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## Three Crews on Three Project Zones – Trail Work Is On!

By Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship

Spring has arrived in the Lost Sierra, and even though some higher elevations received two feet of snow last week, we are going full throttle into trail maintenance and construction ground operations. We've hired 15 pro trail crew members for this year's efforts, not including an estimated 30+ more youth trail crew members we will have onboard making summer income by this June.

We have been steady with new trail construction on Mount Hough, Mount Hough maintenance and a full-fledged Downieville log out, cleaning up after winter as we always do. We have completed log out in Downieville on the Divides, Halls Ranch, North Yuba and the Fiddle Creek Ridge Trails. There



Credit: SBTS

The photo, above, shows the situation faced by one of SBTS's trail crews on a slope above the North Fork of the Yuba River. The photo, below, depicts the result of the crew's "logging out" work.



Credit: SBTS

is so much more to do as the snow starts to melt off, and we are finding many uprooted trees that have caused tread damage.

On Mount Hough, the Portola crew and Quincy crew have been going steady on Mount Hough building new sections that are mostly connector trails to existing trails. These trails are all motorized multiple use that allow for more loop ride and hike options. The Portola crew will be back on Beckwourth Peak Trail as soon as this new snow melts to build an additional two miles to get the trail connected into a road near Carman Saddle. By the end of the season, we are optimistic that the entire Beckwourth Trail will be completed!

We are building new Mount Hough trails so fast that our trail maps are nearly outdated as soon as they go to print. If you want to find where the new singletrack is, come into Yuba Expeditions in Quincy at 550 Crescent St to get the intel and explore these new ribbons of dirt goodness. We will have maps you can photograph on your phone, and GPS tracks if you need them.

And if you want to help us build and maintain these trails, we would love to have you come out and volunteer with us. Our Trail Daze workdays started this month and are happening every Tuesday from 3:00pm to 7:30pm on Mount Hough. Plus, our first Mountain Epic weekend campout is this weekend Friday night, April 29 to Sunday, May 1 at the Plumas Sierra County Fairgrounds in Quincy. RSVP and join us outside in the fresh mountain air!

## Dr. Kermit Jones, Candidate for Congress, Visits Sierra County

By Duncan A. Kennedy and Carl J. Butz

(SIERRA COUNTY) – This past Friday, April 29th, Dr. Kermit Jones, a candidate for the open seat in California's newly-drawn Third Congressional District (an area consisting of all or parts of Plumas, Sierra, Nevada, Yuba, Placer, Sacramento, El Dorado, Alpine, Mono, and Inyo counties), conducted a "whistle-stop" tour of Sierra County.

Jones started his visit, accompanied by Sierra County Supervisors Paul Roen and Sharon Dryden, with a tour of the sawmill and currently idle biomass (co-gen) plant located in Loyalton. Next, Jones traveled over Yuba Pass to visit the Sierra County Democrats' office in Sierra City to greet and encourage supporters. His last campaign stop of the day took place at the Gazebo in Downieville. Once again, he met with Democrats to answer questions about his reasons for running and garner their assistance in promoting his candidacy.

This tour also included interviews by The Mountain Messenger. Here is a synopsis of his responses to the questions we asked him.

**Can you quickly tell us about your life story?**

Jones was born and raised on a blueberry farm in rural Michigan. Inspired to pursue a medical career by his mother, a nurse in their isolated community, he attended Georgia Tech and then Duke University. During his third year of medical school, the 9/11 attacks spurred him to join the U.S. Navy. After returning from two deployments in Iraq as a flight surgeon, Jones became a White House Fellow specializing in veteran's issues before moving to Northern California in 2016 and becoming an internal medicine physician at Kaiser Permanente in Roseville.

**Why did you run for Congress instead of remaining with your successful medical career?**

"I have a lot of patients who can't afford their healthcare, and I want to change that," says Jones, regarding his reasons for running. His family had to sell the aforementioned blueberry farm to pay for his mother's lung cancer treatment, which has led him to seek office to reduce the complexity and cost of American healthcare. He also wants to be "a voice for the underrepresented" parts of the nation, including rural areas, which he says his party needs to "try to understand better."

**What core policy issues are you running on?**

Jones's platform principally concerns pursuing ways to drive down the cost of living and the effects of inflation, and improving access to healthcare while reducing the cost. He also strives to improve forest management to develop clean energy, expand federal fire insurance programs for people living in fire-prone areas, and lower education costs.

**Can you give us your stances on each of these issues?**

**Inflation:** Jones believes inflation is a result of a post-COVID demand boom for goods and services hitting at the same time as supply chain instability. He sees three key steps to solving this problem – shortening supply chains by encouraging manufacturers to bring their facilities back to America, reducing sources of inflation and policies hurting those most affected by it, for example, suggesting a suspension or repeal of the federal gas tax for the near future, and by eliminating tariffs drive the price of goods higher, such as current tariffs on Canadian lumber.

**Law and Order:** "Law enforcement needs to be given the resources they need to succeed," says Jones. He does not consider himself a proponent of "Defund the Police" and is endorsed by the Peace Officers' Research Association of California (PORAC). He advocates for implementing programs to help law enforcement groups better integrate with their communities to minimize friction between peace officers and the general public.

**Renewable/Alternative Energy:** Jones supports taking steps to expand renewable energy use and establish local microgrids running off of those energy sources wherever possible. His energy policy focus is the idea households should be more individually sustainable regarding their energy use, and should try to meet their own power needs if they feasibly can. He is a strong supporter of biomass energy, despite the view of it by some as "the



Candidate Dr. Kermit Jones conversing with Frank Lang, founder of the Western Sierra Medical Clinic, during Jones' visit to Downieville.

**Drought/Agriculture:** With drought becoming a significant issue across the American West and around the world, Jones believes we need to improve our water catchment and runoff reduction techniques while finding better ways to store water. He is looking into novel ways of reducing evaporation from open channels previously implemented in Israel, among other possibilities, and wants to allocate better funding to research and development here.

**Climate Change:** Jones acknowledges climate change is real and says the fires and drought are both symptoms of this reality. Improved forest management and energy policy is needed to tackle one of the issues's leading causes and most notable symptoms.

bastard child of green energy," and is more than willing to buck the party line regarding expanding the use of this resource.

**Immigration:** "The last time we had comprehensive immigration reform was during the Reagan Administration," says Jones, regarding this issue. He recognizes the need for immigration reform, but thinks that focusing on outright exclusion projects such as the border wall could cripple sectors such as agriculture and healthcare, which both derive large chunks of their workforce from immigrants of various classifications and legalities.

**Second Amendment:** Dr. Jones is a gun owner himself and supports the Second Amendment. However, he advocates policies ensuring deadly weapons don't end up in the hands of the mentally ill or violent criminals and supports background checks on gun buyers.

**Rural Broadband:** Jones said, "In the world's richest nation, broadband should be available nearly everywhere by 2030, if not 2025." With the expansion of broadband access necessary for rural areas to catch up with the digital age, he also lauded the broadband funding included in the infrastructure package passed in 2021.

**Foreign Policy:** Regarding the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation, Jones believes NATO is the best force to deter Putin.

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## SIERRA TIMBERFEST 2022

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East Sierra Valley Chamber of Commerce

Saturday May 14th, 2022  
Hwy 49 / Loyalton, CA in beautiful Sierra Valley

Logging show and equipment displays. Logging competitions: ax throwing, hot saws, wrapper throwing, chainsaw wood carving and other fun events.

**\*\*Fun for the whole family\*\***

Competitions, vendors, food, beverages, and BBQ available downtown at Timber Café, White's Station, Leonard's and Golden West Saloon and Restaurant.



Other sponsors donating their time, equipment and personnel include CTL Forest Management, Inc, many local logging companies and the Loyalton community.

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GOLD NUGGET REPUBLICAN WOMEN  
SPEAKER EVENT

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18<sup>TH</sup> 2022

CANDIDATE KEVIN KILEY  
For 3<sup>RD</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT



SPEAKING @ 6:00 PM

TRI TIP BBQ DINNER \$25  
OPTIONAL

**GOLDEN WEST**

711 MAIN ST. LOYALTON  
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Where Two Rivers Meet Anthology Book Five

LISTEN TO EVERY ZEPHYR

By H. A. Silliman

PART 7: SUFFER THE ANIMALS

That day while waiting for Rev. Gagnon to show up at the café, I considered the legality of treating the wild horses. Who owned them? The American people since they were on public lands? The government, who managed the lands? When Rev. Gagnon arrived, I asked him. Instead of answering, he handed me a news story about another wolf hunt in Montana. It was depressing.

“We haven’t made much progress in fifty years,” I said, thinking about my first Earth Day speeches.

“Well, those horses up in the forest could use your help,” he replied. “I just learned the government has another roundup set. They want to capture four hundred with helicopters to herd them. That used to be taboo.”

“That will be traumatic for them.”

This was my chance act, he said. Go out to make sure the horses are healthy and their hooves trimmed so they had a fair chance to run. “But meanwhile, I have a new project where I need help. Something fun. It’s a blessing of pets.”

That cheered me. “The Catholics do that.”

“That’s right. On the Feast Day of St. Francis in the fall. We would do it for Earth Day, too, along with a potluck. Most folks probably won’t get too excited about wild horses, but they’re sure attached to pets. A blessing of animals is grassroots, and it gets children tuned into respecting all creatures.” He added slyly, “A few agency bigwigs involved in the horse roundup attend church. Their kids have pets. They’ll get a personal invitation. The church notices will also specifically invite horses!”

“You’re subversive,” I chuckled.

He smiled. “So were the first Christians. By the way, I’m making this potluck vegetarian. Dairy and eggs OK, but no meat products—that includes jello.” He laughed.

“You’ve got to be kidding. A potluck without jello—that’s almost sacrilege,” I exclaimed. “The ladies in the Auxiliary might object—and the consistory board.”

He retorted, “Think about it, how can we bless a pet pig or calf when the meatballs are made from their cousins? If the church is to advocate for respect of animals, even in a small thing like jello, we must stay the course. I see it as a teaching moment.”

“It’s more like a preaching moment.”

“Yes, there’s that. It’s something easy to think through and to act on. I don’t expect most folks to protest rock quarries and wild horse roundups. Quitting jello is small, it’s simple, it’s accessible. You have to start somewhere.”

EPILOGUE

The first blessing of pets took place in the Two Rivers Presbyterian into the social hall. We organized similar creatures two by two—kind of like Noah’s Ark. There were about a dozen each of cats and dogs, kids with fish bowls, turtles and frogs in shoe boxes, budgies in bird cages, a cockatoo named Nickie, three baby sheep, a little pig and two billy goats who put up quite a racket. Myrtle Plyth and her sons arrived with two mini-horses and a mule named Max. Along a side wall, the Auxiliary had set out a spread of food. I spied Doris Rich, who is famous for her Green Jello Delight, and went to see what she had instead. Her reimagined dessert consisted of lime pudding, coconut and mini-marshmallows. I edged over to her and whispered to please save me a bowl. She winked and said she would.

To open the event, the reverend asked Anderson Smith to say a prayer. Anderson first called for the Great Spirit’s blessing. He added, “Folks, other animals need blessing, too. Our amazing band of wild horses up in the forest will be hunted down again. This time with helicopters. The horses are sold to individuals. But who’s to say whether some don’t turn around and sell them at auctions, and they later end up at slaughterhouses. This is a sin. The gather must stop. Centuries before cattle, horses were here. We have taken so much for this Earth, let’s now give back. Let the horses be.”

I glanced at the agency mucky-mucks. Feet shuffled, throats cleared. The temerity of Anderson’s remarks shocked them. Rev. Gagnon grinned.

And that’s when it happened. Jakey Lopez’s frog, perhaps smelling Ida Lundstrom’s spinach salad, lept from its box directly into the nearby bowl. Ida, a retired science teacher, is no stranger to frogs. She reached in. The frog was faster. Jumping out, it vanished into Doris’s dessert. The escape was truly magnificent. Erupting out of the bowl in a vivid cavalcade of green pudding and marshmallows, the frog landed in Frieda Beckman’s lap. She had every right to scream. Instead, she laughed, as did everyone else. But in the kerfuffle, Max the Mule broke away and went gallivanting. I suppose Max’s antics could have cleared the social hall, but they didn’t because the mule suddenly stopped. He sniffed the air and then headed directly to Ida’s salad, stuck in his snout and feasted. Everyone cheered. The blessing went on.

Next week, the *Two Rivers Ledger* ran a stern editorial condemning the wild horse roundup. Editor Mack Boyd penned, “We should know better than to use tactics like machines. It’s cruel. Our government, which is supposed to be enlightened, as usual caves to money interests.” The publicity about the horse roundup helped Rev. Gagnon and his group recruit new people to protest. Of course, I joined them.

And then with the headline, “Bless This Mess, and Wild Horses Too,” the *Ledger*’s tongue-in-cheek recounting of the blessing made folks eager for the next one. As Jakey Lopez was quoted saying, “Who knew church could be so much fun!” As for me, that day I was the only person at the blessing to enjoy a dish of lime pudding. It was heavenly.

WATCH FOR PART SIX - COMING THIS AUTUMN!

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Dr. Jones' Visit

However, given his battle-field experiences in Iraq, he opposes sending U.S. troops into battle against the Russians.

*Do you have any personal connection to the rural Sierra Nevada?*

While he may not live here, Jones frequents the Sierra Nevada to escape from the hustle and bustle of suburban life – including hiking Mount Whitney, the highest point in the district (and the contiguous 48 United States) four times. He thinks we should take steps to protect this region for its residents and ensure they and their descendants can live here far into

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the future.

*Are there any political pet projects you want to accomplish? Specific legislation?*

One of the main goals Jones hopes to accomplish in D.C. is to acquire more funding for Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management firefighting and fire management programs. to reduce overall fire risk while increasing resource access and response times to incidents. He also wants to funnel more funding to biomass energy projects, opining the Lost Sierra “can be a sustainable energy model for the nation” if given half a chance.

*Would you participate*

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Plumas Unified School District (“District”), acting by and through its Board of Trustees, hereinafter referred to as the DISTRICT will receive up to, but not later than **2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25, 2022**, sealed bids for the award of a contract for the **Plumas Unified School District (PUSD) Facility Maintenance Project at Quincy Jr/Sr High School Athletic Fields - Bid Package PU2022.9.32.A Irrigation and Sod**. Bids shall be received at the Plumas Unified School District office located at 50 Church Street, Quincy, CA 95971 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time and place. Responses must be sealed and clearly marked “**Quincy Jr/Sr High School Athletic Fields - Bid Package PU2022.9.32.A Irrigation and Sod**”. Facsimile copies of the bid will not be accepted.

Each bid must conform and be responsive to this Notice to Contractors, the Information for Bidders, and all other documents comprising the pertinent Contract Documents. All interested parties may obtain a copy of the bid package from the Plumas Unified School District office located at 50 Church Street, Quincy, CA 95971 or via email request to [brandy@crmgroupca.com](mailto:brandy@crmgroupca.com). **The District and CRM Group shall not be held responsible for contractors receiving bid documents from any other entity, plan/bid exchange, or posting. All formal Bid Documents should be requested from CRM Group directly. Failure to contact CRM Group for comprehensive bid documents as CRM posts, shall not constitute grounds for a bid protest.**

The successful bidder shall commence work on or before **August 1, 2022**. All work shall be completed within **40 working days, and not later than September 30, 2022**. There will be a pre-bid walk at **Quincy Jr/Sr High School, 6 Quincy Junction Rd, Quincy, CA, at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, May 16, 2022**.

In contracts involving expenditures in excess of \$25,000.00, the successful bidder shall file a payment and performance bond issued by an admitted Surety authorized to conduct business in California, in the form set forth in the Contract Documents. A payment bond may be required for contracts involving smaller expenditures at the option of the District.

All forms must be completed, signed, and returned with the bid. The contract award will be based on the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The lowest bid shall be the lowest total of the bid prices on the base contract. Minority, women, and disabled veteran contractors are encouraged to submit bids.

The contract is for a public work. Contractor and any subcontractor shall pay all workers on the project at least the general prevailing rate of per diem wages as determined by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations (“DIR”) pursuant to Labor Code section 1770 et seq. Prevailing wage rates are available from the District or online at: <http://www.dir.ca.gov>.

No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal or awarded a contract for public work unless currently registered with the DIR pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5. This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the DIR.

All contractors and their employees may be subject to COVID-19 testing and vaccine verification per PUSD Appendix B – Health and Safety Protocols. The document can be viewed here:

[https://www.dropbox.com/s/5kxge925pncf5rq/PUSD%20Appendix%20B%20Public%20Health%20RTS%20QA%2018\\_22.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/5kxge925pncf5rq/PUSD%20Appendix%20B%20Public%20Health%20RTS%20QA%2018_22.pdf?dl=0)

All contractors will be **required** to obtain Department of Justice and FBI fingerprint clearance prior to beginning any work on-site.

Each bidder shall be a licensed contractor at the time of bid pursuant to the Business and Professions Code and such license(s) shall remain in active and good standing for the duration of the contract. The bidder shall be licensed for all work and individual disciplines within the entire scope of work, and, at minimum, in one or more of the following classifications: **California C-27 license in good standing**.

Signed: D. Kevin Nolen, Construction Manager for  
PLUMAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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*in local candidate forums, such as those hosted by the League of Women Voters in Plumas County?*

“Yes, absolutely.”

*(Audience question in Downieville) How did you end up being named ‘Kermit’?*

Dr. Jones was named after one of his uncles; also named after a earlier family ancestor. However, growing up when Jim Henson’s Muppets were prominent, Jones said “the name helped build character” and ensures “I am never confused with any other Jones."

A Letter to the Editor

Life is Good

Well it's that time of year again, the opening weekend of trout season! That can only mean one thing, the Lunettas are back in Downieville. This year Grandma Sally, Grandpa Jim and the grandkids Sage (19), James (15) and Jacob (12) made the trip from Colfax. This has been a tradition for the family for many years. They stayed at the Downieville River Inn as usual and were happy to see that Mike and Teresa are taking great care of the place. So let's get to the fishing.

First thing Saturday morning Grandpa and James set out to their favorite fishing hole to start the day. I can't say exactly where that is, let's just say it's on the river and keep it at that. They got on the water at about 6:00 and fished for about 45 minutes without a single bite. That particular spot is usually productive, but not this time. They left from there and drove to another spot that they usually like to try. Again, I can't say where. After about 15 minutes of casting with no bites, all of a sudden Grandpa got a bite. Fish on! It was big, at least a 22 incher! Now this hole is hard to fish and even harder to land a fish. The only place to fish is on top of a large rock outcropping and the only place to land one is a small spot on the downstream side of the rock.

The big fish was fighting hard and Grandpa had to climb down the side of this rock and get to a spot where James could net it, which was no easy task. The fish began to tire out and Grandpa managed not to fall into the river and get the fish to the shore. James was there with the net and just as he was about to scoop it up, the line got caught on a branch and the fish spit out the hook. I swear he winked at us as he slowly swam away. The one that got away!)

After Grandpas heart settled into a regular beat again, they continued fishing. That's what fishing people do. It didn't take long until James got a bite and pulled in his first Brown Trout ever! He has caught many Rainbows but this was his first Brown. Grandpa was trying to hold back the tears. This is what it's all about.

They continued fishing at various spots for the rest of the weekend and didn't do too bad. James ended up catching 3 Browns, which was awesome, and Grandpa got 3 Rainbows and 3 Browns. Another Opening Day weekend in beautiful Downieville! Life is good!

The Lunetta family  
Colfax CA

NOTICE OF CENTRAL COUNT AND COMMENCEMENT OF VOTE-BY-MAIL PROCESS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the following central counting place has been legally designated by the Registrar of Voters of the County of Sierra for the Statewide Direct Primary Election to be held on June 7, 2022.

COUNTING PLACE

100 Courthouse Square Room 11 Downieville, CA 95936

The Registrar of Voters also, hereby notifies all interested organizations that the verifying of signatures on vote-by-mail ballots cast for the June 7, 2022, Statewide Direct Primary Election will commence on May 9, 2022, and will continue thereafter in the County Elections Office at 100 Courthouse Square Room 11, Downieville, California. On June 1, 2022, or at any time thereafter, the opening and processing of vote-by-mail ballots will commence. This process will continue until all election results are tabulated and the election is certified. The process is done in a manner which insures the secrecy of all ballots.

The processing of vote-by-mail ballots is open to members of the public for observation. Observers shall not interfere with the orderly processing and counting of vote-by-mail ballots, including touching, or handling of the ballots or envelopes.

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Sierra County Registrar of Voters

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## On the Shelf

By PAUL GUFFIN

### May, the Month

The month of May is the fifth month in both the Julian and Gregorian calendars. So, whether you’re an old-timer (Julian) or a modernista (Gregorian), you observe the month together. It is the third of seven months in the year to have a length of 31 days (and the fifth of twelve to have 28 days).

The name of the month entered the English language in the 1050s. It is drawn from the Old English Maius, which was borrowed directly from the Latin Maius, indicating the Greek goddess Maia. She was the daughter of Atlas and Pleione, and the oldest of the Pleiades (the companions of Artemis, goddess of the hunt). Because the Pleiades were daughters of Atlas, they were also called the Atlantides. Maia is the mother of Hermes (messenger of the Gods, and known as Mercury to the Romans), who was fathered by Zeus. The Romans also had a goddess named Maia, who embodied the concept of growth. So, it is possible that the two goddesses were conflated into the naming of the month. It should probably also be noted that the Roman poet Ovid provided a second etymology for the month’s name: he said that the month of May was named for the maiores (Latin for “elders”), and that the following month, June, was named for the iuniores (Latin for “young people”).

May’s birthstone is the emerald, emblematic of love and success. The month’s birth flowers are the Lily of the Valley and the Common Hawthorn. Zodiac minders will find the bull, Taurus, wandering through the first part of the month, and then being chased out of the month by a set of twins, the Gemini. Each month has its share of observance and celebrations. Here are some of May’s **month-long observances**:

Working Class History Month  
Better Hearing and Speech Month  
Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month  
National Pet Month (United Kingdom)  
National Smile Month (United Kingdom)  
Skin Cancer Awareness Month  
Bicycle Month (United States)  
World Trade Month  
National Foster Care Month (United States)  
Older Americans Month (United States)

Some **moveable observances** during May:

First Thursday: Arbour Day (Nova Scotia, Canada) & National Day of Reason (United States)  
First Sunday: World Laughter Day  
First full week: National Teacher Appreciation Week (United States)  
First Tuesday: World Asthma Day  
Saturday closest to May 10: National Train Day (United States)  
Second weekend: World Migratory Bird Day  
Second Sunday: Mother’s Day (lots of countries)  
Week of May 12: National Nursing Week (United States)  
Last weekend: Kyiv Day (Kyiv, Ukraine)

And, finally, some **fixed observances** during the month:

May 1:May Day (international observance)  
May 3:World Press Freedom Day  
May 4:Anti-bulling Day (United Nations) & Star Wars Day (international observance)  
May 5:Children’s Day (Japan, Korea)  
May 9:Europe Day (European Union)  
May 12:International Nurses Day  
May 15:International Day of Families  
May 18:International Museum Day  
May 20:World Metrology Day (a celebration of the metric system)  
May 21:World Day for Cultural Diversity, Dialogue and Development  
May 23:World Turtle Day  
May 25:International Missing Children’s Day



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## Sports

By TESSA JACKSON

First of all, I would like to apologize for only caring about basketball, but it is the playoffs and I can’t help it. We are in the conference semifinals right now and things are getting interesting.

In the West, we have Ja Morant and the Memphis Grizzlies vs Steph Curry and the Golden State Warriors. This series has gotten pretty dirty. Warriors' shooting guard, Gary Payton II left the second game with a broken elbow on a dirty play by Grizzlies’ small forward, Dillon Brooks, who got ejected. Then one of the Warriors' main defenders, Draymond Green, ended up with an eye laceration and then flipped off the Memphis crowd on his way to the locker room. When you are watching it feels like maybe the referees want Memphis to win. In the first game Green got ejected for something completely ridiculous, and then in the second game a last-minute foul and a questionable traveling call on Klay Thompson sealed the win for the Grizzlies, 106-101. But also, Ja Morant is pretty freaking good. The series is now tied, 1-1.

The other series we have in the West is the No. 4 Dallas Mavericks vs the No. 1 Phoenix Suns. This series hasn’t been quite as exciting, with the Suns winning Game 1, 121-114, after leading by as many as 21 points at one time. But in basketball you never can tell how things are going to go, and while I think the Suns will win this series handily, I think the Mavericks will win one game.

For the East Semifinals, the big news is the injury of the No. 4 Philadelphia 76ers’ star player, Joel Embiid, in the last game of round one. Embiid was out for Game 1 of the series with the No. 1 Miami Heat with an orbital fracture and a concussion, and will be out for at least one more game. He must have very weak facial bones because he suffered an orbital fracture on the other side of his face four years ago. It also calls into question why he was still in the game when they were up by almost 30 points. Anyway, They are saying he might come back for as early as Game 3 of their current series. Game 1 didn’t go so well without Embiid, the Heat won the game 106-92.

The last series we have shows you how you never know what’s going to happen in any given game. Last year’s champions, the No. 3 Milwaukee Bucks are taking on the No. 2 Boston Celtics. In Game 1, the Bucks won 101-89, and then in Game 2, the Celtics turned around and won 109-86. The spread for Game 3, which takes place in Milwaukee, is Bucks -3 and the bookies are predicting the series will go to seven games. I’m hoping we get some closer games, rather than all those blowouts.

If I had my choice, in the Finals we would see the Boston Celtics and the Phoenix Suns. Mainly because I am a big fan of Celtics' Jason Tatum, and the Suns' Devin Booker. We shall find out soon enough!

## Feather River College Teams Heading to Baseball and Softball Playoffs

(QUINCY) After finishing their regular season as champions of the California Community College Athletics Association's (CCCCAA) Golden Valley Conference with a 32-8 record, the Feather River College Golden Eagles baseball team will be facing the Consumnes River Hawks in Round One of the CCCCCA's statewide playoffs.

The best two-out-of-three competiton begins on Friday, May 6, at 2 PM on Feather River College's baseball diamond if the weather (rain showers are being forecast) cooperates. The second game (with less chance for precipitation) is slated to start at 11 AM on Saturday, May 7. If necessary, the third game in this regional playoff round is scheduled to begin at 3 PM on Saturday.

Meanwhile, Feather River College's Golden Eagles softball team finished a strong season with a record of 27-13 and earned second place in the Golden Valley Conference.

Now, after being awarded the #12 seed in the CCCCCA Northern California Playoffs, the FRC's softball team will be traveling to Sacramento to play the tournament's #5 seed, Consumnes River College (CRC) this Friday (5/6) and Saturday (5/7) in the first round of the Northern California Regional Playoffs. CRC finished the season with a record of 24-14, finishing 2nd in their Big 8 Conference.

Fortunately, the sunny weather is expected for the Golden Eagles softball games in the Sacramento Valley.

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Top \$\$\$ paid for several gallons. Lady Bugs are moving into their mountain nests along the creeks and springs this month. Please bring them to [naturalpestcontrols.net](http://naturalpestcontrols.net) in Orangevale, Ca 95662. Phone 916-726-0855 and talk to Jeff at Natural Pest Control for more info.

## Here Back East

By LENNY ACKERMAN

### Mother’s Day, May 11, 1958

I think back to my last Mother’s Day with my mom, Rebecca Ackerman. I did not realize the significance of that Mother’s Day outing in 1958 until many years later. I was off to college in August, and after that graduate school, then marriage, starting my own family in New York City and then my parents moved to Florida for retirement. It would be our last Mother’s Day, with all of us together, to celebrate it with her, before she passed away in Rochester, New York in 1997.

Growing up, I looked forward to Mother’s Day. It was the one day of the year my family went out to dine at a restaurant. My parents were Orthodox and would not eat out unless the restaurant was kosher and the only kosher restaurants in town were delicatessens. Hence, they rarely dined out or travelled. The one vacation trip we took as a family, with my sister and her husband, was to Atlantic City in 1949, when I was still small enough to share a room with my parents. Every night of the trip we went to the same, possibly the only kosher restaurant in Atlantic City. Dinner always started with half a cantaloupe, followed by a typical heavy kosher meal of pot roast, potatoes and hearty soup, and it was summer, probably 87 degrees outside.

But on Mother’s Day, the rule was broken, and we would dine out at a non-kosher fish restaurant called Spring House, which is still in business all these years later. It was a momentous occasion for the family. My parents would dress in their formal High Holiday clothes, I would be in a starched white shirt and long pants. Despite all the excitement and preparation, my parents were not very comfortable eating in a restaurant. Dad could not read the menu in English and relied on Mom to choose his food. Mom, being the chef at home, knew what they both wanted before she sat down. They would start with coffee and then order a fish course, usually cod. She was always conscious of cost and knew Dad would question her later about the price of everything that was ordered. She would caution my sister and her husband, both of whom dined out a great deal, to be prudent in their meal choices, knowing that she would have to account to my father for any extravagances. Alcohol was never ordered. It was coffee start to finish. I knew to be careful when ordering. I did not like fish as a child and chose the least expensive one. I would eat a few bites, saving my appetite for the ice cream dessert.

Other than on Mother’s Days, my dining out experience as a youngster in Rochester was limited to Eddie’s Corner, a luncheonette across from Ben Franklin High School, and to Critic’s, near the Paramount Theatre where my mother took me as a youngster to the movies on Saturdays. Mom did not drive, so we took the bus downtown. After the movie we waited for Dad to close his parking lot for the ride home. My parents were not very strict about my kosher diet outside of school and occasionally took me for a hamburger at a local barbeque, Don and Bob’s, though it had to be surreptitious, my father always parking away from the entrance to avoid being spotted at a non-kosher burger stand. As a teenager, where to go on a date was limited. None of us, my friends or I, had the resources for anything elaborate. After a high school ballgame we might go to Bay-Goodman’s for pizza and Orange Crush. It wasn’t until I left home that I became an experienced restaurant-goer. When I married and moved to New York City, it opened up a new world, one I never could have imagined as a child sipping my soda at the counter at Eddie’s.

When I remember Mom on Mother’s Day, I think back to those once-a-year lunches at Spring House and how much it meant to her, despite breaking the kosher rule and the money pressure from my father. On that morning in 1958, my high school fraternity brothers delivered a red rose to each of the mothers of current members and to those whose sons had graduated the previous year. After that, our house descended into the usual chaos, with five people trying to get ready and only one bathroom. Dad of course got to go first, even on Mother’s Day, and I, the youngest, was last. It was sign up and soap up quickly. Nothing was ever easy growing up at 144 Navarre Road in Rochester, New York, but my warmest memories are of Mom. I remember, before we left the house to go to the restaurant, my mother clipped the stem and pinned the rose to her dress, above her heart.



### ATTENTION VOTERS

The Sierra County Registrar of Voters would like to remind all voters that the Statewide Direct Primary Election will be held on June 7, 2022. All Sierra County voting precincts have been designated as “all mailed” ballot precincts for this election. This means that all Sierra County voters will be receiving a vote-by-mail ballot. Please look for your vote-by-mail ballot in the mail the week of **May 9, 2022**.

Remember the last day to register to vote for the June 7, 2022, Statewide Direct Primary Election is **May 23, 2022**. If you move to a new residence address within the county or need to register to vote after this deadline, you will have the opportunity to register and vote a conditional provisional ballot by visiting the Sierra County Clerk’s Office. For more information about Conditional Voter Registration, please visit our county website at [www.sierracounty.ca.gov/219/Register-to-Vote](http://www.sierracounty.ca.gov/219/Register-to-Vote).

Return your ballot by mail. Vote-by-mail ballots will be counted if postmarked on or before Election Day and received by the Sierra County Clerk's Office no later than 7 days after Election Day.

Return your ballot in person. A drop box will be available at the **Loyalton City Hall Auditorium** at 605 School Street from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day or you can bring your ballot to the Sierra County Clerk's Office in Downieville. Your ballot must be received no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

For more information about the June 7, 2022, Statewide Direct Primary Election, please visit [www.sierracounty.ca.gov/elections](http://www.sierracounty.ca.gov/elections).

Heather Foster

Sierra County Registrar of Voters

Printed in The Mountain Messenger on May 5, 2022



# Sheriff's Log

By Jen Henneke

## Monday, April 25

10:01 - In Loyalton, Eastern Plumas Health Care Ambulance was requested.  
11:38 - In Pike, a water line was cut. This was a civil issue.  
12:31 - In Loyalton, Eastern Plumas Health Care Ambulance was requested.  
15:28 - In Loyalton, an alarm company reported an active burglar alarm.  
15:53 - In Pike, a civil standby was requested.  
18:59 - In Loyalton, there was a report of an open door at a business. An employee was inside the business.  
19:01 - In Loyalton, someone requested some information.  
20:35 - In Loyalton, someone was being noisy and got reported.  
23:20 - In Sierraville, someone was driving under the influence and got arrested.  
**Tuesday, April 26**  
15:14 - In Alleghany, there was a report of a possible theft on mining property. The Deputy determined that this was a civil case and provided information on how to handle the issue.  
15:36 - In Sattley, an ambulance was requested.  
17:29 - In Camptonville, the pesky illegal camper returned and was ignoring USFS workers who asked the camper to move along.  
19:09 - In Loyalton, assistance from the Eastern Plumas Health Care Ambulance was requested.  
19:25 - In Loyalton, there was a juvenile problem.

## Wednesday, April 27

03:58 - Near Sierraville, on CA-89, a caller was traveling to Truckee when the caller saw a man along the highway trying to stop the vehicle. The caller described the man as wearing a blue surgical mask, tan pants and a reflective vest. The man was seen just before the Hobart Mills Campground.  
09:09 - In North San Juan, there was a request for civil services.  
09:50 - In Verdi, someone was possibly growing cannabis illegally.  
10:01 - In Sierra City, there were some suspicious circumstances surrounding a family fight.  
15:53 - In Loyalton, Eastern Plumas Health Care Ambulance was requested.  
18:17 - In Sierra City, there was a single non-injury accident.  
20:09 - In Camptonville, USFS had multiple lit burn piles that were along Indian Valley. The burn piles were secured, contained and monitored.

## Thursday, April 28

09:35 - In Pike, there was possible identity theft.  
12:22 - In Loyalton, some property was vandalized.  
12:58 - In Sierra City, there was a report of a drunk driver.  
14:56 - In Sierraville, there were some folks stuck in the snow. The Deputies were able to get everyone out and to their destinations.  
15:04 - In Sierra City, there was a report of stolen firearms and other suspicious activities.

## Friday, April 29

04:14 - From Sierraville, a request for an ambulance came in.  
13:50 - In Quincy, there was a request for Agency assistance.  
19:11 - In Sierra City, there were suspicious activities occurring at a business.  
20:45 - In Sierraville, someone got stuck and needed a ride.  
21:32 - In Loyalton, a possible battery occurred.

## Saturday, April 30

07:33 - In Loyalton, there was a report of a suspicious person and circumstances. There was also a request to take possession of firearms.  
11:52 - In Downieville, a dog was at large. The owner was cited. I wonder what the dog did to be on the lam.  
12:48 - In Downieville, a black iPad was found and turned into SCSO. The owner of the device came and claimed it.  
15:06 - In Loyalton, it seems some drugs were found while a residence was being cleaned.  
15:51 - In Loyalton, a dog was barking. The deputy worked with the owner to avoid a possible citation for a dog doing what a dog does. They bark.  
17:39 - In Sierra City, there was a mental health issue.  
18:46 - In Sattley, someone possibly overdosed.  
19:11 - In Loyalton, some property was found and returned to the rightful owner.  
19:38 - In Camptonville, there was a non-injury accident.  
21:41 - In Calpine, there was a vehicle versus tree accident with injuries.

## Sunday, May 1

11:01 - In Loyalton, another dog-at-large issue arose. This dog owner was also cited for the dog behaving badly.  
12:26 - In Downieville, there was a possible crime with video footage. There were no victims to the crime. The case will wait until contact is made.  
15:51 - In Sierraville, a loose dog was on the road. The deputy was unable to find the dog. Could this be one of the dogs on the lam?  
23:37 - In Downieville, a request for a welfare check was received. All parties were found safe and sound.

Total 911 Misdialed: 22

**Total Reported: 67**

### 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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### Estate of Christopher P. Rothes Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters of Administration with Will Annexed Authorization to Administer Under the Independent Administration of Estates Act Filed in Superior Court of California, County of Sierra April 26, 2022 Case Number 22PR0006

- Publication will be in: Sierra Booster
  - Publication to be arranged
- Petitioner: Emily S. Valle requests that:
  - Decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate
  - Emily S. Valle administer with will annexed
  - Full authority be granted to administer under the Independent Administration of Estates Act
  - Bond not be required for the reasons stated in item 3e.
- Decedent died on October 30, 2021 at Truckee, California
    - A resident of the county named above.
    - Street address: 17 Zollinger Street, Loyalton, California, 96118
    - Character and estimated value of the property of the estate:

(1) Personal property	\$5,000.00
(2) Annual gross income from	
Real property	-
Personal property	-
(3) <b>Subtotal</b>	\$5,000.00
(4) Gross fair market value of real property	\$250,000.00
(5) (Less) Encumbrances	\$35,000.00
(6) Net value of real property	\$215,000.00
(7) <b>Total</b>	\$220,000.00
    - (2) All beneficiaries are adults and have waived bond, the will does not require a bond
    - (f) (2) Copy of decedent's will dated: 02/07/2013 are affixed as Attachment 3f(2). The will and all codicils are self-proving (Prob. Code § 6124 does not apply).
    - (g) **Appointment of personal representative**
      - Appointment of executor or administrator with will annexed:
        - No executor is named in the will.
      - Appointment of administrator:
        - Petitioner is related to the decedent as Daughter of Decedent's Finacee/Divisee
      - Proposed personal representative is a
        - resident of California
        - resident of the United States
  - Decedent's will does not preclude administration of this estate under the Independent Administration of Estates
  - (a) Decedent was survived by
    - no spouse as follow:
      - divorced or never married
    - no registered domestic partner
    - no child
    - no issue of predeceased child.
    - Decedent was not survived by a stepchild or foster child or children who would have been adopted by decedent but for a legal barrier.
  - (b) Decedent was survived by issue of deceased parents, all of whom are listed in item 8.
  - (a) Decedent had no predeceased spouse.
  - Listed [below] are the names, relationships to decedent, ages, and addresses, so far as known to or reasonably ascertainable by petitioner, of (1) all persons mentioned in decedent's will or any codicil, whether living or deceased; (2) all persons named or checked in items 2, 5, 6, and 7; and (3) all beneficiaries of a trust named in decedent's will or any codicil in which trustee and personal representative are the same person.

Name and relationship to decedent /Age/ Address	
Susan A. Sterling - Decedent's Finacee /Adult/ 14 Zollinger Street, Loyalton, California 96118	
Michelle Rothes - Decedent's sister by adoption /Adult/ 2411 Carrelton Drive, Champaign, Illinois 61821	
Sasha Rothes - Decedent's sister by adoption /Adult/ 14500 Johnson Road, Red Bluff, California 96080	
Matt Valle - Friend /Adult/ 16959 Glenshire Drive, Truckee, California 96161	
Carleen Garrison (a/k/a Carleen Holland) /Adult/ P.O. Box 89, Oakland, Oregon 97462	
Linda Lauer - Friend /Adult/ 2411 Carrelton Drive, Champaign, Illinois 61821	
Truckee Meadows Habitat for Humanity - no relation / NA / 530 Greenbrae Drive, Sparks, Nevada 89431	

/s/ Elaine Andrews, Attorney Date: 02/07/2022  
I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of California that the foregoing is true and correct  
/s/ Emily S. Valle Date 02/07/2022



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Loyalton, CA 96118

# At the Firehouse

By VICTORIA TENNEY

**ALLEGHANY:** April 25th - Basic 32 refresher training in Pike City. April 30th - Firefighters picked up the "new-to-us" firetruck.  
**DOWNIEVILLE:** April 27th - Responded for two Medical Urgent Care incidents; COVID-19 testing at the Community Hall. April 28th - EMS Training. April 29th - Responded for a Medical Urgent Care incident. April 30th - Responded for a vehicle roll-over.  
**LOYALTON:** April 25th - 9:59 AM, older person with high blood pressure and dizziness, west of Loyalton; 12:30 PM, adult individual with swelling from possible allergic reaction, west of Loyalton. April 26th - 7:15 PM, older person fell with injuries, Loyalton.  
**PIKE CITY:** April 25th Basic 32 refresher training.

**SIERRA CITY:** April 26th Firefighter training at the Sand Shed.  
**SIERRA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #1(CALPINE, SATTLEY, & SIERRAVILLE):** April 26th - Responded for a medical call in SATTLEY. April 28th - Firefighters trained in Calpine. April 29th - Responded for a medical call in Sierraville. April 30th - Responded for a medical call in Sierraville; Responded for a single vehicle collision with injuries on Hwy. 89, north of Calpine.

### LEGAL NOTICE \*\* LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrants are doing business as: SUN KISSED WINDOWS  
Full name of registrants: Clinton Allen & Naomi Vaughan  
Registrants Address: 1573 Greenhorn Ranch Road, Quincy, CA 95971  
Business location: 1573 Greenhorn Ranch Road, Quincy, CA 95971  
This business is being conducted by: Copartners  
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 4/1/2022  
/s/ Naomi Vaughan  
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: April 01, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000083  
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### 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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## NOTICE OF PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY'S REQUEST TO INCREASE RATES FOR ITS 2023 COST OF CAPITAL APPLICATION (A.22-04-008)

**Acronyms you need to know**  
**PG&E:** Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
**CPUC:** California Public Utilities Commission

**WHY AM I RECEIVING THIS NOTICE?**  
On April 20, 2022, PG&E filed its 2023 Cost of Capital Application with the CPUC. The "cost of capital" is the financial rate of return on invested capital that PG&E collects on its capital assets used to provide safe and reliable service.

Setting the appropriate cost of capital helps ensure PG&E can secure the financing necessary to continue providing safe and reliable service for customers.

In this application, PG&E is requesting to establish its authorized cost of capital for utility operations beginning in 2023 and is also requesting recovery for its actual short-term borrowing costs based on the prior year.

In total, the proposed changes in the COC application would increase PG&E's current authorized revenues by \$295.5 million, or 1.5%. If approved, PG&E's request would become effective beginning January 1, 2023.

### WHY IS PG&E REQUESTING THIS RATE CHANGE?

Utilities like PG&E fund the upfront costs of its capital assets with corporate loans (Long-term Debt) and equity/stock (Common Equity and Preferred Stock). The cost of capital changes over time as interest rates change, and with this application PG&E is updating its cost of capital. Capital assets include, but are not limited to, electric distribution poles and wires, natural gas pipelines, utility owned power plants, and information technology systems.

### HOW COULD THIS AFFECT MY MONTHLY ELECTRIC RATES?

Many customers receive bundled electric service from PG&E, meaning they receive electric generation, transmission and distribution services. A summary of the proposed rate impact for these customers was sent directly to customers in a bill insert.

The bill for a typical residential customer using 500 kWh per month would increase from \$165.35 to \$167.12, or 1.1%, compared to rates currently in effect.

Direct Access and Community Choice Aggregation customers only receive electric transmission and distribution services from PG&E. On average, rates for services provided by PG&E to these customers would increase by 1.7% if this application is approved. DA providers and CCAs set their own generation rates. Check with your DA provider or CCA to learn how this would impact your overall bill.

Another category of nonbundled customers is Departing Load. These customers do not receive electric generation, transmission or distribution services from PG&E. However, these customers are required to pay certain charges by law or CPUC decision. On average, existing Departing Load customers would see a rate increase of 0.6%.

Actual impacts will vary depending on usage and are subject to CPUC regulatory approval.

### HOW WILL PG&E'S APPLICATION AFFECT GAS RATES?

Bundled gas customers receive transmission, distribution, and procurement services from PG&E. A summary of the proposed rate increase for these customers was sent directly to customers in a bill insert.

Based on rates currently in effect, the bill for a typical residential customer averaging 33 therms per month would increase from \$65.24 to \$66.28, or 1.6%.

Actual impacts will vary depending on usage and are subject to CPUC regulatory approval.

### HOW DOES THE REST OF THIS PROCESS WORK?

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

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

### WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

#### CONTACT PG&E

If you have questions about PG&E's filing, please contact PG&E at **1-800-743-5000**. For TTY, call **1-800-652-4712**. If you would like an electronic copy of the filing and exhibits, please write to the address below:

Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
2023 Cost of Capital Application (A.22-04-008)  
P.O. Box 7442  
San Francisco, CA 94120

#### CONTACT CPUC

Please visit **apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2204008** to submit a comment about this proceeding on the CPUC Docket Card. Here you can also view documents and other public comments related to this proceeding.

Your participation by providing your thoughts on PG&E's request can help the CPUC make an informed decision.

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

Phone: **1-866-849-8390** (toll-free) or **1-415-703-2074**  
Email: **PublicAdvisor@cpuc.ca.gov**

Mail: CPUC Public Advisor's Office  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Please reference the **2023 Cost of Capital Application A.22-04-008** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.



Help Wanted

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant are 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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ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant are 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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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 CountyClerk-Recorder on:April 4, 2022 FILE NO:2022-0000085  
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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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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 CountyClerk-Recorder on: April 13, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000098  
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Food Assistance  
Food Bank / Commodities Contacts

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	

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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 CountyClerk-Recorder on: March 7, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000061  
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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 CountyClerk-Recorder on: April 4, 2022 FILE NO: 2022001839  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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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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

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

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

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

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

**Alleghany County Water District**—Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month, 6 P.M. at the Firehouse. 105 Plaza Court. [alleghanywater.org](http://alleghanywater.org).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Pliocene Ridge Community Services District**—3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30 P.M. Alternates between Alleghany and Pike. [plioceneridge.org](http://plioceneridge.org) Pike City and Alleghany Fire Departments train Mondays, 6 P.M. Volunteer Firefighters needed, training and gear provided. Send an email to: [plioceneridge@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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 - Road Conditions	800-
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
High Sierra Family Resource Center	993-1110
Loyalton Elementary School	993-4482
Loyalton City Hall	993-6750
Loyalton Cop Shop	993-4479
Loyalton High School	993-4454
Loyalton Volunteer Fire Department	993-6751
Mental Health Services, Loyalton	993-6700
PG&E report outages	800-743-5002
Plumas Ace Hardware, Portola	832-5208
Plumas County Clerk-Recorder	283-6218
Plumas County Sheriff's Office (Front Desk)	283-6375
Sierra County Sheriff's Office—non-emergency	289-3700
Sierra County Clerk-Recorder	289-3295
Sierra Hardware, Downieville	289-3582
Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital	274-6000
Sierra Valley Home Center, Loyalton	993-4331
USFS Beckwourth Ranger District	836-2575
Sierraville Ranger District	994-3401
Yuba River Ranger District	288-3231
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## S&P 500 Market Movers - 5/4

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2. Generac Holdings Inc (GNRC) - \$261.78 (+11.791%)
3. Enphase Energy Inc (ENPH) - \$191.94 (+9.975%)

Top Losers

1. Akamai Technologies Inc (AKAM) - \$102.765 (-9.697%)
2. Johnson Controls International (JCI) - \$56.52 (-8.706%)
3. IDEXX Laboratories Inc (IDXX) - \$411.31 (-5.654%)

## NASDAQ Market Movers - 5/4

Top Gainers

1. Starbucks Corp (SBUX) - \$81.64 (+9.835%)
2. Advanced Micro Devices (AMD) - \$99.42 (+9.097%)
3. Airbnb Inc (ABNB) - \$156.18 (+7.71%)

Top Losers

1. IDEXX Laboratories Inc (IDXX) - \$411.31 (-5.654%)
2. Skyworks Solutions Inc (SWKS) - \$113.53 (-4.972%)
3. Verisk Analytics Inc (VRSK) - \$193.53 (-3.293%)

California Hay Report - 4/29/2022

Compared to last week: Trade activity and demand were moderate to good. Retail hay prices were steady. Dairy and Export hay prices were steady with good demand. According to the NASS report on April 25, 2022 in the Sacramento Valley, many wheat fields were fully headed and turning color, signaling maturity. Rice ground was being prepared for planting. Cotton continued to be planted in Merced County. In Tulare County, alfalfa was being cut for silage and green chop. Small grains continued maturing in fields. Later planted fields were still being treated for weed control. Corn continued to be planted, with some starting to emerge. Winter grain fields that have been harvested for silage were being fertilized, tilled, and planted with corn. In Stanislaus County, alfalfa, oat, and wheat hay were being harvested for silage. The next available hay report will be May 06, 2022.

Direct Hay Weighted Average Report			
Volume - California			
	This Week	Last Reported	Last Year
		(4/11/2022)	
Tons of Hay:	10450	4700	9270
Bales of Hay:	5000	0	0
Please Note: The above volumes of tonnage 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.			
Source: USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News - <a href="https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/ams_2904.pdf">https:// www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/ams_2904.pdf</a>			

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Live Cattle USD/100 Lbs.	138.50	134.825	-2.65%	+17.83%
Milk USD/100 Lbs.	24.31	24.72	+1.69%	+29.09%
Wheat USD/Bushel	1092.50	1084.75	-0.71%	+41.91%
Corn USD/Bushel	821.75	803.75	-0.9%	+5.66%
Lithium USD/Ton	71547.80	69790.25	-2.46%	+413.89%
Aluminum USD/Ton	3109.00	2986.00	-3.96%	+22.80%
Nickel USD/Ton	33281.00	30890.00	-7.18%	+72.84%
Crude Oil USD/Barrel WTI	101.21	108.37	+7.07%	+67.32%
Propane USD/Gallon	1.31	1.28	-2.29%	+55.87%
CRB Index Index Points	325.41	334.58	+2.82%	+54.22%

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

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Mobil Quincy	\$5.79	\$6.09	\$5.99
Chevron Quincy	\$5.89	\$6.19	\$6.09
Whites's Station Loyalton	\$5.85	-	\$6.40
Sierraville Service Sierraville	\$5.65	\$5.85	6.16\$
Lost Nugget Camptonville	\$5.81	\$6.21	\$6.21
76 Penn Valley	\$5.73	\$6.13	\$6.53
Nevada City Gas Nevada City	\$5.49	\$5.79	\$5.99
ARCO Grass Valley	\$5.63	\$5.93	\$6.39
Chevron Truckee	\$6.39	\$6.69	\$6.69

Sources: gasbuddy.com and phone calls to stations.



# Elements

## Night Sky - Meteor Showers

Every year, as the Earth orbits around the Sun, our planet passes through the ancient paths of icy comets and rocky asteroids. Those objects have shed gasses and bits of rock which linger in space. When Earth runs into this trail of space debris, the atmosphere acts as a shield. If the collision between rock and air is fast enough, you get what we call a "shooting star" or meteor. It's not a star at all; often it's a rock the size of a grain of sand! The friction caused by the air causes it to glow and vaporize into a streak of light.

Although random space rocks can cause meteors anytime, these predictable intersections with old objects creates "meteor showers" with many shooting stars per hour. Dates are roughly the same each year, but the number of meteors can vary widely from year to year.

The next shower is tonight! The Eta Aquarids at about 50 faint meteors possible per hour. To observe, just find a clear sky and blankly look up. Your eyes will pick up on meteors all on their own.

Keep lookin' up — Collin O'Mara-Green

## Sun & Moon

Date:		Thu. 5-5	Fri. 5-6	Sat. 5-7	Sun. 5-8	Mon. 5-9	Tue. 5-10	Wed. 5-11
Sun	Rise:	05:57	05:56	05:55	05:54	05:53	05:52	05:51
	Set:	19:59	20:00	20:01	20:02	20:03	20:04	20:05
Moon	Rise:	09:03	09:40	10:24	11:14	12:10	13:11	14:15
	Set:	-	00:21	01:19	02:13	03:00	03:41	04:16
	Illumination	20.8%	29.3	38.6%	48.3%	58.2%	67.8%	77.0%

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

## Road/Trail/River Conditions

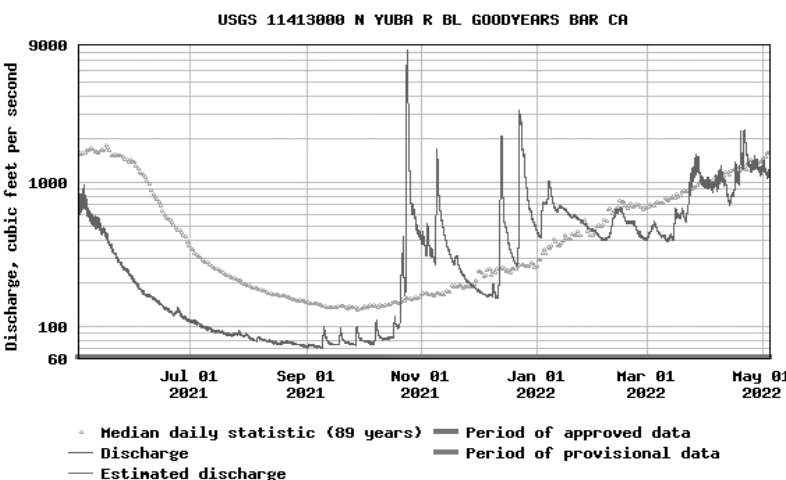
As of early this morning, Caltrans is reporting no traffic restrictions on CA-49 and CA-70. For CA-89, however, the highway remains closed due to snow through the Lassen Volcanic National Park. Also, 1-way controlled traffic continues to affect various locations along this highway between its junction with CA-70 and CA-147.

Conditions on trails are continuing to improve as crews from the Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship work to "log out" downfalls and other debris resulting from last winter's storms. As for motorized vehicles, mud will be restricting the ability of users to travel without damaging both the trails and their vehicles.

The watercourses continue to run clear and cold with plenty of water for rafting, kayaking, and fishing. Meanwhile, however, the snowpack is shrinking and flows have fallen below the historic norm for this time of year.

## Water Flow on the North Yuba River

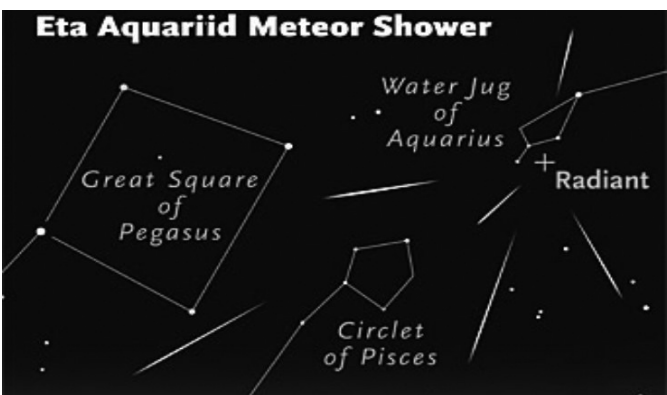
May 4, 2021 - May 4, 2022



## 7-Day Local Forecast

Towns	Info	Thu. 5-5	Fri. 5-6	Sat. 5-7	Sun. 5-8	Mon. 5-9	Tue. 5-10	Wed. 5-11
<i>Downieville</i>	High/Low (°F)	82/45	70/44	67/40	64/34	52/28	49/27	55/30
	Cloudiness (%)	60%	68%	36%	60%	26%	45%	41%
	Wind (mph):	SW-S 14 mph	SW 15 mph	SW-W 6 mph	NW 13 mph	SW 5mph	W 3 mph	W 5 mph
	Humidity (%)	58%	82%	69%	70%	75%	77%	68%
	Chance of Precip.	8%	16%	4%	31%	26%	18%	14%
<i>Loyalton</i>	High/Low (°F)	74/41	64/43	65/37	58/32	46/24	43/24	48/27
	Cloudiness (%)	50%	28%	20%	53%	55%	46%	33%
	Wind (mph):	SW 26 mph	SW 27 mph	W 15 mph	SW-W 21 mph	W 12 mph	N-W 5 mph	W 11 mph
	Humidity (%)	47%	64%	51%	57%	60%	63%	58%
	Chance of Precip.	3%	8%	4%	28%	23%	16%	13%
<i>Quincy</i>	High/Low (°F)	86/42	69/43	66/37	63/31	50/25	49/24	55/27
	Cloudiness (%)	44%	51%	38%	56%	55%	43%	38%
	Wind (mph):	SW 18 mph	SW 18 mph	SW-W 11 mph	NW 14 mph	SW-W 6 mph	NW-W 3 mph	W-SW 6 mph
	Humidity (%)	61%	78%	65%	67%	73%	74%	70%
	Chance of Precip.	7%	16%	4%	31%	19%	14%	11%

Source: <<https://www.weather.gov/wrh/wxtable>> [National Weather Service WFO STO 00:45 AM PDT Thursday May 5, 2022] M=Missing



Credit: Sky and Telescope

## Last Week's Weather

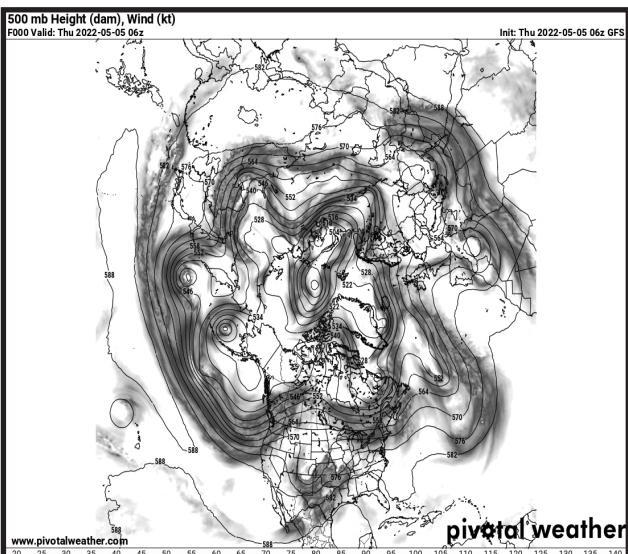
Courtesy of the Grubstake Saloon

Date	Hi	FE	Lo	FE	Precip.	Snow
Apr. 26	59	0	35	-5	-	
Apr. 27	66	0	35	0	-	-
Apr. 28	59	-7	32	-2	-	-
Apr. 29	72	+15	37	0	-	-
Apr. 30	68	-3	42	+2	-	-
May 1	70	+1	35	-5	-	-
May 2	60	-11	33	-7	-	-

Forecast 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"



## Jet Streams: May 5

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

# Game Corner

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

## CryptoQuip

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

Clue: F equals G

B FYNGGAR KBFSKJ KT KSA

GNQW TL KSNK FDJ'U LTTK

YACAVKCAUUCJ, DVKBC NK CNUK

SA QYBAR "NVWCA!"

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## Last Week's Answers

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### CryptoQuip

When the thief wanted some small chocolates, do you think he was guilty of stealing Kisses?

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### ACROSS

- June hrs.
- Cobbling tool
- Birthstone after opal
- Run-down 73-Down
- Deep musing
- Calm down
- Filled pasta squares
- Shady public walk
- 1909 Literature Nobel [Alabama]
- Runner-up of tennis' 2017 U.S. Open [Wisconsin]
- Enkindled
- Authorize to
- "Ye olde" place
- Quarterback Brady
- Counterparts of egos
- Cutely shy
- Cosmetics company founder [Montana]
- Paris-based cultural gp.
- Mysterious letters
- Washington subway system, familiarly
- Alfred Lunt's comedy partner [Massachusetts]
- Poker champ Ungar
- Spicy cuisine
- Last line on an invoice
- Abu — (emirate)
- Navy off.
- Plaintiff
- "Today" co-anchor [Georgia]
- Take in
- Higher
- Take in
- "Jane Eyre" novelist [North Carolina]
- Goad
- Go bad
- ski bar
- Sedentary
- LAX stats
- Comic
- Carrey
- Star of the reality show subtitled "Life's a Tripp" [Connecticut]
- Birthstone after ruby
- "The Liberty Bell" march composer
- Passionate actress [New Jersey]
- Plaines
- Mag heads
- That lad's
- Motorola competitor
- Saturate
- Iceberg part
- "National Velvet" novelist [Oklahoma]
- 1970 #1 hit for The Guess Who that's apt for this puzzle?
- "Woe Is I" author Patricia T. —
- Price ceiling
- Part of FDA: Abbr.
- Toto's owner
- Having been banished
- Decade units
- Golf course units: Abbr.
- Grafton's "— for Outlaw"
- DOWN
- Druggist's weight unit
- Acting Ward
- Tube spot
- Retort to "Am not!"

- State of a surviving wife
- Romance novelist Banks
- Stun with a charge
- Stay in line
- Good friends
- \$\$\$ holder
- Passionate
- Greek society
- Delay
- Abel's mom
- Broadcast
- 16 — weevil
- Healing plant
- Donation
- Send out
- See 31-Down
- Kenan's sitcom buddy
- With 25-Down, perch for a nest
- Night demon
- Mil. award
- "Keep it in"
- Niche sects
- "The joke's —!"
- "Fiddler on the Roof" matchmaker
- Age
- Ursuline, e.g.
- Actress Miller
- Fido's jingler
- Antiquated anesthetic
- From Tehran

- Clamor
- Spider web, at times
- Toronto-based gridiron org.
- Sorority letters
- Caddy drink
- "Zip it up!"
- "Aw, rats!"
- Suffix with social
- Old Saturn SUVs
- LAPD alert
- "Weekend Edition" network
- Natal lead-in
- Set of seven
- Similar to
- Superbly done tasks
- Delicate pancake
- The Ritz, e.g.
- Pong creator
- Overused
- Pro —
- for tat
- Rock's Brian
- Irritated
- Sheeplike
- Auto dings
- Northwestern Pacific fish
- ER skill
- Large or medium
- Enjoys some 1940s jazz

- Regret
- Syr. neighbor
- Hefty Cinch —
- Slope on which a vessel is built
- Wispy
- Pol. wild card
- Unimportant person
- Stravinsky and Sikorsky
- Part of A.D.
- Indian dress
- Arab nation
- Singer Seeger
- Racket grip enhancer
- "The Circle" actress Watson
- Brand of hair remover
- Stay-the-night sites
- Informed of
- Utah city near Provo
- Abstainers from alcohol
- Writer Stout
- French for "here"
- Shortstop Ripken
- Poem type

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True Tales of the Timber Industry as assembled by Cynthia Anderson

From the Woods — Scott Alexander, Finale

Now you have to sort by species and size; you could have seven or eight sorts in your landing, small pine, big pine, big White Fir, little White Fir, but it all goes to the same place. You know, I can see their point. If they get a 50-log load of mixed, then they have to sort all of it, whereas if they get a sorted load, all they have to do is go throw it in the deck. They still have loads that go to Sacramento. We did a job out there on Winters Avenue. They take them to the Port, debark them, shove them in a container truck, then send them out to China. You know they would bring in TV sets from China and reload the trucks with logs, they just poke them in.

I have a video of them loading them up. The truck would take them back to Oakland and load them on ships and send them out. In fact, they did that years ago in Hell Hole. They loaded the logs into containers—they weren’t logging trucks, they were containers—and took them right to the Port. I wasn’t involved in loading them, I just watched. When we would send wood to China they only wanted certain lengths, and we would waste a lot of wood. They wanted lengths like 36’10" (a preferred length) and nothing under 20 feet. If you had a nice 16 footer, they didn’t want it. And tens, twelves, sixteens, they didn’t want it, it was a waste.

If you have a new guy in the woods and you tell him to cut 32s, and that’s what he does, it is supposed to have a foot of trim, so it needs to be 33 feet long. By the time somebody

catches it, and corrects it, there is two days worth of logs on the ground at the wrong length. I would see wrong lengths being cut, and I’d say, “This one isn’t right, this one won’t fit on the truck,” “What’s wrong with this?” “Well, let’s measure some more,” and “Wait! This one is wrong, too!”

I loved running the feller buncher. I did a two-minute video one time, a log loading video. I set the phone on the dash and we had 25 loads going out and 25 trucks coming at once. I was running one loader and Mike was running the other loader, he worked on one side of the deck and I worked on the other side and made this time-lapse video that shows that whole log deck just slowly going away.

I have several videos showing the de-limber working, and the loader loading trucks out. It is really pretty cool to watch. When they are loading trucks, the truck driver has to check the weight on the truck and trailer, and he has to tell the loader operator how much he weighs and where he wants more or less wood. They get on the CB radio and are talking to the loader operator, telling him where he needs the wood. That loader operator has to grab a log that he thinks would work for the truck driver. I took these videos to just show how this is done in the woods.

Working in the woods, what better office could you have? The blade on the “hot saw” for the saw that cuts down the trees, is about five foot, it has 16

teeth on it and I can go a month or more without replacing the teeth. But if I am hitting rocks, I have to replace them every day. Those teeth just bolt on, so they are pretty easy to replace, and I can do it in about a half an hour. They are held on with a bolt. They are three-sided and you just take the bolt out, turn them around or replace them, and put the bolt back in. You can get three turns out of it before you have to replace it and it is really pretty easy. They run about 400 dollars per set. Steve Arrowwood is running it now, I really miss it, I love running the feller buncher.

I remember snowmobiling up on Highway 20. Me and a buddy have done that since high school. I remember going up there one time and we could ride all over because it was like a clearcut. We were riding up by the rest area on Highway 20, and the snow got pretty deep that one year and we could ride all over. Those trees were only four or five foot tall. Now you drive up there and they are three foot around, it’s amazing how they grow. Running this feller buncher, I have done a lot of plantations and thinned them out and make those places look like a park. That was the thing with chipping—we chipped everything that was left on the ground and cleaned it all up and the places looked like a park. Then the chip market went south and now you can’t give them away. There is a place in Rocklin that will take them, but they won’t hardly pay you for them.

In next week's "From the Woods", we begin the final chapter of this column with the tale of John Hodge, another Grass Valley native who worked in the timber industry.

At right, a single-log load from near French Meadows Reservoir that is so large that it had to be pushed onto the truck instead of lifted.



Cory Peterman's Historical Corner

Familial Ties to Sierra County

Over two years ago, I wrote an article about well-known people that once called Sierra County home. However, there are several other well-known figures that have familial ties to Sierra County, and though I do not have the space to include all of these people in this article, I’ll include a few below.

The American Broadway musical composer Cole Porter (1891-1964), though born in Indiana, was descended from Sierra County pioneers. His mother, Kate, was born at Brandy City in 1862. Her parents, James Omar Cole and his wife Rachel Henton Cole, had come out to Sierra County during the Gold Rush from Peru, Indiana. The elder Cole worked in various mining endeavors around Brandy City and nearby Oak Valley. After over a decade in Sierra County, the family returned to the midwest town of Peru, where James Omar Cole would later become “the richest man in Indiana.”

Another famous American composer with familial ties to Sierra County (through his second marriage) was Irving Berlin (1888-1989). In 1926, Berlin married Ellin Mackay, the granddaughter of Comstock baron John Mackay and his wife, Marie Louise Antoinette Hungerford, who came to Downieville at the age 10. Before her marriage to Mackay, Ms. Hungerford was married to Dr. Edmund G. Bryant, Sierra County’s first county physician. The couple would stay connected to various communities in Sierra County (primarily Downieville, Poverty Hill, and La Porte, which was then part of Sierra County) until the doctor’s death in 1866. The young widow then married John Mackay, himself a former Sierra County resident, the following year. Ellin Mackay Berlin, the granddaughter of the Mackays, wrote several books during her lifetime, including *The Silver Platter*, published in 1957, which chronicles her grandmother’s youth in Downieville.

Another well-known figure in the entertainment industry descended from Sierra County pioneers was Verna Felton (1890-1966), a voice actress who worked primarily with Disney. She voiced Mrs. Jumbo in *Dumbo*, the Fairy Godmother in *Cinderella*, the Queen of Hearts in *Alice in Wonderland*, just to name a few examples. Verna Felton’s mother, Clara Lawrence, was born in Sierra County, and spent her youth in Port Wine and Forest City. The Lawrences were well-known miners and hoteliers in Sierra County. The 1883 Lawrence House still stands on Main Street in Forest City. Clara Lawrence married Dr. Horace W. Felton in Forest City in 1886, and the couple left Forest City shortly before the birth of their daughter Verna in 1890.

One living figure with familial ties to Sierra County, though quite distant, is *Fox News* talk show host Tucker Carlson (born in 1969). Perhaps this may excite many residents of Sierra County, a strongly Republican county (the last Democrat to win a majority in the county was Jimmy Carter back in 1976). Carlson’s great-great-grandfather was Cesar Lombardi (1845-1919), a Swiss-Italian immigrant that came to the United States around 1860. His brother was Pompeo John Lombardi (1861-1938), who settled in Sierra Valley in the 1880s and is buried in Loyalton next to his wife Angiolina Ramelli.

In an article written by Philip Bump in *The Washington Post*, much is discussed about Tucker Carlson’s immigrant ancestor Cesar Lombardi, who wrote a series of letters which were published in 1948 as *Autobiographical Letters of Cesar Lombardi to his Grandchildren*. In these letters, Lombardi wrote about his experiences as a young immigrant and his familial connections to Loyalton. Upon arriving to the United States, he spoke only Italian, later recalling

he “felt like being deaf and dumb among people whose language I could not understand... I also began to feel some of that desolate lonesomeness that comes of being completely out of relation with our surrounding.” Things didn’t let up for the young Lombardi upon learning English. He wrote “some of the boys disliked me because I was so different, I suppose, and teased me about my pronunciation and made life miserable for a time.” It’s rather ironic to hear the words of Tucker Carlson on *Fox News* in comparison to the words of his ancestor...however, this isn’t a political article.

Cesar Lombardi wrote that he was from a family of eight children, six of whom survived infancy. In one letter to his grandchildren, he wrote about his other siblings. “*Ferdinand is in business at San Francisco, member of the largest private firm in the exclusive vineyard and wholesale wine trade in California. The other is Uncle Pompeo of Loyalton, Sierra County, California, a successful and wealthy farmer, stock raiser, and merchant. He is by far the ablest business man of the family... [Sister] Adelina Filippini, lives on a ranch with her children near Loyalton, California. Uncle Pompeo sold a ranch of 1,000 acres to her boys some years ago on credit, just to start them and today they have paid for the ranch in full, bought more land and have a large herd of cattle. They are industrious and successful business men.*” Lombardi also wrote that his maternal cousins were the Ramellis. To this day, the Lombardi, Filippini, and Ramelli surnames can be found in Sierra Valley.

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

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The Mountain Messenger

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Woman Walks 14 Miles To Vote for Hoover

With rumors that the whole country had gone Democratic, and that Republicans had gone out of business, new assurance to the contrary comes to the faithful by the latest feat of a woman miner, who tramped 14 miles over the snow in order to get to Downieville in time to vote for Herbert Hoover.

Mrs. Anna Perfield, who lives at her mine at American Hill, started out on foot Tuesday morning, although she is an expert ski rider.

Leaving the high Henness Pass ridge, she attempted a short cut to the Comet Mine in the head of Jim Crow Canyon, but soon got into difficulties as soft snow was encountered. The winter pack was still from 12 to 15 feet deep, on top of which three feet of new snow had fallen. But being a hardy mountain woman, Mrs. Perfield fought her way on through the deep drifts until she finally reached the lower canyon, where the snow was not so deep. Making her way to a cabin which she has on another mining claim, the Nugget, and where bedding and supplies had been left, Mrs. Perfield found it in a wrecked condition, the work of vandals. The padlock was still on the door, but the window had been broken, the door nob had been shot off, a valued old clock broken, and the interior of the cabin generally wrecked.

Tired and disheartened, Mrs. Perfield rested before proceeding on her long journey to Downieville to vote. Despite her disappointment over finding her cabin broken into and determined to do her bit in returning President Hoover to office and at the same time

displaying her unbounded faith in him, she trudged on four miles farther to Downieville where she deposited one big hard-earned vote for Herbert Hoover.

Mrs. Perfield, who is a staunch Republican and who never fails to exercise her right to vote, helped elect Governor Rolph a year ago last fall, although she had to walk 14 miles over mountain trails to do so. And she thinks Governor Rolph is the greatest Governor California has ever had. She shook hands with him when he was here last summer, and he showed keen interest when told Mrs. Perfield was a real miner who actually dug out gold with pick and shovel. Mrs. Perfield is so busy mining she does not have time for society activities. She has been to Downieville but twice in seven months.

Veteran “Native” Delegate To Leave for Stockton

In 1915, Tony Lavezzola started attending Native Sons’ Conventions as a delegate from Downieville Parlor No. 92. With one exception he has been doing it ever since. He was unable to attend the Truckee convention, but otherwise has an unbroken record attendance of 17 consecutive years.

If not already so, he will soon be in the champion class and may win national honors. Tony is helping Downieville to become distinguished. His running mate is August Costa, the local order having elected two delegates this year. The Native Sons’ Convention is to be held at Stockton May 16 to 19, inclusive. Mr. Costa, who is now at Willows, will attend the convention before returning to Downieville.

Many to Attend Reunion

If all those who plan to attend the Sierra-Plumas Reunion this year at 183 Alcatraz Avenue, South Berkeley, do so, Sierra County will be well represented by those now living here, to say nothing of the large number of former residents, now widely scattered who will attend.

This annual gathering has come to be looked forward to with keen anticipation by a large number of people on account of the opportunity it affords to greet old friends as well as new ones, and because of the splendid time that all enjoy.

Heretofore these gatherings have been held at Mosswood Park in Oakland, but last year, late rains made an open-air reunion impossible. This year it was decided to outwit the Weather Man by holding the affair inside. The Masonic Hall auditorium at South Berkeley therefore was engaged for the occasion, where the assemblage will gather.

Among those who have signified their intention of attending the reunion are the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Antone Lavezzola, Miss Josephine Tomola, Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Taylor, Miss Bertha Sinnott, Mr. and Mrs. F.H. Turner, Evan Thomas, Mrs. J.J. Quinn, Raymond McIntosh, M.T. Ayres, David Ayres, all of Downieville; J.A. Casserly and H.R. McDougall of Alleghany; and Mrs. Vernon Hansen of Sierra City and others. Mr. and Mrs. August Costa, who are visiting their son and family at Willows also will attend.

Among the writers who contribute so largely toward making *The Messenger* the

successful newspaper that it is and who will attend the reunion will be:

“Carolyn,” “Quartz,” “Golly,” Lida Ludwig, Dick Mitchell, “Hyacinth,” Alta Vaugh Simon, Mrs. Vernon Hansen and possibly several others besides the editor.

One hundred copies of *The Mountain Messenger* will be taken to the reunion for free distribution to those who do not now receive the old home-town and home-county newspaper. Sierra County residents and former residents can regard with pardonable pride their county newspaper, which has such a long and unbroken record of continuous publication, and which has had such a large part in making history not only for Sierra County, but the State as well. *The Mountain Messenger* is 79 years old this year and it is but fitting that it be properly represented at the reunion.

Two-year Manhunt Ends In Arrest by Local Officer

Showing the thoroughness with which the State motor vehicle department works, and its splendid organization of traffic officers was the apprehension of Russell Hayden of Los Angeles Wednesday at Goodyears Bar by Traffic Officer A.J. Ponta.

In 1930 Hayden was cited to appear in Culver City, Los Angeles County, on a charge of speeding. He failed to appear, and word was sent out to the traffic officers of the State to watch for him. Although two years had passed, the incident was not forgotten, and Wednesday Officer Ponta located Hayden at Goodyears Bar. Hayden’s license plates and registration card were taken from him and sent to Sacramento, and the

owner must make an adjustment with Culver City authorities before his car and plates will be returned to him. This may be done by registered mail.

Although a comparatively new traffic officer, Mr. Ponta has been commended on other occasions for his alertness and attention to duty.

New Fishing Records Set

John Galupi of Sierra City and Mrs. Les Jaynes of Downieville are the two best fishermen in the county, according to their records.

Mr. Galupi won the split bamboo fishing rod offered by Costa’s Grocery for the largest trout caught, and Mrs. Jaynes won the two-pound box of candy offered by the St. Charles Hotel to the woman catching the largest string in any one day. She caught eight large trout. The contests ended last evening at 6 o’clock. Despite the unfavorable conditions for trout fishing caused by high water during the last week, a number of local fishermen persisted in trying to win the fishing rod offered by Costa’s Grocery. But all the hopes of doing so went glimmering last Sunday when John Galupi walked into the store with his big fish. Although the river is much smaller at Sierra City than it is at Downieville, Mr. Galupi attributes the presence of so large a trout up there to the high water of the past few weeks, believing some large trout came up the river. Mr. Galupi was an easy winner, for no one else approached his catch as to size.

While large strings are the exception, those that are caught usually are quite large, requiring only a few to make a mess for the average family.

Yuba Pass to Open Monday

If Joe Dellera has his way about it, traffic will be resumed through the Yuba Pass Monday after being blocked with snow for several months. Dellera has the mail contract between Chilcoot on the east and Downieville on the west. It is his job to see that the mail goes through the Pass regularly, rain, shine or snow, and the last few months have been trying ones for him. Unable to obtain State aid in clearing the Pass of snow, last week he started in to do the job alone. With the county scraper hooked up to his big tractor, he began bucking hard snow and ice. In a short time, he had reached Camp Pioneer. Then he went on, and by hard persistent effort he managed to get far enough toward the summit that he predicted Thursday cars would be driving through the Pass by Monday.

On Thursday Supervisors Hames had some of the county’s equipment moved up the highway to give Joe some much needed help, which assured him that the work would soon be completed, and traffic resumed for the summer. This has been the longest period that Yuba Pass has been closed this late for many years, and as Elmer Thompson, stage driver for Dellera remarked, “It would not have been closed at all had a Carvin snow plow been available.”

Dubourdieu Appointed Supervisor?

An unconfirmed report came here Friday about Governor Rolph appointing Chas. Dubourdieu of Sierraville as County Supervisor of the Fifth District to fill the vacancy caused by the death of W.E. Miller.