR ITS 2023 GENERAL RATE CASE APPLICATION (A.21-06-021)

ACRONYMS YOU NEED TO KNOW
PG&E: Pacific Gas and Electric Company
CPUC: California Public Utilities Commission

WHY AM I RECEIVING THIS NOTICE?

On February 25, 2022, PG&E provided supplemental testimony in its 2023 General Rate Case (GRC) proposing actions to reduce wildfire risk in 2022 and beyond. The proposals in this application aim to provide safe and reliable energy amid a changing climate and evolving wildfire threat.

This filing replaces the original filing amounts and is not incremental. In this filing, the revenue requirement for the 2023 test year was reduced compared to the original filing from \$15.46 billion to \$15.34 billion. PG&E provided its original testimony on June 30, 2021. In accordance with CPUC direction, PG&E provided supplemental testimony on its proposal to underground 10,000 miles of electric distribution powerlines in High Fire Threat Districts, which reduces the ignition risk to nearly zero for overhead electric distribution powerlines that have been placed underground.

PG&E also proposes a new Enhanced Powerline Safety Settings program with electrical equipment settings re-engineered, so that if an object comes into contact with an electric distribution powerline, power is automatically shut off to minimize any risk of ignition.

The supplemental testimony also reflects cost reductions of \$1 billion in Vegetation Management compared to PG&E's original testimony as well as operational changes to PG&E's Vegetation Management programs.

The supplemental testimony also includes ongoing costs supporting Electric Distribution, Gas Operations, Electric Generation, Customer Care, Shared Services and Information Technology, as well as employee and insurance costs.

If approved by the CPUC, PG&E's request would result in a revenue increase of \$3.125 billion for 2023 and additional increases of \$1.018 billion in 2024, \$755 million in 2025 and \$561 million in 2026.

WHY IS PG&E REQUESTING THIS RATE CHANGE?

Customers pay for gas and electric service through rates set by state regulators after extensive review and with full public input. Every four years, PG&E is required to file a GRC application with the CPUC. The CPUC determines the amount of money PG&E is allowed to collect through the GRC. That amount is incorporated into customer rates and used for operating and upgrading the electric distribution, electric generation, and gas distribution, transmission and storage systems.

If approved, PG&E will recover these costs through electric and gas rates starting January 1, 2023, through 2026.

HOW COULD THIS AFFECT MY MONTHLY ELECTRIC RATES?

Many customers receive bundled electric service from PG&E, meaning they receive electric generation, transmission and distribution services.

Based on rates currently in effect, the bill for a typical residential customer using 500 kWh per month would increase from \$151.53 to \$175.17, or 15.6%.

Direct Access (DA) and Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) customers only receive electric transmission and distribution services from PG&E. PG&E transmission and distribution charges for these customers would increase by 18.0% if this application is approved. DA providers and CCAs set their own rates. Check with your DA provider or CCA to learn how this would impact your overall bill.

Another category of nonbundled customers is Departing Load. These customers do not receive electric generation, transmission or distribution services from PG&E. However, these customers are required to pay certain charges by law or CPUC decision. On average, these customers would see an increase of 5.9%.

Detailed rate impacts are being sent directly to customers in March and April 2022. Actual impacts will vary depending on usage.

HOW COULD THIS AFFECT MY MONTHLY GAS RATES?

Bundled gas customers receive transmission, distribution, and procurement services from PG&E.

Based on rates currently in effect, the bill for a typical residential customer averaging 33 therms per month would increase from \$65.17 to \$72.94, or 11.9%.

Detailed rate impacts are being sent directly to customers in March and April 2022. Actual impacts will vary depending on usage.

HOW DOES THE REST OF THIS PROCESS WORK?

This application was assigned to a CPUC Administrative Law Judge who will consider proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process. The Administrative Law Judge will issue a proposed decision that may adopt PG&E's application, modify it or deny it. Any CPUC Commissioner may sponsor an alternate decision with a different outcome. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon by the CPUC Commissioners at a public CPUC Voting Meeting.

Parties to the proceeding may review PG&E's application, including the Public Advocates Office. The Public Advocates Office is an independent consumer advocate within the CPUC that represents customers to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. For more information about the Public Advocates Office, please call 1-415-703-1584, email: PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov or visit PublicAdvocates.cpuc.ca.gov.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

CONTACT PG&E
If you have questions about PG&E's filing, please contact PG&E at 1-800-743-5000. For TTY, call 1-800-652-4712.

If you would like an electronic copy of the filing and exhibits, please write to the address below:
Pacific Gas and Electric Company
2023 General Rate Case Application (A.21-06-021)
P.O. Box 7442
San Francisco, CA 94120

CONTACT CPUC
Please visit apps.cpuc.ca.gov/e/A2106021 to submit a comment about this proceeding on the CPUC Docket Card. Here you can also view documents and other public comments related to this proceeding. Your participation by providing your thoughts on PG&E's request can help the CPUC make an informed decision.

If you have questions about CPUC processes, you may contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at:

Email: Public.Advisor@cpuc.ca.gov

Mail: CPUC

Public Advisor's Office

505 Van Ness Avenue

San Francisco, CA 94102

Call: 1-866-849-8390 (toll-free) or 1-415-703-2074

Please reference the 2023 General Rate Case Application (A.21-06-021) in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.

PLUMAS-SIERRA CATTLEWOMEN SCHOLARSHIPS

The Plumas-Sierra Cattlewomen are again happy to offer scholarships to this year's graduating seniors and to last year's recipients who are continuing their studies and again meeting the qualifications. The amount of the scholarships will be determined by the number of applicants, proceeds from the previous year sale of tickets for our Brand Quilt and the generous support of our communities.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. The applicant must have been a resident of Plumas or Sierra County for one year.
2. If the applicant is from a farm or ranch family, he or she may enroll in any course of study at a college or vocational school.
3. If the applicant is from a non-farm or ranch family, he or she must enroll in agriculturally related programs.

Application packets further outlining qualifications are available now at your high school or at our website: plumassiercattlewomen.org

Contact information:

Kathleen Goicoechea	Karen Rickman
775-530-8544	OR 530-400-7737
PO Box 883	PO Box 2403
Loyalton, CA 96118	Portola, CA 96122
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Local News

Restoration Efforts Continue at Argentine Rock Lookout

BY DUNCAN A. KENNEDY

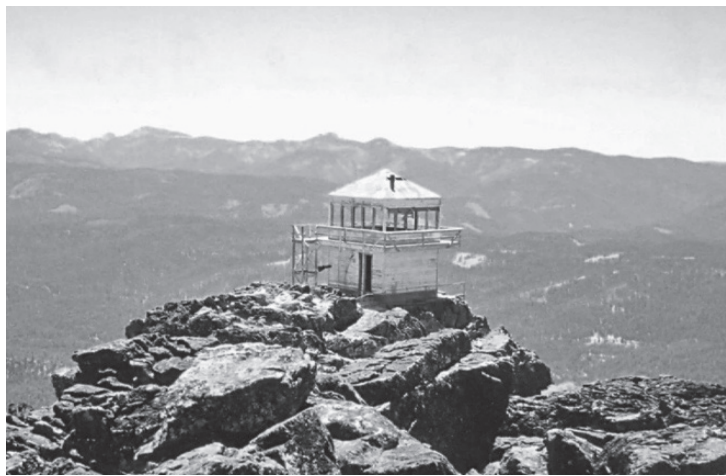


Photo courtesy of argentinelookout.org

The Argentine Rock fire lookout stands as a dilapidated sentinel high atop the eponymous ridge above Spring Garden, enjoying a commanding view of the Feather River Country from the Graeagle area all the way over to the Bucks Lake Wilderness. However, though it may be abandoned, this place is anything but forgotten.

In collaboration with the local Mount Hough Ranger District of the Plumas National Forest, a restoration effort is underway by the Forest Fire Lookout Association, helmed by their California Central West Director, Lake County-based retiree Christopher Rivera. To this end, the FFLA has established a local chapter, the Argentine Chapter, to gain public support, donations and volunteer manpower to repair the lookout.

While the lookout's wooden components have largely decayed since it was decommissioned in the 1980s after a half-century of faithful service, the metal framework and foundation are still in remarkable condition, making a restoration project quite feasible. Artifacts from the site, such as the Osborne fire locating scope

and original appliances, are most likely still somewhere in Plumas County, quite probably collecting dust in an attic or garage. The chapter hopes to locate these items and acquire them as part of the restoration effort.

The goal of this effort is to restore the lookout to historically working conditions, as seen in other lookouts locally such as the Thompson Peak and Calpine lookouts, and to have them available as recreation rentals like those lookouts are. Additionally, since it will contain the original equipment, this lookout will also be able to be put back into service in an emergency situation.

FFLA's Argentine Rock chapter is holding their next meeting in Quincy at the Mineral Building on the Plumas County Fairgrounds March 22nd at 6:00 PM. Anyone interested in helping the restoration effort in some way is encouraged to either attend the meeting, go to the chapter's website at argentinelookout.org, or to contact the new Chapter Chairman, Jeff Greef, by email at kaptarian@gmail.com.

Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship (SBTS) Supports Sierra Frontier Medical Resources (SFMR)



Left to right: Collin O'Mara-Green of the SBTS presenting a donation to Frank Lang, President and Director of the SFMR, earlier this month.

Several years ago, the Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship (SBTS) pledged to give Sierra Frontier Medical Resources, Inc. \$1.00 for every mountain bicyclist taking a shuttle ride provided by Yuba Expeditions.

During the 2021 mountain biking season, despite COVID restrictions, the organization provided 1,814 shuttle rides. As a result, Sierra Frontier Medical Resources, Inc. (SFMR) received a donation of \$1,814 from SBTS earlier this month.

Speaking for SBTS when presenting the donation to Frank Lang, Collin O'Mara Green said, "We are proud to continue our support of your life saving services."

Meanwhile, SFMR, a California charitable non-profit, 501(c)(3) whose purpose "is to acquire and support the development of financial and other resources to assure the availability of medical and health services, including primary, urgent and emergency care, to the residents and visitors to western Sierra County, California", is pleased to extend a hearty thank you to the Trail Stewardship for its commitment to SFMR's purpose.

Of course, SFMR also welcomes donations from others as it continues to assist in the implementation of Emergency Medical Services in western Sierra County. (Donations may be sent to SFMR, P.O. Box 393, Downieville, CA 95936).

Mine Reopening

Continued from Page 1

... uneconomical in the United States, and the mine closed in 1957. Over its 92-year lifespan, the Idaho-Maryland Mine produced 2.414 million ounces of gold, worth about \$4.76 billion in 2022 currency.

Rise Gold, a Vancouver-based Canadian mining company incorporated in 2007, purchased the two Idaho-Maryland mine properties and the mineral rights associated with those claims in their entirety. The property consists of two sites—the 119-acre Brunswick Mine site, which is where mining activities will principally take place, and the 56-acre Centennial Industrial site, which the company intends to reclaim as developable real estate. The Brunswick site is located off of Brunswick Road, downhill from the Nevada County Airport and next to a Christmas tree farm, while the Centennial site is located downhill from a garden supply store, between Idaho-Maryland and Bennett Roads. The mineral rights for the property cover 2,585 acres in or east of Grass Valley.

The company is optimistic about both the likelihood of their project being approved and having a positive effect on the local economy. Rise Gold estimates the mine reopening will add 312 jobs directly—with 213 expected to be recruited locally and 99 from out of the area—and another 300 indirect jobs created as a result of employee expenditures in the local community. The company expects it would overall pay out just over \$138 million in payroll locally, which would be a noticeable positive inflow into the local economy.

With all that in mind, the proposal isn't all sunshine and gold nuggets. Local environmental groups and concerned citizens have been skeptical about the proposed project, principally from an environmental standpoint, and it's not difficult to see why—this part of the Sierra Nevada is still, over a century and a half after the Gold Rush began, still dealing with the aftereffects of mine waste in the local environment. While it may not be as bad as the days when mercury amalgamation methods were used to extract gold, which polluted dozens of waterways in the Yuba River watershed, modern mining techniques are still risky in the way of acid mine drainage and heavy metal leaching.

The mine itself has a bit of a history of causing trouble. The aforementioned Centennial site, the mine's principal tailings dump for decades, is riddled with enough heavy metal pollution to warrant consideration as a federal Superfund site under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (also known as CERCLA). It would likely have ended up one, if not for Rise Gold's purchase of the Idaho-Maryland assets and agreement to clean the site up privately. Still, this is just the waste from the old mine operations—what about the proposed project?

Rise Gold has defended their proposal by highlighting their planned use of cemented-paste backfilling (CPB) to reduce their aboveground footprint and overall mine waste while preventing the risk of tunnel collapses affecting the above ground environment after the mine eventually shuts its doors once more.

According to a 2020 doctoral thesis defended at the University of Adelaide, CPB is a method of refilling closed mine drifts and shafts with a high-pressure mixture of dewatered mine tailings, processed wastewater, and a cement binding agent to prevent products from entering the surrounding water table. The method is generally well-

accepted, though critics have noted the efficacy of the binding agent depends on the chemical composition of both the tailings and the binder, with some byproduct-binder combinations resulting in a quicker breakdown of the cemented matrix.

Local skepticism in response to the project has chiefly been due to the environmental effects the mine would have. Groups such as the Community Environmental Advocates Foundation (CEAF) through its MineWatch community action campaign, and the Wolf Creek Community Alliance each have their own issues with the project, and are certainly willing to make their qualms known.

The Wolf Creek Community Alliance (WCCA) is a small local 501(c)(3) nonprofit entirely concerned with the health and streamflows of Wolf Creek, a Bear River tributary running through the Grass Valley metropolitan area. Rise Gold estimates the reopening proposal would produce around 1,200 acre-feet of dredged wastewater per year, which would be heavily treated before being discharged into the South Fork of Wolf Creek. The mine has attempted to assuage fears of riparian damage by highlighting the quality of the treated water, but the WCCA is also concerned with possible damage to aquatic invertebrate populations and stream erosion from the wastewater discharges. Rise Gold, for their part, claims a maximum discharge of 5.6 cubic feet per second—not much until you consider the average baseflows on the South Fork of Wolf Creek are 15 cubic feet per second and the creek would swell by a full third at peak discharge.

MineWatch and the CEAF have been very outspoken and have encouraged community members who have issues with the proposal to join them in making their worries well known. Their concerns span everything from noise increases, reduced property values, the project's estimated 42 gigawatt-hours of annual energy consumption, and the aforementioned mine waste issue. The group has held community protests, including an upcoming one on March 20th, and has provided ample feedback on the project through written comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR).

There have also been financial concerns expressed in some circles about the project. One commentator on social media noted that Rise Gold (OTCQX: RYES/CSE: RISE) is a penny stock that trades for 50 cents per share on average and has somewhere in the vicinity of \$4-7 million in equity. This is their first major operation, and if their approval is denied on environmental concerns, the bottom will fall out on this company in much the same way that it did on Northern Dynasty Minerals (another Canadian junior mining company) after their Pebble Mine project was denied. The commentator postulated that it is entirely possible the company will likely sell all its assets and permissions off to be handled by a larger, more experienced mining company if the project is approved, shifting the calculus of power and trust in this debate massively.

Regardless of your views on the proposal, *The Mountain Messenger* encourages all readers to make their position known at Nevada County's DEIR meeting in the Eric W. Rood Administrative Building in Nevada City at 9:30 AM on Thursday, March 24th.

2022 Plumas-Sierra County Fair Exhibit Guide Available Now!

The excitement of each year's Fair begins with the arrival of the Exhibit Guide. Fair Manager John Steffanic says it's time to get excited! The theme for the 2022 Plumas-Sierra County Fair is "Celebrating Fairs Past". Maybe we need to look to our past to remember what it is like to have a Fair after this pandemic and fire camp. Even if we have to learn it all over again, it begins with entering something in the Plumas-Sierra County Fair, July 28 - 31, 2022. This year's exhibit guide is filled with divisions and classes that let everyone who lives in the area show what they have made, grown, or raised.

The number of competitive exhibits is a direct reflection of the health of any Fair, and the Plumas-Sierra County Fair Board is constantly urging everyone to take a look at the exhibit guide and enter something. 2019 saw the most dramatic increase in exhibits in decades! Part of the credit goes to better outreach through the schools and organizations in our area, but a huge chunk of the credit goes to the PSCF Foundation, the non-profit group that supports our local Fair. The Foundation covered entry fees in most of the divisions offered in an effort to break down some of the barriers some novices may feel when entering something for the first time. Well, it worked! Total entries jumped by 500, compared to most years where there may be a swing of 100 up or down. They have decided to do this again; all entries in the Floriculture building except for gardens and table settings are free. All entries in Home Arts except for quilts and professional divisions are free. And for the first time, this year all sculpture and poetry entries in the Art Barn are also free!

The steps are simple: browse the exhibit guide, decide what you might like to enter, fill out the entry form, turn it in to the Fair Office by the deadline (July 8 for most entries, though most Floriculture entries are due just the week before the Fair), and then bring in your entries on the dates shown in the guide. Since there are no fees, feel free to enter as many things as you want. For instance, if you think you might want to enter the sourdough bread you learned to



The Center for the Arts Welcomes Renowned Musician Melissa Etheridge

GRASS VALLEY—American singer-songwriter Melissa Etheridge will take the stage of the Marisa Funk Theater at The Center for the Arts in Grass Valley March 19.

Over the past three decades, Etheridge has become one of the most celebrated female singer-songwriters in rock music. Following the release of her debut album in 1988 Etheridge catapulted into fame with her performance at the 1989 Grammy Awards telecast. From there her star rose even higher as she found success with her hits "No Souvenirs," "Bring Me Some Water," and "Ain't It Heavy," which earned her the first of several Grammy awards in the Best Female Rock category.

Through the years Etheridge has continued to write and record powerful, soulful songs that carry listeners away. In 2007 she was presented with the Academy Award for Best Song in a Motion Picture for "I Need To Wake Up" which was featured in the Al Gore documentary *An Inconvenient Truth*. In 2021 Etheridge released *One Way Out*, a series of deep cuts that at one point ended up on the editing room floor before she resurrected them for the album, her seventeenth to be released in her impressive career.

Etheridge's performance at The Center for the Arts is an opportunity to see this accomplished, larger-than-life artist in an intimate setting.

For tickets and more information please visit thecenterforthearts.org or call 530-274-8384.

make during COVID, go ahead and enter it. When Fair time comes around, it's no big deal if you can't get the bread done. You're not down any money for not entering, and if you could have made the bread you could have also entered it.

There are many categories that are not what some people would think of as typical for a Fair. There are certainly the classics, such as jelly, baked goods, zucchini, flowers, and needlepoint arts. But there are also divisions that are unique and might not require a particular skill to enter. There is a division available for gift wrapping. Do you write poetry? Enter your poems if so. Make a shadow box; the Fair provides the box, so all you have to do is gather the items you want to display and come to the Fairgrounds to set them up in the box. 2019 had a shadow box full of things that were found on the Fairgrounds with a metal detector that was truly fascinating. You can enter soap or candles you have made. You can decorate a cake, pie, or confection, even if you didn't make it; the judging is of the decorations. Enter jerky or salsa, crochet a rug, sew a Christmas tree skirt; the possibilities are endless.

If you have an African Violet, or a cactus, or a Boston Fern that thrives at your house, please share it with everyone by entering it in the Floriculture building. Some people don't have a green thumb but love plants, and that's okay too—there are several divisions for dried or silk flower arranging. Finally, everyone should know that the only thing you have to do to enter something from your garden is to turn in an entry form the Friday before the Fair. Perhaps it's for some cut flowers, or fresh carrots or onions. Don't forget the oddities either—largest vegetable, oddest vegetable and heaviest tomato are all categories too, and the public needs to see those!

Printed Exhibit Guides are available at all Plumas Bank branches and public libraries. Copies can also be picked up at the Fair Office. A downloadable version is available on the Fair's website, www.plumas-sierracountyfair.net. The Fair has also taken the extra step of breaking down the book on a section-by-section basis for those who still have dial-up and don't necessarily need the whole book. Livestock entries are due July 1 and most other entries are due July 8. Let's make this the best Fair yet!

The Plumas-Sierra County Fair Board will re-convene on March 23rd at 5:00 PM in the Mineral Building in Quincy. Members of the public are encouraged to attend and provide feedback for the Board's proposals.

Regional News

Ag Alert: 2022 Water Year Looks Dismal as Snowpack Melts

BY CHRISTINE SOUZA

The optimism spurred by heavy snowstorms in December has melted away, and the 2022 water year is now looking bleak.

After facing the driest recorded January and February in state history, California Department of Water Resources reported that statewide, the snowpack stood at 63% of average for the date last week after conducting the agency's third manual snow survey of the year.

"That is not enough to fill up our reservoirs," said Sean de Guzman, manager of the DWR Snow Surveys and Water Supply Forecasting Unit.

He said, "It's safe to say we'll end this year dry and extend this drought a third year."

With only one month left in California's wet season, DWR Director Karla Nemeth said in a statement, "Californians should plan for a third year of drought conditions."

"A significantly below-average snowpack, combined with already low reservoir levels," Nemeth said, "make it critical that all Californians step up and conserve water every day to help the state meet the challenges of severe drought."

A third consecutive drought year means farmers, water managers and state officials must figure out how to move forward and plan for the state's water future.

Those themes were amplified last week at a Sacramento conference—"Water for a Sustainable California." It was held by the California Irrigation Institute to focus attention on agricultural and urban water management.

"This year is probably going to be the worst year ever," said conference speaker Thad Bettner, general manager of Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District. "It's been a brutal year for California all around."

Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District, a Sacramento River settlement contractor with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, received an initial water allocation of 75%.

Bettner said, "There are conversations happening right now about what this year will shape up like, but it's going to be pretty tough."

As part of a conference panel discussion on water sustainability, Bettner described how farmers and the district have partnered with others to help fish populations and stretch water use.

State Water Resources Control Board Chair E. Joaquin Esquivel

talked about broad water issues facing the state, including water rights, storage and balancing groundwater supplies as required by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

In a summary of his remarks, provided by the state water board, Esquivel discussed imposing water curtailments in critical watersheds to preserve supplies for cities and limiting the amount that water-rights holders may be able to divert this year.

Last year, the state board adopted emergency curtailments for several watersheds, including the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, due to severe drought conditions. That action halted 2021 water diversions for 10,300 water rights on the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and denied surface-water deliveries for some 4,500 farms.

California Irrigation Institute President Chase Hurley said Esquivel's remarks signaled potential emergency actions again this water year. He said water rights will also be a topic of discussion for the board.

"You can tell that water rights is something that Joaquin and the board are really thinking about," said Hurley, managing partner of Water & Land Solutions and former general manager of San Luis Canal Company in Dos Palos.

Hurley expressed added concern about how the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan would require diversion flows for fish in three San Joaquin River tributaries. "It (altering water rights) is a scary proposition, especially if the state board is able to pull 40-50% of your water and leave it in the river," he said.

A look at water rights may stem from recommendations released last month by water law and policy leaders that form the Planning and Conservation League.

Citing hotter summers and the disappearing rain and snowpack, the league released recommendations to update California water laws to address drought and climate change. In its report, the group said California's current system of water laws is "ill-equipped to respond to modern water shortages."

It said the water picture must be reassessed to safeguard the health, safety and livelihoods of the state's 40 million residents, support the economy and protect imperiled ecosystems.

Bettner, meanwhile, called for

protecting existing water rights.

"We strongly support our water-rights system and that our infrastructure, agreements, operations, etc., are built on that system.

"While some may want to change it or toss it out, our water-rights system and water code provide for flexibility to manage, in changing hydrologic conditions, environment and infrastructure. What we need is our water-rights system to be implemented to its fullest extent versus cherry picking sections we agree or disagree with."

To achieve a more sustainable water supply in the state, Dorene D'Adamo, vice chair of the state water board, suggested that there be more collaboration and partnerships to turn problems into solutions.

"There is concern throughout the valley of seeing as much as 800,000 acres potentially going out of production as a result of implementation of SGMA," D'Adamo said. "There is tremendous concern wherever you go in the valley of what this is going to mean for the transfer market, what it's going to mean if you have ongoing surface water challenges, so really looking for partnerships there, expanding groundwater recharge and being more creative with rescheduling water deliveries."

Fourth-generation Kern County farmer Bret Sill grows almonds, walnuts, row crops, alfalfa and wheat. He said, "We've been trying to work sustainably for many generations."

Over the years, his family added recycled water to irrigate some crops and employed new technology such as moisture probes to reduce water use.

He has also worked with a company to automate irrigation among other investments in new technology.

"We are looking at what we can do to be more sustainable in our practices not only by increasing soil fertility, but by increasing water retention and carbon sequestration," Sill said. "My goal is to reduce our reliance on synthetic inputs. We are conserving water, we are conserving energy and trying to be more sustainable for the future."

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Congressional Race

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and tensions, as the filing period ends and the primary season for this contentious open seat begins.



Assemblyman Kevin Kiley

Kevin Kiley is a native of the Sacramento suburbs who earned a Bachelor's degree from Harvard University and a Juris Doctor from Yale Law School. His professional background is as a teacher and attorney, who eventually served as a Deputy Attorney General in the California Department of Justice under now-Vice President of the United States Kamala Harris. He was first elected to State Assembly District 5 in 2016, and sought higher office in a 2019 State Senate special election (where he came in second to fellow Assemblyman and now gubernatorial candidate Brian Dahle). In 2021, Kiley was a principal backer of and candidate in the special recall election to replace incumbent Governor Gavin Newsom; he came in sixth place behind the likes of radio host Larry Elder, YouTuber Kevin Paffrath, former San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer, and 2018 Governor nominee John Cox.

Kiley's campaign has yet to outline any specific issues in his campaign, but has railed heavily against established Democratic Party incumbents and the power structure they uphold in the state of California, perhaps an odd tone to strike in a campaign for federal office. His principal focus seems to be on education reform, specifically empowering school choice options for parents and granting extra funding to charter schools. He has the endorsement of numerous local officials in Placer County, Board of Equalization member Ted Gaines, and retired local Congressman John Doolittle and Doug Ose.

Scott Jones, meanwhile, is a Southern California native who has spent most of his life living in the Sacramento area. He joined the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department as a deputy in 1989 and has worked in county law enforcement since then, earning a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice at Sacramento State University and took night classes at Lincoln Law School to earn a Juris Doctor in 1998. He was first elected County Sheriff in 2010, and was subsequently re-elected by larger margins in 2014 and 2018; he previously ran for Congress against Ami Bera (D-Elk Grove) in CA-07 in

was reported slumped over the wheel of his car. The call was transferred to the CHP.

18:30 - A Portola caller reported ongoing harassment from her neighbors.

20:10 - Another Portola caller reported her neighbors were setting off fireworks. A deputy made contact with the neighbors, who denied setting off fireworks at the birthday party they were holding. The caller later called again to complain of loud music being played at the party.

22:09 - A Crescent Mills caller requested to speak to a deputy about ongoing theft issues. No evidence of theft was found.

23:04 - In Quincy, a welfare check was requested near the car wash. A deputy was unable to locate the subject.

Sunday, March 13
00:17 - In Portola, a caller reported that her ex was violating a restraining order.

00:43 - A Crescent Mills caller was concerned about a possible



Sheriff Scott Jones

2016 and lost by a margin of just 4,802 votes district-wide.

Sheriff Jones has marketed himself in the past as a fiscally conservative, socially moderate Reagan Republican. He touts his fiscal record as Sheriff heavily on his website, noting that in addition to hiring record numbers of women, minorities and veterans within the Department, he also ran well under budget during his tenure and frequently returned budget surpluses to Sacramento County. His main issues in this campaign are "Law and Order", pushing back against anti-law enforcement sentiments, illegal immigration and human and drug trafficking, and for parental rights in education. He is endorsed by incumbent Congressmen Tom McClintock and Doug LaMalfa, who currently represents almost the entirety of the new CA-03.

Unlike the Democratic side, the Republican primary has seen much political gamesmanship and treachery used to gain an edge in the race to be the conservative figurehead in the CA-03 race. Thanks to a source inside the California Republican Party who has declined to be named, *The Mountain Messenger* has been able to reveal a glimpse of what has been going on behind the scenes of this contentious political battle.

Kevin Kiley's campaign story began in late December, after the redrawn lines were finalized, when he issued a statement announcing that, in anticipation of McClintock moving from CA-03 to CA-05, Kiley would be running for Congress in CA-03. This announcement came on the heels of the passing of McClintock's wife Lori and included a message of condolences for the Congressman's loss as an aside.

McClintock seemed to have taken that announcement as a slight against him, and rumor spread for the next several weeks that he was talking to "a popular Sheriff" in the district to convince him to run as McClintock's chosen successor against Kiley. These rumors proved to be grounded in truth when Sheriff Jones announced his candidacy in late January, along with the endorsements of retired and elected Sheriffs across the district's 10 counties, including Lost Sierra local notables Greg Hagwood, Mike Fisher and Todd Johns.

In early February, Kiley gained the endorsements of county-level GOP affiliates in Yuba, Placer, Nevada and El Dorado counties. The Placer County endorsement was most notable, as it was by a large enough margin to qualify him for the California Republican Party's state-level endorsement

fuel theft from her residence; she said that she had fuel delivered just last week but her tank was now empty. Suspicious circumstances advised.

06:36 - A caller on the Lake Almanor Peninsula reported two men walking around her property with flashlights looking into windows. No signs of forced entry were found.

06:40 - A domestic dispute in Sierraville was transferred to the Sierra County Sheriff's Office.

11:51 - In Beckwourth, a motorist reported that a snowpole damaged in the December storms was leaning into the southbound lane of A-23 and took his mirror off. The call was transferred to the CHP.

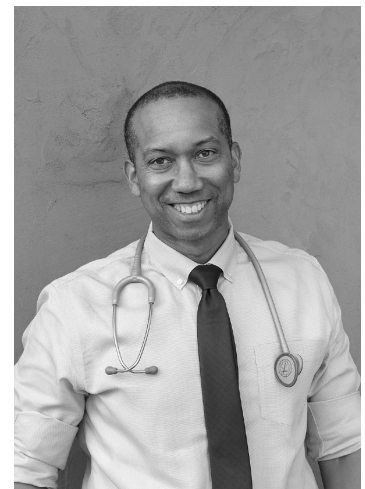
12:26 - A Quincy caller reported

in March; this may have been thanks to the effort of a higher-up in Kiley's campaign who is also a leading member of the Placer GOP.

Near the end of February, however, Sheriff Scott Jones announced endorsements from incumbent Congressmen Doug LaMalfa and Tom McClintock, giving credence to the rumors of him being McClintock's "chosen successor". McClintock himself is quoted on Sheriff Jones's website as saying the following:

"With 33 years in law enforcement, and 12 years as the "Law and Order" Sheriff of Sacramento County, Scott Jones has proven himself to be the real conservative in the 3rd Congressional District. Sheriff Jones is the only candidate that I trust to stand up to the radical Left who wants to "Defund the Police". He knows firsthand the cost of unchecked illegal immigration on our communities, I can count on Sheriff Jones to be along my side as we secure the border and stop the flow of illegal drugs into our country. He has my full support"

The filing period has now ended, and Kiley's momentum has been somewhat hampered by these endorsements. National figures such as House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Bakersfield) and former President Donald Trump have yet to weigh in on the race, but any move they make is likely to shift the balance of power in this contentious primary. One other man is a candidate on this side of the aisle – perennial candidate Omar Navarro, who



Kermit Jones, M.D.

in this district, but his presence is ultimately unlikely to make a difference.

The newly drawn CA-03 is an open seat district that contains Plumas, Sierra, Nevada, Placer, Alpine, Mono and Inyo counties in their entirety, and portions of Yuba (Camptonville, Challenge, Oregon House), Sacramento (Folsom) and El Dorado (Pollock Pines, South Lake Tahoe) counties.

The Republican Party holds an eight-point voter registration advantage in the district, but Donald Trump only won it by two points in November of 2020. The primary election will be held on June 7th, and the top two vote-getters – regardless of party – will advance to the general election on November 8th. The *Mountain Messenger* looks forward to covering this combative race throughout the current election season.

an assault from...the Nevada government? A detective made contact with the caller, who has a behavioral health appointment scheduled for the next day and is no longer requesting assistance.

13:52 - In Quincy, someone reported shooting in the woods above the Harlem Club. No suspects could be located.

19:47 - A Portola caller reported that a man broke down her door and choked her out while under the influence of drugs. Law enforcement was unable to locate the man.

21:55 - Vehicle vs mountain lion accident on Highway 70 near the Greenhorn Creek bridge. Neither vehicle nor feline were damaged.



Plumas County Sheriff's Blotter

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16:33 - In Greenville, a caller hit a deer.

18:57 - A Chester caller wanted to pick up her dog.

20:49 - In Keddie, a suspicious vehicle was reported driving up a side road behind the old store. Probably just taking a leak.

20:55 - A Greenville caller reported that his friend may be suicidal. The subject was contacted by a sergeant and found in bed, okay but very intoxicated.

23:37 - In Quincy, a caller reported loud noises near Deerwood Lodge, including what may be gunshots. A sergeant advised contacting the party; the subject agreed to quiet down and informed them that they were just lighting fireworks (isn't that also illegal?).

23:42 - A bar fight was reported in Quincy. Neither party in the brawl could be located.

23:48 - A Portola caller requested to speak to a deputy about a violation of a restraining order he has against a female subject. A deputy followed up and learned that the caller simply seeks information on file at the moment but will call again if this continues.

Friday, March 11

06:35 - A welfare check was requested in Quincy on a man in a U-Haul. The driver was contacted and confirmed to be just napping.

08:13 - The CHP reported an

overtaken vehicle off of Bucks Lake Road near Slate Creek. The driver was subsequently arrested for driving under the influence.

09:16 - The Canyon Dam storage bandit struck again.

09:40 - A kid in Graeagle was being a real problem. Again, kids these days.

10:20 - A call from a woman in Delleker was transferred from the CHP; her ex had shown up uninvited at her house and was attempting entry. A deputy responded and reported that the subject was willing to move along.

11:19 - A welfare check was requested in Beckwourth. The subject was attempting to gain access to a condemned property to retrieve some of his belongings. A deputy accompanied the subject inside the building to retrieve the items under Code Enforcement's supervision.

16:20 - A reckless driver was reported near Portola. The CHP was contacted with the information.

16:52 - A car hit a deer in Blairsden. The caller reported that he, his wife and their infant child were in the car when it struck the deer. One victim was transported to Renown.

18:29 - Some damned kids stole liquor in Portola and high-tailed it towards the high school.

18:56 - A caller in Quincy reported an argument with a

woman who had been using drugs. The CHP made contact and both parties agreed to keep the peace.

21:15 - A vehicle struck a bear in Canyon Dam. Minor injuries were sustained and a town truck was needed. The bear's condition is unknown.

Saturday, March 12

00:21 - A traffic stop in Chester resulted in a man being cited for driving on an expired license and a woman booked on drug paraphenalia charges.

03:14 - A Greenville caller reported someone banging on their door and yelling at them. A deputy was unable to locate the subject.

03:57 - In Quincy, a caller reported several people outside her house conversing among themselves and making threatening statements. A deputy was unable to locate anyone near the property.

08:51 - A Meadow Valley woman was arrested on charges of corporal injury to a spouse and assault with a deadly weapon.

09:22 - In Quincy, a caller reported that his baby mama was refusing to exchange custody of a child.

16:33 - An escaped burn pile was reported in Indian Valley. The fire was neutralized within a few hours thanks to the efforts of Indian Valley Fire, Crescent Mills Fire and the USFS.

16:49 - In Portola, a man was

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Spanish Teacher
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August 2022 Start Dates

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The City of Loyalton is accepting employment applications for a
Certified Waste Water/Water Treatment Plant Operator

Status: Must have a minimum of a D-1 Water Distribution Certification and Waste Water Treatment Certification Grade 1
Salary Range: DOE **Deadline:** Open till filled

Requirements: The ideal applicant has experience in repairing and maintaining water and waste water distribution lines, pumps, and aerators. Capabilities of operating various equipment such as hydro flusher, backhoe and other construction equipment as needed.

The City of Loyalton is also seeking to fill a vacant
Maintenance - Full-Time position

Salary: DOE **Hours:** 40 hours per week
Deadline: Position open until filled

Requirements: Must be able to operate heavy equipment; ideal applicant would have a certificate in water/sewer distribution, have knowledge in all areas regarding maintenance work.

Apply to: Employment applications can be obtained at Loyalton City Hall, 605 School Street, Loyalton, CA. 96118 Monday through Thursday 8:00 A.M to 4:00 P.M. Or call City Hall at 530-993-6750

All city employees are subject to pre-employment drug testing requirements

The City of Loyalton is an equal opportunity employer

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The following registrant is doing business as: UPTOWN COMPANY HOUSE MANAGEMENT & CONSULTING

Full name of registrant: Lori A. Ellermeier
 Registrant Address: 37337, Roundhouse Road, Quincy, CA 95971
 Business location: 179 Lawrence Street, Quincy, CA 95971
 Phone number: (530) 616-5433

This business is being conducted by: Individual
 /s/ Lori A. Ellermeier

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The following registrant is doing business as: KARINA'S UNIQUE CLEANING SERVICE

Full name of registrant: Jerry Alfredo Cisneros & Karina Rodriguez Cisneros
 Registrant Address: 71 Andy's Way, Quincy, CA 95971
 Business Location: 71 Andy's Way, Quincy, CA 95971
 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1260, Quincy, CA 95971
 Phone Number: (530) 616-5433

This business is being conducted by: Married Couple
 /s/ Jerry A. Cisneros

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The following registrant is doing business as: RIVER PINES RESORT AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Full name of registrants: Leslie Ann Ross, Revocable Trust
 Registrant Address: 312 Lundy Lane, Blairsden, CA 96103
 Business location: 8296 Highway 89, Blairsden, CA 96103
 Mailing address: P.O. Box 1784, Blairsden, CA 96103
 Phone number: (916) 201-1545

This business is being conducted by: Trust
 /s/ Leslie A. Ross

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The following registrant is doing business as: RIVER PINES PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, RIVER PINES REALTY, RIVER PINES RESORT

Full name of registrant: Leslie A. Ross
 Business address: 8296 Highway 89, Blairsden, CA 96103
 Phone number: (530) 836-2552

This business is being conducted by: Corporation

The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 10/15/2020
 /s/ Leslie A. Ross

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The following registrant is doing business as: HIGH COUNTRY FENCE

Full name of registrants: Daniel Gooder
 Registrant Address: 72441 Highway 70, Portola, CA 96122
 Business location: 72441 Highway 70, Portola, CA 96122
 Mailing address: P.O. Box 2377, Portola, CA 96122
 Phone number: (916) 955-6286

This business is being conducted by: Individual
 /s/ Daniel Gooder, Owner

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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: SMALL VENTURE CHILD CARE

Full name of registrant: Aldeen L. Hamilton
 Registrant Address: 175 Richardson Way, Chester, CA 96020
 Business location: 175 Richardson Way, Chester, CA 96020
 Mailing address: P.O. Box 215, Chester, CA 96020
 Phone number: (530) 258-3802

This business is being conducted by: Individual
 /s/ Daniel Gooder, Owner

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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant has abandoned the use of the following fictitious name: THE BUCKHORN AND MOUNTAIN CREEK RESTAURANT

Full name of registrants: JW Resorts
 Business location: 225 Main St., Sierra City CA 96125
 Mailing address: 230 Main St./P.O. Box 234, Sierra City CA 96125
 Phone number: (415) 302-3661

This business is being conducted by: a corporation

The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 7/13/2017

/s/ Wendall Westfall, President

This statement was filed in the office of Heather Foster, Sierra County Clerk-Recorder, on: February 28, 2022 FILE NO: 2022001833

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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: POLKA DOT, THE

Full name of registrant: Rae L. Lancaster
 Registrant Address: 261 Sierra Way, Quincy CA 95971
 Business location: 2043 Highway 70, Quincy CA 95971
 Phone number: (530) 283-2660

This business is being conducted by: Individual

The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 9/10/2021

/s/ Rae L. Lancaster

This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: February 28, 2022 FILE NO: 2021-0000228

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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: QUINCY TRAPPING SERVICE

Full name of registrant: Tyson Rael
 Registrant Address: 2044 Red Bluff Trail, Quincy CA 95971
 Business location: 2044 Red Bluff Trail, Quincy CA 95971
 Phone number: (714) 606-9575

This business is being conducted by: Individual

The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 2/22/2022

/s/ Tyson Rael

This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: February 22, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000051

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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: SIERRA VALLEY DOOR

Full name of registrant: Brett McCurley
 Registrant Address: 65 Delleker Drive, Portola CA 96122
 Business location: 65 Delleker Drive, Portola CA 96122
 Phone number: (530) 616-0006

This business is being conducted by: Individual

The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: NA

/s/ Brett McCurley

This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: February 22, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000052

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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2022001827

The following person(s) is doing business as:

Scratch, 225 S. Lake Avenue, Suite 250, Pasadena, CA 91101
 Scratch Financial, Inc., 225 S Lake Avenue, Suite 250, Pasadena, CA 91101; C4016777; DE

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/15/21.

/s/ Caleb Morse, COO

Scratch Financial, Inc.

This statement was filed with Heather Foster, County Clerk-Recorder of Sierra County on 01/13/2022.

3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31/22

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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: TENDER TOUCH ANIMAL REIKI

Full name of registrant: Terra Nova
 Registrant Address: 381 3rd Avenue, Portola CA 96122
 Business location: 381 3rd Avenue, Portola CA 96122
 Business Mailing Address: 381 3rd Avenue, Portola CA 96122
 Phone number: (530) 394-8661

This business is being conducted by: an Individual

The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 4/1/2022

/s/ Terra Nova

This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Sierra County Clerk-Recorder on: February 28, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000057

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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: HANGER BOUTIQUE, THE

Full name of registrant: Bailee Working
 Registrant Address: 1003 Timber Ridge Rd., Lake Almanor CA 96137
 Business location: 1003 Timber Ridge Rd., Lake Almanor CA 96137
 Business Mailing Address: 1003 Timber Ridge Rd., Lake Almanor CA 96137
 Phone number: (530) 375-0387

This business is being conducted by: an Individual

The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 2/28/2022

/s/ Bailee Working

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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: CALPINE COMMUNITY FIRE ASSOCIATION

Full name of registrant: John Mitchell
 Registrant Address: 101 Mountain View Dr., Calpine, CA 96124
 Business location: 101 Mountain View Dr., Calpine, CA 96124
 Business Mailing Address: Box 9, Calpine, CA 96124
 Phone number: (530) 24-0350

This business is being conducted by: an unincorporated association other than a partnership

The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 12/7/2021

/s/ John Mitchell

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The Mountain Messenger Local Calendar sponsored by The Buttes Resort

12 Step Meeting - Downieville, Tuesdays, 5:00 P.M. in the Library at 320 Commercial St.

Open AA Meetings—Pike City, Thursdays, 5:30 P.M. at the Pike City Fire House on Ridge Road.

Closed AA Meetings—Sierra City. For information, call (530) 862-1193 or (530) 862 1332.

AlAnon Meetings—Downieville, Tuesdays, noon, in the back room of the Masonic Hall.

Alleghany County Water District—Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month, 6 P.M. at the Firehouse. 105 Plaza Court. alleghanywater.org.

Alleghany Volunteer Fundraising District—Meets 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6 P.M.

Calpine Community Fire Association—Meets 1st Tuesday of each month, 6:30 P.M. at the Calpine Community Center. For information, call (530) 320-0764.

Calpine Elks—Bingo Second & Fourth Saturday from 12-4 p.m. at Calpine Elks Lodge (72182 Hwy 70, west of Portola, next to the Chalet View).

Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department Training—Thursday evenings, 6 P.M. at the Mill Street Fire Station.

Downieville Lions Club—Meets 3rd Monday of each month, 6:00 P.M. at the Masonic Hall. For more information, all (530) 289-3632.

Downieville Fire Protection District Board—Meets 3rd Wednesday of each month, 5:30 P.M. at the Community Hall.

Downieville Fire Protection District—EMS Training 4th Thursday of each month, 6 P.M. at the Community Hall; Fire Personnel Training for New & Ongoing Fire Fighters 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month, 5:30 P.M. at Station 1 (next to the Community Hall).

Golden Rays—Morning Yoga, Mondays and Wednesdays, 8 A.M. at the Downieville Community Hall. Bring a mask and a mat.

Gold Nugget Republican Women Federated—Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month from April through October, 11 A.M. Venue varies each month. For further information, please contact Mary Ervin, President, at (916) 549-4905, or Candy Corcoran, Membership Chair, at (530) 993-4633.

Pliocene Ridge Community Services District—3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30 P.M. Alternates between Alleghany and Pike. plioceneridge.org Pike City and Alleghany Fire Departments train Mondays, 6 P.M. Volunteer firefighters needed, training and gear provided. Send an email to: plioceneridge@gmail.com for more info.

Plumas-Sierra Cattlewomen—For info contact Flinda France, (530) 258-6522

Sierra County Fire Safe & Watershed Council—Meets quarterly, 10 A.M. to noon. Location to be announced at www.scfswc.com.

Sierra County Democrats—Meetings held last Sunday of each month. Call (530) 862-1475 for time and location.

Sierra County Fish & Wildlife Commission—Meets 4th Tuesday of each month, 5:30 P.M. (except December). Call for location (530) 993-6051

Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District—Meets 1st Wednesday of each month, 10 A.M. Call (530) 993-6051 for location.

Sheriff's Search and Rescue—2nd Saturday of each month, 10 A.M. at Sheriff's Office. Call (530) 289-2890 for information.

Tai-Chi—Sierra City, Mondays and Fridays 9:30 A.M. at the Community Hall. Dee Wallace, (530) 862-1332.

Western Sierra Residential Center—Board meeting, 2nd Tuesdays of each month, 10 A.M. at the Transportation Center (Tommy's parking lot), Downieville. (530) 289-3250

To rent the **Downieville Community Hall**, call (530) 289-5110 or Email: DownievilleCommunityHall@gmail.com.

To rent the **Sierra City Community Hall**, call (530) 862-1580 during the evening.

To rent the **Vinton Grange**, call (530) 993-4839.

To rent the **North San Juan Senior Center**, call (530) 415-9705

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

California Highway Patrol - Quincy	283-1100
California Highway Patrol - Grass Valley	477-4900
City of Loyalton	993-6750
CalTrans Downieville Maintenance Station	289-3214
Quincy Maintenance Station	832-4911
Sierraville Maintenance Station	994-3410
Downieville School	289-3473
Downieville Volunteer Fire Department	289-3333
Health & Human Services Dvl	289-3711
Loyalton	993-6700
Loyalton Elementary School	993-4482
Loyalton City Hall	993-6750
Loyalton Cop Shop	993-4479
Loyalton High School	993-4454
Loyalton Volunteer Fire Department	993-6751
Mental Health Services, Loyalton	993-6700
PG&E report outages	800-743-5002
Plumas Ace Hardware, Portola	832-5208
Plumas County Clerk-Recorder	283-6218
Plumas County Sheriff's Office (Front Desk)	283-6375
Sierra County Sheriff's Office—non-emergency	289-3700
Sierra County Clerk-Recorder	289-3295
Sierra Hardware, Downieville	289-3582
Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital	274-6000
Sierra Valley Home Center, Loyalton	993-4331
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Sierraville Ranger District	994-3401
Yuba River Ranger District	288-3231
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S&P 500 Market Movers - 3/16

- Top Gainers**
1. Epam Systems (EPAM) - \$264.27 (+17.73%)
 2. Moderna, Inc. (MRNA) - \$162.26 (+9.53%)
 3. Las Vegas Sands Corp. (LVS) - \$35.35 (+8.24%)
- Top Decliners**
1. Norton LifeLock (NLOK) - \$26.16 (-13.14%)
 2. CF Industries Holdings (CF) - \$88.18 (-7.04%)
 3. Lockheed Martin (LMT) - \$421.78 (-5.99%)

NASDAQ Market Movers - 3/16

- Top Gainers**
1. Pinduoduo Inc. (PDD) - \$39.22 (+43.68%)
 2. JD.com (JD) - \$59.71 (+29.86%)
 3. Baidu, Inc. (BIDU) - \$136.67 (+25.95%)
- Top Losers**
1. CrowdStrike Holdings (CRWD) - \$184.64 (-2.12%)
 2. Walgreens Boots Alliance (WBA) - \$47.34 (-1.72%)
 3. American Electric Power (AEP) - \$94.51 (-1.67%)

California Hay Report - 3/11/2022

Compared to last week: Trade activity and demand were moderate. Retail hay prices were steady with tight supplies. Dairy hay prices were steady to 10 higher.

Volume - California			
	This Week	Last Reported	Last Year
		(2/28/2022)	
Tons of Hay:	2350	2725	7500
Bales of Hay:	3700	2100	0

Note: The volumes listed above are for confirmed trades only, estimates of tonnage for bids or offers are not included.

North Inter-Mountain				
Hay (Conventional)				
Qty.	Price Range	Use	Age	
Alfa-Good/Premium (Trade/Per Ton)				
Large Square	250 295	Feedlot/dairy	Old	
North San Joaquin Valley				
Hay (Conventional)				
Qty.	Price Range	Use	Age	
Alfa-Supreme (Trade/Per Ton)				
Large Square 3x4	200 410-415	Feedlot/dairy	New	
Small Square 3	100 400	Feedlot/dairy	New	

Source: USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News - https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/ams_2904.pdf

LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: CANYONDAM - DOG'S
Full name of registrant: Terry Penny
Registrant Address: 164 Aldon Drive, Chester CA 96020
Business Address: 29571 Highway 89, Canyon Dam, CA 95923
Business Mailing Address: PO Box 1747, Chester CA 96020
Phone number: (530) 816-1431
This business is being conducted by: an Individual
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 2/1/2022
/s/ Terry Penny
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Sierra County Clerk-Recorder on: February 10, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-000039
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Local Gas Prices - 3/16

	Regular (87)	Premium (91)	Diesel
76 Chester	\$5.69	\$5.89	\$5.79
Sinclair Susanville	\$5.39	\$5.69	\$5.99
Shell Doyle	\$5.79	\$6.19	\$6.19
76 Penn Valley	\$5.49	\$6.09	\$6.19
Sierra Energy 7/11 Portola	\$5.59	\$5.99	\$6.19
Chevron Graeagle	\$5.99	\$6.29	\$6.49
Mobil Quincy	\$5.79	\$6.09	\$6.49
Chevron Quincy	\$5.89	\$6.19	\$6.59
Whites's Station Loyalton	\$5.99	-	\$6.59
Sierraville Service Sierraville	\$5.56	\$5.76	\$5.63
Lost Nugget Camptonville	\$5.79	\$6.19	\$6.45
Chevron Nevada City	\$5.89	\$6.19	\$6.79
Nevada City Gas Nevada City	\$5.49	\$5.69	\$5.69
ARCO Grass Valley	\$5.79	\$6.19	\$6.59
Chevron Truckee	\$6.39	\$6.69	\$6.29
Shell Truckee	\$6.49	\$6.69	\$6.99

Prices courtesy of gasbuddy.com and phone calls to stations.

Commodity Prices

	Mar 9. USD	Mar. 16 USD	Weekly Change	Yearly Change
Gold USD/Troy Oz.	1,983.69	1,908.84	-3.77%	9.06%
Silver USD/Troy Oz.	25.56	24.61	-3.72%	-6.78%
Lumber USD/1000 BdFt.	1,345.00	1,163.70	-13.48%	35.65%
Live Cattle USD/100 Lbs.	138.60	139.65	0.76%	16.98%
Milk USD/Hundredweight	22.57	22.35	-0.97%	36.70%
Wheat USD/Bushel	1,110.00	1,042.25	-6.10%	62.89%
Corn USD/Bushel	739.750	730.00	-1.32%	30.87%
Coffee USD/Pound	230.45	211.60	-8.18%	59.70%
Lithium USD/Ton	78,113.87	78,318.09	0.26%	485.29%
Aluminum USD/Ton	3,364.00	3,378.00	0.42%	52.82%
Nickel USD/Ton	48,201.00	45,590.00	-5.42%	184.45%
Coal USD/Ton	415.00	340.00	-18.07%	274.66%
Crude Oil USD/Barrel WTI	109.02	95.370	-12.52%	47.63%
Propane USD/Gallon	1.60	1.360	-15.00%	46.24%
CRB Index Index Points	328.76	299.24	-8.98%	46.51%

True Tales of the Timber Industry as assembled by Cynthia Anderson

From the Woods — Clay Allen, Part 8

We were down at Miller's Ranch above Camptonville, piling at the old hydraulic diggings, Calamity was just sitting there and it was one in a million shot that I look at my dog and this little coyote comes out of this draw and he comes over and sniffs my dog's butt—and she didn't even know he was back there until he did that! She turned around and chased him off, but it was so funny that that little coyote snuck up out of those diggings behind her.

You know at the beginning of the year you have two weeks before the dust flies, then when the rains come in the Fall you may have three weeks without dust. Other than that it is dust: you drive to and from work in dust; you eat dust; you eat in the dust; when they fall a tree there's dust. When I go in to pile the brush, it has been chewed up by the loggers, then I chew it up more by piling the brush. Then I have to contour rip it, then the third time through is when it gets really bad! I've worn a dust mask since I was 23. I won't run Cat without one.

I was working on a cut skid trail over above Sly Park. I don't have a winch, so I have to get right to the break of the tree. The butt is right up on the bank and they had bucked it right at the top cut of the skid trail. So, I grabbed the second cut but couldn't grapple the butt cut, and for about two hours I just kept skidding past the butt cut up on the skid trail cut. About two hours later I come back down hill with a skid where the butt cut is right above the skid trail. That butt log takes off on its own—I think because of all of the vibration it was just like it was on ice—came in the canopy and it went across the top of my fuel tank, right behind my head.

I am sitting in the seat. It came in the right side of the canopy and out the left side of the Cat in about a second. It went right out the other side and down the hill. The bark hit the back of my hair. It was just like it was on ice and a one in a million shot for going through the Cat and missing me.

It could have taken my head off. We didn't have side screens on that Cat to stop that log from coming in.

We were working up at Hell Hole. This was the first day in the woods for this little Mexican choker setter, his name was Aberta. It was real steep, you looked right down into Hell Hole reservoir. There was no dirt on the hill, you were doing good to even get a skid trail through there. I pulled up with some chokers and he had already set some chokers right above the skid trail. He goes up behind the winch to unhook the chokers.

All of a sudden he looks up and runs back. I think, what the? Well, here is this rock, about the size of the one in the Indiana Jones movie—the one that is chasing them out of there in the movie—It was a great big rock like a marble, just like that. It went right across the back of the winch where he had been and it would have killed him. I don't know where it came from, but it was cooking and bouncing down that hill and nobody was working above us. It had probably been there for a million years and it decided to come down right when we were working there. It was big and round and 3/4 the size of this D7 Cat. That rock was perfectly round. It just missed the winch and if it had hit the Cat, it would have taken me right into Hell Hole reservoir, it was a long way down. That poor little Mexican, looked like, "I don't know if I want this job!" It was insane, it was that kid's lucky day. If he hadn't looked up that would have been it for him. The logs that he had set above the skid trail, it broke everyone of them, that rock was so big they were like toothpicks with the chokers on them. That was that kid's initiation into logging that day. First day in the woods and he was lucky!

Somebody had to have watched over me in my life. I don't know why, I don't go to church, so there has to be someone watching over me because I can't have this much

luck in my life and it is still holding up. I am not bragging, I am just saying I am lucky, I can't believe how fortunate I have been. People tell me all the time, "Retire Clay, get out of there...blah, blah, blah." I'll be 68 in December 2019. I truly wish I had 48 years left to do it all over again! It's been a life long adventure. What a ride on my old brush cat!

I was up by Volcanoville one day and I got into a paper hornet nest and it was about the size of a basketball. I got out of it without getting stung, Calamity got out of it without getting stung. Those are the great big hornets, the baldfaced hornets are in the nest. They are bad news and they are mean.

It had poured all night the night before and I figured I would go back and finish that job the next day. The rain melts the nests, turns them into glue. Those hornets will drive you off of three acres of land easily. There are thousands of them in a nest and that's what I had, was about three to four acres of land that they ran me out of. I got about 50 yards from where that nest was, I see this thing coming like a god damn hornet, it was cooking and it stung me right in the pupil of my left eye. It is bad news to get stung by them anyway. My eye just swole shut immediately, and it was pretty painful. I have been stung up to 25 times at once, but I was young and always had enough alcohol in my system that they probably copped a buzz, too, when they stung me.

You know a wet and cold spring will kill them off for the year usually, but in the really dry Springs they really start to breed early. I got this thing that is like a bug suit, but it is really puffy and it comes clear up to my neck and it keeps the hornets off of my arms and torso. With my dust mask and goggles on I'm pretty well protected from getting stung too bad. Those hornets can still get you on the cheeks, but that's about the only spot that they can get you.

Cory Peterman's Historical Corner

Heroes of The Mountain Messenger

Carl Butz, current editor of *The Mountain Messenger*, became a local hero when he stepped in to take over the newspaper after former editor Don Russell decided to retire, thus maintaining the publication's record of being the oldest continuously-published newspaper in the state of California. However, this wasn't the first time a hero was needed for *The Mountain Messenger*! Several newspapers related the following story from when *The Mountain Messenger* was located in La Porte (then known as Rabbit Creek) in the 1850s:

"Nothing less than a major catastrophe could keep the 'Mountain Messenger' of Rabbit Creek, Calif., from going to press on time in the 1850's."

One day in 1856 Mr. Albert T. Dewey, the editor, was put to test when the press ran out of ink. After much deliberation, it was decided to try out a mixture of axle grease and stove black as an ink substitute.

Aside from a flood of complaints from readers that the ink stained their fingers, the run was completed with no further trouble."

In 1936, it was reported "Vic Cassidy, mining editor of the *Auburn Journal* for the past two years, this week leased the *Mountain Messenger* in Downieville, for a period of five years. Cassidy has an option of five years. Cassidy has a stock during the term of the lease.

He is the son of former Senator Bert A. Cassidy, who owns the Auburn Journal in Auburn. He is a graduate of Placer Union High School in Auburn, and for the past three and one-half years has been in the employ of the Journal plant." But even a major catastrophe hasn't stopped publication of *The Mountain Messenger*.

The following year, on December 10, 1937, a devastating flood destroyed many buildings in Downieville and wiped out the town's bridges. After the flood, the *Oakland Tribune* reported "The

Old Mountain Messenger, in its eighty-fourth year, came out last week, just as if there had never been a flood in its city. It takes something more than high water to put this veteran out of business." This paper later reported *The Mountain Messenger* "hesitated a day or so, but came out with the story and still has a roof over its old type and wood cuts."

When the staff of the *Oakland Tribune* spoke with the father of the editor, former senator Bert Cassidy, he was quoted as saying his son "was much disturbed over conflicting demands of his obligations as a news reporter and his duty as a neighbor and citizen.

Vic was all worked up trying to decide whether to leave town long enough to file a story of what had happened - there's no way of telephoning or telegraphing from Downieville - or whether he ought to stay right there and help the relief workers.

He told me 'here I've got the best story of my life, and I can't get it out to give it to anybody, unless I walk out on my neighbors.'" The newspaper was published the day after the flood, on December 11, 1937, with the heading "Raging Waters of Yuba Devastate Downieville."

However, a few years later, a different event almost led the publication of *The Mountain Messenger* to cease. The Plumas Independent of November 12, 1942 reported "Downieville's Paper Becomes War Casualty - Downieville's *Mountain Messenger*, one of the oldest newspapers in California, which has a record for continuous publication for about ninety years, will suspend because of conditions which have arisen in Sierra county as a result of the war and the WPB order closing gold mines, Victor Cassidy, the publisher has informed friends in Marysville. The publisher plans to enter war production work in one of the coast centers.

The weekly, Cassidy declared, will probably be consolidated

with the Loyalton paper, which has an agricultural, livestock and lumbering background." This did not occur, but Cassidy soon returned the paper back to its stockholders - however, these events didn't stop the paper from being published!

The Sacramento Bee reported "Due to its great age and sentimental appeal a strong effort is being made to perpetuate the old newspaper" and that the paper "will not succumb to war's devastations after all." With the fear of skipping an issue, the stockholders "appealed to Rev. Albert A. Kyburz of the Downieville Methodist Church, who had newspaper experience, to do something about it. He took the masthead and the well worn title bar into a Nevada City newspaper office preliminary to getting out the paper... One issue already has gone to the subscribers and two more are getting ready for the press. The paper will be a few days late, but those keeping files of this publication are assured they will not miss either volume or serial number...

Rev. Kyburz plans to have the Messenger's old home in Downieville renovated and to bring the paper back here for printing within a week or two." It was reported the stock company had "the interests of its community at heart and knows the value of a newspaper as a public asset." The *Mountain Messenger* was sold to Eugene C. Stowe in 1943, with his taking possession occurring on November 1st of that year.

Thanks to heroes like Victor Cassidy, Reverend Albert Kyburz, and Carl Butz, The *Mountain Messenger* has yet to cease publication!

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O.A. Strand Final Rites Wednesday

Funeral services were held at the Methodist Community Church here on Wednesday afternoon for Otto August Strand, 67, who died about 8:15 o'clock Monday morning at his home at Goodyears Bar. He had not been in good health for some time, being bothered with an asthmatic condition, but his death was not expected and was attributed to heart trouble.

His daughter, Mrs. Thomas Smith and husband, came from San Jose last weekend. They planned to spend a week here between semesters at San Jose State College. Mrs. Smith and her sister, Mrs. Miles Schofield, went to San Jose Sunday, the latter to visit a week. They returned upon learning of their father's death the next morning.

Rev. O.B. Powers officiated at the final rites, which were under direction of Bergemann Funeral Chapel of Nevada City. Mrs. Frank G. Tabor and Mrs. Merle Wallace sang "In the Garden," "The Old Rugged Cross" and "The Home Over There," with Mrs. James J. Sinnott as organist. Pallbearers were: Tony G. Costa, Jr., Marcellus P. Fischer, John P. Kral, William Bosworth, Henry Fischer and Ora F. Huggins.

Strand was born in Forest City, March 5, 1885, the son of Otto August and Emma Marie Larson Strand, who were both born at Lulea, Sweden. At the age of two years, his mother returned to Sweden, to visit at the home in which her family had lived over 400 years ago, and to have him and his sister, now Mrs. Marie Carlsen of San Mateo, christened in the old family church. They lived there two years, returning to Forest,

where they lived until 1900, when the family bought Sierra Hotel at Downieville, which they operated several years.

He attended school in Forest and Downieville, and was in Alaska during the gold rush, working at the Ruby and Iditarod mines. He married Miss Sidney N. Neall, a teacher at Katalla, Alaska, March 24, 1919, where they lived several years and their son Neall, was born.

Strand had many interesting experiences while freighting by dog team in Alaska, working on Yukon River boats, and mining. He was considered one of the best prospectors in this section, and especially enjoyed developing leads of quartz. As a diversion and hobby, he played the accordion. He worked three years in the shipyards at Oakland during World War II.

He was a prospector of the old school and believed the only way to prospect was with the pick and pan and a lot of hard work. A sight worth seeing was Strand riding his donkey to his mine on Spanish Ravine every morning. He was a good friend to all, and his cheery word will be missed by all his neighbors.

A son, Neall, at the naval ordnance test station at China Lake, and three grandchildren survive, in addition to his widow, who teaches Goodyear Bar School, and their two daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Neall Strand and their daughter, Cynthia, arrived early Tuesday morning, after driving all night on the 700-mile trip from China Lake.

Alleghany in Cold Storage
ALLEGHANY, March 14 — March has brought one storm after another in series. We are now in the seventh storm of one of these series and the eighth is

on the way.

Travel Hampered by Storm

Folks moving in or out of Alleghany go on the stage as it is a heavy duty truck with high wheels and well that is so, to navigate the ruts on Foote's road. With all this deep snow on the ground, it is not possible to get gravel or rock fill to repair the road.

Sam Bedwell is well equipped now with good trucks for this mail route up from Nevada City. This seems to be the worst winter he has had since he got the mail contract. He has had it quite awhile now, too.

Mrs. Florence V.V. Dickey of the Oriental Mine was a passenger out last Friday after a stay at her house at Kenton Mine. Due to other passengers out too, that day, Mrs. Dickey's woman companion waited to go on Saturday's stage.

Donald Dickey, coming later to visit his mother in a car, was advised to turn back, due to the condition of the road, but lingered until the stage driver told him his mother was already in Nevada City. Donald attends Nevada University in Reno.

Sheriff Buys 17th Ford

Sheriff W. Dewey Johnson has purchased his 17th Ford from Ed G. White, dealer at Loyalton. The 1952 model is a custom line four-door sedan. The sheriff believes the service given by his 16 other Fords well justifies another purchase.

Percy Watters, deputy sheriff at Loyalton, brought the new car to Oroville Saturday, where Johnson met him. The two-way radio equipment will be transferred to the new car in the near future.

Mail Carried on Skis in Hard Winter

George Banks, local constable and old-timer here, says he can remember when the snow was 11 feet in depth on the level at Sierraville in the year 1911. That year he carried mail from here to Downieville on skis and at that time took a short cut from here straight to Sattley as all the fence posts and creeks were covered with snow. Banks says that 1907 was another hard winter.

Those were the days when communities were isolated for many days from the heavy snow storms and were without any telephone communications. Horses were depended upon for transportation and roads were broken with teams of horses through deep snow when weather conditions permitted. Banks says he has driven horses equipped with snowshoes fastened to their hooves to prevent them from breaking through the deep, soft snow.

The first real sign of spring here March 24, was the melodious singing from meadowlarks. The weather was also moderating with a temperature of 70 degrees and intermittent showers.

Wilson Pleads Guilty To Grand Theft Charge

Leonard A. Wilson of Loyalton, Sierra County district attorney, entered pleas of guilty to two charges of grand theft in the superior court here Monday morning. Arthur H. Sherry of San Francisco, chief assistant attorney general, division of criminal law and enforcement, prosecuting attorney, agreed to the dismissal of two charges of embezzlement. This paved the way for a request for probation by Philip L. Evans of Oakland, counsel for Wilson, as embezzlement of public funds carries stiffer penalties than that

of private moneys.

Judge Warren Steel of Yuba County, presiding in place of Judge Raymond McIntosh of Sierra County, who had previously disqualified himself in the case, in response of Evans' request, ordered the case referred to Probation Agent Leonard R. Loffmark, and by agreement of counsel, set Tuesday, April 8, as the time for hearing the report and disposition of the request. Judge Steel agreed to continue the \$10,000 bail bond furnished by Carl J. Fargo, garage owner, and Leo B. Grandi, farmer, both of Loyalton.

As he pleaded guilty to a felony, Judge Steel stated that Wilson's position as district attorney immediately terminated; that it is the duty of the court to see that the county offices are adequately staffed, and he appointed Alfred R. Lowey of Downieville as district attorney pro tem, for criminal matters only, until the board of supervisors meets and makes a permanent appointment. He administered the oath of office to Lowey. Permanent appointment of a district attorney is said to rest with the supervisors, with any attorney who is an elector of the county as eligible.

Lowey Sworn In as D.A.

Lowey is the only other attorney residing in Sierra County. Should he decline to accept the permanent appointment, then selection may be made from eligibles who will become residents of the county. The board of supervisors is scheduled to meet next Tuesday, March 1, for regular session. Lowey defeated the late A.J. Just for the position of district attorney, served eight years and was defeated for the office

by Wilson in the June 1950, election. Wilson served from January 1951 to March 24, 1952.

After several weeks of investigation by Joe E. Scoales, investigator in the attorney general's office, Wilson was arrested last November 5. The Sierra County Grand Jury indicted him November 14, on the two charges of embezzlement and two of grand theft, dual charges for two alleged offenses. One charged that he diverted \$2500 which was posted by the late Morley Griswold, January 10, 1951, as attorney for Floyd William Clark, driver of a White Pine Lumber Company truck involved in a traffic accident December 30, 1950, near the Peavine Quarantine Station, in which Leonard D. Spotswood was killed, a coroner's jury bringing in a verdict of manslaughter. Clark has not yet been brought to trial. Mrs. Spotswood and her son were awarded \$33,000 damages recently in a Reno court as a result of the accident. Defendants requested a new trial.

It was also charged that Wilson mishandled \$2,000 bail money which had been posted when John C. Winkle of Loyalton was accused of attacking his wife, although Wilson made restitution of this money.

While there had been some belief that the defense might have been able to get a hung jury and that the matter might have dragged along for some time, it was generally conceded that the investigation and testimony before the grand jury might have furnished basis for other action. The plea of guilt probably saved Sierra County thousands of dollars.