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Sierra City Scribe #22

Spring's Rebirth Has Special Meaning This Year as Beloved Events Return to Sierra & Plumas Counties

By Stephen Kulieke



Photo by Jeff Milliken

Having risen from its winter's den, this American black bear (*Ursus americanus*), above, struck a dignified pose for its portrait. For those who would like to see the reddish hue of the bear's magnificent coat, the full color version of this photograph can be seen by visiting our website at <https://themountainmessenger.org>.

Just recently, I emerged from the witness—I mean journalist—protection program after my April Fools' article was published in The Messenger last week ("What a Dump!" Named Official Sierra County Slogan"). Safe to show my face again, esteemed readers?

Leaving behind the shielding shadows for the warm Sierra sun, I was gladdened to find spring has sprung across the county—at least at the lower elevations.

All the signs of the changing season are here. Kayakers have returned to the North Fork to navigate the fast flows. Motorcyclists are again navigating Highway 49 and mountain bikers, off-road trails. Campers with their tents and trailers are staking out spots in Indian Valley and other locales.

Out in the forest, bears are already foraging; leaving Sierra Valley, I saw a beautiful chestnut-colored bruin just off Highway 49 last week leaving Sierra Valley up to Yuba Pass (see photo).

Here at the cabin, a mountain chickadee is busy making its nest in the birdhouse hanging on the black oak.

But what did America's greatest 20th century humorist Will Rogers say were the two key benchmarks of spring's arrival? "Poetry and real estate ads."

You undoubtedly can find both on other pages of this newspaper. You'll be relieved to know, however, I don't have a license to rhyme or sell property. So in this column, I will refrain from penning a poetic seasonal ode or describing a cute cabin or ready-to-build lot.

There is a sense THIS spring of rebirth has been sorely lacking the last two years. We are emerging—fingers crossed—from an interminable pandemic hibernation. And with its emergence, we gather, first tentatively and then enthusiastically, as a community.

And what does this mean here in Sierra County and the greater region? Shuttered facilities are reopening and popular, beloved events cancelled in 2020 and 2021 are coming back. Last weekend,

the Banff Film Festival returned to Downieville's Yuba Theatre.

Arguably the region's biggest event is the Downieville Classic—rated one of the top mountain bike festivals in the world by Outside Magazine—has been postponed until next year. The Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship expressed its disappointment at the decision, calling it a "necessary decision." SBTs promises the Classic will be back "better than ever" for its 25th anniversary in 2023.

Nonetheless, it promises to be an eventful spring-through-fall. What returning events are you looking forward to attending? Following are a few I excitedly anticipate, along with a bulleted list of others.

Music at the Mine

The live summer music series held at what is deservedly called the "coolest venue for miles and miles around" returns this summer to the beautiful amphitheater located in the Kentucky Mine Historic Park in Sierra City. (The vibe at this special locale is terrific, and I'm not just saying this because I can walk there.) Six concerts sure to inspire you to hit the dance floor are being held from June through August, each featuring two bands, and kicking off June 25 with The Golden Cadillacs and the Merrygold Duo. You can bring your own food and beverages, and picnic on the grounds prior to the shows. The official line-up flyer will be out shortly, and you can learn all the latest at their Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/MusicAtTheMine>) or by contacting Chris Stockdale at cstockrock@gmail.com or 530-277-6408.

Sierra Nevada Field Campus Offerings in Art, Science, and Nature

From June through August, the SF State Sierra Nevada Field Campus offers an impressive array of adult learning classes and workshops at its beautiful site along the Yuba River's North Fork near Bassetts. Whatever your interest—from astronomy to photography, landscape painting to Northern Sierra geology, fly-fishing

to birding, and bats/butterflies/moths to trees/fungi/wildflowers—you'll likely find a fascinating course of study here. The hands-on, three-to-six-day classes are open to all, designed to be practical and accessible, and to take you out in the field to the great outdoor classroom of Lakes Basin and Sierra Valley. Accommodations and meals are available on site, making it truly a nature camp for adults. Located on land leased from the U.S. Forest Service, the facility has been in existence since 1949, undergoing various uses until the late 1980s when classes were first offered to the general public and every summer since—until the cancellations of the entire 2020 and 2021 schedules. "Many people have been coming up here religiously for many years," said Field Campus Director J.R. Blair. With the reopening looming, Blair's already feeling "an air of excitement. People are chomping at the bit to come back and again experience the magic of the field campus," he said. "It's not unusual for there to be a biology, art, and writing class all at the same time [with students] feeding off each other's passions." For general and registration information: <https://sierra.sfsu.edu>.

Sierra Valley Art + Ag Trail

OK, I'm skipping ahead to the fall on this one, but I can't contain my excitement at the welcome return of this terrific celebration of the art and agriculture communities of Sierra Valley. You will enjoy an "awesome autumn day" on September 24 traversing the jewel of a valley and having a "rare opportunity to experience local art, historic barns, market farms and working ranches." You'll visit privately owned, 100+ year-old dairy barns built with hand-hewn timbers and wooden pegs and decorated on the outside with "barn quilt" geometric blocks. Inside and around the barns, artists will be displaying and selling works in many media—wood, paint, glass, ceramic, metal, fiber, and more. You'll also learn about historic and present-day livestock and hay production

New State Law Requires Sheriff to Disclose Military Equipment at the Armory

By Carl Butz

DOWNIEVILLE — While reviewing the Board of Supervisor's agenda for their April 7 meeting at the Downieville Courthouse, item 10.C. looked to be the most interesting. County Counsel, David Prentice, would be telling the Board of their need to consider an ordinance for "approving any military equipment policy prepared by local law enforcement before May 1, 2022."

Yes, as it happens, Sheriffs are not equal among our local elected officials. According to California Government Code, the Board of Supervisors is the "governing body" for local law enforcement agencies.

Thus, to be in accord with AB 431, legislation signed into law in 2021 which declares: 1) "The acquisition of military equipment and its deployment in our communities adversely impacts the public's safety and welfare, including increased risk of civilian deaths, significant risks to civil rights, civil liberties, physical and psychological well being, and incurment of significant financial costs"; 2) "The public has a right to know about any funding, acquisition, or use of military equipment by state or local government officials as well as a right to participate in any government's decision to fund, acquire, or use such equipment"; 3) "Decisions [about funding, acquisition, and use] should be based on meaningful public input."; and, sheriffs in California must present an annual inventory of military equipment and a written policy concerning the rationales for its existence to their "governing body", Sheriff Mike Fisher went before the Board late on Tuesday morning.

In his presentation, we learned the Sierra County Sheriff's Office armory contains ten M-16A-1s

operations. The event in the spectacular valley spans Plumas and Sierra Counties, and children's activities make it something for the whole family. Find out more at their Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/SierraValleyArtAgTrail/>), website (<https://sierravalleyartagtrail.org>) or by contacting sierravalleyartnag@gmail.com or 530-428-5016.

Other Noteworthy Events

Listings and details on the many other great things happening in our area this year can be found at the events pages of the Sierra Chamber of Commerce, the East Sierra Valley Chamber of Commerce, and the Lost Sierra Chamber of Commerce:

<https://sierracountychamber.com>
<http://www.eastsierravalleychamber.com>
<https://www.lostsierrachamber.org>

Here are some prominent upcoming events the chambers are featuring for you to put on your 2022 calendar:

- Downieville Easter Egg Hunt (4/16) and Native

5.56 caliber rifles, ten Aimpoint rifle sights, plus one non-armored Humvee (now owned by the County). While Fisher has had thoughts of acquiring surplus military vehicles (pick-ups or vans), he is not currently looking for anything. Moreover, according to the proposed ordinance, Fisher will have to make public (post) any future intentions to purchase any item included on the long list of equipment his draft policy states is available to him:

- Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial or ground vehicles.
- Mine-resistant ambush-protected (MRAP) vehicles or armored personnel carriers.
- High mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicles (HMMWV), two-and-a-half ton trucks, five ton-trucks, or wheeled vehicles having a breach or entry apparatus attached.
- Tracked armored vehicles that provide protection to their occupants.
- Command and control vehicles that are either built or modified to facilitate the operational control and direction of public safety vehicles of any kind.
- Battering rams, slugs, and breaching apparatuses that are explosive in nature. This does not include a handheld, one-person ram.
- Firearms and ammunition of less than .50 caliber, including firearms and accessories identified as assault weapons in Penal Code § 30510 and Penal Code § 30515, with the exception of standard-issue firearms.
- Any firearm or firearm accessory that is designed to launch explosive projectiles.
- Noise-flash diversionary devices and explosive

breaching tools.

- Munitions containing tear gas or OC, excluding standard service-issued handheld pepper spray.
- TASER® Shockwave, microwave weapons, water cannons, and long-range acoustic devices (LRADs).
- Kinetic energy weapons and munitions.
- Any other equipment as determined by a governing party or a state agency to require additional oversight.

Meanwhile, in order to be successful in securing community input, Fisher withdrew the ordinance from consideration at the 4/7 meeting. However, before leaving the dais, he promised the notice of a public hearing on the issue will be posted for distribution well in advance of May 22.

In other developments revealed during the meeting, the Board learned from Vicki Clark from the County's Environmental Health Services Department about some movement on the gas station issues in Downieville and Sierra City. In Downieville the owner is now eligible for a grant allowing for removal of the leaking tanks and in Sierra City the owner is now working on measures needed to permanently close the site.

As for the new FEMA flood plain maps threatening to raise insurance bills in Loyalton, Sierra Brooks are currently being evaluated by Far West Engineering at the behest of the City of Loyalton in preparation for an appeal against FEMA's product.

With respect to the public nuisance property at the southeast corner of the intersection of highways 49 and 89 in Sierraville, Tim Beals reported the realtor reports active interest in the structure by potential buyers and the building is now open for inspection. However, at the suggestion of Supervisor Adams and with support from County Counsel Prentice, to avoid any accusations of hiding issues about the integrity of the structure containing unpermitted construction, notice of the nuisance is slated to be recorded.

Meanwhile, the Board approved a cost sharing agreement with Plumas County for legal representation in a lawsuit filed by Feather River Action! and Project Coyote.

Sourdough Jack Sez...



I think the Sheriff should order a couple of Javeline missiles to take out the Russkie submarine hanging out up at Sardine Lake

Katie's Sightings

Taken with permission from northyubanaturalist.blogspot.com

KATIE O'HARA KELLY

This week my friends Rod and Rochelle and I went on our annual Spring trip to Sierra Valley. Every year we see something unexpected, and this year was no exception! We were a



little bit early for a lot of the songbirds, but the waterfowl were numerous! It was a beautiful blue-sky day with a hint of clouds, and lots of water in the Valley! Right away we started seeing pairs of Sandhill Cranes! The pair pictured above were foraging on the edge of the wetlands. They are mainly herbivores, but will also prey on small mammals, insects, snails, reptiles, and amphibians. Sandhill Cranes are one of North America's large birds. They are approximately 4 feet tall, weigh 10 lbs, and have a wingspan of up to 7 feet!

As we were driving along, I spotted a pair of cranes on dry land. One of the cranes had its wings outstretched. We hadn't



ever seen this behavior before so we stopped to see what might happen. To our complete surprise, the crane to the left hopped up on top of the one with the outstretched wings and they mated! The mating lasted for just a few seconds, and then the male hopped off the female! WOW!!! Sandhill Cranes mate for life, and probably mate many times during the breeding season. Although most of the Sandhill Cranes that overwinter in California breed farther north in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, a dozen or more pairs mate and raise their young in Sierra Valley. They build their nests out of dried vegetation on small dirt "islands" in the wetlands, or floating right on top of the water! There are 1-3 eggs laid in a clutch. The incubation period is approximately 30 days, and both the male and female share the incubating. The young are born precocial (covered in down with eyes open) and can leave the nest within one day after birth! They usually stay together as a family group for 9-10 months. We'll have to come back in a month or so to look for some young Sandhills! Now that would be something!

Around 2:00 in the afternoon, Rochelle spotted a HERD of American Pronghorns in the sagebrush! WOW!!! We had



never seen this many Pronghorns together in one group! I couldn't get an accurate count, as they were in a sagebrush thicket, but there were somewhere between 15 and 20 individuals! Most of them looked like females! Of course they didn't linger, and quickly headed east and out of sight! They were absolutely amazing to watch! We couldn't believe our luck!

Pronghorns are not antelopes, and are not related to antelopes, but are often known colloquially in North America as the American antelope, prong buck, pronghorn antelope, prairie antelope, or simply antelope. They are the ONLY species in their Antilocapridae Family, and the only animal on earth that has branching horns that are shed annually. They are more closely related to giraffes than to the antelopes that are indigenous to various regions in Africa and Eurasia, comprising of many species of even-toed ruminants such as gazelles. Many (but not all) pronghorn herds are migratory, traveling long distances to warmer climates in the fall, and back to greener locations in the spring.

Breeding doesn't occur until mid-September to October when males acquire small harems of females. One to two offspring are born the following spring. They are usually weaned in three weeks, but will remain with their mother for a year and a half. What a thrill it was to watch these amazing, wild, native mammals!

Pronghorns are the swiftest animals in North America, and have been recorded running as fast as 59 mph! They are predators! Their limbs are cursorial (built for speed) but not for jumping. Fences have had a detrimental effect on their population, as they cannot jump over them. They need to live in areas that are wide open and basically treeless, like Sierra Valley. They feed on a wide variety of plants, especially sagebrush in the winter.



Where Two Rivers Meet Anthology Book Five

LISTEN TO EVERY ZEPHYR

By H. A. Silliman

PART 3: GIFTS FOM THE SKY

Summer makes work outside joyful in the Mother Lode, with its sweet, spicy and pungent air. On such a day even with such a fateful decision at hand, there was no finer place to be than outdoors. Sitting in the little manger of straw with the injured pony, I soaked up the sun. Billy Delton stroked the horse's mane. He waited for me to speak, but I held off. In the corral, the audience of horses watched. They too were waiting.

I closed my eyes. I recalled lessons from school—the counsels and cautions of professors who lectured from their sterile podiums: “Don’t let your love of animals become sentimental. You’re a professional. Sometimes hard decisions need to be made.”

I came back to the present, and by rote of my training said, “A lame horse won’t be much use to you.”

“Who’s to say,” Billy said.
“She won’t be any good if you keep her,” I added.
“Who’s to say,” he repeated.

I described the treatment and likely results. With the birth injury, the horse might always be gimpy, maybe have pain. “Is that any way to live?” I asked.

Billy said, “Why do humans think we know better for an animal? No matter how banged up, isn’t life a beautiful thing anyway? Some family might need her. A special child who will touched by another special creature. All creatures have worth to the Great Spirit.”

“If it can’t be sold,” I said, “you’ll be feeding it with no likely return on the investment.” I squirmed a bit saying that.

He shook his head. “We take so much from this earth and give nothing back in return. Isn’t keeping her alive a repayment of sorts?”

I considered his words. I wished Doc Niles were here for a consultation. Though he always took the equine cases, when Benton had received this call, he directly handed it off to me. “You take care of this,” he said. “It might be educational.”

Suddenly, I remembered the little fox from a week before, how she had come up to me, handed me the pup—trusted me with her offspring. I stood up abruptly and announced that I needed to walk. As I moved into the main corral, the horses parted, opening a path. Billy followed. We went to the edge of the forest. I breathed in warm, happy air. I wondered what the lesson might be that Doc Niles was keen on: How to be OK putting down a horse? How to consult with an owner about killing their animal. How not to cry in front of a client?

The boy came up to me. “Let’s be silent for a bit,” he said. While staring into the woods, what came to mind was a scene from a novel about the Kwakiutl Indians of the Pacific Northwest. In “I Heard the Owl Call My Name,” the men of the tribe don’t brag about hunting for deer, lest their spirits hear and the animals hide. That’s what hit me: In Indian lore, animals sense human thought and respond. This was an idea as wonderous as it was chilling. I heard the wind murmur; the humming grew louder. Billy touched my shoulder, eyes wide. “Listen to that!” he exclaimed.

“It’s a good sign,” I whispered. I felt a glowing warmth inside, as if infection was burning away. The sound increased, the same timbre as that morning when I revived the fox pup. Emboldened, I found assurance to treat the pony. The war in my mind had ended.

As we walked back, Billy said, “I’m going to name her Mariah, like the song.”

About a month later, I paid a follow-up visit to Ten-One. Billy had been a good nursemaid. The pony’s leg had healed enough for him to remove splint and bandages I had applied. I found the horse gamboling around a small corral. There was a slight hitch in her step. Trotting alongside was a new friend, a pint-sized pup, a beagle-corgi mix, orange and brown, with eyes bright and wagging tail.

“What a happy sight,” I exclaimed.
“We don’t know who she belongs to,” Billy replied. “She wandered in two weeks ago. I found her curled up with Mariah one morning.” He stared me down. “Another mouth to feed.”

I chuckled. “She has a beautiful coat. Have you named her?”

He winked, “She’s Josephine—Jo, like the song.” He sang, “The fire is Jo, the rain is Tess, and they call the wind Mariah.”

Afterward at the vet clinic, I reported to Benton on the pony’s progress and her new canine friend.

“It’s remarkable how different animals take to one another,” he mused. “I see that a lot. No doubt, they’re communicating with one another on a level we don’t yet understand.”

I told him about how the other horses in the corral seemed to know what was going on during that first visit, and later those happy sounds coming from the forest—just like when I revived the fox pup.

Benton suddenly asked, “Do you know the legend about St. Francis of Assisi? It says he convinced a wolf to quit attacking people and then convinced citizens of the town to feed the wolf so it wouldn’t feed on them and their livestock. Think about that. Instead of killing the wolf, they reached an agreement with it. I’ve discovered that as I open my mind to the world around me, the world responds—particularly animals. They’re waiting for us.”

NEXT WEEK - PART 4: A WALK IN THE WOODS

Writer and journalist H.A. Silliman grew up in the Mother Lode and lives in California’s Outback country. Read books 1 through 4 at hasilliman.weebly.com/fiction. © 2022 by H.A. Silliman

20/20 Hindsight

The commodity prices in last week's edition were for the 23rd and 30th, not the 16th and 23rd. Mea culpa.

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Letters to the Editor

As Russia Rumbles

I just read this headline: "As Russia Rumbles, What are the Chances of Nuclear War? 'It's not zero'!"

It is never zero! It hasn't been zero since these human extinction event weapons were developed. The longer these weapons exist, the more likely it is they'll be used, either by accident or intent. These are not your grandfather's A-bombs. They are hydrogen bombs that release the heat, blast, and radiation of a small Sun. Wonder about the power of the Sun? It is 93 million miles away and we can still feel its heat. In a full-scale nuclear exchange, much of the world will be nothing but a smoldering slag heap. Then there will be 50 years of nuclear winter. The survivors, if there are any, will envy the dead.

Perhaps if humankind survives this current situation, we can begin to work seriously toward ridding the planet of these doomsday weapons before the next madman decides that it might be necessary to use them to defend his country. If we're not smart enough to do that, then mankind will never reach the stars. Cockroaches will inherit the Earth.

Keith Riley
Walnut Creek

Are Americans Being Extorted by Big Pharma?

Sometimes it's just easier to make a point with a story. A friend of mine is troubled with diabetes and has been for several years. She is on Medicare but finds the co-insurance to be expensive. So she shops for the same medicine that is her lifesaver in Mexico. The point is that after shopping in the states the best she could do is \$20.33 per pill while in Mexico she would have to pay \$1.00. Twenty times more for the same drug! Astounding! So, are Americans being extorted? Looks like it to me. Another point is this same lady does what my brother does and gets her dental care in Mexico, as more and more Americans are.

So what the heck is going on? Are American corporations a band of criminals? Think of the Sackler Family, Mylan Pharma, Moderna, Pfizer, Purdue, all doing things that 30 years ago would have been criminal. When they get caught these folks pay a small fine and pocket millions. That is what happens when you let kleptocrats write the laws.

Jaw droppingly
Don McKechnie
Sierraville, CA

We Need a Town Crier!

Hey Downieville! I woke up last Friday and drove around town. It was as if all the eggs had hatched at the same time with the influx of people, the buzzing of merchants, the availability of restaurants and the budding of plants and trees. The Yuba Theater was active. What is happening in our village? Our village was alive! We emerged from the Covid fog and the sky was clear. Has anybody noticed that we don't have gas? That the community hall remodeling has not begun? What is going to happen with the Senior Lunch program when it does? Why is the new Fire House project delayed? How do we access urgent medical care when the clinic is not open? Is anything happening to help with the lack of housing? Is CHP availability changing in our area? What's new at the DPUD water department? Why is our internet so slow? Just a few of the questions murmuring in the community. There must be some activity in the 'ant farm' but reliable information is 'crickets' so far. We need a town crier! Where is 'Belle Tauer' when you need her? Speaking of eggs, Downieville Fire Department is sponsoring the Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 16th. They will be cooking and coloring 700 eggs with prizes for the most successful hunters! Inquiring minds want to know! "The answer my friends, is blowin' in the wind, the answer is blowin' in the wind"

Frank Lang
Downieville, CA



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Sheriff's Log

By Jen Henneke

Monday, March 28

11:07 - In Loyalton, a black lab was found and returned to their person.
11:49 - In Loyalton, Eastern Plumas Health Care Ambulance was requested.
17:48 - In Loyalton, a Plumas County citizen requested a deputy contact them due to threats being made against their nephew. The deputy determined the threats were not of a criminal nature.

Tuesday, March 29

08:05 - In Loyalton, a civil service was requested.
12:07 - In Camptonville, a deputy responded to a request to assist with an angry co-habitant. The CHP also responded and the situation calmed down.
16:39 - Someone was cited for driving on a suspended license.
17:30 - In Camptonville, a welfare check was requested for an approximately 15 year old girl seen crawling out of the woods. Deputy Elison checked from Sierra County to Marysville Road and CHP was notified. That is some horror movie stuff.
18:10 - In Loyalton, Planning Department paperwork was served.
18:56 - In Sierraville, suspicious folks were outside of a residence. The deputy was unable to locate anyone.
21:15 - In Loyalton, Eastern Plumas Health Care Ambulance helped someone get back up.

Wednesday, March 30

04:17 - On HWY 49 between The Lure and Shangri-La, someone was along the road. The deputy provided transportation.
15:28 - In Sierra City, a welfare check was requested.
15:54 - In Alleghany, someone vandalized a mining claim.

Thursday, March 31

08:08 - In Loyalton, an accidental alarm was sounding in the Behavioral Health building.
17:43 - In Downieville, some kids were jumping off the Durgan Bridge. Yikes!

Friday, April 1

08:40 - In Verdi, a reporting person claimed that someone is using their information to file for unemployment. That’s a huge bummer.
15:14 - In Loyalton, a burn pile was lit.
15:21 - In Loyalton, another burn pile was lit.
16:48 - In Downieville, a large tree branch was blocking the highway. CalTrans was notified to remove the branch.
18:15 - In Sierra City, the 911 hang up has returned.
19:08 - In Loyalton, a suspicious person driving a dark gray Nissan Maxima was possibly taking photos of juveniles. Deputies spoke with the reporting party and no crime was committed.
20:10 - In Calpine, a welfare check was requested for a possible turkey hunter. Was he hunting turkey or not?
22:32 - In Downieville, there was a family disturbance.
22:54 - In Loyalton, there was a possible drunk driver. Please stop drinking and driving!
23:21 - In Chilcoot, there were some drug violations.

Saturday, April 2


08:59 - In Loyalton, there was a possible scam. Not sure what the scam was but be on the lookout.
11:23 - In Downieville, there was a parking problem. No other details were provided so be careful where you park.
17:15 - In Sierra City, someone trespassed near Bassetts Station.
19:47 - In Downieville, someone requested medical assistance.
19:50 - In Goodyears Bar, there was a traffic offense. No other details were provided.

Sunday, April 3

13:50 - In Sierraville, there was a report of a fire. After the deputy and a volunteer searched, it was determined to be a controlled fire at a girls camp.
14:04 - In Loyalton, a house and cars were vandalized. A deputy investigated the incident.
14:59 - In Pike, an elderly female was hitch-hiking. The Fire Department assisted by returning them [??] home. The case was transferred to Adult Protective Services.
15:52 - In Calpine, an ambulance was needed.
17:19 - In Sattley, there was a report of a vehicle over the roadway and a man standing nearby. CHP and a Deputy responded to the scene and determined it was the same car that has been there all winter. No further details regarding the man standing by. This vehicle is located off HWY 49 near mile marker 42. So if you see and want to report it, they already know it is there.
18:17 - In Loyalton, there was a stranded motorist on Smithneck Road refusing assistance.
18:38 - In Alleghany, some folks were stuck in the snow. A friend was able to assist them in getting their truck unstuck. Those are some good friends!

Total Reported: 37





Sierra Safe

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Phil Cammack

1934 - 2022



Erstwhile pilot Phil Cammack ‘Flew West’ on 3/18/22.
Phil was born on a 160-acre farm in North Central Pennsylvania two days after Christmas in 1934. The doctor from a town about 15 miles away was notified and drove over. Unfortunately the road over the last four miles was snowed in; so the doctor walked the distance on foot, mostly uphill! (Talk about a house call!)

Phil, like most kids in the farming community, was driving a pickup at age eight. He remembered during WWII that toy cardboard airplanes existed with a 45-degree mirror inside; you could look thru a hole in the tail and see a map on the floor of Germany. You could then drop a marble from the plane and try to hit a spot on the map!

When Phil was, about age 10 his family sold the farm for \$2000 and moved into town. (Back then a dollar was a dollar!) After high school he was admitted to MIT and graduated with an engineering degree in 1957. His first job was with a small consulting engineering firm in Massachusetts—near Cape Cod. With this firm, he did test work on everything from an offshore radar platform, to nuke subs, to helicopters.

Phil then joined Omega Helicopters, doing structural testing on the BS-12, the first twin-engine helicopter to be certificated in the US.

While there, he met his future wife Betsy, who was from California. She didn’t have to work very hard to convince him that he did not think like an Easterner, and belonged in the West.

Phil and Betsy married in 1961, and settled in Santa Monica near the beach, where they lived for many years. During this time he worked for the Hughes Tool Company—Aircraft division (not to be confused with the Hughes Aircraft Company). There, he worked on the development and testing of a variety of helicopter models: from the XV-9A Hot Cycle research helicopter, to the Army OH-6A /commercial MD500, to the APACHE AH-64.

His basic interest was structural testing. His philosophy was “Wring the ship out, but keep the test pilots alive!”

Phil was shy around cameras and generally able to get behind them, not in front of them. However, he got caught one time when his boss assigned the task of setting some world records with the Hughes-Army YOH-6A helicopter. Some 23 World Records were established in 1966. Today—more than a half century later—14 of these records still stand, including the longest, unrefueled flight ever made by helicopter: Coast to Coast from Hughes Airport, Culver City, California to Ormond Beach, Florida.

Phil was preceded in death by his beloved wife Betsy, who passed in 2018. He leaves behind his daughter Sue, his son Sam, daughter-in-law Estella, and two grandchildren, Claudina and Clayton.

According to his desires, no services or large gatherings. are planned He used to say, “Just go outside and look West, North, East and South, and marvel at the earth we got to live on!”

LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: AUTUMN’S BUTTER ME UP BAKERY

Full name of registrants: Autumn Long-McGie
Registrant Address: 384 Commercial St., Downieville, CA 95936
Business location: 384 Commercial St., Downieville, CA 95936
Business Mailing Address: P.O. Box 322, Downieville, CA 95936
Phone number: (952) 215-6995

This business is being conducted by: an individual
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 3/1/2022
/s/ Autumn Long-McGie

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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registratnt are doing business as: 86PROOF PRODUCTIONS

Full name of registrants: Michael Breedlove
Registrants Address: 339 Pine Street, Clio, CA 96106
Business location: 339 Pine Street, Clio, CA 96106
Business Mailing Address: P.O. Box 331, Clio, CA 96106
Phone number: NA

This business is being conducted by: Individual
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: NA
/s/ Michael Breedlove

This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: March 17, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000071
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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registratnt are doing business as: JUANITA’S

Full name of registrants: Mary K. Potter, Don Potter, Wendy K. Parrish
Registrants Address: 317 Main Street, Downieville, CA 95936
Business location: 336 Main Street, Downieville, CA 95936
Business Mailing Address: P.O. Box 205, Downieville, CA 95936
Phone number: (530) 289-0289

This business is being conducted by: Co-partners
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 2/2/2010
/s/ Mary K. Potter, Don Potter, Wendy Parrish

This statement was filed in the office of Heather Foster, Sierra County Clerk-Recorder on: March 31, 2022 FILE NO: 2022001838
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At the Firehouse

By VICTORIA TENNEY

ALLEGHANY: March 28th Firefighters trained.
DOWNIEVILLE: March 28th Dispatcher meeting. March 30th Responded for a Medical Urgent Care incident; COVID-19 testing at the Community Hall. April 2nd Responded for a Medical Urgent Care, an injured child, complete.
LOYALTON: March 29th Life assist, west of Loyalton
PIKE CITY: March 28th Firefighters trained.
SIERRA CITY: April 2nd Responded for a report of a fire - cancelled.
SIERRA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #1 (CALPINE, SATTLEY, & SIERRAVILLE): March 31st Firefighters trained in Sierraville. April 3rd Responded for a Medical call in Calpine.



INVITATION TO BID

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by Plumas Unified School District, located at 50 Church Street, Quincy, Ca. 95971. Bids will be received until 1:00 p.m. April 26, 2022, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. A mandatory pre-bid walk-through will be held at 11:00 a.m. on April 12, 2022, at the project site located at 6 Quincy Junction Road, Quincy, Ca. 95971. Telephone, Facsimile, or E-mailed bids will not be accepted and will automatically be rejected. The bids must be clearly marked **“Bid for 2022 Quincy High School Roofing and Quincy Elementary-Pioneer (Admin Building) Campus Project”**. A California Contractor’s License C-39, Registration with Department of Industrial Relations per SB 854 requirements, and bonds will be required.



**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE
OF MARTIN KLEIN TOWNSEND**
CASE NUMBER: 22PR0002
**FILED: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF SIERRA on March 17, 2022**

- To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both: MARTIN KLEIN TOWNSEND
- A **Petition for Probate** has been filed by: MICHAEL TOWNSEND & CHRISTINA LINDSAY in the Superior Court of California, County of Sierra County
- The Petition for Probate requests that: MICHAEL TOWNSEND & CHRISTINA LINDSAY be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
- 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.
- The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
- A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
 - Date: April 22, 2022 Time: 10:00 AM. Dept.: 1 Room: VIA ZOOM
 - Address of court: 100 Courthouse Square, P.O Box 476, Downieville CA 95936
- If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
- If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**
- You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
- Attorney for petitioner: C. INGRID LARSON, P.O. BOX 564, DOWNIEVILLE, CA 95936 (Telephone) 530-289-3654
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**209 Nevada Street, Downieville
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- All ages welcome
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Primary and immediate care Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. by appointment or walk-in. Telehealth appointments available on Fridays.

On-call medical provider available after hours and on weekends by calling the number above.

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Emergencies call 911.

Help Wanted

Federal Targeted Airshed Grant Specialist Salary \$56,097 - \$68,182 annual

The Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District is looking for a motivated individual to fill one position for a Federal Targeted Airshed Grant Specialist. The position will be located in Portola, California. This is a full-time position, however, the position is temporary and slated to terminate at the end of the Federal Grant Period - October 31, 2026.

Under general supervision, this position, with assistance from other District staff will work with the many programs associated with the three grants:

The woodstove changeout program, woodshed program, enforcement of mandatory woodstove curtailment program, the chimney sweep voucher program, the weatherization program program, and public education duties, where assigned; and to perform related work as required.

Applications are available on the District's Website at www.myairdistrict.com Filing Deadline: April 8, 2022

Van Drivers Needed

Golden Rays Public Transportation is looking for one or two, part-time, van drivers. If interested, send your resume to Golden Rays Public Transportation, P.O. Box 532, Downieville, CA 95936. Qualifications: Must be able to pass a drug and fingerprint test and have a valid Driver’s License. If you need more information, call Joyce White @ 530-289-3250.

JOB OPENINGS at THE FORKS

Come join Sabrina's team at The Forks in Downieville

Hiring a Grill Cook, Line Cook, Prep Cook, Dishwasher, and Barista

For the Restaurant, Deli, and Bar at 308 Main Street, near Hwy 49

Front of House Staff – Barista’s, Cashier/Retail Sales, and Bartenders must be 21 years of age.

Compensation: \$13 - \$25 hourly. Pay is dependent on experience.

Employment Type: Temporary Full and Part-time positions. Employee’s Choice.

Minimum Qualifications: 3 years of restaurant experience or the aptitude required to do the work.

Please email your resume to sabismith@hotmail.com and explain what position your heart desires.

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
This statement was filed in the office of Heather Foster, Sierra County Clerk-Recorder on: February 22, 2022 FILE NO: 2022001834
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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, Canyon Dam, CA 95923
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: 2/10/2022

/s/ Terry Penny
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: February 10, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000038
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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
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: February 28, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000053
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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, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: February 10, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000039
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PEACE

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, Plumas 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: 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, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: February 28, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000057
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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
Published in The Mountain Messenger: Mar. 24, 31 & April 7, 14 of 2022

LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant are doing business as: WILL ANDERSON CARPENTRY

Full name of registrants: Will Anderson
Registrant Address: 58563 Rich Lane, Cromberg, CA 96103
Business location: 58563 Rich Lane, Cromberg, CA 96103
Business Mailing Address: P.O. Box 828, Quincy, CA 95971
Phone number: (530) 394-0246

This business is being conducted by: Individual
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 1/31/2022

/s/ Will Anderson
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: March 14, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000069
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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant are doing business as: MOUNTAIN KIDS PLAYSCHOOL

Full name of registrant: Kristina Smith
Registrant Address: 408 1st Street, Quincy, CA 95971
Business location: 408 1st Street, Quincy, CA 95971
Business Mailing Address: 408 1st Street, Quincy, CA 95971
Phone number: (530) 957-0694

This business is being conducted by: an Individual
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 3/8/2022

/s/ Kristina Smith
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: March 4, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000065
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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: TALLTIMBER INDUSTRIES

Full name of registrants: Allan Laird
Registrant Address: 33 Quail Lane, North San Juan, CA 95960
Business location: 33 Quail Lane, North San Juan, CA 95960
Business Mailing Address: P.O. Box 923, Alleghany, CA 95910
Phone number: (530) 460-7808

This business is being conducted by: an individual
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: NA

/s/ Allan Laird
This statement was filed in the office of Heather Foster, Sierra County Clerk-Recorder on: March 18, 2022 FILE NO: 2022001836
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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant are doing business as: NEFF’S MOBILE DETAILING

Full name of registrants: Josh Neff
Registrants Address: 4338 Portsmouth Street, Taylorsville, CA 95983
Business location: 4338 Portsmouth Street, Taylorsville, CA 95983
Business Mailing Address: P.O. Box 241, Taylorsville, CA 95983
Phone number: (530) 592-8542

This business is being conducted by: Individual
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 3/4/2022

/s/ Josh Neff
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: March 4, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000058
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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrants are doing business as: SIERRA MINI STORAGE ANNEX

Full name of registrants: Richard J. Horn and Susan C. Horn
Registrants Address: 19081 Hillcrest Drive, Woodland, CA 95965
Business location: 2160 Main Street, La Porte, CA 95930
Business Mailing Address: P.O. Box 351, Clipper Mills, CA 95930
Phone number: (530) 681-8379

This business is being conducted by: Married Couple
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 3/11/2022

/s/ Richar J. Horn and Susan C. Horn
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: March 11, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000068
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The Mountain Messenger Local Calendar

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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
USFS Beckwourth Ranger District	836-2575
Sierraville Ranger District	994-3401
Yuba River Ranger District	288-3231
Western Sierra Medical Clinic	289-3298



Left to right: Gillian Mandel, Karlee Bolle, Katie Nicholes, Dane Ehlers, Natalie Rubio, Abraham Clayson

Mackay Muckers

By KARLEE BOLLE

Over the last weekend of last month, five students from the University of Nevada, Reno, called the Mackay Muckers, traveled to Rolla, Missouri to compete in the 44th Annual Intercollegiate Mining Games. The Mining Games started in 1978 to honor and remember the fallen miners of the Sunshine Mine disaster, and ensures that those miners will never be forgotten. The tradition continues as hundreds of students and alumni from around the world went to Rolla, MO this year. Because of Covid, the Mining Games have been canceled for the past two years, causing everyone in the mining community to wonder if it will ever be bought back. Thankfully Rolla had other plans, and brought it on themselves to organize and host the Mining Games.

The five UNR students that attended this year’s games where: Karlee Bolle, Natalie Rubio, Katie Nicholes, Dane Ehlers, and Abraham Clayson. Everyone on this one Co-ed team was brand new to the Mining Games. Either starting fall of 2021, or spring of 2022, the whole team had to learn not only what each event was, but the techniques that takes years to master. The whole team was out in the mining field 4+ days a week, 2+ hours a day to learn everything they could.

Finally competition was upon the Mackay Muckers. While there, UNR formed a friendly rivalry with the Colorado School of Mines Co-ed team. This was to push both teams to perform to their best abilities, while cheering on each other along the way. UNR’s three best events (out of the 6 available) was single jack, track stand, and mucking (which is what our team is named after). After finishing these three events they got (in order listed) 10.021 inches, 8 minutes 11 seconds, and 9 minutes and 32 second. Not having past competition times and measurement to compare to, the team was happy to have their personal best, and beat Colorado in these events. Colorado did beat UNR in Jackleg, seed saw, and gold panning, causing both teams to accept the tie and congratulate each other for a job well done.

The closing banquet is when each team finds out how they did in the overall competition. UNR found out that they received 4th in single jack, and 3rd in track stand. However, the event that really surprised them all was receiving second in mucking, only losing to Australia, making the Mackay Muckers the number 1 Co-ed team in mucking in the United States. Being everyone’s first games, they all celebrated this amazing accomplishment with each other, and might have cried along the way.

The Mackay Muckers would like to thank the University of Science and Technology in Rolla, MO for holding the games this year, and inviting us to participate. We would also like to thank: Dr. Dan Taylor, Greg Stokes, Marc Leedy, and many others for donating their time and some equipment to the Mackay Mucker. The Muckers also congratulate every school that was able to attend this year’s games, and the Colorado Men’s team for receiving the overall 1st place award.

Next year’s competition will be in Australia, so the Mackay Muckers are already looking for individuals and organizations to help with donating safety equipment, tools, and funds for travel.

We are also planning a fundraiser for next fall to raise the money needed to make the trip. If you have any questions for the Mackay Muckers, you can send an email to kbolle@nevada.unr.edu.

Poetry Corner

The Cherry Trees

By LAURENCE BINYON

Out of the dusk of distant woods
All round the April skies
Blossom-white, the cherry trees
Like lovely apparitions rise,

Like spirits strange to this ill world,
White strangers from a world apart,
Like silent promises of peac,
Like hope that blossoms in the heart.

© Laurence Binyon

About the poet: Binyon (1869-1943) was was an English poet, dramatist and art scholar. His most famous poem, "For the Fallen", was written in response to the battle of the Marne in 1914 and its tribute to all casualties of war continues to be an integral part of annual WWI remembrance services in Britain, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada.



1901 Sketch by W.Strang

SIERRA COUNTY

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SIERRA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF REGULAR MEETING ORIGINALLY SET FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2022

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sierra County Planning Commission regular meeting set for Thursday, April 14, 2022, has been cancelled and rescheduled for Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at the same time and the same location.

The Planning Commission agenda, packet, and teleconference link are posted on Sierra County’s Agenda Center at: www.sierracounty.ca.gov/agendacenter

Dated: April 4, 2022
Posted: April 6, 2022

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Ukrainian Folk Rock Coming to Center for the Arts in Grass Valley on April 21



DakhaBrakha is coming to The Center for the Arts (Marisa Funk Theater, 314 W. Main Street, Grass Valley) on Thursday, April 21 for a night of Ukrainian folk rock. The world-music quartet from Kyiv, Ukraine, reflecting fundamental elements of sound and soul. The name DakhaBrakha means “give/take” in the old Ukrainian language.

DakhaBrakha was created in 2004 at the Kyiv Center of Contemporary Art “DAKH” by the avant-garde theater director Vladyslav Troitskyi. Theater work has left its mark on the band performances as their shows have never been staged without scenic effects. Having experimented with Ukrainian folk music, the band has added rhythms of the surrounding world into their music, thus creating a bright, unique and unforgettable image of DakhaBrakha.

Accompanied by Indian, Arabic, African, Russian and Australian traditional instrumentation, the quartet’s astonishingly powerful and uncompromising vocal range creates a trans-national sound rooted in Ukrainian culture. At the crossroads of Ukrainian folklore and theater, their musical spectrum is intimate then riotous, plumbing the depths of contemporary roots and rhythms, inspiring cultural and artistic liberation.

Due to the violence in Ukraine the band canceled their upcoming concerts in Ukraine, but will continue to play concerts throughout the world in support of their country. For their show on April 21, 2022, The Center will be doing a special fundraiser selling sunflowers provided by Foothill Flowers and offering a special text-to-give opportunity for patrons to help support the band and their families.

Aoife O’Donovan Performs Progressive Bluegrass and Folk Music at The Center for the Arts

The Irish-American, Grammy award-winning songwriter and musician Aoife O’Donovan will play in Grass Valley at The Center for the Arts on April 9. She has released 3 critically-acclaimed solo albums and is currently on tour in support of her 2022 release *Age of Apathy*, a deeply personal record produced by Joe Henry with guest performances by Allison Russell and Madison Cunningham.

O’Donovan’s three studio albums are only a fraction of her extensive songwriting talents. She is co-founder of the band I’m With Her, a powerful trio with Sara Watkins and Sarah Jarosz, releasing their debut album *See You Around* in 2018 and earning a Grammy for their song “Call My Name” in 2019. She also co-founded the string band *Crooked Still* and is the featured vocalist on the 2013 Grammy winning album *The Goat Rodeo Sessions*, a chamber-Americana album project with cellist Yo-Yo Ma, fiddler Stuart Duncan, bassist Ed-

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SIERRA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2022

10:00 a.m.

NOTICE IS HEARBY GIVEN the Sierra County Planning Commission meeting for Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. has been canceled.

This meeting has been rescheduled as a Special Meeting and Public Hearing for Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Sierra County Courthouse, Downieville, CA. *The purpose of the rescheduled meeting is to allow additional time to notify neighbors of the proposed projects, as required by Cal. Government Code Section 65091(a)(4).*

The Planning Commission Agenda, packet, and teleconference link are posted on Sierra County’s Agenda Center at: www.sierracounty.ca.gov/agendacenter. Interested persons are urged to attend and/or provide written comment:

Woodruff Zone Variance: Andrew Woodruff, Applicant and Landowner. Consideration of a Zone Variance for a reduction of the rear and side yard setbacks for a proposed 251 square foot workshop on the property’s east side and a reduction of the front yard setback for a 111 square foot woodshed. The project site, identified as APN 013-080-002-000, is a 0.28-acre parcel zoned Residential One Family District (R-1) at 165 Main Street in Sattley in unincorporated Sierra County. Planning staff’s preliminary environmental assessment: Exempt under CEQA Guidelines California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15303 (Class 3 Categorical Exemption) and Section 15305 (Class 5 Categorical Exemption).

Short-Term Rental Ordinance. Consideration of a county-wide ordinance to regulate the use of a residence as a Short-Term Rental (Airbnb, VRBO, etc.). Planning staff’s preliminary environmental assessment: Exempt under CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Sections 15301 (Class 1 Categorical Exemption), 15060(c)(2-3), and 15061(b)(3).

If you challenge the proposed actions for which this notice is given in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or raised within written correspondence delivered to the agency conducting the hearing, at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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PLIOCENE RIDGE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT NOTICE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY SALE

Notice is hereby given that Pliocene Ridge Community Services District has declared the following vehicles surplus property:

1. 1968 Structure Truck
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These trucks will be sold to the highest bidder. For bidding purposes use #1, #2 or #3 as listed above to identify which truck the bid is for.

Pictures and more information online at: www.plioceneridge.org/surplus

Bids must be received no later than Thursday April 21st bids to be opened (read) at the Board of Directors meeting 6:30 pm, Alleghany Fire Station 2, 514 Miners Street Alleghany.

Bids must include truck ID# as listed above, bid amount, and name and phone # of bidder. Mail bids to Pliocene Ridge CSD, CA 95960 with “BID” and truck ID written on the outside of the envelope, or email your bid as an attachment to plioceneridge@gmail.com with the subject line: Bid to Purchase truck and ID#.

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Dates of publication: The Mountain Messenger 4/7/2022 and 4/14/2022. Notice posted at plioceneridge.org/surplus 4/7/2022 through 4/21/2022.

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gar Meyer, and mandolinist Chris Thile. She further spent a decade contributing to the radio variety shows "Live From Here" and "A Prairie Home Companion."

Her unique songwriting has led her to be featured in films and television including the film *Get Low* (2010 Sony Pictures), HBO’s *True Blood*, and ABC’s *Private Practice*.

Aoife O’Donovan has been a working and touring musician for nearly two decades; don’t miss her performance at The Center for the Arts alongside opener Taylor Ashton.

The Center for the Arts reminds patrons to visit the website to check for updates on COVID related safety regulations before purchasing tickets.


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The Downieville Fire Protection District Awarded Grant for New Emergency Response Equipment

Downieville — Downieville Fire Protection District is the recipient of a \$38,000 grant to purchase new extrication equipment. Known as the “jaws of life,” first responders use these specialized tools to safely rescue crash victims trapped inside a vehicle.

“This new equipment will help reduce the time it takes for us to safely reach someone who needs immediate medical attention,” said Downieville Volunteer Fire Dept. Senior Fire Captain, Robert Hall. “Without the OTS grant funding, we would not be able to purchase modern rescue tools critical for the care of those injured in crashes.”

Delays in providing care to crash victims impacts the “golden hour” of survival, a core principle in the emergency medical services industry. Reducing the time it takes to get to the patient, treat what can be treated, and transport the patient to the hospital helps increase the chance for recovery.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

USFS SEEKING WORKERS

NEVADA CITY — April 6, 2022. The U.S. Forest Service is hiring hundreds of positions in recreation and archaeology across the nation. Jobs are open April 6, 2022 through April 19, 2022 and are available in many rewarding locations, including Nevada City, Sierraville, Truckee, Camptonville, and Foresthill on the Tahoe National Forest.

“Working on the Tahoe National Forest is a fun and rewarding experience,” said Eli Ilano, Forest Supervisor. “We’re looking for people to help us make a difference on the land and in people’s lives; I hope you’ll apply!”

For a list of positions at each duty station, please visit the USFS Recreation & Heritage Jobs Story Map and the Tahoe National Forest employment page. Depending on the role, recreation specialists and technicians may have outdoor or office-based duties, which could include trail repair, campground maintenance, visitor information, wilderness protection and even patrolling on skis. Archaeologists work to learn about, interpret and protect the historical and cultural treasures of our country and are often involved in field investigations, site evaluation, and coordination with American Indian Tribes.

If you are interested in applying, please note:

- Applications are only accepted through www.usajobs.gov.
- The job announcements will not list specific duty locations. Qualified applicants will be prompted to provide their location preferences prior to the interview phase.
- Apply early as some of the announcements will close after 800 applications are received.
- Helpful hiring tips and additional information about career opportunities are available here: fs.usda.gov/fsjobs.

The Tahoe National Forest invites you to make a lasting impact on the world around you and to unlock opportunities for career advancement by joining the team.

For more information about the Tahoe National Forest, go to www.fs.usda.gov/tahoe.

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Middle Fork Feather River open under modified closure

QUINCY, CA — The Plumas National Forest has modified Forest Closure Order 05-11-00-21-06 to reopen the Middle Fork of the Feather River to recreational use.

Campgrounds, trailheads and two bridges in the area remain closed due to ongoing hazards from the North Complex Fire that burned in the area in 2020.

The current closure is referenced as Order Number 05-11-03-22-01 and is in place until conditions allow or March 29, 2024, whichever occurs first. There will be public notifications when the closure order is lifted.

The closure order is for public and employee safety as assessments and work continues to repair and restore access to recreation sites affected by the fire.

The closure covers Butte Bar, Cleghorn Bar, Feather Falls, Hanson Bar, Hartman Bar, South Hartman Bar, Little North Fork, Rogers Cow Camp, South Branch and Stag Point campgrounds; Bald Rock (Dome), Big Bald Rock, Cleghorn Bar, Hanson Bar, Feather Falls, Little North Fork, Mountain House, North Hartman Bar, Sky High, South Hartman Bar and Stag Point trailheads; and Toland Creek and Frasier Creek bridges. Entering or using the developed recreation sites or

Photo contributed by USFS
USFS "hot shots" tending the Butterfly Valley prescribed burn on 4/4.

USFS Press Release: Butterfly Valley prescribed burning stopped due to weather

QUINCY, CA — Prescribed burning in the Butterfly Valley area on the Mount Hough Ranger District of the Plumas National Forest has stopped due to weather and fuel conditions.

Fire managers were hoping to treat 61 acres yesterday [April 4] but were only able to accomplish 15 acres because weather and fuel conditions changed and moved outside planned prescription criteria.

It was determined that due to a combination of factors, including increasing temperatures, winds and drying fuels, conditions were not ideal to continue burning and would not improve this week.

Today [April 5] firefighters are back in the Butterfly Valley area to secure the 15 acres treated yesterday.

“Public and firefighter safety is always our highest priority, including during prescribed burning activities,” said Mount Hough District Fuels Technician Dan Patterson. “The ongoing fuel reduction work in Butterfly Valley is important, but once conditions were outside of prescription, it was necessary to stop under burning.”

within 1,000 feet of the two bridges is prohibited.

Feather River Ranger District employees are working on repairs, reconstruction and risk-mitigation projects associated with the fire damage. Work in the area has taken longer than expected due to analysis needs, acquiring funding and a shorter season to implement repairs due to elevation, which limits construction activities to summer and fall months.

“The Middle Fork of the Feather River as an important recreation site, especially as seasonal water flow in the spring provide great conditions for whitewater rafting and kayaking,” said Plumas Forest Supervisor Chris Carlton. “While work on facilities like campgrounds and trails continues, including recreation sites along the river, the river corridor is available for recreational use.”

Area residents and visitors planning to float the Middle Fork of the Feather River are asked to use caution, especially along the shoreline. There are still hazards in the burn area, including dead trees that can fall with little to no notice, unstable slopes and potential rock fall.

“We want everyone to have a safe and positive recreation experience on the Plumas National Forest and recognize the risks of recreating in areas that have burned over the past few years, especially in our scenic canyons,” said Carlton.

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S&P 500 Market Movers - 4/6

Top Gainers	
1. Eli Lilly and Co (LLY) - \$305.84 (+4.564%)	
2. NRG Energy (NRG) - \$39.21 (+4.227%)	
3. Dollar General Corp (DG) - \$239.00 (+4/203%)	
Top Losers	
1. Norwegian Cruise Line Hol... (NCLH) - \$20.68 (-6.805%)	
2. Penn National Gamin Inc (PENN) - \$39.02 (-6.718%)	
3. Caesars Entertainment Inc (CZR) - \$72.01 (-6.674%)	

California Hay Report - 4/1/2022

Compared to last week: Trade activity was moderate with good demand. Retail hay prices were steady to 5.00 higher. Dairy and Export hay prices were steady with good demand FOB. According to the NASS Crop Progress on March 29, 2022, Irrigation water was in short supply. Some areas are expected to receive 0% of their usual allotment for the growing season. Irrigated winter wheat was in good condition, while dry land wheat was under stress due to lack of moisture. Some wheat fields in the Central Valley were heading out. Some alfalfa was damaged by the frost in late February. A few producers have begun planting cotton. Tomato seedlings were being transplanted. Spring lettuce continued to be planted. Almond, apricot, and cherry blooms neared completion. Bees were being moved out of orchards. In Glenn County, almond flowers were damaged by the frost in late February. In areas further south, almonds fared better. The next available hay report will be Friday, April 08, 2022.

Volume - California				
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Reported</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	
		(3/21/2022)		
<u>Tons of Hay:</u>	7525	9000	9441	
<u>Tons of Straw:</u>	500	500	0	
<u>Bales of Hay:</u>	10000	0	350	
<u>North Inter-Mountain</u>				
Hay (Conventional)				
	<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Age</u>
<u>Alfalfa - Fair/Good (Trade/Per Ton)</u>				
Small Sq. 3 Tie	700	320.00	Delivered-Retail	Old
<u>Alfalfa - Premium (Trade/Per Bale)</u>				
Small Sq. 3 Tie	4000	19.95	FOB-Retail	Old
Small Sq. 3 Tie	6000	18.95	FOB-Retail	Old
Small Sq. 3 Tie	100	21.50	FOB-Retail	Old

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

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NASDAQ Market Movers - 4/6

Top Gainers	
1. Exelon Corp (EXC) - \$49.71 (+3.996%)	
2. American Electric Power Co... (AEP) - \$104.49 (+3.139%)	
3. AstraZeneca Inc (AZN) - \$69.07 (+3.013%)	
Top Losers	
1. Datadog Inc (DDOG) - \$137.27 (-6.556%)	
2. NVIDIA Corp (NVDA) - \$244.07 (-5.877%)	
3. Zscaler Inc (ZS) - \$226.07 (-5.255%)	

Commodity Prices				
	Mar 30. USD	Apr. 6 USD	Weekly Change	YoY Change
Gold USD/Troy Oz.	1933.20	1921.58	-0.80%	+9.44%
Silver USD/Troy Oz.	24.87	24.34	-1.74%	-4.29%
Lumber USD/1000 BdFt.	997.00	881.40	-12.01%	-17.96%
Live Cattle USD/100 Lbs.	140.18	137.70	-1.77%	+11.81%3
Milk USD/Hundredweight	23.50	24.05	+1.56%	+36.42%
Wheat USD/Bushel	1023.00	1042.75	+4.17%	+66.00%
Corn USD/Bushel	738.75	757.50	+1.17%	+30.66%
Coffee USD/Pound	222.60	227.60	2.59%	+79.57%
Lithium USD/Ton	78071.05	78031.68	0.0%	+451.67%
Aluminum USD/Ton	3544.00	3470.00	-2.28%	+54.57%
Nickel USD/Ton	32590.00	33469.00	+1.63%	+101.76%
Coal USD/Ton	259.00	286.50	+10.19%	+207.73%
Crude Oil USD/Barrel WTI	107.55	97.660	-2.56%	+63.94%
Propane USD/Gallon	1.44	1.29	-10.22%	+44.59%
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Night Sky: Twinkle, Twinkle, little star...

The old nursery rhyme gets at a good observation. Stars do appear to twinkle as we look up to the night sky. This variation in brightness is mainly due to our atmosphere. Earth’s atmospheric layers are always in flux, moving with wind, humidity, and temperature. This constant change causes light traveling in a straight line from distant stars to suddenly bend or change direction as it passes through the atmosphere on its way to your eyes. Sometimes brighter with less interference, sometimes dimmer with more refraction.

The same phenomena occurs when looking at the bottom of the Downie or Yuba Rivers. If the water is calm and flowing smoothly, you can clearly see the riverbed with minor distorsion. But when the waters are raging and turbulent during spring melt, the bottom appears fuzzy or not visible.

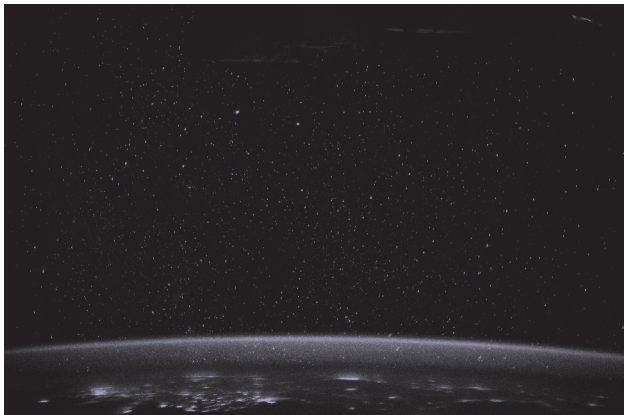
In space, the stars don’t appear to twinkle, since there is no atmosphere. Future astronauts will need a new nursery rhyme about stars!

Keep looking up!
Collin O'Mara-Green

Sun & Moon

Date:		Thu. 4-7	Fri. 4-8	Sat. 4-9	Sun. 4-10	Mon. 4-11	Tue. 4-12	Wed. 4-13
Sun	Rise:	06:36	06:34	06:33	06:31	06:30	06:28	06:27
	Set:	19:32	19:33	19:34	19:35	19:36	19:36	19:37
Moon	Rise:	10:24	11:14	12:10	13:11	14:15	15:20	16:27
	Set:	01:19	02:13	03:00	03:41	04:16	04:47	05:14
	Illumination	38.6%	48.3%	58.2%	67.8%	77.0%	85.2%	92.1%

Source: <https://www.timeanddate.com/> using Calpine as a reference point. M = Moon does not pass the meridian on this day.



Source: NASA

Last Week’s Weather

Courtesy of the Grubstake Saloon

Date	Hi	FE	Lo	FE	Precip.	Snow
Mar. 29	66	+12	34	0	-	-
Mar. 30	59	-8	34	-3	-	-
Mar. 31	67	+9	32	-2	-	-
Apr. 1	73	+6	35	-1	-	-
Apr. 2	73	+2	32	-5	-	-
Apr. 3	71	0	37	0	-	-
Apr. 4	64	-1	44	+9	-	-

Forecast Error (FE) is found by subtracting the forecasted temperatures from the day’s recorded value. M = Missing.

Seasonal Precipitation

July 1 to date	48.81"
To-date last year	30.93"
Yearly average	65.28"

Road/Trail/River Conditions

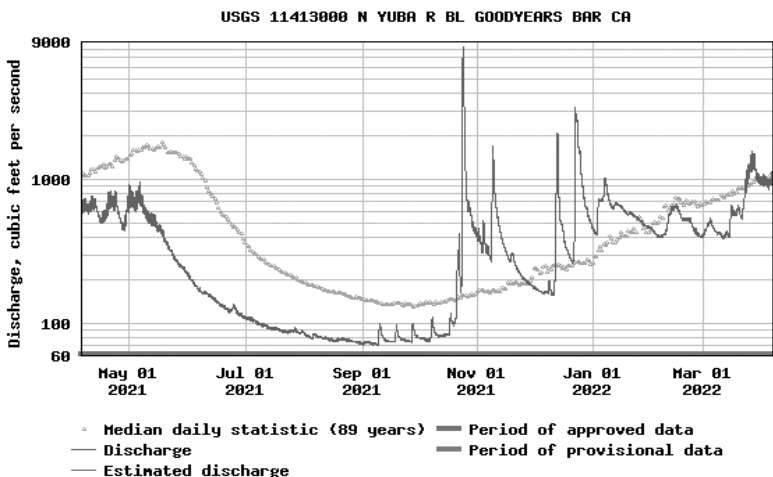
According to Caltrans, motorists continue to face delays of up to an hour, 24x7, due to fire rehabilitation work at various locations from the north junction of SR-70 to 1.5 north of its junction with SR-147 in Plumas County. Also, SR-89 remains closed for the winter through Lassen Volcanic Park and motorists are advised to use an alternate route.

As for the trails, the warm weather expected over the weekend signals the close of the snowmobiling season. However, the conditions will also bring unusually early access to backcountry routes for hikers, mountain bikers, and motorized dirt bike enthusiasts.

Meanwhile, the rivers and streams in the region are flowing with volumes very close to historic norms for this time of year and kayakers are continuing to be seen taking advantage of what is likely to be a very brief window for their sport.

Water Flow on the North Yuba River

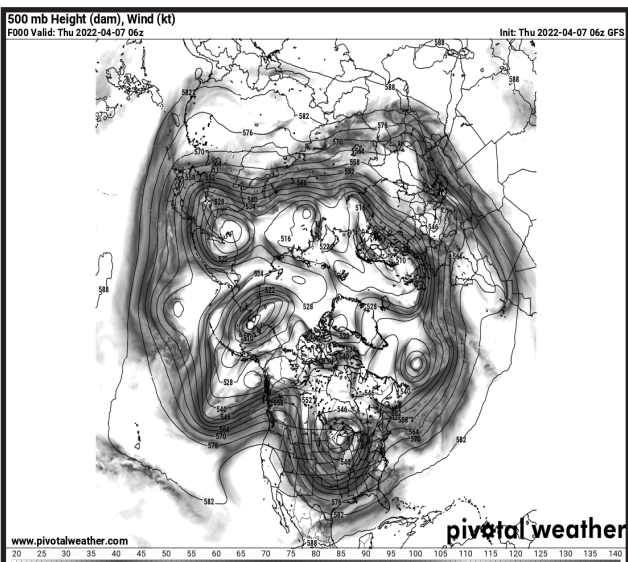
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7-Day Local Forecast

Towns	Info	Thu. 4-7	Fri. 4-8	Sat. 4-9	Sun. 4-10	Mon. 4-11	Tue. 4-12	Wed. 4-13
Downieville	High/Low (°F)	82/41	87/46	82/41	71/33	63/19	56/28	58/31
	Cloudiness (%)	11%	18%	1%	18%	36%	28%	31%
	Wind (mph)	SE-SW 5 mph	SW 8 mph	N-W 9 mph	N-W 9 mph	NW 8 mph	N-W 10 mph	SW 6 mph
	Humidity (%)	39%	45%	36%	31%	41%	49%	45%
	Change of Precip.	0%	0%	0%	1%	15%	10%	9%
Loyalton	High/Low (°F)	67/29	76/40	73/33	61/24	54/24	47/22	47/23
	Cloudiness (%)	20%	25%	5%	23%	50%	41%	36%
	Wind (mph)	N-W 6 mph	SW 12 mph	NE-NW 10 mph	NE-N 11 mph	SW-W 21 mph	N-NW 14 mph	W 14 mph
	Humidity (%)	34%	40%	42%	33%	47%	51%	46%
	Chance of Precip.	0%	0%	0%	1%	26%	13%	8%
Quincy	High/Low (°F)	80/34	86/41	80/33	69/26	60/24	56/24	59/25
	Cloudiness (%)	11%	15%	3%	18%	34%	29%	31%
	Wind (mph)	E-SW 5 mph	SW 10 mph	NE-W 9 mph	N-W 10 mph	N 9 mph	N-NW 6 mph	SW 6 mph
	Humidity (%)	46%	50%	40%	38%	48%	51%	46%
	Chance of Precip.	0%	0%	0%	1%	15%	10%	9%

Source: < https://www.weather.gov/wrh/wxtable> [National Weather Service WFO STO 03:19 AM PST Thursday April 7, 2022] M=Missing



Jet Streams: April 7

Source: <https://www.pivotalweather.com/model.php>

Game Corner

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: E equals T

Y EJXV BW ISYMFV RM PRJAXVF'E
HJERMS PMMYFZ ERNE HJSYFZ
IYXB, NFV RM SMPOJFVMV
"VAXXW FJEMV."

Last Week's Answers

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CryptoQuip

Sir Isaac Newton is famous for his work on gravity. I've come to think of him as the fall guy.

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- ACROSS**
1 Shoshone woman who accompanied Lewis and Clark
10 Hebrew holy text
15 Chicago hub
20 Rembrandt painted with them
21 You RSVP to it online
22 Tempos
23 Eton and Hogwarts
25 RAM units
26 Nastase of tennis fame
27 The sun, e.g.
28 Hooded viper
30 Get higher
31 Long-necked beast
35 Companies with cabbies
39 Give the details of
42 Kite's home
43 Suffix with human
44 Skilled thief, slangily
48 Adds on
52 Positive vote in Congress
53 "What's the —?" ("Care to explain that?," slangily)
54 Vow
56 Dried up
57 Weightlifting units
59 Cuddle (up)
62 "Stay" singer
64 Teensy
65 Bug B Gon's brand
67 Abbr. on an airport uniform
68 Jacob Bronowski book about human history, with "The"
71 Platoon unit
73 German wine region
75 Equipper of horse hooves
76 Carnival vessels
79 Backpacked beast, maybe
82 "Chicago" showgirl
84 — polloi
85 "Toodles!"
86 Club get-togethers
89 Bleacher feature
90 PC brand
92 Part of DJ
94 Plant-based salve for treating bruises
96 Longtime CBS series
97 10th month, in German
99 Many golf hits onto the green
103 Comic actor
104 Sweetheart
105 Sitting Bull's tribe
106 Hoped-for result of a throw to a receiver
111 Frosty and the like
115 Face defacer
116 Tofu base
117 Negative votes in Congress
120 Green Hornet's aide
121 Gut
123 Trip associated with the starts of seven answers in this puzzle
129 With 6-Down, boxing legend's boxing daughter
130 Devilish grin
131 Native of the Raiders' home
132 Fidgeting
133 Literature Nobel
134 Event for unloading household items in an urban area
135 Literature Nobel
136 Crosses (out)
137 Analogy part
138 Pooh-bah
140 Anklebone
141 Folding craft
144 Poi plant
145 Australian landmark
146 Stayed silent
147 Dress finely, with "out"
148 Oodles
149 Taos locale
150 Most bleak
151 Not hidden
155 Stein quaff
158 Feng —
160 Steer catcher
161 Japan finish?
163 Niels with a Nobel
166 Brewer's kiln
169 Revlon rival
170 Yard third
172 Cul-de-sacs
174 Mil. missions
176 Elaine in Trump's Cabinet
177 Commotion
178 Owns
180 Capital of Yemen
181 Makes glossy, as one's hair
183 Discord deity
187 Street vehicle
188 "Danke —"
191 Retina parts associated with monochrome vision
193 D-Day city in France
195 About "Humbug!"
198 Golf norm
199 Shrub shapers
202 Sadie — Day
204 Miami Heat great
206 Wade
208 Small hand drum of India
209 Shark's place
210 Not ignited
211 "— daisy!"
212 Prefix with payment or partisan
214 I problems?
219 Bleacher feature
222 "Whoopee!"
224 Shark's place
225 Weightlifting unit
226 MGM rival
227 Waitress at Mel's Diner
228 Racing circuit

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True Tales of the Timber Industry as assembled by Cynthia Anderson

From the Woods — Clay Allen, Finale

I want to end on this note. In 2015 it was the end of the year, the sky was black and it was going to snow. I was on this steep canyon side. You can’t pile brush, but you have to rip the skid trail. I was on this skid trail ripping it and it started to snow and it had

a light wind behind it and it was coming in one side of my Cat and blowing out the other side of my Cat. I stopped my Cat and I thought, “this is total contentment.” I looked across the mountains and I felt a feeling of warmth inside. I was meant to be right

there at that exact moment in time—with that snow blowing across my face, it was just great! I looked over the mountains and it was the end of a real hard logging year, and my job was done for the year.



A young Clay Allen (age 33), his trusty Caterpillar D7, and Calamity the dog. The brush rake on this bulldozer is the one that the big, angry rattlesnake coiled around in "Coyotes, Snakes, and Other Critters".



Calamity the dog aboard Clay Allen's trusty bulldozer; she lived to be 15 years old after many brushes with death.

With Clay Allen's long, strange collection of stories reaching its conclusion, we now must bid Clay, Calamity and the Bulldozer farewell going forward. Starting next week, we will begin the story of Grass Valley native Scott Alexander and his stories of working for Robinson Timber and on the development of Martis Camp near Truckee. After his story concludes, we will follow another Grass Valley native, John Hodge Jr., and his own tales from working for Robinson. When Hodge's story ends, so will the long-running "From the Woods" column. What will be next? Guess you'll just have to wait and see!



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‘Bert’ Miller Dies Suddenly
The whole of Sierra County was shocked by the sudden death Thursday morning of Supervisor W.E. Miller at his ranch in Nevada County. It was reported that he was the victim of a heart attack about 4 a.m. He had attended a meeting of the board of supervisors Monday, coming here from his ranch near Grass Valley. He had not been feeling well for some time but did not regard his condition as serious. Leaving Downieville Tuesday morning, he returned to his ranch in Nevada County. Thursday morning word of his sudden death was received in Downieville.
Born in Sierra County on April 4, 1873, he was 59 years old at the time of his death. The son of pioneer parents who crossed the plains in a covered wagon, he was brought up on a ranch. He accompanied his parents on a trip to Iowa, where he was married, returning with this bride to Sierraville, where they went to work for a man who then owned what is now the Miller ranch. Mrs. Miller as a cook and “Bert,” as he was familiarly known, as a ranch hand. In a few years they had saved enough money to buy the ranch they were employed on and where they have lived since.
Fortune favored them and they acquired more land until they finally owned about 4000 acres in Sierra County and two ranches in Nevada County, consisting of 2200 acres.
In 1910 he was elected county supervisor, taking office the following January. In 1915 he was elected chairman of the board, which position he held, with the exception of the years

1921, 1922 and 1925, until the present time.
He was a member of Sierra Valley Lodge No. 184, F. & A. M., and of Downieville Parlor No. 92, N.S.G.W.
Besides his wife, Anna B. Miller, the surviving relatives are two daughters, Mrs. Eunice Palmerton of Loyalton, and Mrs. Edith Webber of Sierraville, and five brothers, Clarence A. of Honey Lake Valley, George L. of Sacramento, Charles E. of Reno, Thomas E. of Sierraville and Warren W. Miller of Fallon, Nev.
The funeral will take place at Grass Valley at 12:30 o’clock Sunday from the Hooper-Holmes funeral parlors. Interment will take place at Grass Valley.
Snowed-in Residents Tired of Hibernating, Shovel Their Way Out
After being snowed in for four months, with roads effectually blocked with snow and their only means of communication with the outside world being by telephone and by ski travel, the residents of the little town of Forest, situated 13 miles south of Downieville by road, at an elevation of 4,600 feet, decided that as spring had arrived and they were still snowed in, it was time to do something about it. Being expert ski riders, they have not had to have an airplane fly over and drop supplies from the sky. But nevertheless, the snow was getting tiresome, and besides which the autos of the town were kicking, stamping, and champing their bits with impatience and rairin’ to get out and skip down the road.
So, 27 of the town’s finest, armed with a truck, shovels and other implements, marched on the enemy this week and

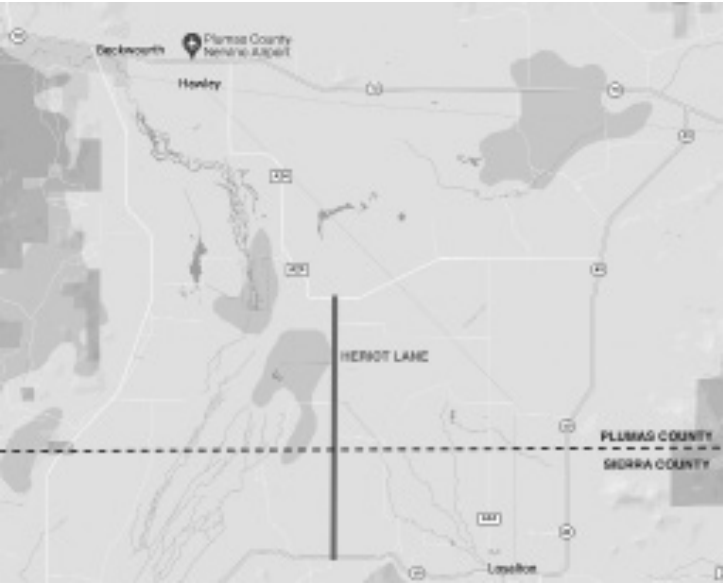
immediately gave battle. Snow drifts five and six feet high were vanquished, the good work going forward with a smile, a joke and a song until the Mountain House road was opened up to the outside world.
The public spirit shown, the cooperation, the willingness, by Forest residents is a splendid example for other communities to follow.
New Musical Chinaman Arrives, Cannot Sing
Lee Sing says there’s nothing in a name, for he couldn’t carry a tune if it were nailed up in a box.
Lee is the new skipper of the good ship St. Charles Kitchen. He arrived recently from Los Angeles after an absence of about eight years, for Lee cooked at the St. Charles once before and so is not an entire stranger here. It was he who last year sent little Peter Lavezzola a live turtle, which became so friendly with the hotel guests that it became a nuisance and had to be tied outside.
In an interview with a Messenger reporter, Lee said in part: “Like mountains more better than city. Save more money. Had restaurant at Needles, more hot like hell. No good, I come here, stay all summer. Goo’ bye.” And Lee’s face cracked with a generous smile as he bade the reporter, come again.
Snipers Arrive Early This Year on River and Creeks
The bright, warm spring weather has brought out prospectors and snipers early this year in spite of the high water prevalent in the streams caused by melting snow. Although the nights are still cold, registering as low as 27 during the past

Cory Peterman's Historical Corner

Heriot Lane

Those who have traveled along Highway 49 after coming downhill from Yuba Pass may remember when the road sign marked the town of Sattley as “Satley” right before the Turner Ranch. Others may know that “Lemon Canyon Road” is actually “Lemmon Canyon Road,” named after the Lemmon pioneer family of Randolph/ Sierraville, and not the sour fruit. This subject brings us to another road in Sierra Valley - which cuts from Highway 49 between Sierraville and Loyalton in Sierra County, to Dyson Lane in Plumas County. However, on the Sierra County side of this road, the sign reads “Heriot Lane.” On the Plumas

“Mr. John Heriot was born in Dalkeith, Scotland, January 4, 1821, where he grew to manhood. In 1853 he came, with many others of that sturdy type, to California, in which State he has since resided. He came to Sierra Valley in 1873, making his home in this valley from that date until 1897, when he removed to San Jose, where he resided until the time of his death. Mr. Heriot is survived by one daughter, Mrs. P. F. Spooner, two sons, David and Robert A. Heriot, and four grandchildren, Mrs. E. J. Duff and Mrs. L. H. Stephens and Lowell and Claude Heriot of Beckwith. The services were conducted in the Methodist Church at Loyalton



County side, the sign reads “Harriet Lane.” Which sign is correct? Who is Heriot/Harriet?
The answer to this question is quite simple - Sierra County has the correct road sign. Heriot Lane was named after John Heriot (1821-1908), who established a ranch in the Sierra Valley in the 1800s, called the John Heriot Ranch, which is now intersected by the road that bears his surname. There was another ranch in Sierra Valley called the Dave Heriot Ranch, owned by John’s son David (1853-1938), which was a short distance west of Beckwourth. The *Loyaltonian* newspaper of August 21, 1908 featured the obituary for John Heriot, which stated the following:

by Rev. S. J. Buck. The body was interred in the Loyalton cemetery, by the side of his life companion, who had gone to the land of rest to be waiting to welcome him at the end of his journey.” Heriot’s headstone can still be found to this day at the Loyalton Cemetery, next to that of his wife.
It appears that before John Heriot moved away to San Jose, he sold his ranch, as the *Feather River Bulletin* of December 10, 1896 reported "Chas. Jones has purchased the Heriot ranch near the Plumas and Sierra line." If I’m not mistaken, Antone E. Dotta later owned the ranch too, because according to his 1931 biography written by J.W. Wooldridge, Dotta

owned his “mountain ranch of two thousand acres and the Heriot ranch of six hundred and eighty acres, as well as other lands devoted to pasturage, his holdings aggregating three thousand five hundred and ten acres.”
Returning to John Heriot, he seems to have owned other properties in Sierra Valley as well, as in December of 1891, he bought a piece of property E. H. Miller, Jr. described as “Sw4 and sw4 of se4 Sec, 22, Tp. 22, R 15, E. M. D. M.” Later, it appears John Heriot sold this property to repeat buyer Charles A. Jones, recorded as “420 acres land in Tp 22 N, R 15 E." From what I can find, Charles Jones was at one time an engineer on the Sierra Valley Railway, and built a two-story hotel in Clio in 1905, known as the “Jones Saloon” at Lot 4, Block 4, of that town.
The earliest mention I could find of the name “Heriot Lane” appearing at the Plumas County side of the road comes from the *Feather River Bulletin* of September 30, 1926. It was reported “Supervisor Allen J. Long was at Beckwith Wednesday. He had been repairing some bridges in the Heriot lane, with lumber obtained from the Clover Valley Lumber Company without charge, the same having been left over when the high trestle was built north of the Maple ranch. A clear gain to Plumas County.” When and why the sign was written as “Harriet Lane” at the Plumas County side, I do not know. Birdwatching has been a popular activity for many years along Heriot Lane. Locals may know the road as the place to test out the speed capabilities of a new vehicle, or as a shortcut between Highway 49 in Sierra County and Highway 70 in Plumas County.

I am always open to feedback and suggestions for my history articles. If you have a comment or a subject to propose, please email me at corypeterman3@gmail.com, thanks!-