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Submit a Story

Recently, we added a Submissions function to our website (TheMountainMessenger.org) to give those wanting to print a story, an announcement, a guest column, or a letter to the editor in this paper an easy way to fulfill this desire. As it happens, this "handy-dandy" tool has been proving successful, producing the items seen below.

Of course, we are continuing to accept stories, columns, and letters via emails to info@themountainmessenger.org from citizen journalists, columnists, and letter writers.

New School Board Member Wants Suggestions

From TOM MOOERS

I'm writing to introduce myself as the newest member of the Sierra Plumas Joint Unified School Board. I live in Sierra City and have a kid at Downieville School, but my commitment is to do the best I can for all the schools in the district. If you'd like to reach out to me with any suggestions on how we can work together to do right by our kids, you can email me at: tmoors@spjUSD.org.

Kentucky Mine Park and Museum Opens

From JAN HAMILTON

On Saturday, May 28, 2022, the Sierra County Historical Society is opening the Kentucky Mine Park and Museum at 100 Kentucky Mine Road, Sierra City, California, after a two-season closure. We will resume our schedule of being open 7 days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with tours scheduled for 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Our museum has been refurbished and reorganized with new additions to our extensive historical collection. We are also pleased to announce that Music at the Mine will be resuming their Summer Concert series. Please come and join us as we celebrate our local history!

Summer Storytime at the Sierra City Library

From MARY WRIGHT

Everyone is welcome for some fun at the Sierra City Library. Every Tuesday in June, July and August from 11:00- 12:00 we will have different people who will tell stories and play games or do Arts & Crafts. From Dinosaurs and diorama's to making clay pots, everyone is welcome to come and play with us!

Parents or guardians should come along too. Ages 2 through 8 or 9, but older kids are welcome too!

Come and get a library card, and check out a book while you are there.

If you have any questions, call Mary Wright at the Sierra City Library 530-862-0210, or home 530-862-1450.

Tuesday: June 7, 14, 21, 28, July 5, 12, 19, 26, August 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30. 11:00-12:00

Sponsored by Sierra City Library Volunteers, Sierra County Arts Council, Sierra County Human Services, and many community members from Sierra City.

Downieville Assembly of God Elects New Pastor

From LOREN KELLY

On Sunday, May 15, 2022, the Downieville Assembly of God elected a new Senior Pastor. Loren Kelly had served as Associate Pastor to Pastor Bernie Stringer for three years. During this time Loren completed his ministerial studies and received his License with the Assemblies of God in March 2022.

Pastor Loren is married to John and Marie Funk's daughter Laurie. They met when they attended Bethany Bible College and were married two years later. They have loved living in Downieville for the past five years with their daughter Catherine. Pastor Loren and his family are looking forward to sharing many years serving the community together. Services are held Sunday mornings at 10:30 in the school cafeteria.



Supervisors Meet in Loyalton

By CARL BUTZ

LOYALTON - This past Tuesday, May 17, the sky was cloudless when the Sierra County Board of Supervisors assembled for an amiable meeting at the Social Hall in Loyalton. The weather outside may have brightened their mood, but Supervisor LeBlanc's report on the very successful return of Timberfest to Loyalton over the weekend definitely set a positive tone for the session.

Yes, Timberfest brought out a good, loud crowd who enjoyed the traditional truck parade, the competitive events, and the food available at the event. Being a big success, LeBlanc said plans are already at work to expand Timberfest into a two-day function next year.

As for the regular US Forest Service reports on activities affecting Sierra County, Rachel Hutchinson, Acting Sierraville District Ranger, pleased the Supervisors when reporting the problems with opening campgrounds at Jackson Meadows this summer have been ironed out with the Nevada Irrigation District (NID) and these facilities should be available to the public by mid-June.

The Board also was happy to support the drafting of a letter to the USFS by Tim Beals concerning Sierra County's priorities for the use of new fire fuel reduction funding coming to the federal agency this year. Tim Beals listed five "shovel ready" projects to include in the letter: 1) completion of the North Yuba Project; 2) implementation of the 1,200 acre Greene Acres Project; 3) realization of the long-standing, but

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DIG's Thanks and Shout-outs

From MICHAEL TAYLOR and Cherry Simi

Another one is in the books! The Downieville Improvement Group (DIG) would like to thank the following volunteers who came out this past Saturday and helped with our annual Downieville Cleanup Day.

Leslie Baker	Robert Baker	David Crosby
Greg Johnson	Laurie Kelly	Loren Kelly
Gary Montano*	Shaun Price	Cherry Simi
Michael Taylor		

A thank you to Cindy McCreary at Sierra Hardware for donating a new flag for the Visitors booth. Lastly, a thank you and shout out to Sabrina's Cafe for providing the complimentary coffee and a generous discount on delicious scones baked fresh by Autumn.

* Gary Montano was just visiting today and wanted to help out.

Celebrating DV'S Fire Department Volunteers

From JACIE EPPERSON

This week we celebrate our Fire and EMS personnel and pause for a moment to reflect on the significant role these dedicated volunteers hold in the public safety and healthcare arena for the west side of Sierra County.

This year's theme EMS Strong: Rise to the Challenge is a relevant message for those in the Fire and EMS profession and reminds us of the hard work they do every day to serve and protect their communities often at great personal sacrifice.

EMS Strong reminds us that strength in this field can found in a variety of ways: bravery, self-sacrifice, passion and dedication to both the field and to the communities they serve. Responders are challenged to find both physical and mental strength daily. These are the dedicated volunteers who are the heart of our communities and serve to make sure their communities are protected and safe 24/365.

Please join the volunteers for an open house at the Downieville Fire Department

Saturday, May 21, 2022 10 am – 2pm
321 Main St. Downieville

Ambulances and rescue vehicles will be available for tours. Handouts for basic CPR and stop the bleeding will be available. Interested in obtaining helicopter coverage? Interested in joining the department?

Please ask your questions! Children are welcome and we have goodie bags for them.

See you there.

Last Saturday's Firewise Sierra City/VFD Events Postponed! Please spread the word.

From SARAH WEST KUBLY, FIREWISE SIERRA CITY

Unfortunately many of the people involved in the May 14th Firewise events may have been exposed to Covid. Out of an abundance of caution, we have decided to reschedule and the plan will go forward on Saturday, May 28th. We're sorry for the last minute change of plan but after consulting with our local medical team this was deemed the best course of action.

So, all of the events originally scheduled for last Saturday, the combined yard cleanup, the Firewise Sierra City meet-and-greet, and the Sierra City Volunteer Fire Department Open House are now slated for May 28th.

Anyone willing and able to spend two hours helping one of our neighbors tidy their yard that morning, please let me know! And everyone from Sierra City, plan to join us for food and fire related info at the Sand Shed Fire Station from 1-4 pm. Among other things we'll have updates on the siren project, the resurgent Fire Safe Council, info on wildfire resilience, fire department bling for purchase, and a fun raffle.

Hope to see you there.

2022 Plumas Sierra County Fair

By JOHN STEFFANIC

QUINCY - Sometime in our past, there was a big event called the county fair. It was a place where people from across the county came to gather, see old friends and show off their animals, preserved foods, hay and a drawing or photo. They ate food that you couldn't get at the local diner and drank beer that WAS available at the local bar, but it tasted better at the fair. They were entertained by musicians and magicians and acrobats and puppets and each other. They could put all that food and drink at risk by riding machines that spun them around and flipped them upside down. It was a simpler time. It was the BEST time. Will we ever feel that way again?

Darn straight! We are pretty sure we remember how to do this and we're giving it our best shot! The 2022 Plumas Sierra County Fair comes alive again this July 28-31 in Quincy, California. It's been a long time since the young and old residents of Plumas and Sierra Counties have walked through the front gates to the sounds and sights of the fair. Let us remind you how it all works.

You come to the fairgrounds and park out front. It costs \$3 per car, and we mainly use that as a fund raiser, so thanks for kicking in. Admission to the fair is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors/students (13-17 & 62+), and \$4 for kids (6-12 years). You can buy cheaper, weekly passes if you are planning on going at least two days. Once you get into the fairgrounds, you will see a good selection of food vendors, offering everything from mini donuts to funnel cakes, Thai BBQ to corn dogs. There's entertainment from the moment you pass through the gates - steel drums, a mind reader, marionettes, Cisco Jim's Cowboy Camp, and more. You will find the Imagination Gallery in the Mineral Building where you can play giant games, like Simon on a device taller than most fairgoers. A new presentation comes in the form of Powerhouse; high energy tap dancing and clogging act featuring professional dancers that have competed on national television. Probably one of the most popular acts to ever perform at the Plumas Sierra County Fair is Street Drum Corp, and they're coming back. These guys have won national competitions and love Plumas County. Another "never before seen" show in Plumas County is the Pee Wee Stampede. They've been at the Texas State Fair for over 17 years and are rolling into Quincy for Fair Week. This highly entertaining show is a "hands on" method of instilling the cowboy ways to kids 3 to 6 years old. It's a kid's rodeo with music, stick horses and bulls, cowboy hats, chaps, rodeo back numbers, trophies and ribbons. Yeehaw!

The entertainment doesn't end there. Come to the legendary Old Town Stage Thursday through Saturday evenings for live music; Walker and Willis on Thursday (or Willis and Walker,

depending on who you're talking to), Ricketty Bridge on Friday and Rummy on Saturday. Since we're bringing back the past, the grandstand will come alive on Saturday night with a live performance of up-and-coming country star, Jake Jacobson. By the time the fair gets here, Jake will have dropped two singles and has some major touring planned in the coming months. He has been touring around the country, but wanted to come back to his home county to perform for everyone after COVID and fires. Details will be announced in June. Of course, count on the popular American Valley Speedway race on Sunday night to top off the fair.

After decades of having the fair in August, we had to alter the dates to secure a carnival, but it's OUR carnival. Wold Amusements has been serving our fair for a long time, but with all the upheaval, had to make arrangements that didn't work with our schedule. It is of note that if Wold Amusements can't be our carnival, we won't have a carnival. They are the only outfit that is willing, and gladly so, to come provide the rides that are so important to our experience. By lining up with two other fairs - Trinity County and Lassen County - we were able to secure this great show for years to come.

Golden Tickets are back. For \$90, you can ride all the rides, every day of the fair, as much as you like. Plus, there are a couple of coupons for discounts on carnival food and Midway games. If you won't be going more than a day or two, you can purchase a carnival coupon for \$25. It can be redeemed for \$32 worth of ride coupons, or, you can exchange it for an all day ride wristband on Thursday or Sunday. Presale carnival tickets will be available beginning in June from these locations: Safeway, all Plumas Bank branches, Sierra Valley Home Center, Sierra Valley Feed, all library branches and the Fair Office.

It will all come back to you quickly, but here's an important reminder. ANY fair is only a fair because of the competitive exhibits. Fairs show what a community has made, grown and raised. First, consider entering something in the fair for other people to see, and perhaps win a ribbon and a bit of money. Second, take the time during your visit to go into the Floriculture Building, the Home Arts Building, the Art Barn, the Junior Agriculture Barn

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Sourdough Jack Sez...



With a red flag warning in the valley and hot, dry weather here, I reckon a long, fearsome summer has arrived. Ya got shelter, right?

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Katie's Sightings

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KATIE O'HARA KELLY

Neighborhood News!



Black Bear - *Ursus americanus*

On one of my morning wanders this week, I ran into my friends Jack and Linda on the road. They had JUST photographed a Black Bear in our neighborhood! So, naturally I hot-footed it to the location where they had seen it, and luckily it was still there! Yahoo! I didn't want to disturb the bear, so I kept my distance, and zoomed in with my camera. It was foraging in a small grassy area, mainly eating clover! It didn't appear to be much interested in me, and only looked at me from time to time while it foraged! It was a medium-sized, very healthy looking bear! After just a few minutes I left the bear to himself. I very rarely see Black Bears during the day. What a thrill it was to watch this one foraging on plants!

Black Bears average 3'-3'5" in height, 4'6"-6'2" in length, and 203 lbs. - 587 lbs. in weight. Despite their large size, they are not usually predators. They mainly eat insects, grubs, fruit, berries, twigs, bugs, leaves, nuts, roots, the cambium layer of trees, honey, and fish. Occasionally they will eat small to medium-sized mammals and carrion. They are primarily nocturnal or crepuscular (active at dawn and dusk), but can be seen at any time of the day. Their range is typically 8-10 square miles, and occasionally up to 15 square miles. Males and females are solitary except briefly during mating. However, offspring will stay with their mother for up to 17 months. I wonder if the three cubs I saw last September, are still with their mother. Maybe this bear is one of those cubs!

Migratory Birds



Lots of birds have recently arrived in our neighborhood. Some, like the Anna's Hummingbird pictured above are short-distance migrants. Others are long distance migrants. Some will nest in our neighborhood, while others are just passing through. I don't have time this week to write about each one. I'll write more as the nesting season progresses. In the meantime, here's photos of the ones that arrived in the past two weeks. Enjoy!



Black-headed Grosbeak (female-male) - *Pheucticus melanocephalus*



Violet-green Swallow (females) - *Tachycineta thalassina*



Bullock's Oriole (male - female) - *Icterus bullockii*

The Cowboy Connection to White Sulphur Springs Ranch

By JOHN LULLO



Paul Bianco and Holly Johnson at Mohawk Valley Resource Center

He is a frequent visitor at the Mohawk Community Resource Center (MCRC) in Blairsden. He enjoys using the library, and some of the other conveniences. As it is for so many residents of Eastern Plumas County the resource center is a familiar and important place. In the course of his many visits he got to know the MCRC coordinator, Holly Johnson. After a while, and many conversations later, Holly realized that this guy had an important story to tell. He's a senior citizen, a long time resident of Plumas County, and a part of the history of White Sulphur Springs Ranch.

His name is Paul Bianco. Holly arranged for Paul to tell his story to a couple of Mohawk Valley Stewardship Council (MVSC) volunteers. The MVSC are the stewards of White Sulphur Springs Ranch and Paul's history took on a special meaning for these people and their organization.

Paul's grandfather came to Ellis Island from Italy in 1917, probably to escape the world war that was destroying Europe. Paul's father was a World War II naval veteran and Paul was born in San Francisco in 1946. The very definition of a baby boomer. He was in his late 30's, on a long horseback ride on the Pacific Crest Trail in 1985, when he stopped for a while in Graeagle. In his words he was "overwhelmed" by the appearance and the ambiance of the community. He saw an impressive looking gent that was striding through the park. The guy stopped to pick up a piece of trash and put it in his pocket. Paul decided then that he wanted to be a part of this community. He found out later that the impressive stranger he saw was Harvey West. Being an experienced horseman, Paul stopped at the Graeagle Stables to ask for a job. Both the horses and the grounds were in terrible shape. He offered to work at the stables in order to improve the conditions and establish himself in the community, knowing that he would someday own this business. After less than two years working as a wrangler he made the right offer to buy and became the new owner.

The next 10 years saw great improvement at the stables. Paul worked hard to make the customer's riding experience something special. One of the most popular trips was a ride and an overnight at the then, bed and breakfast inn, White Sulphur Springs Ranch. The following is a quote from the Sacramento Magazine of June, 1987.

"Twice a week throughout the summer, guided groups of about a dozen guests (more than half first-time riders) depart the stables in downtown Graeagle to wind along scenic Feather River country trails and beside the meandering middle fork. Champagne and refreshments are served along the way and the tired mounts receive carrots dipped in honey and rolled in oats.

Nearly ten miles and three hours from the stables, the troupe arrives at White Sulphur Springs Ranch, where travelers soak their weary muscles in a warm spring fed pool or toss horseshoes in the isolated meadow, while chefs prepare the evening's steak barbecue.

After breakfast the next morning the group heads home (sandwiches and wooden tubs of drinks await lunchgoers at a picnic table in the pine forest along the way), arriving at Graeagle by noon. Cost of the trip, meals and lodging included, was \$165"

Paul Bianco had turned the dilapidated Graeagle Stables he found in 1985, into a successful tourist attraction and an important chapter in the history of WSSR. He sold the business ten years later, in 1995.

During the time of Paul's ownership of the stables the complex at White Sulphur Springs Ranch (WSSR) included a hen house, a bunkhouse, a blacksmith shop, a carriage house and at least two other structures besides the main ranch house. The resident managers were Judy and Jim Cowen. The property was owned by Don Miller and Linda Miller Vanella. In Paul Bianco's memory these two siblings did not get along and due to poor management, the bed and breakfast venture failed. The property was finally sold in 2003.

It quickly became apparent the new owner was not interested in restoring or even maintaining the historic property. Some of the outbuildings were destroyed and the big main house was in the process of being dismantled. At that point a group of dedicated residents formed the 501(c)(3) public benefit Mohawk Valley Stewardship Council (MVSC). The destruction stopped and the renovation began.

Paul Bianco's experience with WSSR reminds us of what an important part of the community it used to be. The story of his relationship with WSSR, brings Plumas County history to life and shows us how the return of the functioning ranch can add to the quality of life in the community.

The MVSC is in the middle of a fundraising campaign called "Build a Legacy, Brick by Brick". Begun in 2016, the idea is to sell concrete bricks, inscribed with a message, that will become part of the landscape at WSSR. To date over 200 bricks have been installed



near the entrance to the old ranch house. The Board of Directors of the MVSC has decided to donate a brick to honor Paul Bianco's connection to WSSR. The inscription will read "Paul Bianco, Graeagle Stables 1985-1995". The figure of a horse will accompany this text.

Bricks can be ordered from a brochure located on site near the brick display. They are also available via the website at www.whitesulphurspringsranch.com or through chairperson, Janet Reihsen via jreihsen@earthlink.net or 530-836-2495. The mailing address for the MVSC is PO Box 25 Clio CA. 96106.

For more information about the MVSC, its organization and goals, go to the website. To be a part of the process of restoring the historic ranch, contact the volunteer chairperson, Judy Porep-Lullo at 530-836-0254.

Poetry Corner

Sonnet cxvi

By WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

Let me not to the marriage of true minds
Admit impediments. Love is not love
Which alters when it alteration finds
Oh bends with the remover to remove:
O no, it is an ever-fixed mark,
That looks on tempests and is never shaken;
It is the star to every wandering bark,
Whose worth's unknown, although his height be taken.
Love's not Time's fool, though rosy lips and cheeks
Within his bending sickle's compass come;
Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks,
But bears it out to the edge of doom.
If this be error, and upon me proved,
I never writ, nor no man ever loved.

In the public domain.

About the poem: First published in Shakespeare's 1609 Quarto, the poem is a classic example of the sonnet. It is one of the poems the editor has enjoyed memorizing and reciting.

About the poet: Shakespeare's body of verse remains, now more than four hundred years after his death in 1616 at the age of 52, an unparalleled creative achievement for the English language. The depth and breadth of his poems and plays have earned him the title of world's greatest dramatist and his language's greatest writer.

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dormant Forest City Management Plan; 4) partnering with the "dubious" Caltrans Fire Fuel Treatment project along state highway corridors snaking through the county; and 5) treating fuel build-ups along most Sierra County roads, an effort he estimated would cost between \$400K and \$750K. Supervisor Roen added a sixth priority: addressing the overgrown wild-land-urban-interfaces (WUIs) surrounding every single community on the westside of Sierra County.

The Board also had no problem supporting Tim Beals' request for authorization to hire temporary help for the Building and Planning Departments after Beals noted the inability to fill a long-standing vacancy, a new retirement, a staff member on leave after a serious medical emergency, and an outbreak of Covid cases meant he has only two people able to work in his office at the moment.

Upon finding the Sierra Brooks Water Ordinance could not be adopted until written notice was published and the document comprised 17 pages, they decided to pass the ordinance after a shorter summary of the document could be printed instead of subsidizing this newspaper with taxpayers money.

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and the Livestock Barns. See what your neighbors have made, grown or raised. Entering is easy; you can pick up an exhibit guide at any Plumas Bank branch, a public library or the Fair Office. Easier still, you can download the guide, or just the section you want, from the Fair website - www.plumas-sierracountyfair.net. It will tell you what you can enter, when to turn in the entry form, and when to bring your actual entry to the fair for judging and display. But wait, it gets better! The PSCF Foundation is paying for most entry fees, so entering is FREE to you. You still get the ribbon and the prize money if you win or place, but it costs nothing to enter. There are a few exceptions and those are covered in the guide. There is so much more to come, so look for more information wherever you are reading this and on Facebook. The website is another great place for information as we get closer to the Fair dates of July 28-31, 2022. This will be a "Celebration of Fairs Past" by celebrating the return of a fair in the present.

20/20 Hindsight

In accordance with general newspaper practice, *The Mountain Messenger* corrects factual errors appearing in its columns. Errors spotted by readers may be reported to the paper's staff either by calling 530-289-3262 or by sending an email to <info@themountainmessenger.>

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On the Shelf

By PAUL GUFFIN

How Many Books Do You Read?

According to a Gallup poll conducted December 1-16, 2021, United States adults are reading fewer books than previously. The poll question asked how many books people “read, either all or part way through” in the past year, taking into account all forms of books, including print books, electronic books, and audiobooks. The poll reveals that adults in this country read an average of 12.6 books during the previous 12 months, the smallest number that Gallup has measured in any prior survey dating back to 1990, when the number of books read was 15.3. The number climbed to 18.5 by 1999, and has been up and down since, with 2016 showing adults reading an average of 15.6 books per year.

Another way of looking at this is by the percentage of adults who read a certain number of books each year. In the 2021 survey, 17% of adults read no books at all, 40% read 1-5 books, 15% read 6-10 books, and 27% read more than 10 books. The largest change since 2016 was in those who read more than 10 books a year, dropping from 35% of adults in 2016 to the current 27%.

Where would you be found in these statistics? How many books did you read over the past twelve months? Your local library exists to provide you with the opportunity to read as many books as you would like to read. Here at the Downieville Library, you can find books organized in the following ways:

Fiction:	Audiobooks
	Children’s easy reader
	General fiction
	Juvenile
	Local interest
	Mysteries
	Quilt-themed
	Short stories
	Special books (fragile, too small to shelve, older books)
	Thrillers
	Westerns
	Young adult
Non-fiction:	Audiobooks
	Biographies
	General non-fiction (organized according to the Dewey Decimal system)
	Juvenile
	Local interest
	Native American
	Poetry
	Reference
	Short stories
	Special books (fragile, too small to shelve, older books)
	Western

What’s New on the Shelves of the Downieville Library

These books have recently found a place on our shelves, and are waiting for you to find them:

Fiction:
The Florabama Ladies’ Auxiliary and Sewing Circle, by Lois Battle

Two Years Before the Mast, by R.H. Dana, Jr.
The Odyssey, by Homer

Breathe, by Joyce Carol Oates

Get a Clue: 25 More Picture Mysteries, by Lawrence Treat (juvenile)

Non-Fiction:
Tolkien: A Biography, by Humphrey Carpenter (biography)

The Exception to the Rulers: Exposing Oily Politicians, War Profiteers, and the Media Who Love Them,

by Amy Goodman & David Goodman

The Tolkien Companion, by J.E.A. Tyler

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COUNTY of PLUMAS

520 Main Street, Room 104, Quincy, CA 95971

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: CU22-00071

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

- Petitioner: Alyson Gene Wolfson-Ceresola filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
 - Present name: Alyson Gene Wolfson-Ceresola to Proposed name: Alyson Gene Ceresola
 - Present name: Izzabella Tanner Wolfson to Proposed Name: Izzabella Gene Ceresola
- 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

- Date: Jun 13, 2022 Time: 9:30 AM
- Location: same as noted above

- 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/ Douglas Prouty, Judge of the Superior Court Date: April 22, 2022
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Sports

By TESSA JACKSON

I managed to drag our esteemed editor, Carl Butz, out of his dungeon at the paper on Tuesday night to watch Jayson Tatum and the Boston Celtics take on Jimmy Butler and the Miami Heat in the first game of the NBA’s Eastern Conference Finals with me at the St. Charles.

The Celtics looked amazing in the first half, and then proceeded to play their worst third quarter of this year’s playoffs and the Heat won by 11. It was a fun game to watch though, and that’s really all we wanted.

I’m still hoping Tatum and the Celtics can pull out the win! I’m not a big Jimmy Butler fan. But, don’t get me wrong, the man is good and when he’s winning he seems like a fine guy. However, when he loses he goes into blame mode and can be pretty harsh towards his teammates. They better hope they don’t give him something to whine about!

Meanwhile, what in the world happened to the Phoenix Suns? How does the number one team in the league, a team with 64 regular season wins, who made it to the Finals last year, lose by 33 in a Game 7 of the playoffs? No one really has an explanation, besides maybe some internal conflict with the team and coaches. Did they just choke under pressure?

Unfortunately, not enough people are talking about how great Luka Doncic and the Dallas Mavericks played in order to face the Golden State Warriors in the Western Conference Finals starting on Wednesday, May 18. It should be a good series against Steph Curry and the Warriors. Curry just hit his 500th 3-pointer in playoff history, is playing in his eighth playoffs, and has won three championships.

Whatever happens in basketball, I do know Carl is looking forward to watching the Feather River College Golden Eagles baseball team play the Ohlone College Renegades in the final round of the Northern California championship this weekend. He was thrilled by FRC beating the Skyline College Trojans this past weekend, 8-6 and 12-10, and had a great time while attending the latter game in Quincy. It was a beautiful day at the ballpark and the wild, extra-inning, roller coaster nature of the game had him glowing while he told me about it.

Fortunately, Carl won’t have to drive to Fremont for the games against Ohlone (the #1 ranked community college baseball team in northern California) because it will be livestreamed via the Ohlone baseball team’s Facebook page.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS

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Signed: D. Kevin Nolen, Construction Manager for
PLUMAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
50 Church St., Quincy, CA 95971

Here Back East

By LENNY ACKERMAN

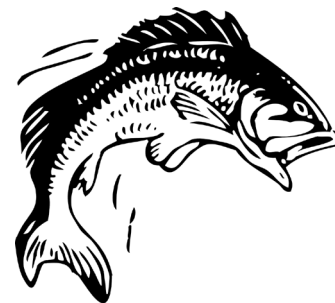
Fresh Air

It was a breath of fresh air coming off the Delta connection in Bangor, Maine. Greg was waiting for me by the luggage carousel, where I joined him to watch for my fishing bag to emerge. Baggage claim was busy. I was surrounded by excited, happy faces, and there was an air of anticipation. I noticed a few fishermen like me in the group among the locals returning home. Bangor is the drop off for northern country commuters. It is the last stop before Canada and the wilderness of Aroostook County.

As we drove north on I-95 the air was cool and full of pine scented excitement. The roadside trees had thickened with spring growth. Greg filled me in on camp life since we last spoke in person in October at my 82nd surprise birthday party. That night was a once in a lifetime experience, especially seeing Katie and Greg dressed in evening clothes—out of their usual Maine camp wear.

Now back on their home turf we caught up on post-covid life. Katie was suffering from a continuous loss of taste and dealing with a lost appetite. Greg still doesn’t have a cell phone. He got along without one for 60 plus years so why get one now he says. Per Greg, the fishing this spring is as exciting as ever. Lake salmon and brook trout are as large as can be with trolling streamers. The turnoff at Lincoln was a welcome sign that we were closing in on Danforth and my camp on the lake.

All very exciting and intriguing to me, as if from another universe! Returning north from Florida where only last week I fished the Loxahatchee River with Captain Charlie for snook in a flat boat to here on Maine’s third largest lake. Now on to Restigouche in Canada for a few days of salmon fishing. It is like a trip to the moon for me. From one universe to another to another. In the fishing brotherhood the people are all the same—honest and trustworthy. Brothers of nature we are.



Para obtener más información sobre cómo este cambio podría afectar su pago mensual, llame al **1-800-660-6789** • 詳情請致電 **1-800-893-9555**

NOTICE OF PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY’S REQUEST TO INCREASE RATES FOR ITS DEMAND RESPONSE 2023–2027 APPLICATION (A.22-05-002)

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

WHY AM I RECEIVING THIS NOTICE?
On May 2, 2022, PG&E filed its Demand Response application with the CPUC covering the years 2023 through 2027. The application proposes to collect \$70.9 million in rates in 2023 and subsequently collect \$199.9 million in rates each year over a four-year period from 2024 to 2027.

Demand Response programs included in this application increase electric reliability and provide options for customers to control their energy bills.

WHY IS PG&E REQUESTING THIS RATE CHANGE?
The CPUC requires all major electric utilities to file an application to authorize and fund demand response programs. The goal of these programs is to incentivize electric customers to reduce usage during periods of relatively high demand or high prices. Funding for these programs is scheduled to end and the proposals included in this application are to continue provided demand response programs for customers.

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 \$167.21, or 1.1%.

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 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
Demand Response 2023–2027 Application (A.22-05-002)
P.O. Box 7442
San Francisco, CA 94120

CONTACT CPUC
Please visit apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2205002 to submit a comment about this proceeding on the CPUC Docket Card. Here you can also view documents and other public comments related to this proceeding. Your participation by providing your thoughts on PG&E’s request can help the CPUC make an informed decision.

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

Email: Public.Advisor@cpuc.ca.gov
Mail: CPUC
Public Advisor’s Office
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102
Call: **1-866-849-8390** (toll-free) or **1-415-703-2074**

Please reference the **Demand Response 2023–2027 Application A.22-05-002** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.

Sheriff's Log

By Jen Henneke

Monday, May 9
 07:36 - In Loyalton, a 911 hang-up was actually a call meant for 411.

Tuesday, May 10
 06:24 - In Loyalton, a vehicle was in a ditch. The reporting person was able to get the vehicle towed out while CHP assisted with traffic control.
 06:43 - In Pike, some gasoline was stolen from the Fire Department. This is considered petty theft but with the cost of gas in CA, this will soon become grand theft.
 08:10 - On CA-49 near Mile Marker 40, there were two abandoned vehicles. One vehicle was along the roadway and the other was over the edge. Since the vehicles were not impeding the removal of snow, CHP and the responding deputies did not have the vehicles towed. Both vehicle owners were contacted and one was able to get the vehicle running again with some gas while the other one was towed. Guess which one had to be towed?
 10:33 - In Loyalton, there was a juvenile issue.
 14:37 - On the Gold Lake Highway, a thin man huddled next to a guardrail generated a request for a welfare check on the man. The deputies responding to the request were unable to find the man.
 14:52 - In Sierraville, suspicious persons were seen at Tom's Snowmobile while the business was not open. The responding deputy was unable to locate the individuals.
 23:35 - An injured deer was on CA-49, north of Smithneck Road.

Wednesday, May 11
 08:01 - On Heriot Lane, agency assistance was requested for a traffic hazard clean up.
 14:08 - In Sierra City, there was a request for a welfare check.
 14:19 - In Loyalton, a dog bit someone or something.
 15:21 - On CA-49 below Bassetts, someone was along the highway.
 15:23 - In Nevada City, there was a medical issue with an inmate at the Wayne Brown Correctional Facility.
 15:31 - In Sierraville, someone requested the civil service of papers.
 16:16 - From CA-49 at Big Springs, a report came in about a possible abandoned vehicle.
 16:19 - In Loyalton, a dog was on the lam.
 17:33 - In Alleghany, Thomas Jerome Foxx II was arrested for possession of a short barreled firearm.
 20:28 - In Verdi, some shots were fired.
 20:29 - In Loyalton, a medical issue with a family member was reported. The responding deputies arrived to find the family member okay and not in need of medical attention.
 21:39 - In Downieville, there was a request for a welfare check. The individual was found to be safe and sound.

Thursday, May 12
 07:02 - There were controlled burns at the Alleghany and Sierra City transfer sites.
 10:47 - In Verdi, a landlord brandished a weapon at a tenant. Damn!
 11:09 - An annoying sound was coming from a neighbor's house in Loyalton.
 20:06 - On Garbage Pit Road and CA-49, there was a rollover accident with injuries.

Friday, May 13
 03:02 - In Downieville, an interior alarm at the dental clinic was cleared by the responding deputy.
 09:37 - In Loyalton, Eastern Plumas Health Care Ambulance (EPHCA) helped someone get back up.
 10:31 - In Downieville, someone fell down and needed help getting back up.
 10:55 - The report of a possible heart attack came in from White's Gas Station in Loyalton.
 11:19 - In Loyalton, a juvenile issue was turned over to Sierra County Probation.
 15:30 - In Loyalton, EPHCA was needed.
 17:10 - In Loyalton, Eastern Plumas Health Care helped someone else get back up.
 19:21 - In Sierra City, there was a civil dispute.

Saturday, May 14
 01:34 - In Downieville, there was a report of a commercial alarm sounding. The owner was able to check the cameras and determined there was nothing suspicious.
 10:04 - In Downieville, there was a report of a Sierra County business check being used in an online fraudulent incident.
 10:05 - In Loyalton, the SCSO was providing traffic control for the Timberfest Parade.
 12:50 - On CA-49 at Garbage Pit Road, a cow was loose roaming on the highway.
 13:56 - In Loyalton, there was a report of possible dog neglect.
 15:23 - On CA-49 at MM 24, there was a motorcycle accident with injuries.
 15:33 - At the Downieville Motor's Gas Station, there were several abandoned vehicles.
 17:38 - In Loyalton, EPHCA was needed.
 18:48 - In Loyalton, there were abandoned vehicles and illegal parking. The owners will be moving vehicles.
 18:55 - On US 395 near Chilcoot, agency assistance was needed with a burglary suspect from Lassen County who was possibly armed.

Sunday, May 15
 07:24 - In Sierraville, someone was unable to find their way out of the forest. The caller was calmed down and provided directions to get back to the highway.
 08:47 - In Loyalton, Eastern Plumas Health Care Ambulance provided some help getting back up.
 10:08 - In Sierraville, there was a report of 50 vehicles speeding through town going southbound. Deputies and CHP were notified.
 10:16 - In Pike, a residential alarm was sounding. The residence was secure and the deputy informed the homeowner.
 14:30 - In Pike, there was a 911 hang up from Yuba County, via Nevada County. The residence was contacted and the house was cleared.
 14:54 - In Loyalton, there was a report of an older man possibly naked. When deputies contacted the man, he couldn't remember if he was naked or not, but he did say he may have had to urinate earlier. The man was told not to urinate in public anymore.
 15:25 - Fire fighters found an electrical fire after receiving news of a house filled with smoke in Alleghany.
 22:00 - In Calpine, agency assistance was needed in finding a runaway juvenile. The juvenile was found out of county.

Total Reported: 50

Legals Notices

**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) Subtotal	\$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) Total	\$220,000.00
 - (2) All beneficiaries are adults and have waived bond, the will does not require a bond
 - (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).
 - 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

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

Western Sierra Medical Clinic
Serving the Sierra County Community Since 1975
**Primary Care, Immediate Care
 and Dental Services**
209 Nevada Street, Downieville
(530) 289-3298

- All ages welcome!
- Veterans welcome!
- Medicare, Medi-Cal, Uninsured, Commercial Insurance, Sliding Fee available for qualified patients. Insurance counseling available.
- Primary care, same day immediate care, physicals and annual wellness exams
- Immunizations/vaccinations
- Illness, colds, flus
- Minor injuries, sprains and strains, cuts, burns, allergies

Primary and immediate care Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. by appointment or walk-in. Telehealth appointments available on Fridays.

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

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

Emergencies call 911.

At the Firehouse

By VICTORIA TENNEY

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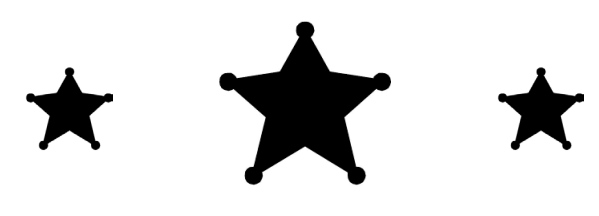
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Signed: D. Kevin Nolen, Construction Manager for
 PLUMAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
 50 Church St., Quincy, CA 95971

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513 Main St., (530) 993-1237
 P.O. Box 207
 Loyalton, CA 96118 Fax (530) 993-1239



Legal Notices

The Mountain Messenger Local Calendar

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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**
The following registrants are doing business as: DEACON WILDFIRE ENTERPRISE & FIREOUT INC.

Full name of registrant: Michael E. & Alyssa Deacon
Registrant Address: 206 Calpine Ave., Calpine, CA 96124
Business location: 206 Calpine Ave., Calpine, CA 96124
Business Mailing Address: P.O. Box 221, Calpine, CA 96124
Phone number: (530) 412-1509

This business is being conducted by: a Married Couple
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: N/A

/s/ Michael Deacon & Alyssa Deacon
This statement was filed in the office of Heather Foster, Sierra County Clerk-Recorder on: April 4, 2022 FILE NO: 2022001839
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**LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**
The following registrants are doing business as: DOWNIEVILLE SOAP Co.

Full name of registrants: Kellee Martinelli
Registrants Address: 357 Commercial St., Downieville, CA 95936
Business location: 200 Main St. Suite 192, Downieville, CA 95936
Business Mailing Address: P.O. Box 372, Downieville, CA 95936
Phone number: 707-321-8572

This business is being conducted by: an Individual
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: not applicable

/s/ Kellee Martinelli
This statement was filed in the office of Heather Foster, Sierra County Clerk-Recorder on: April 28th, 2022 FILE NO: 2022001844
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**LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE
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
Published in The Mountain Messenger: April 28 & May 5, 12, 19 of 2022

**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 96103
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
Published in The Mountain Messenger: April 28 & May 5, 12, 19 of 2022

**LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**
The following registrants are doing business as: BIG BOULDER ADVENTURES
Full name of registrants: Billy Epps & Kathleen Epps
Registrants Address: 215 Gold Bluff Rd., Downieville, CA 95936
Business location: 200 Main St., Downieville, CA 95936
Business Mailing Address: P.O. Box 650, Downieville, CA 95936
This business is being conducted by: Married Couple
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Not applicable
/s/ Billy Epps & Kathleen Epps
This statement was filed in the office of Heather Foster, Sierra County Clerk-Recorder on: April 26, 2022 FILE NO: 2022001842
Published in The Mountain Messenger: April 28 & May 5, 12, 19 of 2022

**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
Published in The Mountain Messenger: May 5, 12, 19, & 26 of 2022

**LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**
The following registrants are doing business as: CHESTER QUALITY CAR WASH
Full name of registrants: Debbie M. Clarke Howard & Kyle V. Howard
Registrants' Address: 232 Black Oak Dr., Chester, CA 96020
Business Location: 640 Main Street, Chester, CA 96020
Business Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1668, Chester, CA 96020
Business Phone: 530-258-1601
This business is being conducted by: A Married Couple
The registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 5/5/2022.
Statement Expires On: 5/5/2027
/s/ Debbie M. Clarke Howard & Kyle V. Howard, Owners
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: May 5th, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000115
Published in The Mountain Messenger: May 12, 19 , 26 and June 2 of 2022

**LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**
The following registrant is doing business as: TENTACLE COFFEE
Full name of registrant: Nicholas Ellett
Registrant's Address: 745 Colorado River Blvd., Reno, NV 89502
Business Location: 745 Colorado River Blvd., Reno, NV 89502
This business is being conducted by: an Individual
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 4/6/2022
Statement Expires On: 4/6/2027
/s/ Nicolas Ellett
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: April 6th, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000087
Published in The Mountain Messenger: May 12, 19 , 26 and June 2 of 2022

**LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**
The following registrant is doing business as: IL LAGO PIZZA & PASTA
Full name of registrant: Shamia LLC
Registrants' Address: 401 Ponderosa Dr., Lake Almanor, CA 96137
Business' location: 401 Ponderosa Dr., Lake Almanor, CA 96137
Business' Mailing Address: P.O. Box 909, Chester, CA 96020
Phone number:(530) 596-3092
This business is being conducted by: a Limited Liability Company
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 4/27/2022
Statement expires on: 4/27/2027
/s/ Dennis Mannle & Stacy Andersen
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: April 27th, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000109
Published in The Mountain Messenger: May 12, 19 , 26 and June 2 of 2022

**LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**
The following registrant is doing business as: THE RED FEATHER STUDIO
Full name of registrant: Michael Rowden
Registrant' Address: 380 Ponderosa Ave, Portola, CA 96122
Business' location: 380 Ponderosa Ave, Portola, CA 96122
Phone number: (916) 671-4584
This business is being conducted by: An Individual
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 04/28/2022
Statement expires on: 04/28/2027
/s/ Michael Rowden
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: April 28th, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000110
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**LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**
The following registrant is doing business as: TAHOE PHOTO BOOTH RENTALS
Full name of registrants: Daniel Hane
Registrants' Address: 1033 Tomahawk Trail#1, Incline Village, NV 89451
Business' location: 1033 Tomahawk Trail#1, Incline Village, NV 89451
Business' Mailing Address: P.O. Box 4391, Incline Village, NV 89450
Phone number: (775) 225-6800
This business is being conducted by: An Individual
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 4/14/2022
Statement expires on: 4/14/2027
/s/ Daniel Hane
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: April 19th, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000106
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**LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE
ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**
The following registrant has abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name of: CHESTER QUALITY CAR WASH
Full name of registrants: Peggy L. Galpine
Registrants' Address: 435 Second Avenue, Chester CA 96020
Business' location: 640 Main St., Chester CA 96020
Business' Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1657, Chester CA 96020
Phone number: (520) 258-7787
This business is being conducted by: An Individual
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 6/22/2020
Statement expires on: 6/22/2025
/s/ Peggy Lou Galpine
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: May 5th, 2022 FILE NO: 2020-0000128
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**LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**
The following registrant is doing business as: INGLE AUTO
Full name of registrants: Gregory Ingle
Registrants Address: 920 Sierra Brooks Drive, Loyalton, CA 96118
Business location: 920 Sierra Brooks Drive, Loyalton, CA 96118
Business Mailing Address: P.O. Box 892, Loyalton, CA 96118
Phone number:(530) 927-8495
This business is being conducted by: an Individual
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: not applicable
/s/ Gregory Ingle
This statement was filed in the office of Heather Foster, Sierra County Clerk-Recorder on: April 29, 2022 FILE NO: 2022001845
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**LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**
The following registrant is doing business as: REGION BURGER
Full name of registrants: Region Burger, LLC
Registrants Address: 3900 N. Valley Road, Greenville, CA 95947
Business location: 152 Hot Springs Road, Greenville, CA 95947
Business Mailing Address: 3900 N. Valley Road, Greenville, CA 95947
Phone number: (925) 326-0055
This business is being conducted by: Limited Liability Company
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: June 28, 2021
Statement expires on: June 28, 2026
/s/ Christi Hazleton
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: June 28, 2021 FILE NO: 2021-0000177
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**LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**
The following registrant is doing business as: HIGH SIERRA MOBILE SPRAY TANNING
Full name of registrant: Megan Wylie
Registrants Address: 17510 Hough Circle, Greenville, CA 95947
Business location: 17510 Hough Circle, Greenville, CA 95947
Business Mailing Address: 17510 Hough Circle, Greenville, CA 95947
Phone number:(760) 223-1934
This business is being conducted by: an Individual
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: April 26, 2022
Statement expires on May 2, 2027
/s/ Megan Wylie
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: May 02, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000113
Published in The Mountain Messenger: May 19 , 26, June 2 & 9 of 2022

**LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**
The following registrant is doing business as: HAWT DOGS
Full name of registrant: Wanda Carpenter
Registrant Address: 333 Kinder Ave. Greenville, CA 95947
Business location: 333 Kinder Ave. Greenville, CA 95947
Business Mailing Address: 333 Kinder Ave. Greenville, CA 95947
Phone number: (530) 616-0401
This business is being conducted by: an Individual
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 5/9/2022
Statement expires on: 5/9/2027
/s/ Wanda Carpenter
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: May 9, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000116
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SIERRA
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 22CL0011**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

1. Petitioner: Katelyn Lisa Borquez filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
a. Present name: Katelyn Lisa Borquez to
Proposed name: Katelyn Lisa Cozart

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

NOTICE OF HEARING
a. Date: Jun 10, 2022 Time: 10:00 AM
b. Location: 100 Courthouse Square, Downieville, CA

3. A copy of the Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Mountain Messenger
/s/ Charles Ervin, Judge of the Superior Court Date: April 15, 2022
Printed in The Mountain Messenger on April 28, May 5, 12, & 19 of 2022



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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 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, sealed bids for the award of a contract for the Plumas Unified School District (PUSD) Building A & B Modernization Project at Chester Elementary School - Bid Package PU2022.5.10.A FRP / FRL / VCTB. 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 "Building A & B Modernization Project at Chester Elementary School- Bid Package PU2022.5.10.A FRP / FRL / VCTB". 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@crmgrouppca.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 July 25, 2022. All work shall be completed within 7 working days and not later than July 29, 2022. No pre-bid walk is scheduled for this scope of work.

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

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-61/D-12 license in good standing.

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California Hay Report - 5/13/2022

Compared to last week: Trade activity and demand were good. Retail hay prices were steady. Dairy and Export hay prices were steady with good demand. Bermuda grass demand was good to very good with tight supplies. No new trades were reported in Northern California this week. According to the NASS report on May 9, 2022 in the Sacramento Valley, rice and sunflower were being planted. Winter wheat fields that could not be irrigated had been cut and put into windrows to dry and be baled. In San Joaquin Valley, cotton crop was making good progress. American Pima planting was complete. Alfalfa was being harvested for silage in Stanislaus County. Oats and wheat were also being harvested. In Tulare County, winter row crops were coming along nicely, and due to a lack of late season rain some fields were irrigated. Alfalfa was being cut, dried, and baled. Small grains continued maturing in fields. Winter grain fields that have been harvested for silage or hay were being fertilized, tilled, and planted with corn or cotton. Corn was growing steadily. The next available hay report will be May 20, 2022

Direct Hay Weighted Average Report

	Volume - California		
	This Week	Last Reported (5/5/2022)	Last Year
Tons of Hay:	7325	8225	11425
Bales of Hay:	3200	3200	0

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

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Commodity Prices

	May 11 USD	May 18 USD	Weekly Change	YOY Change
Gold USD/Troy Oz.	1851.60	1815.04	-0.36%	-3.28%
Silver USD/Troy Oz.	21.55	21.41	-3.60%	-22.83%
Lumber USD/1000 BdFt.	1007.50	739.50	-26.60%	-44.27%
Live Cattle USD/100 Lbs.	133.50	131.50	-1.55%	+12.49%
Milk USD/100 Lbs.	24.89	24.98	+0.36%	+31.96%
Wheat USD/Bushel	1112.00	1241.00	+5.30%	+83.82%
Corn USD/Bushel	800.75	785.25	-0.82%	+18.13%
Lithium USD/Ton	68063.14	67535.64	-5.18%	+414.04%
Aluminum USD/Ton	2778.00	2839.00	+2.20%	+16.81%
Nickel USD/Ton	28309.00	26107.00	-5.79%	+51.00%
Crude Oil USD/Barrel WTI	105.60	109.95	+3.57%	+77.46%
Propane USD/Gallon	1.25	1.23	-1.57%	+50.73%
CRB Index Index Points	324.65	329.48	+1.49%	+53.59%

Elements

Night Sky: Solar Flares and Sunspots

A while back I wrote about the cycles of our Sun, so let's spend a bit more time on two major aspects of the Sun - sunspots and solar flares. A sunspot is a cooler part of the Sun's surface. With average surface temps of 10,000 F, the 6,700 F sunspots seem dark by comparison. They form when bends in the magnetic field lines dip into the sun, deflecting the rising hot plasma to the side. Similar to placing a small pot of water into a large boiling pot, displacing the rising hot water. Solar flares also follow magnetic field lines that arc above the Sun. These rising bands of plasma can be many tens of times larger than the Earth. If the field lines snap, a blast of plasma is sent out into space, called a Coronal Mass Ejection (CME). This is the stuff that can cause blackouts and auroras on Earth.

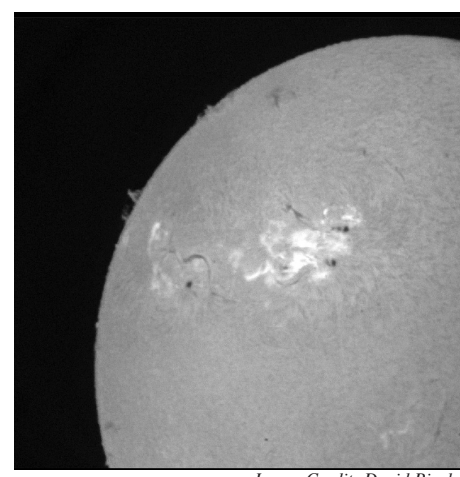


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As the sun continues into its active cycle, look for more images like this of our closest star.
Keep lookin' up — Collin O'Mara-Green

Sun & Moon

Date:		Thu. 5-19	Fri. 5-20	Sat. 5-21	Sun. 5-22	Mon. 5-23	Tue. 5-24	Wed. 5-25
Sun	Rise:	05:43	05:43	05:42	05:41	05:40	05:40	05:39
	Set:	20:13	20:14	20:14	20:15	20:16	20:17	20:18
Moon	Rise:	-	00:43	01:29	02:05	02:34	03:00	03:24
	Set:	08:50	10:03	11:17	12:29	13:39	14:45	15:49
	Illumination	84.7%	74.8%	63.7%	52.2%	40.9%	30.3%	21.0%

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

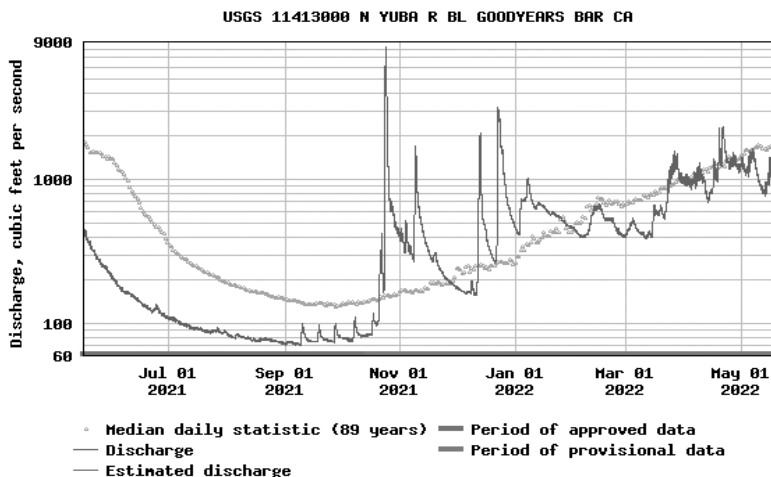
Road/Trail/River Conditions

According to Caltrans, road maintenance will impose 1-way controlled traffic along CA-49 at various location from 5.1 miles to 7.7 miles north of the Middle Fork of the Yuba River today; snow continues to keep CA-89 closed through Lassen Volcanic National Park and construction or fire rehabilitation work on this highway is bringing 1-way traffic control delays at various locations from the north junction of CA-70 to 1.5 miles north of the road's junction with CA-147 in Plumas County.

Trails are blocked by snow only at elevations above 6,000 feet. Meanwhile, the watercourses on the western slope are clear and fast. Too fast for fly-fishing, according to an expert, local fisherman who stopped by *The Mountain Messenger* yesterday, but excellent for kayakers and rafters.

Water Flow on the North Yuba River

May 18, 2021 - May 18, 2022



USGS 11413000 N YUBA R BL GOODYEARS BAR CA
 - Median daily statistic (89 years) - Period of approved data
 - Discharge - Period of provisional data
 - Estimated discharge

Last Week's Weather

Courtesy of the Grubstake Saloon

Date	Hi	FE	Lo	FE	Precip.	Snow
May 10	37	-12	29	+2	0.08"	-
May 11	58	+3	30	0	-	-
May 12	62	+4	30	-2	-	-
May 13	72	+12	39	+5	-	-
May 14	83	+12	44	+1	-	-
May 15	81	+1	44	-2	-	-
May 16	77	+3	40	-7	-	-

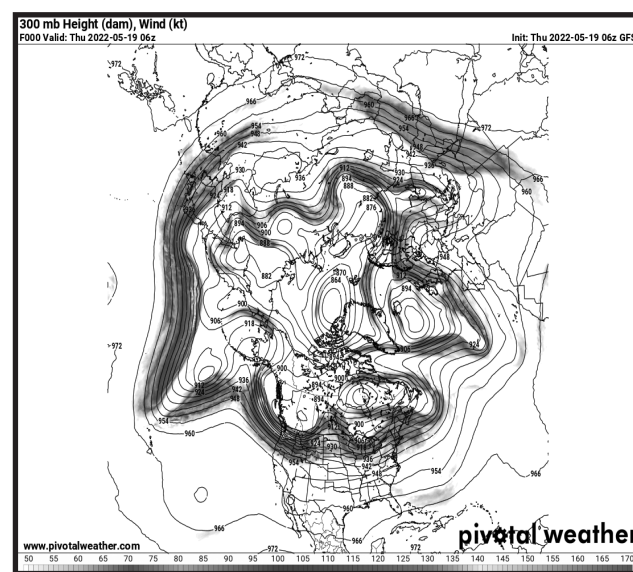
Forecast Error (FE) is found by subtracting the forecasted temperatures from the day's recorded value. M = Missing.

Seasonal Precipitation		
July 1 to date		56.56"
To-date last year		31.87"
Yearly average		65.28"

7-Day Local Forecast

Towns	Info	Thu. 5-19	Fri. 5-20	Sat. 5-21	Sun. 5-22	Mon. 5-23	Tue. 5-24	Wed. 5-25
Downieville	High/Low (°F)	78/52	70/38	78/44	80/45	80/49	86/52	89/56
	Cloudiness (%)	19%	1%	9%	3%	5%	11%	23%
	Wind (mph)	SW-W 13 mph	NE 13 mph	E-W 7 mph	W 7 mph	NE-W 5 mph	W 4 mph	SW 5 mph
	Humidity (%)	38%	28%	28%	31%	31%	34%	37%
	Chance of Precip.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Loyalton	High/Low (°F)	M/47	74/33	58/33	68/38	73/41	76/44	82/47
	Cloudiness (%)	26%	8%	10%	9%	8%	11%	21%
	Wind (mph)	W 18 mph	E 17 mph	E-N 7 mph	NW 8 mph	E-N 8 mph	NE-W 9 mph	SW 10 mph
	Humidity (%)	37%	32%	30%	32%	30%	32%	32%
	Chance of Precip.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Quincy	High/Low (°F)	M/48	78/33	67/38	76/40	80/43	86/46	88/50
	Cloudiness (%)	24%	3%	4%	6%	5%	10%	18%
	Wind (mph)	NW-W 11 mph	NE-14 mph	E-W 7 mph	NW 7 mph	NE-NW 7 mph	N-W 5 mph	SW 6 mph
	Humidity (%)	36%	36%	30%	33%	35%	38%	39%
	Chance of Precip.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Source: <https://www.weather.gov/wrh/wxtable> [National Weather Service WFO STO 02:49 AM PDT Thursday May 19, 2022] M=Missing



Jet Streams: May 19

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

Game Corner

	5		9					8
		4		3	5	6		
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	9			1		2		
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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: W equals M

X'W TICDEWXPB SZC QMYFIXSC
 WEDXGMV GMSCBFIL FQ WMPL
 DSCTQMSZCID XD TIFOMOVL
 MVSCIPMSXYC TFT.

Last Week's Answers

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

CryptoQuip

If somebody topples a certain small, tangy fruit pie, he could be upsetting the apple tart.

I	D	O	L	S	H	I	K	E	D	U	P	A	S	H	A	M	E	D		
R	E	R	A	N	O	N	E	N	O	T	E	T	E	A	R	I	L	I		
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S	T	O	N	E	R	S	A	M	P	E	R	E	I	S	I	S	L	E	S	

ACROSS

- Chartbusters
- Farthest point in an orbit
- Uncommon
- Salary reductions
- Child raiser
- Add insult to injury, maybe
- Question in 1 Corinthians 15:55
- Europe-Asia border river
- Wood splitter
- Ski lift part
- Prefix with lock
- Supplicate on behalf of
- polloi (commoners)
- Sermon topic
- Suffix with Sudan
- Massage
- Old booming jet, for short
- changed man!
- Designer Geoffrey
- Salon colorists
- "Is this actually happening?"
- Oviedo locale
- Situated over
- Brine source
- New Hampshire academy
- "I'm going through the same thing!"
- Shipping charge, e.g.
- Steering part on a ship
- Long (for)
- Vikings' org.
- Refusing to be cheerful
- Regarding
- Agree
- Pop's mom
- Actress Amy
- SSNs, e.g.
- Pressing tool
- Fig treat from Nabisco
- Seeming eternity
- DNA-studying partner of James Watson
- "My turn is coming right up"
- He KO'd many rivals
- Ball — hammer
- Forrest Gump player
- "Quantum Leap" actor
- Bend down
- Abrupt
- Body pouch
- Secretive U.S. gp.
- She bleats
- Part of UCLA
- 33rd prez
- Restaurant bill addition
- Crucial component
- Long (for)
- Boyfriends, in Paris
- Dir. opposite 7-Down
- Viking org.
- Tune whose opening lyric, and lyricist, begin eight answers in this puzzle
- Motion detector part
- Agee of the old Mets
- Small eating alcove
- Waiters take them
- Like training at the location itself
- Occupy fully
- DOWN
- Wedded partner
- Chennai, before 1996
- "Sure thing, cap'n!"
- La — (Milan opera house)
- Crude abode
- Biblical verb suffix
- NYC-to-Miami dir.
- High points
- Peeling tools
- Raw metal
- Allstate rival
- Put into a hall of fame
- Kett of old comic strips
- Gyra (jazz fusion band)
- Prefix with gender
- Utah ski spot
- Slide in again
- Go on with
- Train operator
- Barn feed
- Cymbal pair in a drum kit
- Nathaniel Hawthorne's Hester
- Feel remorse over
- James — Garfield
- Consumer protection agcy.
- Wild Alpine goats
- Soccer great Hamm
- Summer, in Soissons
- Royal crown
- Worried
- E-cig's lack
- Busy insect
- Its capital is Damascus
- 16 ounces
- Lindley of "The Ropers"
- NYC stage awards
- Small bunch of flowers
- Spock and Seuss: Abbr.
- Alternative to "his" or "her"
- Go by plane
- Nary a soul
- Backyard borders
- Open, as a present
- Language of "mea culpa"
- Be a rapper?
- BoSox rivals
- Freud's "one"
- Ensnare
- "Cannon" has three
- The Brady kids, e.g.
- Restated
- Gambling parlor, briefly
- Chick — -A
- Prefix with lock
- "No kidding?"
- Artist known for illusions
- Boston area with the Paul Revere statue
- UFO crew
- Alias abbr.
- Find by chance
- In line with
- One or more
- Be indebted
- "Belt out that tune!"
- She founded the U.S. Shakers
- Crude abode
- First phases
- Long looks
- Letter-shaped girders
- PSATs, e.g.
- "No kidding!"
- Deep-seated
- To be, to Claudius
- Regarding
- Blue Jays, on scoreboards
- Abbr. for someone with only one given name
- 34th prez
- Firewood box
- Repub. west of Zambia

From the Woods — John Hodge, Part 2

When I worked in the woods and had to hike, I carried a little equipment as I could to fall timber. For a few years my dog carried my gas can and oil for me and I carried the wedges, axe, saw, shovel and a fire extinguisher. That was quite a bit of equipment to carry when you were hiking in and out. When I first started falling timber I ran Homelite chainsaws. Then I ran McCullough saws for a long time, then Solo chainsaws for a while, then Stihl saws after that. Most of the time I used a 36-inch bar on my saws, but in Hell Hole I used 42-inch bars.

Around 1988, when I was running Solo chainsaws, one day after work I was sitting against a pine tree wearing my cap that had the SOLO name on it and there was a chipmunk sitting on my shoulder. My wife Judy got her camera and took some photos. She showed the photos to Lee Thompson, who was a logger and also owned a saw shop in Grass Valley. He sold Solo chainsaws and liked the photos so much that he asked if he could get one enlarged and put it in his shop. So my wife had a poster size photo made up and Lee hung it in his shop. A Solo distributor came by Lee's saw shop and happened to see the photo. He told his employer about it and they asked if they could have a copy to use in a big show they were going to be a part of in Louisville, Kentucky. They wanted to use the negative, so I gave it to Lee to loan it to them.

Some time went by and unfortunately Lee was killed falling trees the day before he was to retire. The Solo chainsaw company had not returned the negative to Lee, so several months later my wife called the company to see about having it returned. They couldn't find the negative but my wife was told the photo was now hanging in the company lunch room with the name "Lee Thompson" on it. All this time they thought it was a photo of Lee Thompson. That was fine with me, because Lee

was a really nice person and it was a good way to remember his name.

The most dangerous tree I probably ever cut was in the Forest Service campground at French Meadows. Lightning had struck the tree and split it all up. No one in the Forest Service wanted to fall it because it was too dangerous. The tree was about five foot in diameter and you had to fall it wherever you could find a spot for it where it wouldn't destroy something. So Hubert Strough, one of Robinson's job supervisors offered my services and told the Forest Service guys that I would fall the tree for them. There was a piece about one foot that wasn't split that was holding the back of the tree, but the front of the tree was all screwed up. I got an undercut in it, then cut the sides, then the back strap.

When that thing let go it made the most ungodly sound I have ever heard. The lightning strike had screwed the tree up so bad that it couldn't be cut right, and when it fell it was pulling roots and crap right out of the ground. That was a pretty spooky one because I wasn't sure just what it was going to do. It only took about five minutes to cut, but all I could do was cut on the sides then cut backwards out where the backstrap was holding, then wind her up, sink in, and run!

While, working for Robinson up Cal-Ida way I had a real nice Sugar Pine to cut. The mill wanted us to do Humboldt cuts rather than conventional ones, but Neil Robinson wanted short stumps. You can't do a good Humboldt cut if you have short stumps. I told Neil that you have to have a higher stump to make a Humboldt cut, otherwise it could barber-chair on you. He insisted on the low stump and it was right next to the main road and barber-chaired just like I had told him it could.

I have seen quite a few snakes while logging. Once we were working up the back road from Colfax to Foresthill. Robinson would show you a job and the

next day they would move the Cats in. The Cats were running by and I was putting an undercut in a tree. I reached around the tree and there was a four-foot rattler curled up and watching the tip of my saw. I killed it and cut its head off. The snake had a big bulge in it and I had to see what it was, so I grabbed it by the tail and shook a big rat out of it. Him eating the rat may have been what saved me from getting bit. At lunch time I took the snake and wrapped it around a truck driver's gear shift. The truck driver hopped in his truck and saw the snake. I guess he had a real fear of snakes and didn't even bother to open his door. He backed out the window and fell to the ground. It didn't go over too well and I got reprimanded for that one.

I used to skin the snakes I killed and had a stack of skins about a foot high. I had a snake skin with a bunch of rattles on it that I had on a piece of wood with a glass frame. The fellow I bought my house from was travelling back to Ireland. He took it with him to Ireland and it is hanging in a pub there now.

I came across a lot of hornets working in the woods, too. Rollins Lake was just being built, and Bud and Jim West, a couple of other guys, and myself were working out there. I got hung up on a tree and Jim and I were the only ones with an axe between us. Jimmy knew where the hornet's nest was and threw the axe right on top of the nest and plugged the hole completely. I climbed over the log and lifted the axe and the hornets boiled out of the nest. I had long hair then and ended up with 62 sting marks all over my head, and my eyes were swollen shut. The guys had to lead me around and took me to the bar to show me off.



Early Schools of Downieville

With graduation right around the corner, perhaps it's time for the Downieville High School graduates to learn about the early history of their school, if they have not done so already. The sign above the entryway to the school says "Est. 1884", though this date could be debated.

In the Fall 1982 issue of *The Sierran* published by the Sierra County Historical Society, Downieville's early schools are discussed, the publication stating that "Sierra County's first school was a private one, started in Downieville in the spring of 1853. The finances necessary were raised by subscription from the few families who had children. Since teaching was not a very lucrative profession, each of the first three men who tried his hand at it soon resigned. In the fall of 1853, a Mrs. Schoemaker established a school in a town building with a succession of men following her as teachers."

In 1856, George Hardy, an early pioneer and father of numerous children for whom he wished a good education, started a subscription to raise money to build a schoolhouse (the Hardy Ranch is now home to the Lure Resort). It is stated Hardy "raised \$800 and the contract was let to George Webber and another party for \$780. At this time, the public also owed a considerable amount of money to the former teachers. To defray this debt, a theatrical performance was given in the Downieville Theater. The play was a huge success, netting about \$700." The *Placer Herald* of May 3, 1856 comically reported "Speaking of a squabble in Downieville about a school house, in which it seems the members of the different churches are taking stock pro and con, [the editor of the Sierra Citizen] remarked quite pithily, that 'a number here are just about far enough advanced in christianity to be jealous of each other, and for this reason the school should be a separate and distinct institution.'"

This original schoolhouse was located on Pearl Street, in the vicinity of the large lot across the street from the present-day Folsom/Clemo homes. George Webber, one of the men that won the contract to build the school, had erected a sawmill on Durgan Flat in May 1857. His newspaper ads of the time read "Contractor, Carpenter, Builder, and Lumber Dealer." By 1886, a new school building was desired in Downieville, though the original school building would stand for many more years, being destroyed by fire on December 12, 1922. The Morning Union newspaper two days later reported "Fire on Tuesday night at 11:15 o'clock destroyed a two-story house owned by John Costa on Pearl street in Downieville. The fire occurred during a heavy rainstorm which probably prevented destruction of nearby property... The building was an old landmark in Downieville... used for many years as a school house. It was known in Downieville as the Nelson House, and was acquired by Mr. Costa some years ago."

The Fall 1982 article in *The Sierran* states that "by 1886, there was need for a new school building, and through a bond issue the funds were raised. The new schoolhouse, constructed in 1887, stood on the site of the present school building in Downieville." This schoolhouse, which was designed by San Francisco architect William F. Smith, was rather ornate in its architecture compared to other buildings in town (the original architectural drawings of the building can be found in the Downieville Museum). Many of the homes designed by Smith still stand in San Francisco, and it is possible to see how his Queen Anne-influenced architectural detailing was repeated at the schoolhouse in Downieville, though in a more simplistic, folksy form.

Of note, this building was constructed on the location of Downieville's first cemetery,

though by the 1870s, most of the interments at this location had either been washed away or transferred to what is the present-day cemetery. The Mountain Messenger of April 1, 1876 speaks of the sluicing off of this original cemetery: "In the old graveyard now being washed away lie the remains of Frederick Cannon, and close by those of the woman who was hung on Durgan Bridge for the killing."

Unfortunately, by 1949, Downieville's beautiful school building was found to be outdated, and in the summer of 1950, it was torn down. Katie Willmarth Green wrote "my father bought a load of lumber from the old school when it was torn down and used it in finishing the interior of the back bedroom/bathroom addition to the cabin." The cabin she refers to is locally known as "Pancho's Cabin" at Shady Flat, a few miles east of Downieville.

The *Santa Cruz Sentinel* of September 10, 1950 reported that Downieville was "now without a school for its children... [the town] voted \$25,000 in bonds to qualify for \$100,000 state aid, then tore down the old schoolhouse. Red tape has delayed the funds and now the little mountain town has no school at all. Children will be taught in private homes and wherever room is available." Construction of the present-day school building eventually commenced in 1951, and the school was opened on January 5, 1953 as an elementary school.

Good luck on your next adventures, local high school graduates!

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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Big Pilgrimage to Mountains To Revive Old Clampers Lodge

By Acton M. Cleveland

At the sound of the Hewgag in Camptonville on Saturday, May 28, the E. Clampus Vitus, organization of the pioneer days, will spring into existence again, and Bill Meek, Justice of the Peace and "Mayor of Camptonville," is making preparations for the revival of this famous order.

The originators of the movement will leave San Francisco in a pilgrimage at noon on the 28th, arriving at Camptonville by evening. They have engaged the Hotel Francis, and Mrs. Labadie, proprietress, is preparing to give them a series of gigantic meals. The next morning, they will journey to Mountain House, Alleghany, Forest City, Goodyears Bar, Downieville and Sierra City, returning to Camptonville by way of Oak Valley and Railroad Hill. Sunday evening, they will again gather at Camptonville, when they will be presided over by Meek, story-teller extraordinary of Northern California, and at this meeting the election of officers and receiving of petitions will take place. Each member is an officeholder, and all officers are of equal dignity.

On the evening of the 28th the Masonic order of Camptonville will stage a big all-night benefit dance, in which it is expected the Clampers will join.

On the 30th the delegation will journey homeward, visiting the other old mining towns along the way. Carl I. Wheat, former attorney of the Railroad Commission; Ernest Wiltsee, noted pioneer

writer; Leon Whitsell, Railroad Commissioner; Fred Clift, proprietor of the Clift Hotel; W. Parker Lyon, Southern California historical stamp collector, and many other prominent citizens of the bay region and southern part of the State are included in the charter membership of the order.

Bright lights will be burning and once again as in the days of yore the old town will hold forth the spirit of the days of '49, reviving a time when men knew no depression, allowed no human suffering, made men out of fools, Christians out of infidels, and knocked the bottom out of grafting politicians.

Camptonville has come forth during the past few years with several remarkable events, including the erection of the Pelton Monument, the total eclipse, and now, the most exciting and promising of them all, the revival of the E. Clampus Vitus.

Jacob Bernhardt Passes Wednesday

Wednesday morning, May 18, Jacob Bernhardt, known to his friends as Jake, passed away in San Francisco. He had been bedridden for a long time on account of an accident that left him helpless and for some months he had been in the hospital.

He was a sturdy, honest, useful citizen, esteemed by his friends and respected by all. He was born at New York Flat, above Downieville, in 1857.

He and his brother John mined for several years at the Bernhardt place several miles above Downieville. He also worked for a number of years at Eureka, later opening a mine at that place, the Hilo Mine, which

he worked with success.

He leaves to mourn his loss besides his brother John, two sisters, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Farrow, all of San Francisco.

During all his illness he was cheerful and brave, uncomplaining and appreciative of the kindly attentions of his many friends. With his passing goes one more of the sturdy old pioneers, who by their energy and courage developed this section into one of the leading mining districts of the State. Such men are missed when they are gone, but the example of their life and work goes on. The surviving relatives may feel sure that not a few in this section sorrow with them in their bereavement.

Wilson's Log Cabin is Held Up, Robbed by Two Young Men

At the point of drawn pistols in the hands of two young men, Chas Wilson and Joe Soley were held up at Wilson's Log Cabin, a store and post office at the junction of the Yuba Pass Highway and Bullards Bar road, three miles below Camptonville, Tuesday evening and robbed of money and provisions.

In the meantime, Sheriff C.J. McCoy of Marysville was notified, who in turn notified the sheriff's office here. Deputy Sheriff Stanley McCormick and Traffic Officer Andrew Ponta immediately left in the latter's car to intercept the robbers at Goodyear Camp. But upon learning that they had gone toward Nevada City, the officers returned to Downieville, where watch was kept for a blue coupe containing two men.

A short time later or about 11:30 p.m., a car containing two men and fitting the description

of the car used by the holdups came down the grade at a rapid rate and hurried through town.

Ponta and McCormick were soon on the trail of the suspected car, which they overtook at Loganville. When the siren on Ponta's car was sounded the pursued car came to a stop and the youths were arrested without resistance and brought back to Downieville and lodged in jail.

Only then was it learned that the holdups were Leonard and Warren Campbell, sons of County Supervisor George Campbell of Pike City.

Stealing an auto belonging to Dr. J.R. Bell, dentist of Nevada City Monday night, the young men, who are 19 and 20 years old, respectively, drove to North Columbia, where they remained until the following night, when they left for Wilson's to put into execution a plan that had been made a week previous.

Taking the Ridge road after the holdup, the young men drove to Pike City, across Oregon Creek to Camptonville and then to Downieville. Their plans had been very poorly made, for their capture was inevitable. All roads except the Henness Pass road, which was blocked by snow, were guarded and they could not get out of the country without being detected.

Besides the provisions obtained at Wilson's the stolen car contained bedding and other supplies necessary for camping indicating the robbers intended hiding out until the excitement caused by the robbery had subsided.

Sheriff C.J. McCoy and Deputy Philip K. Wilcoxon of Marysville came after the prisoners Wednesday and took them to the Yuba County seat,

since the major crime was committed in that county. The officers expressed the opinion that the young men would not be given probation on account of using loaded weapons in the robbery.

Deputy Sheriff L. Carter of Nevada City also arrived Wednesday to take the sTolen car back.

Contrary to rumor, Wilson said no post office money was taken, which would have made the crime even more serious. Wilson also said that a package of currency was overlooked by the robbers in their hurried search of the till for money. All the money and provisions stolen were recovered and returned to the owners.

For those who might contemplate duplicating Tuesday's holdup, as a means of getting some easy money, it would be well to consider the swiftness with which the law operated in this case. The holdup occurred about 9 o'clock in the evening and by 12:30 the perpetrators were lodged safely in jail. Swift work by Sierra County officers! And it would have been still swifter had the robbers crossed into this county sooner.

Goodyear Creek

The weather has cleared for good this time we think, and spring is with us. One of the reasons is that our old pals are coming back. On last Friday my wife went into our parlor and found a big rattlesnake stretched on the carpet sunning himself. She did not know that he was a pet of mine and hit him a swipe with a shovel as he went under the piano, but he got away. We looked the house all over that night but could not find him.

Years ago, Buckskin Mat, who had cattle at Halls Ranch, had his cabin full of rattlers. They were his pets and did not attempt to bite him. I believe they will make friends with you and live right in the house with you and not harm a person if you treat them right.

Mr. A.F. Sheehan was here Monday on his way to Oak Ranch. He is plowing his potato patch and garden. It started to snow after he began plowing, so he had to take the wheel off the plow beam and use skies in its place, but it worked all right in the snow.

Mr. Sheehan has taken over a herd of jersey milk cows. He is in the cattle business but is not up in the dairy business. He wants to turn the bunch into money and is offering them at \$5.00 per head while they last and 85 cents each for driving them to the mountains. He guarantees two gallons of milk from each cow. We do not know if the cow will give the two gallons a day, week or month. But Ott says that each cow will give two gallons.

Otto Strand was up the creek last week. He is at work on what was known as the Eastman ledge on the ridge between Rock Creek and the North Yuba. In the '70s Eastman took out about \$30,000 from the croppings of this ledge. When the high grade gave out, he quit. Otto has gone down the hill and is drifting on a fine-looking ledge, which may make high grade at any time. Otto has stayed with this mine for a long time and sure has done a lot of tunneling all alone and we know that he will strike it sooner or later as all of the other serpentine contact ledges in Sierra County have made good..