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Left to right: Sequoia Fadden (the youngest-ever winner of this competition), Raven Costa, and Hector Nevarez were winners of last Saturday's Father's Day Fishing Derby for young anglers.

Annual Father's Day Fishing Derby a Success

By JIM JOHNSTON

(DOWNIEVILLE) - The annual kid's Downieville Lion's Club fishing Derby, always held on Father's Day, was a huge success. Young anglers came from far and wide to test their skills. Thanks to the California Fish and Wildlife Department, a special planting of trout took place in advance of the contest. Fish ranging from eight inches to over four pounds were swimming in the frigid waters on the North Yuba River under the Courthouse bridge. The prize money for the derby was graciously provided by the local Lion's club. The first place prize of \$100 went to Downieville local three-year-old Sequoia Fadden for her 15 and 3/4 inch rainbow trout. Second place of \$50 was awarded to Raven Costa for his 14 and 1/4 inch prize catch. Third place of \$25 went to Hector Nevarez of Sierra City. Special thanks to Cindy at the Sierra Hardware Store for her generous donation of salmon eggs for the participants. Mike Galan was incredible in his ever so accurate weighing and measuring of the contestant's fishy entries.

You're invited to Sierra City's

4th of July

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July 4th Sierra Pines Resort Meadow

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Annual Star Gazing Night at Packer Saddle!

By J. R. BLAIR

San Francisco State University's Sierra Nevada Field Campus is offering free to the public The 33rd Annual Star Party, Thursday June 30, 2022 from dusk to the wee hours. Students of the Observational Astronomy class from the Field Campus will place their telescopes for your viewing pleasure atop Packer Saddle (above Packer Lake). See planets, galaxies, nebulae, star clusters, and stars of many colors.

To move around in the dark, please bring a flashlight covered with red tissue paper. Covered flashlights will allow your eyes to fully adapt to the dark. This will help you, and those around you, to see many more heavenly objects. Also please, please dim your car lights as you approach Packer Saddle to protect the night vision of others.

A New Cross for St. Thomas Catholic Church

(SIERRA CITY) - St. Thomas Catholic Church in Sierra City has a new cross atop its steeple. While working on the historic building in 2020, Rudy Rodriguez of Alpine Painting noticed the original wooden cross had deteriorated to the point that was in danger of crashing to the ground. He removed it, and the parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish launched a campaign to fund a new cross. Encouraged by generous donors including Father Borlaug, a visiting priest with a special affection for the building, church members raised the money and initiated the project. They contacted Ace Welding in Grass Valley who created an aluminum replica of the original, and powder coated it to resemble wood. On Monday, June 13 the cross was raised to its lofty position, some forty feet above the ground, by contractor Bob Eiermann and his crew.



St. Thomas Church has had a rough history. The original building was built in 1881, but burned down a year later. A new structure was erected in another part of town in 1887, but it was demolished by an avalanche in 1890. The existing church was built in 1903, and stands proudly with her pristine cross reaching heavenward.

St. Thomas, located at 100 Butte Alley, Sierra City is a mission church of the Diocese of Sacramento. Due to a shortage of priests, masses are currently only offered there three times a summer. The remaining masses this year are scheduled for July 17 and August 21 at noon. (Submitted by Mary Nourse, Parishioner, 530-414-5161)

2022 Sweetheart of the Mountains Contest Concludes

By JOHN STEFFANIC

Quincy Junior-Senior High student Hailey Crump has been officially announced as the 2022 Sweetheart of the Mountains by the PSCF Foundation. She and several other young ladies from Plumas and Sierra Counties applied for the scholarship by writing an essay on why small county fairs are critical to the communities they serve. All applicants had obvious connections with the Fair and offered some creative insights on its relevance to our communities. Miss Crump will receive a \$500 scholarship to further her education and will fulfill the traditional duties of the title, including hospitality at and public representation of the Fair. The contest's First Runner-Up is Adeline Taylor, who will receive a \$250 scholarship and will represent the title if Crump is unable to.

The history of the Sweetheart of the Mountains title is long and rich. There have been interruptions and changes in format throughout the years, and 2022 is no different. With so much doubt as to what sort of activities would be acceptable, the PSCF Foundation decided to scale back all the fundraising and the live performance; along with the essay, academics and school involvement were considered in the process. Expect to see our new Sweetheart of the Mountains, Hailey Crump, welcoming visitors to the Fair at the front gate at various times. She and Adeline will be riding in the parade and representing the Fair at events throughout the week. The official crowning and introduction of the Sweetheart of the Mountains and First Runner-Up will take place at the County Fair's grandstand concert by local legend Jake Jacobson on the evening of Saturday, July 30th.



Photo by Lee Adams

The top half of the B.T. Eggleston gravestone as found in the Downieville cemetery Jonathon Appell, preservationist, when he visited the historic site on Monday, June 20th.

Preservationist Demonstrates Gravestone Restoration in Downieville

By Carl Butz

(DOWNIEVILLE) - Thanks to the efforts of Corri Jimenez and Jan Hamilton of the Sierra County Historical Society, Jonathan Appell of Atlas Preservation in Conneticut made the Downieville Cemetery one of the sites he is visiting during his current tour of graveyards in the lower-48 states.

As a result, this past Monday, from 9 AM to 3 PM, over 20 people (mostly from Sierra County, but also from Quincy, Sacramento, and Reno) were provided with instruction on the use of tools and materials needed to clean, repair, and reset gravestones.

For example, those in attendance - including local cemetery trustees, Dean Fisher (Downieville), Cheryl Durrett (Forest/Alleghany), and Jen Kennedy (Sattley) - learned much: how to remove lichens from gravestones with a biological solution, how epoxy does a wonderful job of adhering two pieces of stone when mixed with ground marble and secured with clamps while drying, how leveling a headstone is important to preventing future damage, and how the process of adhering can involve lead and wood spacers, epoxy, caulking, and, quite possibly, sturdy poles and a winch to lift hundreds of pounds of stone into place.



Photo by Lee Adams

The Eggleston gravestone after being repaired by Dean Fisher, Trustee for the Downieville Cemetery District, during Jonathan Appell's 48-State Tour of graveyards.

Highly Valued Member of Downieville's Community Dies

DOWNIEVILLE- Tragically, Shaun Price, an esteemed member of Downieville's community was killed early yesterday morning in accident involving an ATV here on Belle Street. Shaun was an Advanced Emergency Medical Technician and Fire-fighter with the Downieville Fire Protection District and Ambulance, a member of the local Lion's Club, and he served on the Board of the Sierra Frontier Medical Resources.

Another community member, Miles McHugh, was injured seriously in the same accident. Fortunately, Miles is expected to recover.

Sourdough Jack Sez...



Hearing the news of Shaun Price leavin' us has kept me moping around all-day. Damn, it just ain't right! He was and always will be a gem. Damn!

Katie's Sightings

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KATIE O'HARA KELLY

Cootlings, Goslings, and Ducklings!



American Coot (cootling) - *Fulica americana*

I met some friends over in Sierra Valley this past week, and we spotted this juvenile American Coot near the Steel Bridge! It was SO wildly colored and feathered! Its wispy, long, orange and yellow, downy feathers looked like a dyed feather boa! And its bright pink bald head and orange bill added to its overall "flamboyance"! What a cute, colorful surprise to find in the wetlands!



American Coot (cootling - adult) - *Fulica americana*

An adult Coot was diving repeatedly and surfacing with plants to feed the juvenile Coot or "cootling"! Both male and female parents feed the young coots. Since they are sexually monomorphic, I couldn't tell if this was a male or female Coot. American Coots are not ducks. They are rails, and belong in the Rallidae family.

American Coots make floating nests out of tules and other dry vegetation, that are anchored to standing aquatic vegetation (cattails, tules etc.) in wetlands. The female lays 8-12 eggs, which both parents incubate for up to 23 days. The newly hatched Coots are precocial, and can swim and dive. They can also self-feed, but mainly rely on their parents to feed them for their first 30 days. They feed mainly on aquatic vegetation and algae, aquatic invertebrates and vertebrates, and grains. It will take them two months before they can fly, and are independent. Both parents care for the cootlings!



Canada Geese - 5/29/22 (2 goslings - adult) - *Branta canadensis*

Every year at least two mated couples of Canada Geese raise their young in our neighborhood. This year I've seen one adult with two goslings, three adults with two goslings, and two adults with no goslings! I'm sure there are three separate stories to tell why these three families are different, but I can only guess. The one adult with two goslings probably lost its mate (they mate for life) to a predator. The three adults with two goslings, must be a mated pair and perhaps a related adult. The mated pair without goslings, may have lost their goslings to a predator. Interestingly, I never saw any of the goslings when they were small, yellow and fuzzy this year. The first ones I saw are pictured above, and were probably a month or two old. Maybe it was snowing when the goslings were young? Anyway, it's been a different year for the Canada Geese!



Wood Duck (female - 2 ducklings) - *Aix sponsa*

I was delighted to see a female Wood Duck at one of the ponds at Joubert's Diggins! She had three ducklings, but one ducked for the above photo. The ducklings are born precocial. They chiefly eat invertebrates for their first 2-3 weeks, then gradually change to plant foods as they grow older. They will



Letters to the Editor

Abortion and Crime

Wow, the San Francisco voters removed a very progressive District Attorney because he was soft on crime. Hmmm, makes sense. We like to be safe. Well, imagine the abortion ban pushed by those conservative Americans and the right wing supreme court that insist children to be raised in damaged families, or no families. About 20 years after birth control and abortion were in common practice in the 1990s, the crime rate dropped quite measurably. So when women are not allowed to make reproductive choices, in many cases, children will be raised in very difficult circumstances, with poverty, and parents that shouldn't be parents. There's going to be more crime. We know Republicans are absolutely opposed to those federal and state programs that help families (they just don't like that "sumptin' for nothin'" thing). These are those liberal programs helping families and children. Sorta like Republicans don't seem to care if children get shot in the face at school or black people shoppers get taken out by an AR in a grocery store.

Don McKechnie
Sparks, NV



Downieville Volunteer Fire Auxiliary 4th of July Fire Department BBQ Fundraiser

Date & Time: July 2nd 2022 4:00-7:00pm

Location: Fire Department Bay- 321 Main St. Downieville, CA

Included: Tri-tip/ chicken, salads, garlic bread, watermelon, and drinks.

Adults: \$20

Seniors: (62 +) \$10

Kids under 10: \$10

Kids under 6: Free



2022 4th of July
Parade

Monday 4th • Noon • Main St. Downieville

•Great Family Fun for Everyone•
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Michelle 530-446-5451 if you are
interested in being a part of the parade.
Sponsored: By the Downieville Lions Club

Desert Dwellers to hit the Miners Foundry Stage

(NEVADA CITY) Miners Foundry Cultural Center is pleased to announce the return of Desert Dwellers to Nevada City on Friday, July 1st at 8:00 p.m.

Lovers of Burning Man, Lightening in A Bottle, and Coachella are in for an evening of nonstop dancing, when music producers Amani Friend and Treavor Moontribe, who make up the dynamic Desert Dwellers duo, bring their magic to the Miners Foundry.

Long before electronic music reached the mainstream, the pair were busy refining their individual skills in the mystical deserts of New Mexico and California. Friend and Moontribe "combine the raw sounds of the natural world, wrapped in dance-floor and chill-out productions; blending deep bass, earthy percussion, etheric voices, and cross-cultural instrumentation into a sonic incense for the mind and body. Desert Dwellers' unique global sounds are a bridge between worlds, and their label Desert Trax has become a platform to spotlight similar alchemical artists."

Desert Dwellers sound is also part of the "Fantastic Fungi: Reimagine" album, inspired by the documentary "Fantastic Fungi" featuring Paul Stamets. Proceeds from the album support work relating to the healing benefits of mushroom.

Tickets \$30 Advance, \$35 Door. Call for info: 265-5040

Poetry Corner

Voyages V
By HART CRANE

Meticulous, past midnight in clear rime,
Infrangible and lonely, smooth as though cast
Together in one merciless white blade—
The bay estuaries fleck the hard sky limits.
—As if too brittle or too clear to touch!
The cables of our sleep so swiftly filed,
Already hang, shred ends from remembered stars.
One frozen trackless smile... What words
Can strangle this deaf moonlight? For we
Are overtaken. Now no cry, no sword
Can fasten or deflect this tidal wedge,
Slow tyranny of moonlight, moonlight loved
And changed... "There's
Nothing like this in the world," you say,
Knowing I cannot touch your hand and look
Too, into that godless cleft of sky
Where nothing turns but dead sands flashing.
"—And never to quite understand!" No,
In all the argosy of your bright hair I dreamed
Nothing so flagless as this piracy.
But now
Draw in your head, alone and too tall here.
Your eyes already in the slant of drifting foam;
Your breath sealed by the ghosts I do not know:
Draw in your head and sleep the long way home.

This poem is in the public domain. Published in Poem-a-Day on June 4, 2022, by the Academy of American Poets.

About the poem: "Voyages" appeared in *White Buildings* (Boni and Liveright, 1926).

About the poet: Harold Hart Crane was a poet from the Modernist movement. Born in 1899, the son of the candy maker who invented Life Savers, during his junior year in high school he dropped out of school and migrated to New York City. He was the author of *White Buildings* (Boni and Liveright, 1926), as well as *The Bridge* (The Black Sun Press, 1930). In the years following his suicide at the age of 32, Crane has been hailed by playwrights, poets, and literary critics alike (including Robert Lowell, Derek Walcott, Tennessee Williams, and Harold Bloom), as being one of the most influential poets of his generation. remembered as a key work of early Modernism. He died on April 27, 1932 after jumping off a steamship sailing through the Gulf of Mexico on its way to New York City.



Hart_Crane in 1930

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On the Shelf

By PAUL GUFFIN

The Twentieth of June

In this column, I often focus on what celebrations and observances happen during the various months of the year. This time, however, I thought it might be interesting to focus on a specific date — and, since I’m writing this column on Monday, I figured, why not use this date: June 20. So, here’s what I know and some of what I’ve discovered. (Also, a reminder: you can discover a lot of neat stuff like this in the Downieville Library.)

1214: University of Oxford receives its charter
1685: Monmouth Rebellion — James Scott, 1st Duke of Monmouth, declares himself King of England
1782: U.S. Congress adopts the Great Seal of the United States (*no, this isn’t a large mammal rescue*)
1787: At the Federal Convention, Oliver Ellsworth moves to call the government the “United States”
1819: U.S. vessel SS Savannah arrives in Liverpool, the first steam-propelled vessel to cross the Atlantic (*though it cheated most of the way by journeying under sail*)
1837: 18-year-old Victoria becomes Queen of England
1840: Samuel Morse receives a patent for the telegraph
1863: National Bank of Davenport, Iowa, becomes the first chartered bank in the United States
1867: U.S. President Andrew Johnson announces the Alaska Purchase
1877: Alexander Graham Bell installs the world’s first commercial telephone service in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada
1893: Lizzie Borden is acquitted of murdering her father and stepmother
1895: Caroline Willard Baldwin is the first female to earn a PhD from a U.S. university — Cornell University in science
1903: Barney Oldfield accomplishes the first mile-a-minute performance in a car at Indianapolis, IN
1919: Treaty of Versailles is signed
1941: U.S. Air Force is established, replacing the Army Air Corps
1943: Detroit race riot, with 35 killed
1955: AFL-CIO formed by merger of American Federation of Labor & Congress of Industrial Organizations
1963: U.S. & Soviet Union sign agreement to establish hotline between Washington, DC, & Moscow
1967: Linda & I get married
1975: Movie Jaws is released
1990: Asteroid Eureka is discovered
1991: German Bundestag votes to move seat of government from Bonn to Berlin
2001: World Refugee Day established on 50th anniversary of Convention relating to the Status of Refugees (originally this was known as Africa Refugee Day)

What’s New on the Shelves of the Downieville Library

Some new residents in our library community:

Fiction:

A Highland Christmas, by M.C. Beaton (mystery)
Final Flight, by Stephen Coonts (thriller)
Notorious Nineteen, Takedown Twenty, Top Secret Twenty-One, by Janet Evanovich (mystery)
The Dark Wind, by Tony Hillerman (mystery)
The Bitter Season, by Tami Hoag (mystery)

Non-fiction:

Los Exploradores, by Penelope Arlon & Tory Gordon-Harris (juvenile)
About Three Brick Shy...and the Load Filled Up, by Roy Blount, Jr.
Concise Dictionary of the American Indian, by Bruce Grant
Five Historic Characters in California Law, by Donald William Hamblin (special book section)
James Herriot’s Dog Stories, by James Herriot
The Last Best Hope of Earth: Abraham Lincoln and the Promise of America, by Mark E. Neely, Jr.
Paintings of the Southwest, by Arnold Skolnick
Galileo’s Daughter, by Dava Sobel



In other (old) literary news this week

Henrik Ibsen arrives in Rome for a self-imposed exile from Norway that will last for 27 years. (June 19, 1864) • **J.D. Salinger’s** novella Hapworth 16, 1924 takes up most of today’s issue of the New Yorker; it will be Salinger’s last publication before his death (June 19, 1965) • **“Bad Gay of History”** **Oscar Wilde’s** *The Picture of Dorian Gray* is published (June 20, 1890) • **Jack London’s** classic novel *The Call of the Wild* begins serialization in the Saturday Evening Post (June 20, 1903) • The US Supreme Court overturns a lower court ruling that found **Henry Miller’s** *Tropic of Cancer* to be obscene (June 22, 1964) • **The theaters in London** close due to an outbreak of bubonic plague; they will remain shuttered for 16 months (June 23, 1592) • Early **writing cliché adopter Washington Irving’s** iconic stories “Rip Van Winkle” and “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow” are first published in *The Sketch Book of Geoffrey Crayon, Gent.* under the name of Diedrich Knickerbocker (June 23, 1819) • Noted writer-runner **Haruki Murakami** completes his first ultramarathon (June 23, 1996) • **The Hanlin Academy in Peking**, the greatest library in the world you’ve never heard of, catches fire and is destroyed during the Boxer Rebellion (June 24, 1900).

Source: lithub.com

Where Two Rivers Meet

A Race to the Edge

By H. A. SILLIMAN

Part 3: An Old Mystery Resurfaces

The next morning before I went to the office to write the “Counterfeiter on the Lam” story—I stopped by the café. The Gang of Four immediately invited me to join them, shouting down coffee and a doughnut. This was a nice gesture since RiversFest out-of-towners crowded the café, leaving no empty tables. I thought maybe my four friends were fishing for news about Jesse James Stallard or had heard the race might be canceled. But instead of pressing me on those matters, Nick Norbert asked how well I knew my editor, Mack Boyd. Had he, for instance, told me how he got sick.

“Health care stuff is supposed to be confidential,” I said. Admittedly, I felt a smidgen of loyalty toward my boss. It would unseemly to rat him out if I knew more.

Rev. Gagnon smiled, said with slight incredulity, “You remember the history series you did on the mystery of The Peter & Paul Church? The con-artists brothers selling snake oil—the Electric Elixir? Well, Mack Boyd found some of that old stuff and drank it!”

I looked back blankly at Rev. Gagnon and the rest of The Gang as my reporter’s mind went into overdrive: When, where, how?

“You didn’t know about the trap door discovered in The Peter & Paul Church?” Carole Chukar asked, and grinned when I shook my head no.

Another stunning revelation: A trap door! How had this been kept secret from me?

Nick Norbert broke in, “The day the kids were painting inside the church, my boy Ansel fell through a trap door. In a secret room, he saw a broken up strong box, a few coins and little bottles of medicine—that elixir. Turns out, the only person Ansel told was—guess who? Mack! Mack told him to keep quiet, and Ansel, being the good boy he is, did. In fact, Mack had suggested they’d both investigate it. Of course, they never did together—but Mack apparently went by himself.”

“Did you also know he probably found a stash of gold coins—in the graveyard?” Nick said. “One night Mack was noticed digging in the graveyard. A few coins were found in front of the church, so Deputy Jack called on him the next day to ask what he’d been up to—and that’s when Mack, who had been drinking that elixir, collapsed. He would have died from the poisoning if Deputy Jack hadn’t showed up just then.”

A trove of gold coins! This was another bombshell! “My god, digging up lost treasure beats panning for gold any day,” I blurted out, and I told them about the couple who dug up coins worth \$10 million on their property. The so-called “Saddle Ridge Hoard” discovered somewhere in the Sierra Nevada made headlines in 2014. “Mack’s find could be big news, too,” I said.

The Rev. Gagnon laughed at this statement. “Maybe Mack doesn’t want his graveyard antics reported in the Ledger.”

“Wait a minute,” I said, confused. “Why was Mack digging in the cemetery if there was a treasure chest under the church? And where’s the gold?”

“That’s what everyone in them thar’ hills want to know,” Noel said. “And that’s why we’re asking: Has Mack said anything? Made any hints? Acted funny?”

The occasional meetings with my editor had been held at The Golden Gables Inn where he is recuperating, I explained, and I’d only go when Babe told me to.

“This is the thing,” Noel Norbert said, leaning in, lowering his voice. “Yesterday morning, Nick and I came upon Mack at his home over on Constellation Street. I saw him hobbling down the street with his cane. We were out in Lindy Case’s front yard fixing a broken pipe. Mack got to the front of his house—which he hasn’t stayed in since he got sick—and looked around kind of furtively, checking to make sure no one saw him. We were blocked from view, so he didn’t see us. Anyway, Mack stood outside the picket fence for a long time. Then he—”

Suddenly, Babe Garibaldi, entered the café. In his hand, he clenched a flyer. Seeing that out-of-towners were staring at him, he whispered. “Cara, where’s that story?” He waved the paper at me. It was a Wanted Poster, with a photo of Jesse James Stallard and the words, COUNTERFEITER AT LARGE. “We’ve been scooped by the Sheriff’s Department. I found this in the post office. There’s probably more around town.”

The Gang turned and stared at me, betraye p.d. Suddenly, I felt very small.

“And when were you going to tell us this?” Carole asked, stabbing a finger at the flyer. “For gosh sakes, we gave you the tip about this Jesse James being in some kind of trouble.”

Sitting down, Babe smiled and said appreciatively, “Now Cara, I’m impressed you didn’t give the story away. That’s very professional.”

Fortunately, this praise mollified the gang because Carole suddenly said, “Well then, we certainly can’t have the Ledger being scooped. Maybe we should take down these down.” She looked around the table for agreement.

“Is that legal?” Noel asked. We all turned and looked to Babe.

“I don’t know,” he said. “But I like the idea!”

“We can check the store windows or bulletin boards around town,” Carole suggested. “But you and Babe stay here. You can’t be seen doing this.”

And lickety-split, The Gang headed for the streets on a mission to preserve the Ledger’s scoop. After they left, I suddenly realized Nick hadn’t finished the story about Mack: What had my editor been seen doing in his front yard?

Next Week—Part 4: The Power of Gold

Writer and journalist H.A. Silliman was raised in the Mother Lode and now lives in California’s Outback Country. Read previous stories in the *Where Two Rivers Meet* anthology at hasilliman.weebly.com/fiction. ©2022 by H.A. Silliman. All rights reserved. The people, places and events portrayed are fictional or fictionally portrayed.

Here Back East

By LENNY ACKERMAN

Father's Day

Growing up in upstate New York in the 1950s, what I remember most clearly about Father’s Day are the homemade gifts we worked on for weeks in advance during shop class, before school closed for the summer. One year I labored over the construction of a tie rack, designed like a cowboy holding a long stick, over which the ties would drape in a row. Like my father even wore ties?

Anyway, that was the task for all of us kids, to come up with something showing great effort for our fathers. By the time I was in high school, shop class long behind me, my mother would choose a Father’s Day gift from the family. Despite her frugality, a week before Father’s Day my mother and I would take the bus downtown to buy dad a gift—usually something he could wear to work, like winter gloves or a flannel shirt—all on sale during the summer. Afterward, we would walk over to dad’s parking lot and wait for him to close up. Then we would all ride home together, his present hidden in mom’s shopping bag.

My mother’s gift to my dad on Father’s Day was to cook his favorite meal for dinner - beef brisket with sides of baked potatoes and roasted carrots, followed by chocolate cake. Before sitting down to eat, my dad downed a shot of whiskey. Then he dug into mom’s dinner like it was his last supper. No restaurant could offer the same level of satisfaction and happiness as his favorite meal homecooked by my mom. Whether the children attended this sumptuous meal on Father’s Day was beside the point with dad. My sister usually found a reason to drop off a present and skipped out on the dinner. My brother always seemed to be somewhere else—college, law school or selling something. With mom in the kitchen, I was usually my dad’s sole companion and of course I watched what I said and how I responded to any questions he threw at me. “Yes, school was fine.” “No I was not looking forward to summer because I am not going to camp.” That one was my attempt to get him to agree with mom that I have two weeks away at Camp Seneca. Usually between the first and second helping dad would be amenable to discussing the camp request which usually was about the cost.

During my teens dad wanted me working the parking lot during the summer to cut down on his payroll. I learned my negotiating skills by trading off hours at the lot for two weeks at Camp Seneca. I was being paid, ha ha, and the salary was to be applied to camp fees. Years later, when I got married and headed to law school, my mother presented me with a passbook to a savings account in my name with the notation, “Parking Lot Money.” My gosh my dad had kept his word. I think there was \$2,500 in that account. My folks were real savers. I can almost hear my folks today, seeing the presents kids lavish on their father for Father’s Day: “Save for a rainy day, Lenny.”

Canada’s Roots-pop Trio Good Lovelies Performs at The Center for the Arts on July 7th

GRASS VALLEY - With nine critically acclaimed releases, a #1 single, a JUNO Award, and a devoted fanbase blanketing the globe, roots-pop combo the Good Lovelies are among Canada’s brightest musical lights. For more than a decade, the hardworking trio of Caroline Brooks, Kerri Ough, and Susan Passmore — guitar-wielding songwriters all, and queens of the goose bump-raising three-part harmony — entered 2020 at full steam, with plans to write and record new material, reduce their carbon footprint via multiple green initiatives, and to build on their reputation as electrifying performers with extensive touring, culminating in their highly anticipated annual seasonal concerts. The best really is yet to come; the talented and hardworking Good Lovelies are poised to soar even higher in the roaring 2020s on every conceivable front.



At their core they can be described as a country/folk trio, with tinges of pop, roots, jazz and sometimes hip-hop mixed in. Their musical career has yielded four widely acclaimed studio albums, two Christmas collections, two EPs, a live album, and a #1 single “I See Gold” from 2018’s smash *Shapeshifters* plus devoted fans in Europe, Australia, the U.S. and homeland Canada, where performances alongside the Toronto Symphony Orchestra are not unheard of.

The Good Lovelies first united in 2006 for a one-off performance and the songs that started it all came from their debut 2009 self-titled album which earned them the Roots & Traditional JUNO award for the album. “We were floored, honored, petrified, over the moon – you name it – we were all of it!”

Since then they have compiled a hearty catalog of music, and have earned another Juno nomination (2012) and four Canadian Folk Music Awards along the way. Their latest non-Christmas album *Shapeshifters* was released in February 2018 to much acclaim. Through it all, the unmistakable sound of their intertwined voices has been the sonic anchor, and that remains true as the Good Lovelies now push further into the mainstream with their most accessible and pop-influenced output to date.

So, don’t miss the Good Lovelies at The Center for the Arts on July 7, 2022. The doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are going for \$24 - \$34.

Sheriff's Log

By Jen Henneke

Monday, June 13

06:34 - In Loyalton, a bovine was running loose on the road. Both the owner and CHP were notified.
09:09 - A Palomino Mustang was lost and seen heading north from the Truckee area.
15:45 - Multiple bovines were observed running loose above Sierra Brooks. The owner was contacted.
16:27 - In Sierraville, agency assistance was requested for dealing with a camper who had not paid their campsite fees. That is considered stealing.

Tuesday, June 14

12:47 - In Loyalton, the bovine anarchy continued with more running loose.
20:07 - Another escapee, this time a horse departed from Calpine.

Wednesday, June 15

08:13 - In Loyalton, Eastern Plumas Health Care Ambulance was requested.
09:02 - In Downieville, there were shots possibly fired at a bear. Fish and Wildlife was notified.
13:31 - There was a suicidal subject on I-80 in Sierra County traveling into Washoe County.

Thursday, June 16

11:40 - In Sierra City, a very intoxicated man was told to leave Sierra Pines.
12:01 - A person was arrested on a Sierra County warrant.
14:52 - In Verdi, a public dumpster was overflowing with garbage.
16:14 - In Loyalton, the alarm at the elementary school was accidentally activated.
16:30 - In Sierraville, a customer was making vague threats toward the owner of the Sierraville Country Store.
18:38 - A utility company asked the Sierra County Sheriff’s Office (SCSO) to provide a property check on some equipment near Camptonville. The deputy was able to locate and all was fine.
18:58 - In Sierra City, there was a report of smoke. The Fire Department was unable to locate any smoke.
20:17 - In Sierraville, a juvenile in the Post Office was seen using the free wifi. Smart kid!

Friday, June 17

03:51 - In Loyalton, there was a bale of hay in the middle of the road. The Road Department was able to clear the roadway. I’m surprised the escaping bovines weren’t there to rescue the hay first.
06:16 - In Downieville, a bear got stuck in a dumpster. The bear was safely released.
08:07 - In Loyalton, a smoke alarm was activated but it was a false alarm.
15:27 - In Downieville, a fix-it ticket was signed.
18:37 - In Camptonville, a citizen assistance was requested for helping get a canine out of a locked vehicle. The SCSO was able to give directions on how to get the dog out.
21:27 - In Downieville, there was a request to find an overdue individual. After an area check and confirming with the bike shop the individual had ridden a trail, the reporting person was contacted and the individual was okay.

Saturday, June 18

02:21 - In Calpine, someone was having a loud party with music. The SCSO was unable to find the wild party and music. Must not have been so wild afterall.
09:23 - In Sierra City, a property check was requested due to an electric bill that was higher than average. The deputy checked the residence and found an open door. As for the above average bill, I don’t know anyone that hasn’t had an increase from PG&E.
15:11 - In Sierraville, there was an accidental 911 call.
17:52 - Near Ramshorn, there was a report of smoke in the area. Units were unable to locate any smoke.
18:40 - Near Sardine Lake, there was a report of illegal fire, fireworks or firearms going off. The SCSO was unable to locate any fire, fireworks or firearms.
19:32 - In Pike City, a vehicle was stolen while the owners were camping. CHP handled the incident.

Sunday, June 19

09:52 - Eastern Plumas Health Care Ambulance was requested in Loyalton.
11:01 - In Camptonville, someone needed assistance contacting a tow company for a stuck vehicle.
12:50 - In Downieville, a vehicle was stopped for driving with a suspended license. The driver was cited and given a court date.
13:28 - Near Truckee, a family was trespassing on railroad tracks. The family was jumping their quad over the tracks. An Amtrak train passed through the area a little time later and the family was gone.

Total Reported: 35

NOTICE OF EQUALIZATION HEARINGS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that assessment appeals will be accepted by the County Clerk between 8:00 a.m. on July 2, 2022 and 5:00 p.m. on September 15, 2022. An application will be deemed to have been timely filed if it is sent by U.S. mail, properly addressed with postage prepaid and is postmarked on September 15, 2022 or earlier within such period. Forms and information may be obtained from the Sierra County Clerk, Courthouse, P.O. Drawer D, Downieville, California, 95936 or from the County Board of Supervisors’ website at: www.sierracounty.ca.gov/appeal. In Sierra County, annually, on the third Monday in July, the County Board shall meet to equalize the assessment of property on the local roll. It shall continue to meet for that purpose, on the second Thursday of odd numbered months and at other times of its choosing until the business of equalization is disposed of. Upon the filing of an application, the matter will be set for hearing, and the applicant will be notified of the hearing date 45 days prior to the hearing.

Heather Foster
County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of
Supervisors of the County of Sierra, State of California

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https://www.dropbox.com/s/5kxge925pncf5rq/PUSD%20Appendix%20B%20Public%20Health%20RTS%20QA%201_18_22.pdf?dl=0

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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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PLUMAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
50 Church St., Quincy, CA 95971

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At the Firehouse

By VICTORIA TENNEY

ALLEGHANY: June 13th - Firefighters trained. June 16th - Pliocene Ridge Community Service District (PRCSD) meeting.

DOWNIEVILLE: June 13th - Responded for a Medical Urgent Care incident. June 15th - Responded for a person who was ill and airlifted to Chico; Board of Commissioners meeting; COVID-19 testing at the Community Hall. June 16th - Firefighters trained. June 18th - Responded for a possible spot fire - unable to locate.

LOYALTON: June 15th - 8:11AM, party having issues with pacemaker, Loyalton. June 17th - 8:05AM, smoke alarm check, Loyalton. June 19th - 9:50AM, party fell and hit head, Loyalton

PIKE CITY: June 13th - Firefighters trained. June 16th PRCSD meeting.

SIERRA CITY: June 16th - Responded for a smoke check - cancelled. June 18th - Responded for a smoke check at Sardine Lake - unable to locate.

SIERRA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #1(CALPINE, SATTLEY,& SIERRAVILLE): June 16th - Firefighters trained in Calpine.

Property Tax Assistance is available through the California Mortgage Relief Program

The California Mortgage Relief Program, which helps homeowners catch up on their housing payments, has just launched a Property Tax Assistance option. Please contact the Sierra County Tax Collector at 530-289-3286 or www.sierracounty.ca.gov under Tax Collector, for more information.

Visit CaMortgageRelief.org to see if you qualify.

Surplus Vehicles for Sale

The Sierra City Fire District will be selling surplus vehicles via sealed bids. Bids are to be mailed to the Sierra City Fire District Fire Commission P.O. Box 516 by July 15, 2022. Vehicles can be inspected at the indicated locations.

- 2001 Dodge Durango, 4 door, Minimum bid \$1000. Located at the Sand Shed Fire Station.
- 2007 Ski-Doo, Skandic 600 WT, Minimum Bid \$2000. Located at Tom Dines Snow Mobile Shop, Sierraville.
- Snow Mobile trailer, flat bed, 20’, four place, Minimum Bid \$1000. Located at Tom Dines Snow Mobile Shop, Sierraville.
- 2008 Can-Am Outlander 500XT (4X4), Minimum Bid \$3000. Located at Sand Shed Fire Station.

Contact Sierra City Fire District Fire Chief Scott Hall to schedule an inspection of these vehicles: Scottdhall158@gmail.com

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.



Sierra Safe

A program of the
Plumas Crisis Intervention &
Resource Center (PCIRC)

**OFFERING SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF SEXUAL
ASSAULT AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
24hr Crisis Line # 1-877-757-0029**

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

Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: QUALITY TILE & MARBLE CO. INC.
Full name of registrant: Wes Tews
Business location: 205 Cal Lane, Sparks, NV 89431
Mailing Address: 205 Cal Lane, Sparks, NV 89431
Phone: 775-331-1022
Registrants Address: 1758 Bafford Lane, Fallon, NV 89706
This business is being conducted by: A Corporation
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: N/A
Statement expires on: 05/16/2027
/s/ Wes Tews
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: May 16th, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000126
Published in The Mountain Messenger: June 2, 9, 16 & 23 of 2022

LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrants are doing business as: FOOT OF THE CROSS FARMS
Full name of registrants: Beth Mc Donald & Ted Mc Donald
Registrants Address: 4395 Nelson Street, Taylorsville, CA 95983
Business location: 4395 Nelson Street, Taylorsville, CA 95983
Business Mailing Address: P.O. Box 111, Taylorsville, CA 95983
Phone number: 530-440-5728
This business is being conducted by: a Married Couple
The registrants commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 05/17/2022
Statement Expires On: 05/17/2027
/s/ Ted McDonald, Bethany McDonald
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: May 17, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000128
Published in The Mountain Messenger: June 9, 16, 23 & 30 of 2022

LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: CAMP ALMANOR, LLC
Full name of registrant: Camp Almanor, LLC
Business location: 2683 Big Springs Dr.
Mailing Address: 2375 Maple Leaf Trail, Reno, NV 89523
Phone: 530-448-8028
Registrants Address: 2375 Maple Leaf Trail, Reno, NV 89523
State: CA AI# 202250819237
This business is being conducted by: A Limited Liability Company
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 6/1/2022
Statement expires on: 6/1/2027
/s/ Peter Pensotti, Manager for Camp Almanor
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: June 1, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000139
Published in The Mountain Messenger: June 9, 16, 23 & 30 of 2022

LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: SIERRA LAKES LASER COMPANY
Full name of registrants: Erik Lundblade
Business location: 2327 Old Grizzly Road, Portola CA 96122
Phone: 530-933-1860
Registrants Address: 2327 Old Grizzly Road, Portola CA 96122
This business is being conducted by: Individual
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 05/20/2022
Statement expires on: 05/20/2027
/s/ Erik Lundblade
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: May 20th, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000135
Published in The Mountain Messenger on June 16, 23, 30 & July 7 of 2022

LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: AESTHETICALLY KELLEY
Full name of registrant: AESTHETICALLY KELLEY LLC
Business location: 7481 Highway 89, Graeagle CA 96103
Phone: 530-322-9886
Registrants Address: 7481 Highway 89, House #111, Graeagle CA 96103
This business is being conducted by: Limited Liability Company
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 5/18/2022
Statement expires on: 5/18/2027
/s/ Aesthetically Kelley
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: May 18th, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000132
Published in The Mountain Messenger on June 16, 23, 30 & July 7 of 2022

LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: HEADWATERS BISTRO AND DELI
Full name of registrants: Middle Fork Holdings, LLC
Business location: 620 East Sierra Ave., Portola CA 96122
Business Mailing Address: P.O. Box 568, Portola, CA 96122
Phone: 530-559-3236
Registrants Address: 74705 Hwy 70, Portola CA 96122
This business is being conducted by: Limited Liability Company
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 6/9/2022
Statement expires on: 6/9/2027
/s/ Terrence Grim
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: June 9th, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000143
Published in The Mountain Messenger on June 16, 23, 30 & July 7 of 2022

LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: MARTHA'S KITCHEN
Full name of registrant: Elizabeth Gonzalez
Business Address: 58421 Highway 70, Cromberg, CA 96103
Business Mailing Address: P.O. Box 30081, Cromberg, CA 96103-0081
Phone: 775-313-8433
Registrant Address: 3201 Creekside Lane, Sparks, NV 89431
This business is being conducted by: an Individual
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 6/1/2022
Statement expires on: 6/6/2027
/s/ Elizabeth Gonzales
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: June 6th, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000141
Published in The Mountain Messenger on June 16, 23, 30 & July 7 of 2022

LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: ROSCO SAUCE CO
Principal Place of Business: 566 Packard Dr., Grass Valley, CA 95945
County of Principal Place of Business: Nevada
Full name of owner: Jason S. Gordon
Owner's Street Address: 566 Packard Dr., Grass Valley, CA 95945
Business conducted by: An Individual
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: NA
/s/ Jason Gordon
This statement was filed in the office of Gregory J. Diaz, Nevada County Clerk-Recorder on: May 31st, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000551
Published in The Mountain Messenger on June 23, 30 & July 7, 14 of 2022

LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: THE SIGN SHOP
Full name of registrant: Douglas Bundy
Business Address: 978 West Sierra Brooks Drive, Loyalton, CA 96118
Business Mailing Address: P.O. Box 3604, Truckee, CA 96160
Business Phone: 730-587-9158
Registrant Address: 978 West Sierra Brooks Drive, Loyalton, CA 96118
This business is being conducted by: An Individual
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: NA
/s/ Douglas Bundy
This statement was filed in the office of Heather Foster, Sierra County Clerk-Recorder on: June 6th, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-2001850
Published in The Mountain Messenger on June 23, 30 & July 7, 14 of 2022

Downieville Assembly of God

This Sunday @ 10:30 in the Downieville School Cafeteria: a time of prayer and sharing for the family of Shaun Price and the entire community he served so admirably.

PEACE

HEALTH DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2022

IMMUNIZATION CLINICS: At the Health Department PLEASE CALL FOR APPOINTMENT

Fee: \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family. TB Test \$10.00 per person
- Loyalton: Wednesday, July 6, 2pm – 4pm
- Loyalton: Wednesday, July 13, 2pm – 4pm
- Loyalton: Wednesday, July 20, 2pm – 4pm
- Loyalton: Wednesday, July 27, 2pm – 4pm

COVID VACCINE CLINIC - at the Health Department Register at www.MyTurn.ca.gov

- Loyalton: Thursday, July 7, 1:00pm–4:30pm (12 and older)
- Loyalton: Thursday, July 21, 1:00pm–4:30pm (5 to 11 years old)

SENIOR CENTERS BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC: (No Fee)

- Downieville Community Hall: Tuesday, July 12, 12pm-12:30pm
- Loyalton Senior Center Thursday, July 14, 11:30am–12:00pm

FAMILY PLANNING CLINICS: (No fee) by appointment only

PERINATAL SERVICES: (No fee) Information on having a healthy baby, pregnancy testing and services for pregnant women, including childcare, transportation, prenatal care and childbirth education.

STD/HIV/AIDS INFORMATION AND TESTING SERVICES: (No fee)

Confidential testing services including oral Rapid HIV Testing (Results on the same day.)

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH: Please call (530) 993-6748

Priority Admission for IV Drug Users & Priority Perinatal Alcohol and other Drug (AOD) Intervention

WIC (WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN): (No fee) A nutrition program for women who are pregnant, breastfeeding, have recently delivered a baby, and/or children under five years of age. Available: breastfeeding support, nutrition and health education, referrals to health care and vouchers for healthy foods.
- Loyalton: Wednesday, July 6 & 20
Please Call for an Appointment

- Downieville: Thursday, July 28 Please Call for an Appointment

*Low wage, working families (and migrants) are welcome to apply.
This institution is an equal opportunity provider*

Information on these or other services, Please call
Sierra County Health Department at (530) 993-6700.

ALL SERVICES ARE CONFIDENTIAL

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https://www.dropbox.com/s/5kxge925pnfc5rq/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 General A / C-12 license in good standing.**

Signed: D. Kevin Nolen, Construction Manager for
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12 Step Meeting - Downieville, Tuesdays, 5:00 P.M. in the Library at 320 Commercial St.

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

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

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

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

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, 3:30 P.M. at the Community Hall.

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

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

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

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

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

Sierra County Fire Safe Council—Meets on the last Thursday of each month at 10 A.M. Next meeting on June 30 at the Sierraville School.

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.

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

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

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

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

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

California Highway Patrol - Quincy	283-1100
California Highway Patrol - Grass Valley	477-4900
City of Loyalton	993-6750
CalTrans - Road Conditions	800-427-7623
Downieville Maintenance Station	289-3214
Quincy Maintenance Station	832-4911
Sierraville Maintenance Station	994-3410
Nevada City Maintenance Station	265-4290
Downieville School	289-3473
Downieville Volunteer Fire Department	289-3333
Health & Human Services Dvl	289-3711
Loyalton	993-6700
High Sierra Family Resource Center	993-1110
Loyalton Elementary School	993-4482
Loyalton City Hall	993-6750
Loyalton Cop Shop	993-4479
Loyalton High School	993-4454
Loyalton Volunteer Fire Department	993-6751
Mental Health Services, Loyalton	993-6700
PG&E report outages	800-743-5002
Plumas Ace Hardware, Portola	832-5208
Plumas County Clerk-Recorder	283-6218
Plumas County Sheriff's Office (Front Desk)	283-6375
Sierra County Sheriff's Office—non-emergency	289-3700
Sierra County Clerk-Recorder	289-3295
Sierra Hardware, Downieville	289-3582
Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital	274-6000
Sierra Valley Home Center, Loyalton	993-4331
USFS Beckwourth Ranger District	836-2575
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California Hay Report - 6/17/2022

Trade activity and demand were good to very good. Retail, dairy and export hay prices were mostly steady to firm. According to the NASS report on June 12, 2022, In the Sacramento Valley, winter crops season was nearly completed. Wheat straw was being windrowed, baled, banked out and taken off the fields. The rice crop was advancing at a normal rate. In Stanislaus County, weeds were being sprayed in corn fields. Alfalfa hay and silage were being harvested. Rice continued to be treated for pests in Sutter County. Sunflowers continued heading. In the San Joaquin Valley, cotton was making good progress. In Tulare County, farmers were starting to spread fertilizer and till their fields in preparation for summer plantings. Growers were turning on irrigation systems to keep soil conditions moist to support row crop growth during dry and hot weather. Farmers continued to harvest wheat and barley. Corn fields were bearing more leaves and was in early vegetative stage. Cotton fields were showing good growth. The next available hay report will be Friday, June 24, 2022.


Direct Hay Weighted Average Report

	Volume - California		
	This Week	Last Reported	Last Year
		(6/6/2022)	
Tons of Hay:	17358	16445	19309
Tons of Straw:	0	600	100
Bales of Hay:	4400	6225	0

North Inter-Mountain
Hay (Conventional)

	Qty.	Price Range	Use	Age
Alfalfa - Premium/Supreme (Trade/Per Ton)				
Large Sq. 3x4	100	400.00	Feedlot/Dairy	
Alfalfa - Premium (Trade/Per Ton)				
Large Sq. 3 Tie	150	370.00	Feedlot/Dairy	
Alfalfa - Premium (Trade/Per Bale)				
Small Sq. 3 Tie	1200	18.00	F.O.B.-Retail	
Alfalfa/Orchard Mix - Premium (Trade/Per Bale)				
Small Sq. 3 Tie	1200	21.00	F.O.B.-Retail	
Orchard Grass - Premium (Trade/Per Bale)				
Small Sq. 3 Tie	2000	23.00	F.O.B.-Retail	

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



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Local Gas Prices - 6/22			
	Regular (87)	Premium (91)	Diesel
Gulf Susanville	\$5.98	\$6.38	\$6.78
Chevron Hallelujah Junction	\$6.69	\$6.99	\$7.09
Texaco Chilcoot	\$6.65	\$6.95	\$7.05
76 Chester	\$6.29	\$6.69	\$6.79
Sierra Energy 7/11 Portola	\$6.29	\$6.69	6.89
Chevron Graeagle	\$6.89	\$7.19	\$7.49
Mobil Quincy	\$6.54	\$6.84	\$6.98
Chevron Quincy	\$6.59	\$6.89	\$6.89
Whites's Station Loyalton	\$6.39	-	\$6.99
Sierraville Service Sierraville	\$6.16	\$6.54	\$7.04
Lost Nugget Camptonville	\$6.39	\$6.79	\$6.99
76 Penn Valley	\$6.43	\$6.93	\$6.99
Nevada City Gas Nevada City	\$6.19	\$6.49	\$6.79
ARCO Grass Valley	\$6.19	\$6.49	\$6.89
Chevron Truckee	\$6.89	\$7.19	\$7.29

Sources: gasbuddy.com and phone calls to stations.

Commodity Prices*				
	Jun. 15 USD	Jun. 22 USD	Weekly Change	YOY Change
Gold USD/Troy Oz.	1832.37	1833.40	+0.01%	+3.26%
Silver USD/Troy Oz.	21.68	21.302	-1.74%	-17.89%
Lumber USD/1000 BdFt.	563.5	611.60	+8.54%	-30.84%
Live Cattle USD/100 Lbs.	137.55	135.85	-1.24%	+11.12%
Milk USD/100 Lbs.	24.34	24.31	-0.01%	+40.20%
Wheat USD/Bushel	1056.00	950.50	-9.99%	+46.49%
Corn USD/Bushel	776.25	757.50	-2.42%	+16.00%
Sugar USD/Lbs	18.46	18.45	-0.01%	+10.55%
Aluminum USD/Ton	2618	2528	-3.44%	+3.88%
Nickel USD/Ton	25729	24389	-5.21%	+35.06%
Crude Oil USD/Barrel WTI	116.08	102.85	-11.40%	+40.35%
Propane USD/Gallon	1.21	1.22	+0.01%	+26.23%
CRB Index Index Points	335.56	324.85	-3.19%	+46.08

The prices listed above are values from trades being made in futures markets for contracts expiring in June, not spot markets.
Source: tradingeconomics.com

Elements

Night Sky: Summer Solstice 2022

Happy summer solstice, everyone! We just had the longest day of sunlight on June 21st. Each day until the winter solstice will have less daylight hours by a few minutes. Solstice, or "sun"+"still", is when the apparent movement higher or lower in the sky at local noon stops and reverses.

This happens due to the natural tilt of the Earth. Our rotational axis is inclined 23.5 degrees from the plane of our orbit around the Sun. Think of a spinning gyroscope that is tilted off-center. You can move the gyroscope around but the tilt direction remains the same. Same goes for Earth, but super sized.

Our tilt means part of the year, each hemisphere of the Earth gets more or less sunlight during daylight hours. Same for nighttime. Equal amounts of day and night occur twice in our orbit during equinoxes, or "equal"+"night".

Enjoy the long days thru the summer months and hope for clear, cool skies!

Keep lookin' up — Collin O'Mara-Green

Sun & Moon

Date:		Thu. 6/23	Fri. 6/24	Sat. 6/25	Sun. 6/26	Mon. 6/27	Tue. 6/28	Wed. 6/29
Sun	Rise:	05:34	05:35	05:35	05:35	05:36	05:36	05:36
	Set:	20:33	20:33	20:33	20:33	20:33	20:33	20:33
Moon	Rise:	02:15	02:39	15:06	15:38	16:14	16:57	17:47
	Set:	15:48	16:51	17:53	18:45	19:53	20:46	21:34
	Illumination	25.2%	16.9%	10.1%	5.0%	1.6%	0.2%	0.6%

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

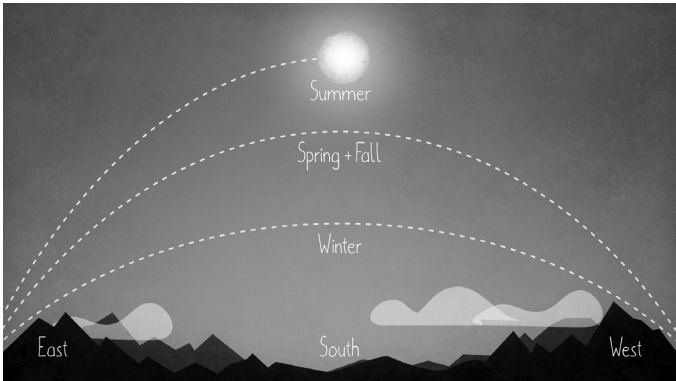


Image Credit: NASA/JPL/CalTech

Last Week's Weather

Courtesy of the Grubstake Saloon

Date	Hi	FE	Lo	FE	Precip.	Snow
Jun. 14	78	+1	43	-3	-	-
Jun. 15	85	0	47	-4	-	-
Jun. 16	79	M	46	-5	-	-
Jun. 17	64	-14	39	-2	-	-
Jun. 18	58	-8	36	-2	0.23"	-
Jun. 19	73	+8	41	+1	-	-
Jun. 20	83	+9	45	-1	-	-

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

Seasonal Precipitation

July 1 to date	61.62"
To-date last year	31.92"
Yearly average	65.28"

Road/Trail/River Conditions

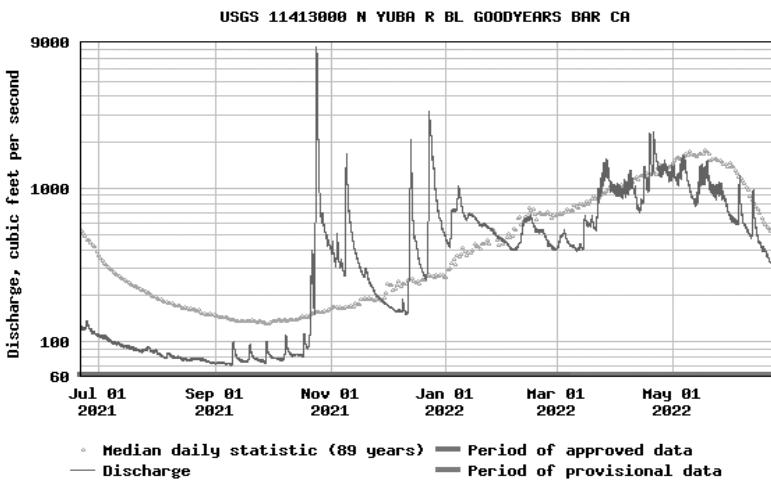
According to Caltrans, as of June 23 at 6:06 AM, there are no traffic restrictions on CA-49; CA-70 remains closed from Jarbo Gap (Butte Co.) to the Greenville Wye (Plumas Co.) due to a mudslide and motorists are advised to take an alternate route; CA-89 continues to have 1-way controlled traffic controls at various locations from the junction of CA-70 to 1.5 miles north of the junction of CA-147 through tomorrow.

Trails remain in excellent condition for all types of users. However, with dry and hot weather slated for the foreseeable future, dust will soon begin to affect wheeled users of trails.

As for the watercourses in the region, flow volumes continue to remain significantly below historic norms while staying well above the extremely low levels seen in 2021.

Water Flow on the North Yuba River

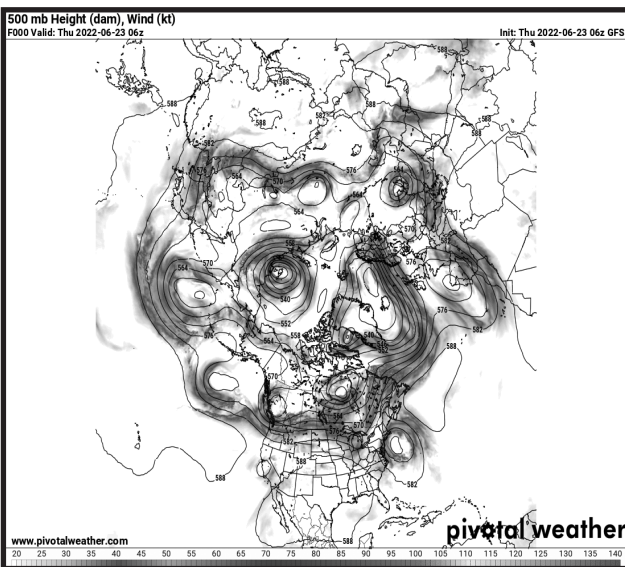
June 22, 2021 - June 22, 2022



7-Day Local Forecast

Towns	Info	Thu. 6/23	Fri. 6/24	Sat. 6/25	Sun. 6/26	Mon. 6/27	Tue. 6/28	Wed. 6/2
<i>Downieville</i>	High/Low (°F)	M/55	88/57	91/57	93/58	95/58	95/58	90/53
	Cloudiness (%)	38%	3%	4%	3%	4%	3%	4%
	Wind (mph)	SW-W 9 mph	SW 8 mph	SW 8 mph	SW 7 mph	SW 7 mph	SW 9 mph	SW 9 mph
	Humidity (%)	40%	37%	31%	30%	30%	29%	29%
	Chance of Precip.	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Loyalton</i>	High/Low (°F)	86/52	81/49	85/50	88/52	89/52	89/52	84/48
	Cloudiness (%)	51%	4%	9%	5%	9%	3%	4%
	Wind (mph)	W 10 mph	W 6 mph	E-W 6 mph	SW-W 7 mph	W 10 mph	SW 12 mph	SW 10 mph
	Humidity (%)	43%	35%	31%	27%	25%	25%	24%
	Chance of Precip.	18%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Quincy</i>	High/Low (°F)	M/51	86/52	91/52	93/53	95/54	93/52	88/48
	Cloudiness (%)	28%	28%	4%	4%	5%	1%	1%
	Wind (mph)	W 9 mph	SW 8 mph	SE-SW 8 mph	SW 8 mph	SW 11 mph	SW 11 mph	SW 10 mph
	Humidity (%)	44%	45%	40%	38%	38%	36%	38%
	Chance of Precip.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Source: <<https://www.weather.gov/wrh/wxtable>> [National Weather Service WFO STO 02:50 AM PDT Thursday June 23, 2022] M=Missing



Jet Streams: June 23

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

Games

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

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: X equals S

QRLM IBG ZVQZIX OLA ARL

GMKBMABVVZNVL GJOL AB KVUTN

TBGMAZUMX, U'W XZI IBG'JL

WJZQM AB XKZVL.

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Last Week's Answers

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

CryptoQuip

Because I got ink stains on my small outdoor grill, does that make it a blotchy hibachi?

A	F	E	W	M	O	A	B	A	B	B	A	S	C	O	S	T	A
F	I	V	E	A	N	N	E	L	O	A	T	H	I	N	T	E	L
C	L	E	A	R	H	E	A	D	C	O	R	E	A	S	T	O	N
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R	A	M	B	O	A	V	E	R	S	E	D	I	T	M	E	N	U
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From the Heart of the Sierras

Special Correspondence of the Chronicle - E.L. DeWolf, Cal., Truckee, May 6th, 1874

There seemed to be some incongruity about California. Travelers stories did not agree. Among the passengers, en route for the Pacific coat, was an irascible old French General, one of the “Guards” under Napoleon I; a remarkably well preserved old man of over eighty years; he was a land owner in the Santa Clara Valley and had narrowly escaped the ownership of a large grant of land, which is now worth, millions of shiny gold. Everything annoyed him - from the spoiler child with her French governess who sat opposite, down to his meals which never pleased him. He snubbed us each of us in turn until despite his years, his title, his prestige and his position, we all voted him the superlative of disagreeable. He denounced the United States in general, and California in particular, as the mammoth fraud of the nineteenth century. In an adjoining section rode a citizen of San Jose, an enthusiastic admirer of everything pertaining to this controverted State. The Frenchman growled about the rains here in winter, drought in summer, the winds and the dust, etc. The San Josian would retort, “he had suffered more discomfort during a short visit in Chicago than ever here, from all these combined.” I thought this must be a strange country or that the witnesses were unreliable - else why should the evidence be so contradictory. After a sojourn of six months in “the heart of the Sierra,” I understood the situation better. California is emphatically a strange country - although I presume very like any other mountainous country. To-day there will come into this mountain hotel, a man on snow shoes, having come over snow thirty and forty feet deep; to-morrow a man from below, telling of green fields of grain almost ready for harvest, fresh vegetables, strawberries and flowers; another from a dozen miles away talking of dusty roads and gardening in progress; and wqe at the same time are looking out over a valley and

hills covered with about two feet of snow. Today, after lessons, my pupils and I went out on snow shoes in search of buttercups, real genuine buttercups and a little white flower resembling candy tuft and found them growing cheerily not two feet from the snow. Nothing is strange nor improbable so far as climate is concerned.

A man must be hard to please if he cannot be suited here. But I began to suspect if there is a paradise on earth the Yankee has not yet discovered it - Grass Valley, just outside the snow belt, commiserates snow bound Truckee, and Truckee rejoicing in eight feet of snow, thinks it far preferable to the slush and mud of Grass Valley. Sacramento will throw the trade winds in the teeth of San Francisco, and San Francisco will put on furs in July, and thank her stars she is far from the torrid heat of Sacramento.

The past windr has been a very severe one. The grass crop was light last year, and hay is now selling in Sierra Valley at sixty dollars (\$60) per ton. The ranch men were unprepared for so long and severe a winter, and many cattle have starved. Stock wintered in the lower valleys around Pyramid Lake, where they seldom find any hay, has suffered severely - some men losing whole bands of sheep, numbering from one thousand to four thousand head. Many whose property consisted largely in stock must this spring begin anew, very near the bottom round of the ladder of fortune.

John Chinaman is a “peculiar” institution of California. What shall be done with him? is a conundrum which sages are beginning to puzzle over. It is as difficult to make a white man of him, as of this implacable enemy, the Indian. He will neither adopt the customs nor the dress of the American, and clings religiously to his cue. He would not dare return to China if he were to part with that, and there is no other road to Chinese heaven, but direct

from the “Flowery Kingdom.” Even the bones of the dead are sacredly guarded and returned to China. John thinks it no sin to cheat a white man, nor has he any scruples against tampering with Uncle Sam’s “hard cash.” Nearly all the new trade dollars now in circulation here have the milling around the edge filed off. He confesses no ignorance. Show him for the first time how you wish any thing done; that is sufficient; but be careful you make no mistakes.

I think my Trumbull County friends would have smiled could they, a few days ago, have seen Ah Shoon, the family Celestial, leaning on his elbows on the table, intent upon a lesson I was giving him in ironing fine shirts. For said Shoon, “I no sabe ironing him belly well.” If all the lessons I have given had been learned as well.

Ah Shoon is tall for a Chinaman, speaks pretty fair English, and wears his cue wound around his head, as has been the fashion in China for the past 275 years; and with his white shirt, long white apron and slippers, does not look so dreadfully heathenish as one might imagine. I defer anything like a description of Sardine Valley until “Old Prob” gets his house set in order here; until Madame Sardine has a chance to wash her face and don her new green dress, dotted with gold, and the hills can lay aside their white mantle, soiled by a long winter’s usage, and put on their sage brush livery; then will they most happy to be introduced to you.



Ghosts of Sierrans Past: Truckee’s Chinatown

By Duncan A. Kennedy

Truckee is today a bustling town of about 16,000, where myriad tourists come to ski, shop or unwind, while trucks transit the town via Interstate 80, one of our nation’s largest transportation arteries. Yet this destination, which markets itself for its historic character and authenticity, is missing what was once one of its’ most notable components – a Chinese-American commercial district. And Truckee didn’t just boast any average Chinatown; at its height, Truckee’s Chinatown was the second-largest in the Western United States, behind only San Francisco’s now globally famed community. So, what happened?

During the construction of the First Transcontinental Railroad from 1868 to 1869, Chinese immigrant laborers were recruited by the Central Pacific Railroad upon arrival in the states. These immigrants were refugees fleeing a bloody civil war started by a failed local bureaucrat who grossly misinterpreted pamphlets he received from a Protestant missionary and awoke from a fever shortly thereafter claiming to be the younger brother of Jesus Christ; the war was bloody and riddled with famine, so it is little wonder that these emigrants fled for less war-torn reaches of the globe. Ultimately, these Chinese immigrant laborers proved to be the saving grace of the railroad, being key in helping connect Salt Lake City, UT, with Sacramento, CA.

A great number of these immigrants settled in Truckee, constructing a Chinatown of their own in the town. This first Chinatown, according to a Sierra Sun article by local history buff Corri Jimenez, was located in a triangular district of town uphill from downtown proper, bounded by Spring and Jibboom streets. Today, this area is home to a few small businesses and some private residences, but in the 1860s and 1870s, one could find laundries, clinics, stores, saloons, brothels, a

gambling hall, and a fairly comfortable hotel. At the 1870 Census, 407 people out of a town population of 1,467 were Chinatown residents; many of them were employed as woodcutters in the surrounding forest.

The Central Pacific Railroad was the key to Truckee’s timber prosperity, exporting lumber and firewood to Virginia City during the early 1870s; Chinese laborers were heavily involved in both aspects of the timber industry. However, Sinophobia in the community was already on the rise when the original Chinatown burned down in 1875; it was soon rebuilt upon that site. Shortly after, the “Truckee Caucasian League” was organized in an effort to drive the Chinese population from the town. Tensions finally boiled over on June 17th, 1876, when seven Caucasian League members set fire to two cabins housing six Chinese woodcutters, then shot at them. One man was fatally wounded, and another was injured in the line of fire.

The seven men involved – George Getchell, Calvin McCullough, G.W. Mershon, J. O’Neal, Fred Wilbert, Frank Wilson and future Town Constable James Reed – were arrested in August 1876. A trial occurred in Nevada City the following month; however, after nine minutes of deliberation by an all-white jury and fierce testimony by forty Truckee residents at least loosely connected with the Caucasian League, all defendants were cleared of arson charges. O’Neal, the only man accused of murder, was found not guilty in the process.

As a recession hit and Virginia City’s fortunes waned, so too did Truckee’s economy, and thus anti-Chinese sentiment increased noticeably. The Chinatown district burned three times in 1878, seemingly thanks to the Caucasian League, and after the third time the Truckee Safety Committee purchased the

burned lots and paid the owners to relocate to a new Chinatown. This new Chinatown was located on what is now SE River Street, right off of Brockway.

These opinions were heightened by the vehemently Sinophobic editorial policies of Charles F. McGlashan, owner of the Truckee Republican (now the Sierra Sun), who would in the future become a state assemblyman and later a butterfly farmer. One of his proposals, published in an 1882 editorial titled “The Cue Klux Klan”, was to offer rewards to those who forcibly cut the braided ponytails, or cues, of Chinese men in Truckee as a humiliation tactic. In 1886, McGlashan successfully organized a two-month townwide boycott of Chinese businesses and customers alike that drove the last of the population from the town. Truckee celebrated the success of the “Truckee Method” with a parade, and today the only sign that there was ever a Chinatown is a single building at 10004 SE River Street.

In recent years, the idea of reparative action towards minority communities for past discrimination and property destruction has become a widespread yet divisive idea across the United States. However, as Truckee continues to thrive and diversify, the community’s businesspeople, developers and town government may want to look to the past once more, and draw inspiration from it to invest in the re-construction of this piece of town history. Such a measure would add to the diverse character of the town’s population, improve its image of historical accuracy and preservation, and attract new businesses and residents to the area of an underrepresented community.

And if there’s one thing Truckee could definitely stand to invest in as a town, it’s an authentic Chinese restaurant or five.

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Dr. A.E. Doss Final Rites at Bay City

Dr. Arthur Eugene Doss, who was born in Goodyears Bar 47 years ago, the son of A.E. and Georgia Doss, died Monday at Albany after a heart attack, and is to be buried there today. His early childhood was spent in Goodyears Bar. He has been a chiropractor at Albany for about 20 years, his son practicing with him.

Dr. Doss spent considerable time at Bassetts Station, where he owns property. He was preparing to reopen and develop mining property there, and was in this section until Sunday, when he went to Albany.

He is survived by his wife, Irma; a daughter, Mrs. Lucille Smith; son, Arthur; mother, Mrs. Georgia Doss; brother, Marion, and four grandchildren, all of Albany. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and Order of Eastern Star.

Mrs. Georgia Doss is a cousin of Ross F. Taylor and Mrs. Joseph J. Quinn of Downieville and Vernon Taylor of Napa.

Claims Porcupine Poisoning Project is All Wrong

Editor The Mountain Messenger:

I see in your paper that they are going to put poison out for porcupines again this year.

I am writing because it is all out of reason, because the poison does not kill the animal, but it does kill other animals that eat the meat of the porcupine and others and then as a result they die a horrible death by starvation and fits. I know because we lost three cats and two dogs. Each one died; it took more than a month of miserable pain and was a nasty, rotten thing to do. Not only that but it killed

many silver gray squirrels; they starved and had fits until death took them in agony. All seemed to go up a tree and make a death squeal and fall to the ground. When I found them, they were wasted to bones and skin, and were partly decomposed. When the dog I have now picked it up, it wasn’t long before she took a spasm. I have had her to the veterinarian two times before we could save her. Twice this spring she has been poisoned because the poison still remains in the carcass containing poison.

I have yet to see the damage a porcupine has done. Besides, the animal is good to eat, and people will eat them because it is purely a vegetarian and does no harm out here in this part of the woods. Now I see no squirrels or other small animals here. They can climb trees as good as the porcupine. When other animals eat the dead or nearly dead squirrels, they too, die. Where has any sense been used. We do not need such criminals in our midst, because they would give to others as easily as they give to the porcupine, who harms no man.

Please publish this so other people will see that it is wrong to set out poison salt for porcupines. Wheelock B. Smith, Downieville, June 20.

Record Precipitation As Season Ends July 1

With .81 of an inch precipitation recorded for the past week up to July 1, total for the fiscal year was 89.99 inches, compared to 79.62 for last year and the 36-year average annual of 60.20 inches. This is the greatest amount registered according to records of Downieville Ranger Station.

Temperatures for the past

week show a rise, ranging from low at 38 degrees Monday morning to high at 84 Tuesday.

Snow is still melting at higher elevations, keeping local streams a little high and swift, but they are now at a point where trout are taking flies – and fishing is reported good.

Geologists From India, Palo Alto, Visit Alleghany

Dr. Charles S. Pichamuthu and Santi Das Gupta, mining men from India, visited Alleghany June 6, with Lorin Clark and Donald Tatlock of the United States Geological Survey. Dr. Pichamuthu is director of the geological survey of the State of Wysore, India. Gupta graduated from Harvard University and is now a student trainee in a department of the national government of India. The visitors from India have been studying mining methods and geological features in this country as guests of the U.S. Geological Survey. They were interested in California gold mining and Clark made arrangements with the Tightner Mines Company for a visit to the Red Star Mine.

The party was conducted through the mine by Superintendent Charles J. Ayres of Yellow Jacket Consolidated Gold Mines, Ltd., lessees and operators of the mine, together with Oliver E. Bowen, Jr., of the California Division of Mines, and Robert E. McCulloch, president of Tightner Mines Company.

Thirty-six members of the Palo Alto Geological Society made a two-day field trip June 7 and 8, to study items of interest in the Alleghany district. They spent several hours underground in the Red Star Mine Saturday

morning; that afternoon they observed features of the lava flows or “superjacent series” of formations that overlie the “bedrock series” which contain the quartz veins. The main features were studied in order of geological age, from “youngest to oldest.”

Starting at the top of Pliocene Ridge, the basalt which remains on Bald Mountain in Forest was pointed out. Then, proceeding down the new road to Alleghany, the andesite mud flows and breccias and buried stream gravels were studied. In Alleghany, a rhyolite tuff or ash formation was seen. Next, at the Pacific Gas and Electric Company substation on the road to the Original 16 to 1 Mine, the large boulders of the old Blue Lead were examined. In some of the large quartz boulders, excellent specimens of large crystals were found by some members of the society.

Groups of the “bedrock series” that were exposed along the Foote Road were studied Sunday. At North Columbia, a stop was made to study the exposures of the finer gravels of the Eocene channels.

Features of underground geology and mining operations were explained by Ayres and Bowen. Surface features were described by members of the staff of the State Division of Mines, who assist the society on such field trips. Gordon B. Oakeshott and Bowen have assisted the group on many field trips in the past several years. Charles Jennings, also of the State Division, participated in this trip. Arrangements for the trip were made by Byrell Condon, field trip director of the Palo Alto society.

Some of the group members stayed at the Golden Eagle Hotel, but a majority camped in Cumberland. All expressed appreciation for courtesies extended by the residents of Alleghany and are looking forward to a similar trip next year, as the geological and historical features of the district present much interest.

Bowen and McCulloch, with Mrs. McColloch, came to Alleghany June 5, to select the items of interest to be shown to the geological society, and to meet the government survey party and their Indian guests. They stayed at the Golden Eagle Hotel and also visited Mr. and Mrs. Ayres.

New Names of Local Streams

Complying with a request from the United States Geological Survey to change confusing names of streams in this area, Franklin H. Turner, former county clerk, suggested, and Sierra County Supervisors officially ordered that the following be used:

Downie River for the former North Fork of the North Fork of the Yuba River, which runs east and north from its junction at Durgan bridge;

Pauley Creek for East Fork of the North Fork of the North Fork, and Lavezzola Creek for the former Middle Fork, both northeast of Downieville; the stream entering Lavezzola Creek from the north to be named Empire Creek;

North Yuba River for the stream from its junction with the Middle Yuba, through Downieville and Sierra City and Bassetts Station, to its beginning on Yuba Pass (this was formerly known locally as the South Fork after its junction at Durgan

bridge);

Haypress Creek for South Fork of North Fork, joining the North Yuba above Sierra City.

Sierraville - Masonic Graveside Services for McElroy

SIERRAVILLE, June 25 – Graveside services for Clarence A. McElroy were held at Sattley cemetery under auspices of the local Masonic lodge. He received third degree burns and died following an oil explosion fire near Foresthill that also killed two other men who worked under him. McElroy, aged 60 years, maintenance foreman for the Department of Public Roads, was born and raised near Sattley.

Loyalton

Acquisition of the Western Pacific water tank has only partially solved the problem, as it does give fire protection. Continued use of water, especially after 8 p.m., causes the main tank on the hill south of town to be depleted, and if allowed to remain empty will cause serious damage by drying out. All users are asked to be careful with the water, not to waste it; repair all known leaks; and do not let it run late into the night. Cooperation will be appreciated.

Indian Population Increases

Contrary to the usual impression, Indians are not dying out. There are now 400,000 Indians in the United States, compared to the about 250,000 around the close of the 19th century. Some 25,000 Indians were in the armed services in the recent World War. Major General Clarence Tinker, who reorganized our air forces after the attack at Pearl Harbor, was an Osage Indian.