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Photo by Stephen Kulieke

On Tuesday afternoon, a Sierra County Road Department crew used a loader and blower to clear snow from Salmon Lake Road. The crew expected to return Wednesday to continue the job.



Photo by Bryan Davey

Early last week, the Gold Lake Highway link between CA-49 and CA-89 was reopened and Mary Davey was present to celebrate the good work done by the Road Department's of Sierra and Plumas counties. We wanted to print the above picture in last week's edition. But, we didn't because, as we went to press, weather forecasters were telling us several inches of new snow would be arriving in the area last Wednesday night and Thursday and we didn't want to send any motorists into trouble. Now, we are pleased to report the Road Department has removed the latest batch of white stuff from the highway and travelers are free to enjoy the beauty of the route through the Lakes Basin.

OLD NEWSPAPERS FOUND AT WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS RANCH

By JOHN LULLO

The past has come to life many times during the work associated with the restoration of this historic property ... and it happened again on the 12th of April 2022.

New carpets had been ordered and John Barker, Robert Ware, Dennis Horton and Don Maddelena were painstakingly ripping out the old stuff. Suddenly, under layers of the old worn and torn carpet, in one of the upstairs bedrooms, some old newspapers appeared. The date on the masthead of an old San Francisco Chronicle was April 10, 1905. The front page had articles dealing with the participation of the Russian fleet in the Russo-Japanese war. Another article on the front page described a hit by the Mafia on a local San Francisco man. More than the front page was found but the interior pages were not explored for fear of them disintegrating into paper flakes.



Another publication found was entitled “Butchers and Stock-growers Journal”. The date on the front page was June 11, 1904. It announced itself as the “Official Organ of the Butchers’ Board of Trade”. The quoted subscription price was “\$2 per year...in advance”. Most of the ads and articles had San Francisco locations.

Another old tabloid sized paper entitled “Woman's World” had a date of November 1904. It was published in Chicago and cost 25 cents a year or 5 cents a copy. It contained an ad for a “ball bearing sewing machine” the cost of which was \$5.75. Another one was for “Hayner Whiskey”....”4 full quarts for \$3.20,”express paid”.

It begs the question; how did these publications from faraway cities like San Francisco, and especially Chicago, find their way to rural Plumas County in the early nineteen hundreds?

The old newspapers were testament to the fact the layers under the old carpets being replaced were laid down at least 117 years ago! It was another historical highlight experienced in the long and fascinating process of restoring White Sulphur Springs Ranch.

After a couple of lean, pandemic years the volunteers of the Mohawk Valley Stewardship Council (MVSC) are getting back into high gear. Summerfest, the primary fundraiser, is coming back on the 26th of June and visitors will be able to take tours of the old ranch house with its restored façade and vintage furnishings.

New MVSC members are always welcomed. If you would like to be a part of the restoration of this historic property or just make a tax deductible contribution, visit www.whitesulphurspringsranch.com.

Local Elections to be Contested in June

This article is by **Duncan A. Kennedy** and **Carl J. Butz**

Once again, a general election year is upon our nation. Ballots for federal, state, and local elections will go out to registered voters in June and November. Once the tallies of these ballots are certified, next January's leaders of our governing bodies will be determined.

During the 2022 election cycle, the mass media will focus on runs for statewide offices or races for desks at state and federal legislatures. However, numerous county-level races here in the mountains are worthy of attention, too.

Therefore, between now and November, The Mountain Messenger looks forward to profiling contests for local offices. This week we concentrate on sketching out the scene in Plumas County, a jurisdiction in the midst of trying to recover from the devastation of two major wildfires in the past two years. We will extend our coverage of local elections to Sierra and Nevada counties in future issues.

Plumas County

Incumbents (*) facing contested races for elected office in June include:

County Sheriff-Coroner: Todd Johns* v. Dwight Cline
District Three Supervisor: Tom McGowan v. Kelley Cote
District Five Supervisor: Jeff Engel* v. Mimi Garner
County Assessor: Cindy Froggart* v. Amy Hendrickson

The candidates for County Sheriff-Coroner worked together at the Plumas County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) before Cline retired from the force in 2017. As Cline told the Plumas News recently, when Sheriff Hagwood retired to become a member of the Plumas County Board of Supervisors in 2019, he considered applying for the appointment of Hagwood's successor. Cline refrained, however, thinking another candidate - Carson Wingfield - would win the job instead of Johns. Now, Cline has set out to replace Johns and fix mistakes he believes the incumbent has made. For example, some "questionable hires" and allowing staff "morale" problems to deplete the Sheriff's workforce.

As for Johns, almost immediately after his appointment, he found himself at the helm of a Sheriff's Department forced to cope with COVID-19 pandemic problems and with back-to-back fire seasons wreaking unprecedented devastation on Plumas County. During his interview by Plumas News, Johns stated, "staff was working 12 to 14 hours a day, six days a week. Sometimes more. [I] was working 16 to 18 hours a day to manage, as well. These have been the toughest two years for the county," he said. "If people in the county knew what my staff did, they would be amazed."

In the process, however, several members of the PCSO did locate higher-paying positions at other locations. So, now with positions for deputies and correctional officers to fill, he said, "The number one priority now is pay raises."

The two faced off in forums sponsored by the League of Women Voters (LWV) on April 20 in Quincy and April 27 in Chester. Their next joint appearance is slated for the League's forum tonight, April 28, at Taylorsville's Historic Hall. On May 4, you will find them at the Graeagle Fire Hall. On May 5, they are scheduled to be present at the LWV's forum at Veterans/Memorial Hall in Portola. All of these meetings will begin at 7 p.m.

The race for the County Assessor office is also an intramural affair following a retirement. The incumbent, Cindy Froggart, was appointed to the position by the Board of Supervisors after the retirement of longtime Assessor Chuck Leonhardt in 2021. She is running now to maintain consistent leadership in the Assessor's office during times of local hardship and high paperwork volumes. Her opponent and one of her key staff members, Chief Assessor Amy Hendrickson, believes her election would bring better lines of communication between the Assessor's Office, the county taxpayers, and the Board of Supervisors.

Both candidates for Assessor's Office will be making presentations at the LWV's meeting schedule for April 28, May 4, and May 5.

With Sherrie Thrall (Lake Almanor) retiring from her seat as the Supervisor for District Three, two candidates have stepped up to contend for the office: Tom McGowan and Kelley Cote.

McGowan, a member of the Glenn County Board of Supervisors from 2001-2009 and a retired businessman, is currently Chairman of the Plumas County Planning Commission. He says his consistent attendance at Plumas County Board of Supervisors meetings over the past several years gives him a strong connection to the Board's current membership. He also touts his very active membership in the Lake Almanor Chamber of Commerce as being a strong argument for his election.

McGowan's opponent for the open seat, Kelley Cote, has been Director of the Lassen County Department of Child Support Services since 2014. A native of Chester who now resides at the northernmost corner of Plumas County in Westwood, Cote believes Lake Almanor's interests have been represented poorly at the Board in recent years. She also touts her implementation of a "visionary [departmental] policy" during COVID to ensure uninterrupted child support income as an example of her "futuristic leadership skills."

As for Plumas County's District Five, incumbent Supervisor Jeff Engel has found himself challenged by local realtor Mimi Garner in the wake of his vote against extra marketing funding for the local Chambers of Commerce. Engel believes in maximizing the government's fiscal efficiency and cites his record of securing new infrastructure for Plumas County over the last three years as a good reason for his re-election.

Mimi Garner, who ran against Engle in the 2018 election, sees her role in the initial development of Gold Mountain and the Nakoma Resort as an excellent example of what she can do. Garner also credits her efforts to promote tourism within the region as a reason for people to support her candidacy.

Both of the District 5 candidates for Supervisor are expected to participate in the LVW's forums scheduled for Graeagle and Portola on May 4 and May 5, respectively.

Other Plumas County incumbents – Treasurer Julie White, District Attorney David Hollister, Clerk-Recorder Marcy DeMartile, and Superintendent of Schools William Roderick – are unchallenged in their re-election bids. Moreover, nobody filed to run for Auditor-Controller despite the filing deadline extension.



Sierra City “Wildfire Prep Day 2022” Set for May 14 — Fire Safe Sierra County Website Launched

By STEPHEN KULIEKE

Reflecting growing efforts to foster increased fire safety, Firewise Sierra City will hold “Wildfire Prep 2022 Day” on Saturday, May 14, featuring morning yard cleanups and an afternoon fire department open house.

Firewise Sierra City was one of only 100 Firewise communities in the U.S. to be awarded a \$500 grant to support outreach for this year's Wildfire Preparation Day events.

The Sierra City event is one of many being held in May across the U.S. and Canada encouraging people and organizations everywhere to come together to take action to raise awareness and reduce wildfire risks.

“We’ve had a couple tough fire years which can be mentally and physically exhausting,” said Sarah Kubly, who leads Firewise Sierra City. “But now is not the time to let down our guard. We can make ourselves and our communities stronger and more resilient to wildfire.”

The officially designated date for community events across the country and Canada is the first Saturday of the month, May 7th. Kubly said that residents are encouraged to do “work around their homes” on that day and then “join in our community events on the 14th.”

On the morning of the 14th, Sierra City volunteers will assist in raking and trimming the yards of neighbors who may be unable to do the work themselves. Already, 15 volunteers have signed up; you can do so and find out further information by emailing firewisesierracity@gmail.org. (For regular updates on Firewise Sierra City go to their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/firewisesierracity>.)

On the afternoon of the 14th between 1 and 4 p.m., the Sierra City Volunteer Fire Department (SCVFD) will hold an open house at its Sand Shed facility, located off Highway 49 four miles above town and one mile below Bassetts. A “great way to spend the afternoon,” the event will feature a free barbecue lunch for Sierra City residents and a raffle, with all proceeds going to SCVFD.

Attendees at the open house will receive educational materials on how to make your home, yard, and property more fire resistant. People also will be able to fill out the survey, the “Sierra County Wildfire Preparedness Questionnaire.”

The purpose of the survey is

to better understand residents' most pressing wildfire safety needs and concerns and to serve more adequately Sierra County communities.

“What do residents of Calpine or Sierra City want? If you want to see work done on land surrounding your community, you need to let people know what's important so your voice is heard,” said Kubly.

Kubly noted that identifying and applying for fire resilience grant funding is hugely important and getting residents' input on what should be funded is vital. The North Yuba Forest Management Project is an example of an ongoing initiative focused on forest health and restoration across 275,000 acres of the North Yuba River watershed to protect against catastrophic wildfire and assist at-risk communities. “We want to build on the momentum to continue to improve fire resiliency in Sierra County,” said Kubly.

The Sierra County Wildfire Preparedness Questionnaire is also available online at a new website launched this month — <https://www.fire safesierracounty.org>.

The website is sponsored by the non-profit Sierra County Fire Safe Council, whose goal is to seek funding and organize projects “to help protect our residents, community, and natural resources from a wildfire.”

Coordinator of the Sierra County Fire Safe Council is Danielle Bradfield (a Registered Professional Forester with a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry from Humboldt State University in 1997 who grew up in Paradise and has nearly 20 years of experience managing forestry projects).

The council's website has an array of resources on fire preparedness; quick links (emergency alerts, current air quality, burn day updates); information on the Firewise USA® Program sponsored by the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA); and a complete list of “recognized and aspiring” Sierra County Firewise communities as of April 2022:

Alleghany
Calpine
Downieville
Goodyears Bar
Loyalton Pines
Pike
Sierra Brooks
Sierra City
Sierraville
Verdi

California Natural Resources Secretary to Visit Sierra County on Saturday, April 30th

A open conversation with Wade Crowfoot, Secretary of California's Natural Resources Agency will be taking place at the Sierra Pines Resort in Sierra City this Saturday at 1 P.M.

Leading an organization with 21,000 employees who are charged with protecting and managing the state's natural environment, Crowfoot will brief the public on the agencies efforts to preserve and maintain California's forests, landscapes, waterways, coastline, and ocean resources plus protecting fish and wildlife while also overseeing energy development.

The session, moderated by Sandy Sanders (currently a candidate for the District 2 seat on the Sierra County Board of Supervisors), will also provide the public to inform Crowfoot about their concerns over any state policies they feel are misguided or downright

detrimental to the health, safety, and economic prospects of rural populations within California.

Sourdough Jack Sez...



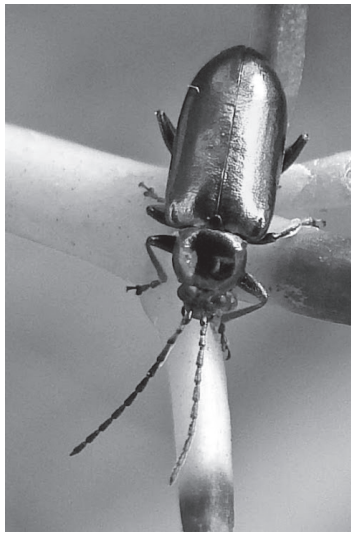
Promises, promises, and more promises are standard fare for politicians. Sometimes their rhetoric is followed up with results. But, in all my years, not very often.

Katie's Sightings

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KATIE O'HARA KELLY

A Bejeweled Blog



This week I spotted two tiny (1 cm) beetles on a Silk Tassel Bush! They didn't look like anything in my field guide, so I posted them on bugguide.net. Right away they were identified as Leaf Beetles, in the Chrysomelidae Family. Their brilliant, metallic, blue-green color was amazing!!! It made me wonder what causes this iridescence, or "luminous colors that seem to change when seen from different angles." It occurs naturally in some beetles, some butterflies,

and some birds. The color is not from pigment, but rather from structure. Interestingly, the color works as camouflage, not as warning to a predator or as an advertisement for a mate!

The following information from <http://www.webexhibits.org/> explains how this coloration works.

"The epicuticle, or outermost surface, of iridescent beetles is made of many stacks of slanting, plate-like layers, which are oriented in different directions. These layers bend, and then reflect the incoming light in the same way as the ridges of iridescent butterfly and moth scales. A layer of pigment below the refractive plates of beetles and the ridges of iridescent butterfly scales enhances the effect of the iridescence. In some species, the epicuticle acts as a reflection diffraction grating to cause iridescence."

Most insect structural colors are in the green-blue-violet range, but red, gold, and copper colors may also be produced in this way. The shade of color and its intensity are determined by several factors, including the thickness and spacing of the layers of the scales, or epicuticle, the number of these layers, and the angle of the incoming light."

The following information from <https://indianapublicmedia.org/amomentofscience> explains how this coloration works as camouflage!

"Some beetles have beautiful, shiny carapaces [hard outer shell] that look like metal, or a jewel. That shininess is called iridescence. It's caused when tiny structures in the carapace interfere with certain wavelengths of light, so that different colors are seen from different angles. It's actually fairly common in insects, and the feathers of some birds, too. Beetles don't use the bright, shiny colors to attract a mate, because in most species iridescence is found in both sexes and during non-reproductive stages of the insect's life. Neither is iridescence used as a kind of warning to predators, because most iridescent beetles aren't poisonous. The best experiment would be to test whether predators are better at finding iridescent of non-iridescent targets, which is what they did next. They took the wing cases of iridescent and non-iridescent beetles and baited them with a tasty mealworm. They put out more than 800 targets like this in a wooded area. Birds found and ate 85 percent of the non-iridescent targets, but only 60 percent of the iridescent ones. Humans also found the iridescent targets harder to find. The iridescent targets were especially hard to find on glossy leaves. So, as unlikely as it may seem, iridescence is an effective form of camouflage."

This week some Anna's Hummingbirds showed up, with the males displaying their amazing, metallic, iridescent colors! Iridescence in hummingbirds is structurally different than iridescence in beetles. Their iridescence is formed in the bubbles found in their pigment producing melanosomes! What??? An article posted



below* explains this process.

Before you read it, I wanted to share part of an essay that one of my favorite authors, Brian Doyle, wrote about hummingbirds. Just Google "Joyas Voladoras" by Brian Doyle to read the whole essay, it's beautiful!

"Consider the hummingbird for a long moment. A hummingbird's heart beats ten times a second. A hummingbird's heart is the size of a pencil eraser. A hummingbird's heart is a lot of the hummingbird. Joyas voladoras, flying jewels, the first white explorers in the Americas called them, and the white men had never seen such creatures, for hummingbirds came into the world only in the Americas, nowhere else in the universe, more than three hundred species of them whirring and zooming and nectaring in summer time zones nine times removed from ours, their hearts hammering faster than we could clearly hear if we pressed our elephantine ears to their infinitesimal chests." by Brian Doyle

* Visit <https://www.sciencedaily.com> for an explanation of how iridescent colors occur in hummingbirds.



Where Two Rivers Meet Anthology Book Five

LISTEN TO EVERY ZEPHYR

By H. A. Silliman

PART 6: BIG DECISIONS

The Presbyterian Church board gathered early one Sunday morning to vote on getting rid of Rev. Gagnon. The meeting ended up spilling into that day’s service. My dad, bless his heart, spoke first in support. Other folks in town, like attorney Paul Bartley followed suit. Judge Harry Fergulia reminded the board that years ago Rev. Gagnon had showed up to the interview dressed in sneakers because he didn’t buy products made from animals. “We knew what we were getting—and we liked him—a young mind to re-invigorate the church. And it worked.”

But it was Doc Niles who saved the day when he declared to my surprise that he was now a vegetarian because of Rev. Gagnon. “The reverend has shown me a better way. I no longer eat meat. I can no longer eat the animals I treat! And further, I announce here today I will no longer have clients who butcher their animals for food.”

Overwhelmed, the church board backed down. Rev. Gagnon stayed. Thus inspired, I began to use the profession’s prestige to open people’s minds about their pets, telling folks we are more caretakers than owners, and animals have more consciousness than we acknowledge. Where previously out of deference to our clients, I had been silent, that young rabble-rouse I once was, had returned.

When Doc Niles finally retired and began his eco-activism, I bought the practice. The years went by swimmingly until I myself retired, and then right after, an awful tragedy occurred that sent me reeling.

In his 70s and still physically fit, Benton was hiking in early autumn to photograph the changing leaves. He must have been mistaken for a deer because he was shot and killed. They never caught the responsible party. I became deeply depressed, stayed home and grieved. As a palliative, I tucked myself into a comfy patio chair and watched for hours the birds and little animals that came and went and wondered what to do next in my life. Rev. Steve Gagnon stopped by one day. As the reverend was the executor for Doc Niles’ estate, we chatted about Benton’s last wishes—his ashes to be scattered in the forest. Rev. Gagnon brought a sealed letter from Benton for me. Cherishing the thought of a message from beyond the grave, I immediately read the letter. I was stunned. The letter, dated a few months previous, said:

My Dear Vera,
If you’re reading this, I am gone. I apologize for not speaking to you directly, but some subjects are better left for writing. When I arrived in Two Rivers years ago, I was immediately confronted with a most unusual account by the old vet, Virgil Wyatt. He told me he had been secretly treating wild horses in the forest that are being rounded up and sold to slaughter houses and rendering companies. This is happening because ranchers pay to let their cattle graze on forest land. People said the wild horses are destroying habitat and consume the natural feed, leaving none for the cattle.

Virgil wanted me to help, but being a newly credentialed professional, I was young and strict and worried about my reputation if anyone found out. He said before judging, I should come with him one day to see for myself. I said no. I didn’t want to be at odds with officials and especially local ranchers, who, after all, are a big part of a vet’s business. Virgil apparently wasn’t so concerned!

When Virgil died suddenly, I was left alone in the practice. I frankly forgot about his clandestine activity until one day the old medicine man from the Indian Reservation came by. His name was Sam Smith (the father of Anderson Smith). Sam said he needed help treating some animals. I packed up my satchel and we drove way out beyond the reservation, and then and we took off on a long hike, going deep into the over north country. Finally, he stopped, took out a small wood flute and began piping a weird melody. Soon I heard a rumbling sound, and a band of magnificent creatures appeared. There must have been more than a hundred. Many were Mustangs. They were not afraid of us, and I moved among them without fear. Mainly, they needed hooves cleaned and trimmed. The mares amazingly would nudge their newborn colts toward me, obviously wanting them to be checked or treated. So I had to help. Their prescience stunned me. They looked me directly in the eyes, and it was if I could read their thoughts. I felt gratitude. This was the beginning of my change of heart about animals, how to treat them and how they should be treated humanely. My work with the wild horses—behind the scenes as it were—led me to a more active role in environmental causes after I retired. Over the years, I have watched your own awareness deepen. I know you are retiring soon. I urge you to continue treating them. They are more in danger now than ever before....

Waving the letter at him, I asked Rev. Gagnon, “Did you know about this?”

He smiled, said yes, that he’d often accompany Benton and Anderson. “Doc wanted to keep visiting the horses for as long possible. He knew if you went out there, it could compromise your practice.”

I countered, “But Benton did so while he was still running the business.”

“Doc was determined, no matter what. Then, I think after you took over, he wanted to protect you from any blowback.” The reverend gave me a long stare. “You’re retired. Now it’s your turn.”

NEXT WEEK - PART 7: SUFFER THE ANIMALS
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Poetry Corner

With the fishing season opening this weekend, the following pastoral seems appropriate.

The Anglers Wish

By IZAAK WALTON (1593-1683)

I in these flowery Meads wou’d be
These Chrystal streams should solace me:
To whose harmonious bubbling noise,
I with my Angle wo’d rejoice
Sit here and see the Turtle-Dove,
Court his chaste Mate to acts of love:

Or on that bank, feel the west wind
Breath health and plenty, please my mind
To see sweet dew-drops kiss these flowers,
And then, washt off by April-showers:
Here hear my Kenna* sing a song,
There see a Black-bird feed her young,

Or a Leverock build her nest;
Here, give my weary spirits rest,
And raise my low pitch thoughts above
Earth, or what poor mortals love:
Thus free from Law-suits, and the noise
Of Princes Courts I wou’d rejoice.

Or with my Bryan, and a book,
Loyter long days near Shawford-brook;
There sit by him, and eat my meat,
There see the Sun both rise and set:
There bid good morning to next day,
There meditate my time away:
And angle on, and beg to have
A quiet passage to a welcome grave.

In the public domain.
* Soon after Walton's first wife died in 1640, Walton married Anne Ken, his “Kenna”.

About the poem: One of many verses appearing in *The Compleat Angler* (1653) a book he revised and republished five times over the next 25 years.

About the poet: Born in Staffordshire, in the West Midlands of England, Walton moved to London during his teens and eventually established a linen drapery shop on Fleet Street. During this time he became friends with John Donne, the poet who had become vicar of the St. Dunstan’s church near his business. After the defeat of the Royalists and the exile of Charles II in 1644, Walton moved back to Staffordshire and purchased a farm alongside a small river. With this property supplying ample income, he returned to London in 1650 and spent the remaining forty years of his life fishing, visiting eminent clergymen and others who enjoyed fishing, and writing/publishing *The Compleat Angler* plus biographies of his angling friends, John Donne, Sir Henry Wotton, Mr. George Herbert.

Walton's legacy includes the Izaak Walton League of America, an organization currently celebrating its 100th year of conserving, restoring, and promoting the sustainable use and enjoyment of our natural resources, including soil, air, woods, waters, and wildlife.

Poetry Festival at Miner's Foundry on Saturday, April 30

During April local and regional poets of all ages have been reading, reciting, or singing out their poetry at over twenty pop-up events across Nevada County. This Saturday the col-lision of National Poetry Month and Arts, Culture & Creativity Month will wind-up with an all-day (8:30 AM to 7:30 PM) festival event on April 30th at the Miners Foundry in Nevada City.

Besides presenting an array of local, national and interna-tional poets, “Perhaps one of the most unique elements of our festival is that it highlights poetry in all its forms, through music, film, dance and theatre. It really is an exceptional and participatory experience, with workshops of all kinds running throughout the day,” says festival director, Eliza Tudor.

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Sheriff's Log

By Jen Henneke

Monday, April 18

11:39 - At the Ramshorn Transfer Station, someone vandalized a lock.
11:56 - In Downieville, a child accidentally dialed 911. There were no signs of distress and the kid apologized for the error.
12:36 - In Loyalton, a large dog was causing an issue. The owner was not available to handle the issue so the poor pup was incarcerated at the Truckee Animal Shelter. The owner was later contacted and they paid the fees for the issue at the Loyalton Substation. Poor pup!
13:54 - In Sierraville, someone’s trampoline, yes trampoline, was blocking traffic on Hwy. 49. Darn high winds!
15:20 - In Sierra City, a downed tree caused a power outage. PG&E and Public Works responded to remedy the issue.
16:45 - In Sierra City, there was a brush fire that the Fire Department was able to contain and put out.
18:02 - In Loyalton, some engine coolant was spilled on Hwy. 49. The Fire Department was able to clean up the spill.
18:42 - In Downieville, a tree was down on some lines that might have been for power. PG&E was notified.

Tuesday, April 19

02:36 - In Loyalton, Eastern Plumas Health Care Ambulance (EPHCA) helped someone up.
12:51 - In Loyalton, EPHCA helped someone up again.
15:50 - In Camptonville, an elderly woman passed away.
18:42 - In Sierraville, some suspicious people were outside of a residence.

Wednesday, April 20

08:54 - In Loyalton, a fire alarm was activated erroneously.
09:01 - In Downieville, there was a report of loose or abandoned dogs at the Union Flat campground. There were no vehicles in the area and the deputy was unable to find the dogs.
12:23 - In Verdi, the Sergeant requested Reno Police Department respond to Cabela’s due to a subject trying to enter parked vehicles. Reno PD took the call.
12:36 - In Loyalton, a wood splitter was stolen.
18:04 - In Calpine, a juvenile ran away.
20:49 - In Sierraville, agency assistance was needed in finding a possible suicidal individual.

Thursday, April 21

07:32 - In Loyalton, assistance from the EPHCA was requested.
08:18 - In Downieville, a commercial burglary alarm was falsely activated.
15:30 - In Loyalton, there was a request for civil service.
16:05 - In Sattley, there was a semi over length. CHP was notified.
18:23 - In Sierra City, there was a report of a reckless driver.

Friday, April 22

07:15 - In Loyalton, EPHCA assistance was requested.
07:44 - In Camptonville, an Anatolian Shepherd was missing.
09:37 - In Loyalton, a semi with a blown tire was blocking the roadway.
11:18 - Thee was a juvenile issue.
13:36 - In Sierraville, an ambulance was requested.
16:14 - In Loyalton, EPHCA provided someone with a lift up.
21:14 - In Pike, someone’s water line broke and was flooding their house. The Fire Department was able to assist by turning off the water.

Saturday, April 23

04:35 - In Verdi, a limousine broke down on I-80. The CHP assisted.
05:08 - In Sierraville, someone accidentally texted the 911 line.
14:20 - In Loyalton, EPHCA provided a ride to Renown in Reno.
22:23 - Near Emigrant Gap, there was a diesel spill on the railroad tracks out of the county. Unknown if spillage occurred in Sierra County.

Sunday, April 24

11:12 - In Downieville, a commercial alarm was activated. The Deputy checked the area and everything was secure.
14:49 - In Loyalton, a resident requested Deputy assistance in turning over prescription medication for proper destruction.
17:28 - In Downieville, an ambulance was requested.
18:00 - In Loyalton, someone was driving recklessly.
20:13 - In Sattley, there was a non-injury vehicle rollover.
21:16 - In Downieville, an unknown individual approached a homeowner stating that their vehicle was stuck in the mud. The homeowner provided a blanket but would not let the individual in their home.

Total Reported: 40

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The following registrants are doing business as: KR RANCHWEAR
Full name of registrants: Kevin & Valerie Cook
Registrants Address: 60128 CA-70, Cromberg, CA 96103
Business location: 60128 CA-70, Cromberg, CA 96103
Business Mailing Address: P.O. Box 30254, Cromberg, CA 96103
Phone number: 775-233-7511
This business is being conducted by: a Married Couple
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 4/19/2022
/s/ Valerie Cook
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: April 19, 2022 NO: 2022-0000105
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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrants are doing business as: CHESTER AUTO BODY AND GLASS
Full name of registrants: Sean & Elise Langrehr
Registrants Address: 762 Willhoite Rd. Chester, CA 96020
Business location: 543 Chester Airport Rd., Chester, CA 96020
Business Mailing Address: P.O. Box 468, Chester, CA 96020
Phone number: 530-258-5000
This business is being conducted by: a Corporation
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 10/22/2021
/s/ Sean & Elise Langrehr
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: April 14, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000100
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-21-894919-NJ Order No.: 8771813 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/8/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the accrued principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.** Trustor(s): **DAVID R. STORY AND MARIE I. STORY, TRUSTEES OF THE STORY FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 27, 1998** Recorded: **11/15/2007** as **Instrument No. 2007-0009288** of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of **PLUMAS** County, California; Date of Sale: **5/10/2022** at **11:00AM** Place of Sale: **At the main entrance to the County Courthouse located at 520 Main Street, Quincy, CA 95971** Amount of accrued balance and other charges: **\$289,943.70** The purported property address is: **1 NONGATI TRAIL, GRAEAGLE, CA 96103** Assessor's Parcel No. : **130-304-001-000** **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPER-TY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call **916-939-0772** for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the trustee: **CA-21-894919-NJ**. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **NOTICE TO TENANT:** You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 916-939-0772, or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-21-894919-NJ to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. The undersigned trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. **If the trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the mortgagor, the mortgagee, or the mortgagee's attorney.** If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. Date: **Quality Loan Service Corporation 2763 Camino Del Rio S San Diego, CA 92108 619-645-7711** For **NON SALE information only Sale Line: 916-939-0772 Or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318** Quality Loan Service Corp. TS No.: **CA-21-894919-NJ** IDSPub #0177589 4/14/2022 4/21/2022 4/28/2022



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OFFERING SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF SEXUAL
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24hr Crisis Line # 1-877-757-0029

513 Main St.,
P.O. Box 207
Loyalton, CA 96118

(530) 993-1237
Fax (530) 993-1239

At the Firehouse

By VICTORIA TENNEY

ALLEGHANY: April 18th — Firefighters trained in Pike City. April 21st — AVFD Board of Commissioners Meeting at Station #1; Pliocene Ridge Community Service District (PRCSD)meeting at Station #2.

DOWNIEVILLE: April 18th — Mutual aid response to Sierra City for a vegetation fire. April — 19th Responded for a transfer from WSMC to SNMH; Mutual aid response for SCSO to give assistance in locating a person; COVID-19 testing and vaccines at the Community Hall. April 20th — Responded for a Medical Urgent Care incident. April 24th — Responded for an injured person who was transported to the hospital in Truckee.

LOYALTON: April 18th — antifreeze spill, Loyalton. April 19th — lift assist, west of Loyalton; lift assist, west of Loyalton. April 20th — smoke alarm sounding/carbon monoxide check, Loyalton. April 21st — ill person, Sierra Brooks. April 22nd — ill person, west of Loyalton; lift assist, west of Loyalton. April 23rd — older female with chest pain, west of Loyalton.

PIKE CITY: April 18th Firefighters trained. April 21st — PRCSD meeting at Station#2 in Alleghany.

SIERRA CITY: April 18th — Responded for a vegetation fire.

SIERRA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #1 (CALPINE, SATTLEY, & SIERRAVILLE): April 22nd — Responded for a medical call in Sierraville. April 24th — Responded for a non-injury vehicle accident on Hwy. 89 at the Yuba Pass.

Food Bank Assistance

Community	Contact	
Alleghany/Pike	(530) 287-3040	Once a month
Calpine	(530) 616-0630	
Chester/Lake Almanor	(530) 258-2345	
Chilcoot-Vinton	(530) 283-3546	
Downieville	(530) 289-3250	
Greenville	(530) 284-6353	
Loyalton Senior Center	(530) 993-4770	5 days a week
Loyalton/Sierraville	(530) 384-5718	
Portola	(530) 283-5515	
Sierra City	(530) 862-1052	
Sierra Valley	(530) 993-1110	

SUPERIOR COURT of CALIFORNIA COUNTY of SIERRA

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: 22CL0011

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

1. Petitioner: Katelyn Lisa Borquez filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
a: Present name: Katelyn Lisa Borquez to Proposed name: Katelyn Lisa Cozart
2. **THE COURT ORDERS** that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING

a. Date: Jun 10, 2022 Time: 10:00 AM
b: Location: 100 Courthouse Square, Downieville, CA
3. A copy of the Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Mountain Messenger
/s/ Charles Ervin, Judge of the Superior Court Date: April 15, 2022
Printed in The Mountain Messenger on April 28, May 5, 12, & 17 of 2022

LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrants are doing business as: BIG BOULDER ADVENTURES
Full name of registrants: Billy Epps & Kathleen Epps
Registrants Address: 215 Gold Bluff Rd., Downieville, CA 95936
Business location: 200 Main St., Downieville, CA 95936
Business Mailing Address: P.O. Box 650, Downieville, CA 95936
This business is being conducted by: Married Couple
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Not applicable
/s/ Billy Epps & Kathleen Epps
This statement was filed in the office of Heather Foster, Sierra County Clerk-Recorder on: April 26, 2022 FILE NO: 2022001842
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209 Nevada Street, Downieville
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- *Veterans welcome!*
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- *Primary care, same day immediate care, physicals and annual wellness exams*
- *Immunizations/vaccinations*
- *Illness, colds, flu*
- *Minor injuries, sprains and strains, cuts, burns, allergies*

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.

Preventive and Repair Dental by appointment or walk-in (Thursdays 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

Emergencies call 911.

Help Wanted

Job Opportunities:

Loyalton High School:
Spanish Teacher

Junior High ELA/Social Studies Teacher

Downieville Junior/Senior High School:
Math Teacher

Social Science Teacher

English Teacher

Full Time Maintenance/Custodian
Teacher's Aide/Noon Supervision

August 2022 Start Dates
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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: HIGHWAY 36 GARAGE
Full name of registrants: Erica Carmichael
Registrants Address: 948 Wolfcreek Road, Greenville, CA 95947
Business location: 612 Main Street, Chester, CA 96020
Business Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1656, Clio, CA 96020
Phone number: 530-310-1706
This business is being conducted by: Individual
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 3/21/2022
/s/ Erica Carmichael
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: March 21, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000078
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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is 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
Published in The Mountain Messenger: April 7, 14, 21 & 28 of 2022

LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: 86 PROOF 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 registrant is doing business as: KAREN S. HAYDEN AVON
Full name of registrant: Karen S. Hayden
Registrant Address: 234 1st St. Quincy, CA 95971
Business location: 234 1st St. Quincy, CA 95971
Business Mailing Address: 234 1st St. Quincy, CA 95971
Phone number: (530) 616-5165
This business is being conducted by: an Individual
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 3/21/2022
/s/ Karen S. Hayden
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: March 21, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000075
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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant has abandoned the use of the following fictitious name: HARMON AUTO DETAILING
Full name of registrants: Erica Harmon-Carmichael
Business location: 344 Black Oak Dr., Chester, CA 96020
Mailing address: 948 Wolfcreek Rd., Greenville, CA 95947
Phone number: (530) 310-1706
This business is being conducted by: An Individual
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 3/28/2019
/s/ Erica Carmichael, Owner
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder, on: March 21, 2022 FILE NO: 2019-0000088
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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: POLKA DOT, THE
Full name of registrant: DMG ENTERPRISES LLC
Registrant Address: 186 Carol Lane Circle, Quincy, CA 95971
Business location: 2043 East Main Street, Quincy, CA 95971
Business Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1415, Quincy, CA 95971
Phone number: (530) 283-2660
This business is being conducted by: a Limited Liability Company
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 3/2/2022
/s/ Darlene Gutierrez
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: March 2, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000056
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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: HEAVENLY HOME ASSISTED LIVING
Full name of registrant: Lowell A. Young & Sarah M. Young
Registrant Address: 321 Utah Street, Portola, CA 96122
Business location: 321 Utah Street, Portola, CA 96122
Business Mailing Address: 321 Utah Street, Portola, CA 96122
Phone number: (530) 832-5750
This business is being conducted by: a Married Couple
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 3/13/2017
/s/ Lowell A. Young & Sarah M. Young
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: March 28th, 2022 FILE NO: 2017-0000063
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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: MCKENZIE MOBILE NOTARIES
Full name of registrant: Michelle McKenzie/ CGM Professional Services, LLC
Registrant Address: 218 Lake Almanor West Drive, Chester, CA 96020
Business location: 218 Lake Almanor West Drive, Chester, CA 96020
Business Mailing Address: P.O. Box 527 Chester, CA 96020
Phone number: (916) 838-0200
This business is being conducted by: a Limited Liability Company
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 3/29/2022
/s/ M. McKenzie
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: April 4, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000085
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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: BUSY BEE SIGNS
Full name of registrants: Shirley Pierson
Registrants Address: 23 Crest View Drive, Quincy, CA 95971
Business location: 23 Crest View Drive, Quincy, CA 95971
Business Mailing Address: 23 Crest View Drive, Quincy, CA 95971
Phone number: 530-283-0619
This business is being conducted by: Individual
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: N/A
/s/ Shirley Pierson
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: April 6, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000089
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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: GORBET TRAILER RENTALS
Full name of registrant: Gorbet, John
Registrant Address: 601 Pehar Road, Chester, CA 96020
Business location: Pehar Road, Chester, CA 96020
Business Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1391, Chester, CA 96020
Phone number: (530) 816-0756
This business is being conducted by: an Individual
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 4/13/2022
/s/ John Gorbet
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: April 13, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000098
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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: AB'S LANDSCAPE
Full name of registrant: Antonio Bautista
Registrant Address: 234 Colina Court, Portola, CA 96122
Business location: 234 Colina Court, Portola, CA 96122
Business Mailing Address: P.O. Box 403, Portola, CA 96122
Phone number: (530) 394-0230
This business is being conducted by: an Individual
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 3/7/2022
/s/ Antonio Bautista
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: March 7, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000061
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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrants are doing business as: DEACON WILDFIRE ENTERPRISE
Full name of registrant: Michael E. & Alyssa Deacon
Registrant Address: 206 Calpine Ave., Calpine, CA 96124
Business location: 206 Calpine Ave., Calpine, CA 96124
Business Mailing Address: P.O. Box 221, Calpine, CA 96124
Phone number: (530) 412-1509
This business is being conducted by: a Married Couple
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: N/A
/s/ Michael Deacon & Alyssa Deacon
This statement was filed in the office of Heather Foster, Sierra County Clerk-Recorder on: April 4, 2022 FILE NO: 2022001839
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ELDA FAE BALL

**CASE NUMBER: 22PR001
FILED: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY
OF SIERRA on April 12, 2022**

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both: Elda Fae Ball
2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Adrienne Garza in the Superior Court of California, County of Sierra County
3. The Petition for Probate requests that: Adrienne Garza be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
4. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
5. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
6. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
a. Date: 5/27/2022 Time: 10:00 a.m.
b. Address of court: 100 Courthouse Square, Suite 200, Downieville CA 95936
7. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
8. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
9. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
10. Attorney for petitioner: Kelley R. Carroll/Porter Simon, P.C
(Address): 40200 Truckee Airport Road
Truckee, CA 96161
(Telephone) 530-587-2002
Printed in The Mountain Messenger on April 21, 28 & May 5 of 2022



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.
AIAnon Meetings—Downieville, Tuesdays, noon, in the back room of the Masonic Hall.
Allegghany County Water District—Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month, 6 P.M. at the Firehouse. 105 Plaza Court. alleghanywater.org.
Allegghany 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 Allegghany and Pike. plioceneridge.org Pike City and Allegghany Fire Departments train Mondays, 6 P.M. Volunteer Firefighters needed, training and gear provided. Send an email to: plioceneridge@gmail.com for more info.
Plumas-Sierra Cattlewomen—For info contact Flinda France, (530) 258-6522
Sierra County Fire Safe & Watershed Council—Meets quarterly, 10 A.M. to noon. Location to be announced at www.scfswc.com.
Sierra County Democrats—Meetings held last Sunday of each month. Call (530) 862-1475 for time and location.
Sierra County Fish & Wildlife Commission—Meets 4th Tuesday of each month, 5:30 P.M. (except December). Call for location (530) 993-6051
Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District—Meets 1st Wednesday of each month, 10 A.M. Call (530) 993-6051 for location.
Sheriff's Search and Rescue—2nd Saturday of each month, 10 A.M. at Sheriff's Office. Call (530) 289-2890 for information.
Tai-Chi—Sierra City, Mondays and Fridays 9:30 A.M. at the Community Hall. Dee Wallace, (530) 862-1332.
Western Sierra Residential Center—Board meeting, 2nd Tuesdays of each month, 10 A.M. at the Transportation Center (Tommy's parking lot), Downieville. (530) 289-3250
To rent the **Downieville Community Hall**, call (530) 289-5110 or Email: DownievilleCommunityHall@gmail.com.
To rent the **Sierra City Community Hall**, call (530) 862-1580 during the evening.
To rent the **Vinton Grange**, call (530) 993-4839.
To rent the **North San Juan Senior Center**, call (530) 415-9705

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

California Highway Patrol - Quincy	283-1100
California Highway Patrol - Grass Valley	477-4900
City of Loyalton	993-6750
CalTrans Downieville Maintenance Station	289-3214
Quincy Maintenance Station	832-4911
Sierraville Maintenance Station	994-3410
Downieville School	289-3473
Downieville Volunteer Fire Department	289-3333
Health & Human Services Dvl	289-3711
Loyalton	993-6700
Loyalton Elementary School	993-4482
Loyalton City Hall	993-6750
Loyalton Cop Shop	993-4479
Loyalton High School	993-4454
Loyalton Volunteer Fire Department	993-6751
Mental Health Services, Loyalton	993-6700
PG&E report outages	800-743-5002
Plumas Ace Hardware, Portola	832-5208
Plumas County Clerk-Recorder	283-6218
Plumas County Sheriff's Office (Front Desk)	283-6375
Sierra County Sheriff's Office—non-emergency	289-3700
Sierra County Clerk-Recorder	289-3295
Sierra Hardware, Downieville	289-3582
Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital	274-6000
Sierra Valley Home Center, Loyalton	993-4331
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S&P 500 Market Movers - 4/27

Top Gainers

- Enphase Energy (ENPH) - \$165.71 (+7.723%)
- Visa Inc (V) - \$214.11 (+6.469%)
- CME Group (CME) - \$225.93 (+5.936%)

Top Losers

- F5 Inc (FFIV) - \$169.01 (-12.841%)
- Robert Half International Inc (RHI) - \$100.00 (-8.559%)
- Capital One Financial Corp (BA) - \$154.46 (-7.531%)

NASDAQ Market Movers - 4/27

Top Gainers

- JD.Com Inc (JD) - \$57.42 (+7.912%)
- Pinduoduo Inc (PDD) - \$37.42 (+7.405%)
- Baidu Inc (BIDU) - \$118.52 (+5.888%)

Top Losers

- Netflix (NFLX) - \$188.54 (-4.97%)
- Alphabet Class C (GOOG) - \$2,300.41 (-3.753%)
- Intuitive Surgical Inc (ISRG) - \$235.35 (-3.75%)

California Hay Report - 4/22/2022

Compared to last week: Trade activity and demand were good. Retail hay prices were steady. Dairy and Export hay prices were steady with good demand. According to the NASS report on April 18, 2022 in San Joaquin Valley, cotton continued to be planted and some cotton had germinated. In Tulare County, many winter grains were in different stages of growth ranging from midway to full maturity and began to be harvested for silage and hay. Later planted fields were still being treated for weed control. Corn continued to be planted, with some starting to emerge. Rice ground continued to be worked ahead of planting. The next available hay report will be April 29, 2022.

Direct Hay Weighted Average Report

Volume - California

	This Week	Last Reported	Last Year
		(4/11/2022)	
Tons of Hay:	4700	5925	5585
Tons of Straw:	0	125	0

Please Note: The above volumes (tonnage, acres, and bales) listed on this USDA LPGMN report are for confirmed trades only, it does not include estimated volume (tonnage) for bids or offers to the trade.

North Inter-Mountain
Hay (Conventional)

Qty.	Price Range	Freight/Use	Age
Alfalfa - Fair/Good (Trade/Per Ton)			
Large Sq. 3x4	200 250.00	FOB-Retail	Old
Wheat Good(Trade/Per Ton)			
Large Sq. 3x4	200 250.00	FOB-Retail	Old

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

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Local Gas Prices - 4/27

	Regular (87)	Premium (91)	Diesel
Texaco Chilcoot	5.75	6.09	6.25
Gulf Susanville	5.53	5.73	6.13
Chevron Chester	5.69	5.89	5.99
Chevron Graeagle	5.99	6.29	6.39
Shell Doyle	5.79	6.19	6.19
Sierra Energy 7/11 Portola	5.75	6.15	6.39
Chevron Hallelujah Junction	5.79	6.09	6.29
Mobil Quincy	5.69	5.99	5.89
Chevron Quincy	5.79	6.09	5.99
Whites's Station Loyaltton	5.699	-	6.399
Sierraville Service Sierraville	5.649	5.849	6.159
Lost Nugget Camptonville	5.799	6.199	6.199
76 Penn Valley	5.65	5.99	6.53
Nevada City Gas Nevada City	5.49	5.79	5.99
ARCO Grass Valley	5.63	5.93	6.39
Chevron Truckee	6.29	6.59	6.69

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

Elements

Night Sky: Breaking news - Humans litter on Mars!

Did you know there is a remote-control helicopter on Mars! It recently took images of the Red Planet’s surface showing the aerodynamic backshell protecting it and the rover Perseverance on its entry into the Martian atmosphere.

It’s almost routine now to see images from the Mars rovers of the desert like landscapes they are exploring to better understand the geology, chemistry, and possible biology of a planet that once had oceans and rivers like Earth. This most recent rover Perseverance had a stowaway craft, Ingenuity, a small solar-powered, semi-autonomous twin rotor helicopter that has made a total of 26 short flights to date. Amazing!

But a by-product of robotic exploration of other planets is the litter and trash that is left behind in the landing process. To actually see this piece of tech and large parachute that slowed the rover to a safe landing speed is unreal, let alone a view from the skies of Mars.

Read more here: <https://www.jpl.nasa.gov/news/nasas-mars-helicopter-spots-gear-that-helped-perseverance-rover-land>

Keep lookin' up — Collin O'Mara-Green

Sun & Moon

Date:		Thu. 4-28	Fri. 4-29	Sat. 4-30	Sun. 5-1	Mon. 5-2	Tue. 5-3	Wed. 5-4
Sun	Rise:	06:06	06:04	06:03	06:02	06:01	05:59	05:58
	Set:	19:53	19:54	19:55	19:56	19:57	19:57	19:58
Moon	Rise:	05:18	05:41	06:05	06:32	07:02	07:37	08:18
	Set:	17:56	19:00	20:03	21:07	22:09	23:09	-
	Illumination	4.5%	1.2%	0.0%	1.0%	4.0%	8.8%	15.1%

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

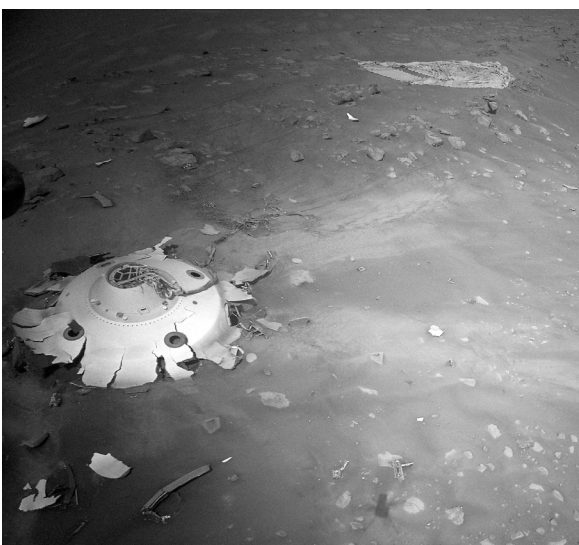


Image credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech

Last Week’s Weather

Courtesy of the Grubstake Saloon

Date	Hi	FE	Lo	FE	Precip.	Snow
Apr. 19	54	-7	34	-2		
Apr. 20	59	+3	34	+1	2.36"	
Apr. 21	45	-16	32	-2	0.98"	
Apr. 22	54	+7	30	-1		
Apr. 23	65	+14	31	+2		
Apr. 24	71	+8	37	+3		
Apr. 25	70	0	42	+4		

F-orecast Error (FE) is found by subtracting the forecasted temperatures from the day's recorded value. M = Missing.

Seasonal Precipitation

July 1 to date	57.88"
To-date last year	31.87"
Yearly average	65.28"

Road/Trail/River Conditions

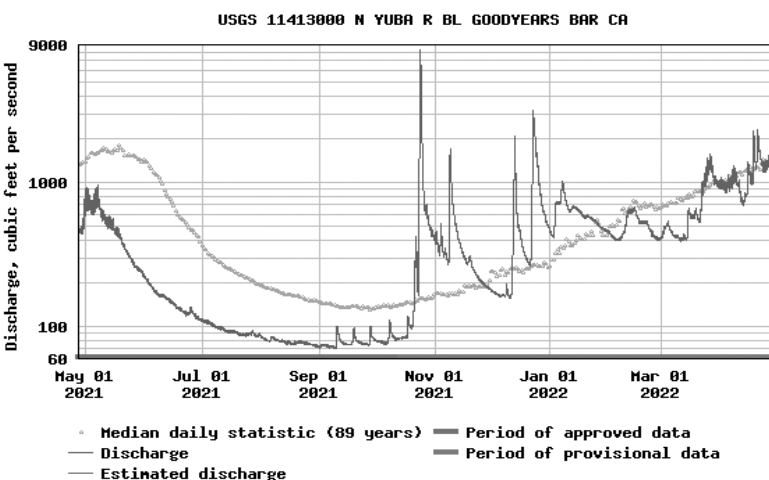
The Gold Lake Highway has been cleared on snow and is now open for the first time in 2022. However, CA-89 remains closed through Lassen Volcanic National Park due to snow. On CA-70, motorists continue to face delays due to fire rehabilitation work in Plumas County.

Meanwhile, the recent snow storms extended the snowmobiling season by at least a week while delaying the opening of higher elevation trails for mountain bikers by at least at week. Conditions on lower trails, however, are looking good.

As for the area's watercourses, the clear and cold water is flowing in rivers and creeks at levels very close to historic norms. So, the recent storms have brought joy to rafters, kayakers, and those who are looking forward to the opening of the "you can take 'em home" fishing season.

Water Flow on the North Yuba River

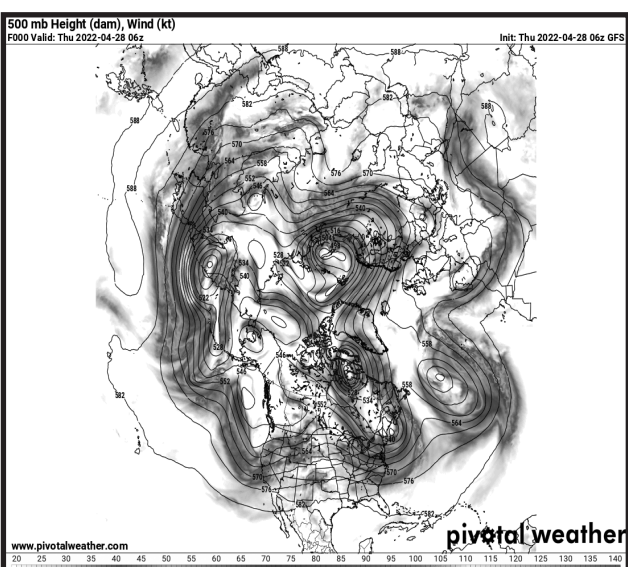
April 27, 2021 - April 27, 2022



7-Day Local Forecast

Towns	Info	Thu. 4/28	Fri. 4/29	Sat. 4/30	Sun. 5/1	Mon. 5/2	Tue. 5/3	Wed. 5/4
<i>Downieville</i>	High/Low (°F)	65/34	57/31	71/40	69/39	71/40	63/36	73/42
	Cloudiness (%)	36%	29%	34%	14%	36%	3%	14%
	Wind (mph):	SW-W 12 mph	NE-W 6 mph	SW 8 mph	W 7 mph	SW 9 mph	NE-N 6 mph	S-SW 5 mph
	Humidity (%)	62%	59%	65%	62%	65%	48%	48%
	Chance of Precip.	1%	0%	15%	1%	15%	3%	0%
<i>Loyalton</i>	High/Low (°F)	M/31	53/26	64/34	64/34	65/36	58/30	63/35
	Cloudiness (%)	18%	35%	38%	16%	30%	9%	15%
	Wind (mph):	W 17 mph	NE-N 5 mph	W 13 mph	W 12 mph	SW-W 18 mph	NE-N 9 mph	SW 13 mph
	Humidity (%)	52%	50%	54%	55%	53%	46%	48%
	Chance of Precip.	3%	0%	11%	1%	16%	8%	5%
<i>Quincy</i>	High/Low (°F)	67/31	57/27	71/36	69/36	74/37	62/31	71/37
	Cloudiness (%)	20%	31%	35%	14%	38%	6%	13%
	Wind (mph):	SW-W 12 mph	NE-W 7 mph	SW 10 mph	W-SW 8 mph	SW-W 9 mph	NE 8 mph	SE-SW 6 mph
	Humidity (%)	59%	59%	66%	62%	62%	51%	50%
	Chance of Precip.	4%	0%	16%	1%	15%		0%

Source: <<https://www.weather.gov/wrh/wxtable>> [National Weather Service WFO STO 04:41 AM PST Thursday April 28, 2022] M=Missing



Jet Streams: April 28

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

Game Corner

4			6		1			2
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		3		6		7		
6	7				5			3
	8		3				9	1
		4		2				7
	5			9	7	4		
8			5				1	

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: **N** equals **T**

BJQT HJQ HJDQE BFTHQG YMNQ

YNFOO UJMUMOFHQY, GM LMA

HJDTG JQ BFY IADOHL ME

YHQFODTI CDYYQY?

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Last Week's Answers

8	6	2	9	5	4	7	3	1
3	4	7	1	2	8	5	6	9
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5	8	4	7	1	2	3	9	6
2	7	3	6	4	9	1	8	5
6	9	1	8	3	5	2	7	4
4	5	6	2	9	7	8	1	3
7	3	9	5	8	1	6	4	2
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CryptoQuip

Device that was given to Adam to help him with soil maintenance in the Garden of Eden: A first-person aerator.

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ACROSS

- 1 Otis of elevator fame
7 One-named co-star of "Crime Without Passion"
12 "Striped" fish
16 Trick-or-treating mo.
19 Sine and cosine, say
20 Korean, e.g.
21 "I smell —!"
22 Golf standard
23 Road trip between apparitions?
26 LAX guess
27 Bobby on ice
28 Otis on "The Andy Griffith Show," e.g.
29 Darling
30 Above, in verse
31 Unrefined
32 Phone conversation between ministers?
37 Little Bighorn tribe
40 Summer mo.
41 Many millennia
42 "The Wire" channel
43 Organic compound
44 Choose as a member
47 — Locka, Florida
49 Get back together, as alumni
51 String of vehicles between gas station patrons?
56 Pointer
57 Market segment
58 A fifth of XV
59 Old fed. led by Nasser
60 Nuts are high in it
61 In the least
63 Maine city near Bangor
65 New York stage awards
67 Conga line between Arab leaders?
73 Pistons great Thomas
74 "The Chronic" rapper
75 Love a lot
77 Sahara viper
80 Soothing treatment, for short
81 One in a pod
82 Cher and Adele, voicewise
85 License plate
86 Rugs between casino high rollers?
91 Eminent
92 Publicize
93 "The — falling!"
94 Went by taxi, e.g.
95 Eminent lead-in
96 French noble
98 Multipurpose truck, in brief
99 Perfected
100 Guy peddling between clodhoppers?
107 Hooter
108 Playwright Levin
109 Antagonist
110 Tara of "Sharknado"
111 Lick like a cat
114 Common co. name ender
115 Brief romances between Copenhagen residents?
120 School gp.
121 Ax part
122 Pop or bop
123 Fidgets
124 Cur's noise
125 Potting dirt
126 Exhausted

DOWN

- 1 Hence
2 Lion player
Bert
3 "Believe — not!"
4 Gal in the family
5 Depilatory treatment
6 Moving about
7 Myopic
8 Pale gray
9 With 72-Down, it flows to the Gulf of Mexico
10 Very fuel-inefficient wheels
11 In first place
12 Gin joint
13 Songlike
14 Buy for less
15 Draconian
16 Regular at the Met, maybe
17 Spanish region
18 Fish with a heavy net (lures)
24 Come- — (lures)
25 Genetic stuff
32 Orange juice stuff

- 33 Siesta takers
34 Ballet garb
35 Back part
36 Julia Child or James Beard
37 Nasal partitions
38 Some Alaska natives
39 Repeating polka sound
44 Dernier —
45 Non-Rx
46 "Pick me! I know this!"
47 Strong pain reliever
48 Architect I.M.
49 Little-seen instance
50 Outer: Prefix
52 In the military
53 Vitamin's relative
54 Heavy brass
55 Drought relief
62 Maui wreath
64 Worrywart's cry
65 Grammy-winning Beck album of 1996
66 Caesar of TV
68 Piper's skirt
69 Tortilla treat
70 Hershey's chocolate bar with crisped rice
71 Vague idea
72 See 9-Down

- 76 Spurred (on)
77 Barley beard
78 Store proprietor
79 Cop's vehicle
81 Chi lead-in
83 Angle lead-in
84 Photo —
87 Lewd look
88 Texas city
89 This, to Jorge
90 1982 Disney sci-fi film
96 EI — (city of legend)
97 African river
98 Exhausted
99 Reveled
100 Twanging spring sound
101 Ebb-and-flow phenomena
102 Frequently, in verse
103 Inn offerings
104 Raise
105 Deep blue
106 Makes mad
111 Talk like Daffy Duck
112 Vicinity
113 "Hey ... you"
116 Wiggling fish
117 Enzyme suffix
118 Diarist Anaïs
119 Actor Butterfield of "Ender's Game"

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True Tales of the Timber Industry as assembled by Cynthia Anderson

From the Woods — Scott Alexander, Part 3

I ran the chip side for four or five years. We had chip trucks and feller bunchers. In fact, we did Martis Camp. That was so cool, and I was in charge of chipping that whole place, and cut the first tree for the golf course—we did everything. They had the best bathroom ever, I used to call it the Royal Throne. They didn’t have the little port-a-potties, they had the Royal Throne, heated, flush toilets, lights. We did Martis Camp for three years. First we did the golf course, cleared the road, then after that they started thinning lots. All the thick trees we cut and just left the beautiful Ponderosas and made the slopes so that people could go from North Star right to their house. They used to tell me to just imagine that you are a skier and just cut a slot down through this hill, pick your own trees and make a nice ski run, so I would start chomping trees and make my own ski run. Every time we go to Tahoe I can look up and see the ski run that I put in. If you ever look when you are going past Truckee, go past the airport and look to the right and you can see that ski run, and on the right there is a little island of trees in the middle, about two thirds the way down. I cut both sides of that. It was steep and scary, but I loved it.

There was mostly White Fir and a little Lodgepole, but they hated the White Fir. They said, “Cut it down, but leave a nice Christmas tree here and there,” because it was so thick in there, you couldn’t hardly walk through it. We took the feller buncher and cut all the little stuff, skidded it and chipped it. What was kind of cool is that after we skidded it with the Cats and stuff on the ground was all stirred up, they had a hand crew come in behind us and rake up the Cat tracks, cut the low stuff. They had all these crews pick up all these pine needles out in the woods and scatter them all over to make it look natural.

They spent a lot of money developing that place. Paul

McCartney, Bono from U2, and the head of Walmart have places up there. I would love to take my wife Jeanette to see it, but they have guards up there and you can’t get in to see any of it. I worked in there for three years really beautifying it. We fireproofed that place because the woods are so thick and the ladder fuels are so thick. We just left the tall beautiful pines, and if a fire did come through, it would have a hard time. When I had my chipping side, Kevin Collins ran the de-limber for me. He worked with me for quite a while. He was such a perfectionist that every log had to be just right. Instead of just throwing them in a pile with one end here and one end there, he would line them up. Just beautiful work. He was a great hand.

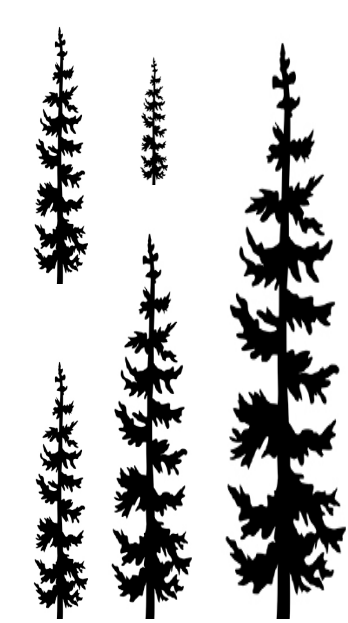
I skidded and logged a job at the old Brunswick sawmill. Robert Ingram was the forester and I loaded trucks right at the mill. There was a Spotted Owl between Brunswick and Cedar Ridge and they told me not to go back there because it was Spotted Owl country, so we logged here and there and worked around them. We skidded right down where the big gate is on Brunswick Road.

On the helicopter jobs, we were loading off of the Kyburg Burn 40 years ago. They were paying \$100 per thousand to haul it to White City, Oregon, and back then it was good money, big bucks. There were trucks from all over wanting to haul up there and I was loading and they were paying scale. I was loading this one truck and he wanted 2,000 on each end you know he was loaded with about 9,000 foot of wood on there, but he wanted more. They were all big loads, like 5-, 6- and 7-log loads, just beautiful loads, but he kept wanting two more—two more in front, two more in the back!

He already had plenty of wood and there were no more saddles left, and it pissed me off, so I took the 7-log load and put it on the ground and then loaded some

big heavy butt-cut Sugar Pines with about 4,000 feet on him and I asked, “Are you loaded now?” He said that he was now loaded and he got like 4,500 foot on that load and was legal. He had the scale, but his scales told him that he was 4,000 light and he was paid by scale. He came back the next day and said that was quite an incident, and said, “Thank you so much for that easy load.” But he went 4,000 pounds light and could have had \$400 more. In the meantime, all these other drivers are looking at those seven logs sitting there on the ground. It was real easy, and I put them on the next truck, and that driver had the 9,000-foot load! It had the scale and was not too heavy. The other drivers were just smiling and smiling.

My average loads in big timber were three logs. Lately the log count has been 50- or 60-log loads, and some have been 150-log loads. Lincoln just loves that stuff, you can’t give them enough small logs. That small log mill just eats them up, they just love it. Every year they say that Lincoln is running out of the small logs, but the big logs they are OK. They have such an efficient mill that they just gobble it up—they go through one hundred loads a day. The lasers in that mill are fast. Yes, Lincoln eats a lot of that little stuff, and they have the little log mill and the big log mill.



Cory Peterman's Historical Corner

Warren Harding - Rock Climber

This biographical sketch focuses on Warren “Batso” Harding, a rock climber who spent the majority of his youth in Sierra County. For my readers who are unfamiliar with Harding, he was the first person to successfully climb the nose of El Capitan at Yosemite. He also completed many other first ascents at Yosemite, including the east face of Washington Column, the south face of Mount Watkins, the south face of Half Dome, the Wall of the Early Morning Light, and the Porcelain Wall; Harding was also the first to ascend California’s Keeler Needle and the West Face of Mount Conness.

Warren John Harding was born in Oakland on June 18, 1924 to William Henry Harding and his wife Agnes Berle Pursel, the couple having married in Iowa in 1922. A younger sister, Ardeth, was born in Iowa in 1929. Agnes claimed her husband’s family was related to U.S. President Warren G. Harding, stating “*My late husband’s people came from the same Kansas town that President Harding’s people moved to from Ohio years back... [after the President’s death] I wrote to his widow and told her I was expecting a child.*” The expectant mother stated she “*received an immediate reply with a request that she name the infant, if it was a boy, after the President.*” President Harding’s widow sent the newborn Warren “*a sealed album with instructions that it was not be opened until his 21st birthday... but when Warren was 11 and living in Downieville, Calif., a house fire destroyed the unopened book and its contents.*” Agnes stated “*We never knew what was in it.*”

The Harding family had moved to Sierra County in the early 1930s, variously living between Indian Valley, Goodyears Bar, and Downieville, according to census records. The elder William Harding worked for the State Department of Highways. Agnes was a writer, copyrighting a book entitled “Under the Stars

and Stripes.” She also claimed to have been the true author of the 1918 silent film *The Midnight Flyer*, stating that the work, which she had not copyrighted, was stolen when she took it to Hollywood to sell. The young Warren Harding attended the historic Downieville School, where, according to some old-timers, he was known as a “ladies man” and for his adventurous spirit, though he would not start advanced rock climbing until he was nearly 30 years of age. One



story told about Harding’s time in Downieville is when he built a makeshift raft that he wanted to float along the Yuba River, coercing a local young woman to join him on his trip downriver. The raft soon capsized, but a good laugh was had by all due to Warren’s bizarre antics. His later longtime companion Alice Flomp would say “*He had his own way of doing things. He didn’t take himself seriously, and he urged others to think the same way about themselves. He felt people should be left to make their own decisions.*” Regarding his childhood in Downieville, Harding stated “*I fished a lot as a kid, but then I finally realized I was a terrible fisherman, so I thought, I’ll just leave all this gear at home, and go hiking.*”

The Harding family left Downieville in 1937 and moved to Marysville. Warren graduated from Marysville Union High School in 1941. He worked as a propeller mechanic at Sacramento’s McClellan Field during World War II, then after the war, started a career as a surveyor, first for the state and then for the private construction industry. A self-proclaimed womanizer, Harding married and divorced a few times in the late 1940s, before discovering his other passion: rock climbing. Harding would continue to work

as a surveyor, even during his fame as a rock climber (or what he called “glorified flagpole sitting”) until his retirement in the late 1980s.

Harding stated “*I did a lot of mountaineering - the Minarets, Whitney, the Palisades - before I did any technical climbing. Then, in 1953, we took a trip to Yosemite, and I bungled my way up a few things, and I got the bug... I think my real point of motivation was that it was the first thing I was ever good at. I couldn’t catch a ball, or any of that stuff. I could only do what required brute stupidity.*” Harding was nicknamed “Batso” by a fellow climber “*for his hanging off rock walls like a bat.*” He was also known for his outrageous antics, including refusing water on one of his most difficult climbs, and climbing the south face of Half Dome just a short time after his leg was permanently injured after being hit by a truck while working on a construction site. During his first ascent of the Wall of the Early Morning Light, Harding spent 27 nights living on the wall, in tented hammocks he designed especially for the ascent. Harding was also known for his heavy drinking, preferring jugs of cheap red wine over anything else. In 1975, he wrote the book “Downward Bound: A Mad! Guide to Rock Climbing.”

Harding moved to Utah after retirement, then moved back to California in 1993. He died at his home in the Happy Valley area outside of Anderson of liver failure on February 27, 2002.

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Good Buy of Timber by Matson

Considerable local interest was evidenced in the sheriff’s sale here Monday afternoon of lumber and saw logs at Matson Lumber Company mill, 5 ½ miles northeast of Downieville. The sale was reported to have been a result of a case in the Nevada County court, wherein Matson Lumber Company sued William T. Scanlon, to whom the operation had been leased alleging breach of contract.

Scanlon’s bank account was said to have been attached as part of the proceedings, and several checks written for labor were not honored. In addition, several local merchants stated they have accounts against Scanlon. All are roughly estimated at some \$2500 or more.

Earl Foster said he scaled the lumber, cut last fall, at more than 206,000 board feet, much of it sugar pine, besides white pine and fir. Another estimate was of 147,000 feet of saw logs.

Little publicity was given the sale, which was by stipulation in court. Ed N. Matson was said to be the only bidder, offering \$1650 for the lot, and later, when there were no other offers, raising his own bid by \$50 to \$1700.

Considerable surprise was expressed by many who profess to known lumbering, at the small amount for which it was sold, generally estimating it to be worth about 10 times that sum. Matson was said to have made a most profitable purchase, even had it been kindling wood.

Some three truck loads of the lumber went out Tuesday, estimated at between 30,000 and 40,000 feet, and said to have been in good condition.

Meanwhile, local creditors are holding the sack. Some stated that had the sale been advertised they would have offered Matson competition, although he might have eventually secured the property.

Young Pupils to Present Piano Recital Wednesday

A group of piano students of Mrs. Frank G. Tabor will appear in recital next Wednesday evening, May 7, at 8 o’clock in the high school gymnasium. They will be assisted by Miss Dorothy Hodge, guest artist, who will sing and give a reading.

Piano students who will play are Gail Folsom, Sunny Sawyer of Sierra City, Mike Costa, Enid Costa, Carolyn Ebbert, Ila Williams, Susan Steinmetz, Camille Hallman, Elaine Bruning, Don Costa, Barbara Johnson, Ann Geoglein and Mrs. Merle Geoglein.

The public is invited to this evening of music.

H. Zweifel Last Rites in Oakland

News has been received here of the death of Henry J. Zweifel, whose last rites were held in Oakland, April 10. He was born in Downieville, March 1, 1882, the son of Henry and Emma Zweifel, and spent his early life here. As a boy, he was a carrier for The Mountain Messenger, and later was employed in the shop.

Zweifel left while a young man and later became credit manager for the General Electric Company at San Francisco, from which position he retired about 10 years ago. His wife, Bessie, died about eight years ago. He was a nephew of the late Henry and Albert Meyers of Downieville. His daughter, Betty, now Mrs. Andy Anderson,

resides at Fort Bliss, Texas. A sister, Mrs. Mary Schimpf, lives at Redwood City.

John Woessner, who owned and operated the brewery on upper Main Street, which ceased to operate before his death, left the property to Zweifel, part of which is the Duncan Cameron home, and the other part was sold a few years ago to Antone and George Pezzola.

F.J. Hansen Final Rites

Fred J. Hansen, well-known Sierra City resident, died at his home there Friday. He was the last of a family that came here from Germany in 1888. He was then 13 years old. He spent his active years at mining, working for numerous companies at various times.

In later years he retired and spent considerable time in gardening. He was well regarded in his own community and had many friends throughout the county.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary C. Hansen, Sierra City; daughter, Mrs. William Groves, Camptonville, and son, Fred, Auburn, and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday at the Hooper & Weaver Mortuary in Grass Valley, with cremation in Sacramento, the ashes to be interred in the family plot at Sierra City.

Catholic Church Plans Observance of Centennial

The Catholic Church of Immaculate Conception plans observance of the 100th year of its founding here Sunday, July 13. Father Virgil Gabrielli has made tentative arrangements, with a solemn high mass to be held outdoors. Bishop Robert Armstrong of Sacramento has been invited to participate in the

special occasion.

A potluck dinner is to be held following the service. An invitation is extended to all old-timers, as well as to former residents, to return for the observance, as well as all local residents of any and all denominations.

PG&E ‘Sampler’ Measures Sierra Snowpack ‘Water’

With their sno-cat, hero of the City of San Francisco train rescue, standing by, James Watts and Arthur Chase twist a “sampler” deep into the Sierra snowpack, near Donner Summit, which is expected to produce heavy run-offs this month and next.

The two Pacific Gas and Electric Company men will weigh the snow-filled tube on a special scale to determine how many inches of water are contained in the snow sample. The “water content” is then evaluated to determine just how the company’s hydroelectric plants can be run most effectively during the run-off.

Although the recent State Division of Water Resources annual report indicated the highest recorded April 1 water content in the snowpack, a portion of the run-off will be withheld by the 133 reservoirs of PG&E’s hydroelectric system. Water thus withheld not only enables PG&E to run its 58 hydroelectric plants at or near capacity, but also prolongs summer irrigation along streams and tributaries in the San Joaquin and Sacramento valleys.

Precipitation Continued Record Increase

With 2.11 inches measured the last week by Downieville Ranger Station, record precipitation in this area continued to rise. Most

of it came yesterday, when 1.41 inches was recorded in rain here, which was reported to have been snow as far down as Bassetts Station. While this did not remain on the highway, it was added to the snowpack at higher elevations. The pack is melting gradually, with local rivers being only a foot or so higher than normal. They are expected to rise rapidly if warm weather and rain prevails for an extended period.

Total precipitation for the season now stands at 88.52 inches, compared with the record high of 78.65 last year and the average normal this date of 57.26 inches.

Temperatures have been generally warmer for the preceding week, from high at 68 degrees Monday to low at 32 the same morning.

Want to Restore Gallows

At the meeting of directors Wednesday evening, McCormick, John Gilman and Franklin H. Turner were appointed to a committee on ways and means of restoring the historic gallows, used for hangings in early days, which is a considerable object of interest to visitors here. They plan to request financial assistance for the work from county supervisors. The gallows were damaged by recent winter weather, and it is suggested that it be covered for preservation.

Public Service Medals Awarded Three PT&T Men

For their part in the rescue of a fellow employee buried by a snow avalanche on Mt. Rose, Nevada, in January 1951, three Reno employees of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company have been awarded bronze Vail medals

for noteworthy public service, according to E.R. Ingalls of Grass Valley, local manager of the company.

Hailed for their “initiative and prompt and courageous action” are Lewis T. Pettengill and William E. Doyle, both transmission men, and John J. Ostrom, a chief test boardman.

The trio, aided by four Sierra Pacific Power Company employees, succeeded in rescuing John J. MacKinnon, a tractor operator, after a snow avalanche engulfed MacKinnon and his tractor. MacKinnon, who had been clearing snow from the road to the radio relay station atop Mt. Rose, was buried under 18 feet of snow for over an hour.

Vail medal awards are made annually to men and women engaged in providing telephone service to recognize acts or services that point up service ideals. They have been made since 1920 in memory of Theodore N. Vail, pioneer president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Six Mice - \$6

Robert M. Miller wants six mice. He declined to reveal what he planned to do with them; probably going to train them for a circus act – or maybe he’s going to release them in some large office filled with stenographers to see them climb up on chairs, tables, or what do you like best.

Anyway, Bob said he will pay one buck each for as many as six mice. Perhaps his wife is not in on the mice deal, because he said they could be left for him at either Sierra Hardware Company or St. Charles Cafe, where the buck per mouse would be paid.