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Plumas-Sierra County Fair Board Meets, Makes Decisions

By DUNCAN A. KENNEDY

QUINCY - Last month, May 18th, saw the Plumas-Sierra County Fair Board of Directors convene for the first time since March. The Board discussed preparations for this year's fair, budgetary concerns, and the recent "Innovation Hub" project that the fair has been working on in Indian Valley recently. Present were Board President Cindy Noble, Vice-President Chris Kennedy, and Directors Kenny Chance, Jenay Cogle, Susan Neer, Jim Griffin, and Duncan Kennedy. Absent was Director Andrea Ceresola; this was also the first meeting since Director Darlene Buckhout's resignation in March.

Fair Manager John Steffanic gave his Manager's Report at the start of the meeting. According to Steffanic, the effort to retrofit locks on buildings is still roadblocked since the previous locksmith's death in 2020. The fair has acquired 100 new padded chairs for events and three new fans for the Swine Barns. Serpilio Hall's floor will be ground down and smoothed out in August. The Plumas County Board of Supervisors has approved a supplemental budget for infrastructure maintenance on projects such as the roof of the Junior Ag Barn.

The Financial Report saw Vice-President C. Kennedy and Director D. Kennedy raise concerns regarding a \$594,000 transfer out of fair accounts to Plumas County for the new county jail project. Steffanic assuaged those concerns with more details – the transfer was backing for a state bridge loan, and the transfer has already been repaid. The fair's fiscal year ends on June 30th, and so far is mainly within budget.

Reportedly, more money is coming down the pipeline soon – the state is sending \$42,000 more, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) is supplying another \$61,000, and the state approved

a bigger grant budget for electrical and wiring maintenance. Steffanic also discovered that the fair has a previously unknown accrued cash balance of over \$250,000 in one of its accounts, thanks to a lack of investigation by Plumas County's two previous Auditor-Controllers. Steffanic has proposed that the Fair Board budget \$40,000 for maintenance and \$50,000 for the Innovation Hub project next fiscal year and send a thank-you payment of \$5,000 to the California Fair Alliance for securing a \$780,000 grant for our fair.

Expected revenues from fair activities next year are estimated at \$425,000, while anticipated expenses are \$719,000. The state expects to invest between \$50,000 and \$100,000, leaving a final fund balance for the Plumas-Sierra County Fair of somewhere around \$1,000,000.

Steffanic finalized grandstand entertainment in the gap between the last meeting and this one; up-and-coming Nashville country singer Jake Jacobson will return to his boyhood home of Plumas County on Saturday, July 30th, for a concert in the historic fair grandstand. Tickets will be \$10 apiece, with proceeds donated to the Dixie Fire Collaborative, so show up! Additionally, other music will be played that night and previously at the Old Town Stage – Walker and Willis will play Thursday night, Rummy will be there Friday night, and Ricketty Bridge will play on Saturday.

The fair has nearly finalized contracts with all exhibit judges for this year and lined up an impressive selection of grounds entertainment, from the Street Drum Corps and Quircus to The Mentalist Rich Ames and tap-dance group Powerhouse.

Camping this year is much lower than in previous years, and next year may have fewer livestock entries due to animal feed costs. Most food vendors of earlier years

will return to the food court, and some new ones will be available due to the different dates. The Sweetheart of the Mountains competition is closed, with only two entrants applying.

In new business, the Indian Valley Innovation Hub project was explained to the Board by Steffanic. This project is an investment made with the state-level fair grants to develop and showcase products made, grown, or raised in Indian Valley that can be shown at the county fair. These products also have the potential for and are focused on out-of-county export, injecting cash into local economies. The basic model is that people interested in developing a product will come to the Innovation Hub to connect with professionals who can help them with the process and obtain micro-loan funding to get their project off the ground.

Potential resources include legal specialists setting up LLCs, sales specialists to market in Chico, Reno, Redding, and Tahoe, and logistics providers to transport goods to sale. The starting investment is \$100,000 – half from the county fair and half from the PSCF Foundation – but entities such as CDFA and PG&E have expressed interest in investing. Steffanic says that the Innovation Hub will likely only be a fair issue for the next six months before it becomes an independent entity but hopes to see the model take root elsewhere across the area.

The next meeting of the Fair Board is June 22nd; members of the public are welcome to attend if interested. Currently, five seats on the Board are vacant – two from Lake Almanor, one from Quincy, one from Blairsden-Graeagle, and one from Portola and Sierra Valley. The Board is always looking for new members; if you are interested in the health and well-being of the county fair, please apply via the Board of Supervisors.



Left to Right: Katie Epps, Faith Dupree, Gillian Rust, Conner White, Jesse Folsom, Dylan Martinelli, and Jacob Sainsbury, members of the Downieville High School's class of 2022, while assembled on the veranda of the Masonic Hall at the beginning of their graduation ceremony.

Downieville High School's Class of 2022 Receive Diplomas and Throw Mortarboards into the Air

By CARL BUTZ

In Downieville, on a beautiful late afternoon this past Saturday, a full-capacity crowd assembled at Tin Cup Diggings Park next to the Downie River to witness the graduation ceremony for Downieville High School (DHS) class of 2022.

The proceeding was opened with James Berardi, now Superintendent for the Sierra-Plumas Joint Unified School District and a 1982 graduate of DHS, calling for a moment of silent recognition for Mike Moore, the teacher, principal, school superintendent, and School Board Trustee who died early this month after 50 years of service to education in Sierra County. Berardi closed his remarks by encouraging the students to venture boldly into the world, citing Albert Einstein's famous observation, "A person who never made a mistake is a person who never tried anything new."

Next, Jacob (Jake) Sainsbury, the class Salutatorian, addressed the audience and expressed his thanks for the wisdom, guidance, and support he had been provided by his parents, teachers, and the entire community during his years in school. Sainsbury also spoke about his classmates, extolling the group's ability to work together, during a very unique and chal-

lenging period. He closed with a glance at his soon-to-be fellow graduates and a boisterous shout, "We did it!"

The class Valedictorian, Dylan Martinelli was the next speaker. He also thanked the community, saying their "amazing support" was a tremendous help. He also answered the question of "How do you become a valedictorian?" by saying, "Say Yes." (In fact, having a greater than 3.5 GPA throughout his four years of high school, earning him a lifetime membership in the California Scholarship Federation, probably helped him a great deal, too.)

Conner White, the next student to speak, then took the microphone to provide a brief history of the class of 2022. He told the crowd how three members of the class had been going to school together in Downieville since elementary school. But, over the years it seemed his peers were playing musical chairs with new classmates arriving, others leaving, or returning. The largest size of the class, nine students, occurred during their fourth-grade year.

The guest speaker for the event was Lynn Fillo. Having retired last year after decades of teaching at the school, she began her talk by saying, "Life is about change and how we handle change determines

the quality of our lives." The class of 2022, she said with a tone of awe, has shown new ways to deal with the novel circumstances forced upon them by the COVID pandemic and "embraced the opportunity to work toward futures and the realization of their dreams." Her final words of wisdom were, "If you've got a chance, take it!"

In a tradition unique, as far as we know, to Downieville, the awarding of scholarships was the next order of business. During this portion of the event, the audience learned how the students were variously looking forward to careers in fashion design, international relations, the travel industry, land management, psychology, and fire suppression. We also saw the collection of students being given well over \$10,000 in recognition of their hard work and community service during their time in school. The list of donors included the local Lions Club, SCPTA, Snow-Busters, SHOE, Sierra City Fire Dept. Auxiliary, Downieville Fire Protection District, Barbara Marshall Scholarship Fund, Downieville River Inn, Villareal Endowment Fund, Sierra County Visitors Bureau, Rebecca Mooers Community Fund, Clampers, and Michael Moore Service Award.

Then, after Patty Hall, School Board Trustee, presented diplomas to Faith Dupree, Kathleen Rose Epps, Jesse J. Folsom, Dylan Martinelli, Gillian Rust, Jacob John Sainsbury, and Conner Edward White, the new graduates threw their mortarboards into the air and began the next phase of the adventure we call life.

Romano's Farmers Market Open on Fridays



The weekly farmers market in Sierra Valley is now in full swing, every Friday from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. throughout the summer until Sept. 16. Located in Beckwourth on A23 just south of Highway 70, Romano's Farmers Market is California's only on-farm certified farmers market. Multiple vendors offer a wide array of fresh fruit and vegetables—as well as cheese, fish, wine, honey, handcrafted items, and more. There's a food truck to fulfill your lunch cravings and live music to enjoy. With the calendar now well into June, the vendors and their offerings will be plentiful this Friday, with two very popular booths, offering tasty baked goods and great local produce, set to be there. <https://www.sierravalleyfarms.com>.

Highway 70 Blocked By Rockslides

By DUNCAN A. KENNEDY

BELDEN – The storm system that passed over Northern California and Southern Oregon this past weekend had many benefits – providing a late-season moisture boost for crops, temporarily mitigating fire danger, and cooling off what has otherwise been a very hot late spring – but it hasn't been without its drawbacks. Heavy rains over bare ground exposed by the Dixie Fire in the North Fork of the Feather River Canyon caused several large debris flows between Caribou and Belden on Sunday, June 12, near Rock Creek Powerhouse.

State Route 70 was a direct casualty of the debris flows which crossed the road in three places and stranded a couple of motorists within knee-deep flows of ash, rock, mud and burnt tree debris.

According to Plumas News's interview of Plumas County Search & Rescue (PCSAR) coordinator Mike Grant, both vehicles were headed westbound – a lone woman was going to Oroville, while a couple was returning from a weekend stay with friends near Chester. The California Highway Patrol transported the former to Oroville, while PCSAR took the latter to meet their friends back at the Greenville Wye.

According to Grant's interview, the conditions were incredibly hazardous during the rescue, with driving rain and 60-70 MPH winds preventing a helicopter rescue and would have made any injury complications very difficult to evacuate. Currently, SR-70 is closed at the Greenville Wye and Jarbo Gap with no estimated time of reopening. Motorists traveling from Plumas County to the Chico-Oroville area are advised to use alternate routes such as the Oroville-Quincy Highway instead.

Sourdough Jack Sez...



Well, another crop of kids has been raised here, all ready to make their way into the big wide world before coming back to our little slice of paradise.

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On the Shelf

By PAUL GUFFIN

Father’s Day

This coming Sunday, June 19, is the occasion of two very special observances: Father’s Day and Juneteenth. I wrote in this column last year (Column 2021-24) about Juneteenth. So, this year I’ll take a look at Father’s Day.

This special day honors both fatherhood and the influence of fathers in society. Although the day is celebrated in the United States on the third Sunday in June, it is also an international observance, with the celebration taking place at different times in different countries. And, this is a celebration that did not originate in the United States.

For centuries, the Eastern Orthodox Church appointed the second Sunday before Nativity as the Sunday of the Forefathers, to commemorate the human ancestors of Christ, starting with Adam, and emphasizing the patriarch Abraham. The feast can fall between December 11 and 17, and includes the ancestors of Mary, the mother of Jesus, and various prophets.

In Catholic Europe, a customary day for the celebration of fatherhood dates back to at least 1508. It was usually celebrated on March 19 as the feast of Saint Joseph (human father of Jesus). This celebration was brought to the Americas by the Spanish and Portuguese. In the Coptic Orthodox Church, the celebration of fatherhood is also observed on St. Joseph’s Day, but the Copts observe this on July 20 in a celebration that may date back to the fifth century C.E.

In the United States, in addition to the above observances, Father’s Day was inaugurated in the early 20th century to complement Mother’s Day. Its origin in this country is credited to Sonora Smart Dodd, who first proposed the celebration in Spokane, Washington, in 1909. Her father was a civil war veteran who, as a single parent, raised his six children in Spokane. After hearing a sermon about Anna Jarvis’ Mother’s Day at Central Methodist Episcopal Church, she told her pastor that fathers should have a similar day honoring them, suggesting June 5 (her father’s birthday) as a fitting date. However, because the pastors of the Spokane Ministerial Alliance needed additional time to prepare appropriate sermons, the date was pushed back to the third Sunday of June. Initially, the observance did not have much success. During the 1920s, Dodd stopped promoting the celebration because she was studying art in Chicago, and the celebration faded into relative obscurity. However, in the 1930s, she returned to Spokane and started promoting the celebration again, raising awareness also at the national level. Of course, she had the help of those trade groups that would benefit most from the observance, including manufacturers of ties, tobacco pipes, and any traditional gifts to fathers. For a while, people in the United States resisted the observance, perceiving it as just an attempt by merchants to replicate the commercial success of Mother’s Day. But, the trade groups didn’t give up, and kept promoting the event, with eventual success. By the mid-1980s the Father’s Day Council wrote that “...[Father’s Day] has become a Second Christmas for all the men’s gift-oriented industries”.

For a long time, Congress resisted making the observance official, fearing that it would become commercialized. In 1957, Maine Senator Margaret Chase Smith wrote a proposal accusing Congress of ignoring fathers for 40 years while honoring mothers. In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers, designating the third Sunday in June as Father’s Day. Six years later, in 1972, it was made a permanent national holiday, when President Richard Nixon signed it into law.

Some Books in the Downieville Library about Fathers

Flags of Our Fathers, by James Bradley (non-fiction)
Father Christmas, by Raymond Briggs (juvenile non-fiction)
The Innocence of Father Brown, by G.K. Chesterton (fiction)
Ramona and Her Father, by Beverly Cleary (juvenile fiction)
My Father’s Dragon, by Ruth Stiles Gannet (juvenile fiction)
Home Game: An Accidental Guide to Fatherhood, by Michael Lewis (non-fiction)
Wisdom of Our Fathers, by Tim Russert (non-fiction)
Grandfather’s Journey, by Allen Say (juvenile fiction)
By the Light of My Father’s Smile, by Alice Walker (fiction)



Other (old) literary news this week

Anne Frank gets a diary for her birthday (June 12, 1942) • **Shelley Memorial**, featuring a reclining nude marble statue of **Percy Shelley**, opens at University College, Oxford, from which the poet was expelled in 1811 (June 14, 1893) • **Dante Alighieri** is named prior of Florence (June 15, 1300) • **James Joyce**’s *Dubliners* is published, in a run of 1250 copies (famously, it only sold 499 of those in its first year—one short of Joyce being able to profit from it) (June 15, 1914) • At the Villa Diodati, **Lord Byron** challenges each of his house guests—**Percy Shelley**, **Mary Shelley**, **Claire Clairmont**, and **John Polidori**—to write a ghost story. Mary Shelly’s submission? A little book called *Frankenstein* (June 16, 1816) • Bloomsday is celebrated for the first time (June 16, 1924) • **Sylvia Plath** and **Ted Hughes** get married (June 16, 1956) • **Chinua Achebe**’s *Things Fall Apart* is published by William Heinemann in a first print run of 2,000. It’s still read and loved today (June 17, 1958) • At a literary breakfast with a group of London booksellers, **Samuel Johnson** signs a contract, agreeing to compile *A Dictionary of the English Language*, one of the most influential English-language dictionaries ever published (June 18, 1746) • **Charles Darwin** reads a paper that includes nearly identical conclusions about evolution as his own, prompting him to swiftly publish his theory (June 18, 1858) • Failed publisher **Mark Twain** purchases a house in Redding, CT, and names it Stormfield, after his own short story “Captain Stormfield’s Visit to Heaven” (June 18, 1908)

Source: <https://lithub.com/category/lit-hub-daily> of June 12, 2022

Editor’s Note: This is the second episode of the story we began running last week. The narrator is a fictional newspaper reporter in Two Rivers, a fictional small town within California’s Mother Lode.

Where Two Rivers Meet A Race to the Edge

By H. A. SILLIMAN

PART 2: TROUBLE IN RIVER CITY

The news about the RiversFest bike and foot race being in trouble was huge. We had hundreds of out-of-towners crowding Two Rivers right now, prepping for the big event on Saturday. Unfortunately, Deputy Jack didn’t have any further information about the race, so I launched into the real reason for my visit. “By any chance is there a be-on-the-look-out for a Buick Enclave. Taken from Red Eagle?”

He typed into the computer. “Nothing here. Why?”
“Ever hear of Gavin Stallard?”
“The golf pro over at the country club?”
“Yep! Guess he broke up with his girlfriend—Don Wyder’s widow. She kicked him out. Then he took her Buick Enclave without permission. His brother was staying with them in Red Eagle. Name is Jesse James Stallard.”

“Jesse James? You’ve got to be kidding!” Deputy Jack exclaimed. “What parents would name a boy that? That’s just asking for trouble.”

“That’s right. Apparently, he’s on the lam from down south. Is there a BOLO for him?”

He typed a few more key strokes. “Uh-oh!” he said. His eyes lit up, and he smiled. “There certainly is!”

Peering at the penal code numbers on the screen, I wondered what Jeese had done. “Is he a bank robber?” I asked, actually hoping for something more dramatic.

The deputy chuckled. “Jesse doesn’t have to rob banks. He counterfeits fifty and hundred dollar bills. There’s a warrant out of Riverside.” The DMV photo showed a crew-cut, younger, thinner-faced version of brother Gavin.

“I guess color printers and whatnot make counterfeiting a snap,” I said. “Easier than panning for gold.”

Deputy Jack rose from his seat, and sipping coffee, stared out the window. The command center overlooks Two Rivers. It’s a pretty little view of the ravines below where the Empire and Rancheria rivers met. You can see Main Street and Battery Street, The American House Hotel, The Pick & Pan Saloon and other landmarks—everything dressed up for the Fourth of July.

“It’s interesting that he shows up now for RiversFest,” Deputy Jack said. “We have a ton of people in town. Folks in a rush, distracted. Lots of cash changing hands. It’s easy to pass fake bills at a festival.”

He set down the cup. Turning to me, he clapped his hands together. “I know what I’m going to do. And you, Cara Lavitch are going to help! You’re coming on a ride-along.”

Later that day, we headed down to Red Eagle where Gavin Stallard lives with girlfriend Barbara Wyder. First, we stopped at the golf club to see Betty Norbert, the bookkeeper, now at work after the RiversFest meeting ended. Deputy Jack showed her a DMV photo of Jesse James Stallard, and we learned that he had been lunching there with Gavin and Barbara almost daily for about three weeks. The deputy also checked Betty’s cash box and the café register drawer for any funny money, but found none.

Betty fretted, “Now, I’m going to be on edge every time I make a bank deposit.” She furrowed her brow. “Will I get arrested if there are counterfeit bills in my batch of money?”

Deputy Jack reassured that she wouldn’t be arrested on the spot. That would come after an investigation—and obviously the Sheriff’s Office is now aware that there’s a counterfeiter about. “That’s assuming, of course, you’re not in cahoots with Mr. Jesse James.” He winked at her.

Betty laughed, and said, “After he and Gavin fled, Barbara came in and cried on my shoulders—let loose about her troubles. She thinks Gavin is seeing one of the other widows in the club. She’s also quite perturbed that none of the gold that Don discovered on their property can be found after he died. She’s complained to everyone around here about it!”

I had been taking notes furiously for what would surely be a top-of-the fold news article “Counterfeiter on the Lam!” The newspaper would hit the stands on Thursday and create quite the splash during RiversFest.

“What’s this I hear about a sponsor pulling out of the festival,” I asked.

She sighed. “I can’t say. It’s serious. We might have to cancel the bike and foot race. We need \$8,000 immediately!”

After we left Betty, we went looking for Barbara in that swanky set of new Victorian cottages off Highway 49. A beat-up black convertible, a Ford Mustang, sat in her driveway, but no one was home.

“Let’s go visit the shops on the highway. See if they got any fake bills,” Deputy Jack said. “When they hear a counterfeiter is at-large, that’ll scare the bejesus out of them!”

We stopped at likely places where Jesse might go, cafes, the bakery and the outdoor gear store that sold expensive men’s clothing. The shopkeepers became noticeably alarmed when to learn about Jesse James. Deputy Jack showed them a photo, but the suspect hadn’t been seen. Puzzled, on the drive back to Two Rivers, he mulled over the situation.

“Usually, a counterfeiter swoops in, does the deed and is gone—sometimes in just hours,” Deputy Jack explained. “These kind of guys always look for the quick pay dirt and vanish, but Jesse has lingered for three weeks. And in Two Rivers, there’s only one thing outsiders lurk around for. What people think is easy to find. What drives men over the edge.”
“What’s that,” I asked.
He said one word: “Gold!”

Next Week—Part 3:An Old Mystery Resurfaces

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Here Back East

By LENNY ACKERMAN

Managing Expectations: More on my Travel Out West

On my trip out to California, my flight arrived in Reno late in the day. Notwithstanding the time distance in my favor, the experience at the airport was a bit unsettling. First of all, from the minute I exited the plane I was never more than a few feet from a slot machine. I can understand gambling at casinos but at the airline arrival gates? It was Reno but slots on the way to the men’s room?

The ride to Downieville was easy. The traffic out of Reno during rush hour was not the Long Island Expressway, that is it didn’t seem like much traffic at all. The exit into the valley was like an off ramp to the wilderness. I opened the windows in my rental car to take in the fresh mountain air. With Frank Sinatra on the Sirius radio I was in heaven. Cruising along with one eye on the GPS the time seemed to pass quickly as I headed to my accommodations at The Lure.

The Lure is not a hotel but a scenic arrangement of cabins along the Yuba River. I found my cabin attractive and well-furnished and looked forward to falling into bed. My first surprise was when I read in the list of Lure details and learned there was no wifi or cell service at the site. I sat myself down on the sofa and took a deep breath. Was this good or bad I thought to myself. Good—no one to bother me. Bad--withdrawal from life as I know it? I would deal with the issue in the morning. I live by an Apple watch and I phone. I went ahead and plugged all my gadgets into power, ready for whatever was to come in the morning. I was scheduled to meet Bill Copren for breakfast at Bassetts, a diner-service station about 45 minutes north on Route 49, followed by a day of fishing. Without cell service I had no GPS. Oh well, I would find the place as Ali had given me brief directions.

Of course, I set my travel alarm for 7:00 am forgetting that it was 2 hours earlier. In fact I arose without an alarm, at 5:30 a.m. Eastern time. The cabin came with a coffee maker but no groceries. Despite Ali’s admonishment that she outfit the cabin in advance of my arrival with basics, I, the big shot, told her I would handle groceries when I arrived. Of course, I didn’t realize the grocery store was in the opposite direction of Bassetts. I arrived at Bassetts before it opened at 8:00am and waited for someone to open the door. As soon as the “closed” sign was turned to “open” I stumbled in, in search of my first coffee of the day. Whoa am I addicted! Bill soon showed up and we sat together chatting about fishing and catching. I repeatedly told him I came to fish and catching was extra. I don’t think he bought my line. We left together in his truck to Gold Lake, off Route 49 in the mountains. Bill explained that Gold Lake got its name from the rumors that spread during the gold rush years, that there were massive deposits of the yellow ore beneath the lake floor. It drew hundreds of hopefuls but the rumors proved to be just that.

We approached the lake through a magnificent row of fir trees pruned by nature to form a canopy over our path. As we parked and pulled on our waders, we noticed an elderly couple – as a cohort I know how to define elderly—carefully rowing off into the middle of the lake. The sun beamed overhead between the high clouds, the sky pierced with contrails of passing jets. The woods teemed with life, including some busy blue jays hunting for breakfast. It was a peaceful, idyllic scene.

Bill and I waded chest deep into the water. The cold penetrated my feet and the shock was refreshing. The air temperature was in the 50’s and the water no more than 45 degrees per Bill’s reading. We were the only fishermen for some reason. After a while with no takes, Bill decided we should go to Mallard Cove at Davis Lake. Still no takes, but our time together was grand - a fishing and history lesson. Bill was a meticulous fly tier and we used the flies he had personally tied. The next day we traveled a distance to the Little Truckee River, where I went in barefoot in my wading boots. The water was icy cold and I cast with a 5-weight rod that allowed for a terrific drift. There was no action, but the stream was a delightful soft run of casual water that I am certain on the right day held lots of brook trout.

My time with Bill was a wonderful opportunity to not only hear but experience the history of the High Sierras. Bassett Station, where we met for breakfast, was a way station, since the 1850s, where horses were changed when pulling wagons over and through the Yuba Pass. Bill explained how a gold miner from Connecticut named AP Chapman discovered the valley in the 1800s and after a successful run of mining brought his family west to settle there permanently. He was the largest landowner in the area and is considered the founder of the Valley. In 1859 the Comstock Lode was discovered in Virginia City, Nevada and the miners abandoned the Downieville area.

There are still a few local gold mines, but nothing like they were in the heyday of the ‘49ers. The old mining towns exist today as Downieville, Sierra City, and many others. The rich history of the area is preserved by people like Carl and Bill, who keep it alive through word of mouth and through *The Mountain Messenger* – a nostalgic tribute to a wonderful pocket of American history.

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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
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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
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Sheriff's Log

By Jen Henneke

Monday, June 6

04:43 - There was a 911 request for an ambulance in Downieville.

13:35 - In Loyalton, Eastern Plumas Health Care Ambulance (EPHCA) was requested.

13:50 - A Nevada City inmate was experiencing mental health issues. Deputies were watching over the inmate while being evaluated by a Mental Health Professional.

Tuesday, June 7

10:36 - In Sierra City, there was a report of someone laying in the roadway. The responding deputy was unable to locate the individual.

11:27 - EPHCA helped someone get back upright in Loyalton.

11:50 - In Loyalton, there were X3 vehicles repeatedly speeding on Hill Street towards the cemetery during lunch hours. Deputies were unable to locate the vehicles. Slow down!

12:19 - A welfare check requested in Pike City. The individual was contacted and okay.

16:11 - In Sierraville, a welfare check was requested for a medical patient. The patient was contacted and found to be okay.

18:30 - Two suspicious individuals parked outside of a campground in Yuba County warranted a call from Camptonville. The Yuba County Sheriff's Office was notified.

18:50 - In Loyalton, there was a report of someone possibly passed out in a vehicle. The responding deputies found a local farmer was resting.

21:28 - Deputies transported ballots from Loyalton to Downieville.

Wednesday, June 8

10:32 - EPHCA was requested in Loyalton and there was an attempted assault on a paramedic. The issue was resolved by deputy contact.

18:23 - In Downieville, there was another bear cub sighting. This time the cub was in a ditch on the side of the HWY at MM 19.54. I'm sure Mama Bear was close by.

Thursday, June 9

08:12 - A dead skunk was reported in Downieville. The Sierra County Road Department was asked to clear the stinch. Phew!

19:36 - In Loyalton, a bovine was causing a traffic hazard by being out on the highway. SCSO contacted the owner of the bovine to handle the issue.

Friday, June 10

07:18 - Another bovine was out causing a problem in Calpine, this time on HWY 49. CHP was notified of the issue.

10:58 - In Loyalton, there was a suspicious person. That's all the report says. We don't know why they were considered suspicious.

15:08 - A theft occurred somewhere on Main Street in Loyalton.

20:18 - Two dirt bike riders were riding in a protected wildlife preserve near Loyalton. The responding deputy informed the riders of the laws for the area.

21:20 - In Verdi, there was a report of 20 loud and obnoxious "kids" camping with loud music. Deputies were able to make contact with the group of ADULTS and the adults agreed to keep it down.

21:32 - On NB HWY 395, south of the Agriculture Station, there was a crash of a vehicle versus deer with no injuries. CHP handled the situation.

Saturday, June 11

00:17 - In Verdi, a person was arrested for driving under the influence.

10:22 - There was a theft at the baseball field in Loyalton.

14:12 - There was a 911 hang up in Loyalton.

15:36 - In Sierraville, a person from San Francisco was arrested for driving under the influence.

17:30 - There was a report of a large rock in the road near Butcher Ranch and Sierra Buttes Road.

17:40 - In Downieville, some property was found in the public bathrooms.

18:13 - An individual was arrested for driving under the influence and carrying a concealed weapon in Sierraville.

20:02 - In Verdi, an individual had questions regarding finding suspicious items in the forest. The Sergeant spoke with the individual and answered questions. Suspicious forest items, hmm.

Sunday, June 12

07:35 - There was a report of a fire alarm activation in Downieville but no smoke or fire were seen. It helps that it was raining too if there had been a fire.

11:38 - In Downieville, there was a possible parking problem inhibiting emergency vehicles to pass a residence. The residence was contacted.

12:10 - In Loyalton, the door was broken down on the football shed at Loyalton High School.

12:42 - A hiker was stranded in the cold in Truckee. The individual was located and given a ride to their vehicle.

Total Reported: 33

The Wheels of Justice Roll Slowly

(DOWNIEVILLE) - Earlier this month, on June 3, visiting Judge Dennis J. Buckley oversaw another arraignment of John Thomas Conway at the Sierra County Superior Court. Deputy Attorney Generals Michael Canzoneri and Heather Gimle, Sierra County District Attorney Sandra Groven, Counsel for the defendant, Jeff Cunan present in the courtroom and Conway appearing in custody from Wayne Brown Correctional Facility, the court adopted the findings of Dr. Stemberge by determining the defendant is competent to stand trial. Thus criminal proceedings were reinstated and Conway pled not guilty to all 22 criminal charges and special allegations levied upon him by the people. At the conclusion of the session Judge Buckley set September 20th for a pre-trial "995 hearing" of motions made by the defendant's lawyer for "set aside" (dismiss) felony charges due to insufficient legal grounds for binding the defendant over for trial. Cunan must file the defendant's 995 motions on or before August 9th and the court must receive the prosecution's reply to the motions by September 13th.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Plumas Unified School District ("District"), acting by and through its Board of Trustees, hereinafter referred to as the DISTRICT will receive up to, but not later than **2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 30, 2022**, sealed bids for the award of a contract for the **Plumas Unified School District (PUSD) Facility Maintenance Project at Quincy Jr/Sr High School - Bid Package PU2022.9.9.1 Paving**. 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 **"Facility Maintenance Project at Quincy Jr/Sr High School- Bid Package PU2022.9.9.1 Paving"**. Facsimile copies of the bid will not be accepted.

Each bid must conform and be responsive to this Notice to Contractors, the Information for Bidders, and all other documents comprising the pertinent Contract Documents. All interested parties may obtain a copy of the bid package from the Plumas Unified School District office located at 50 Church Street, Quincy, CA 95971 or via email request to brandy@crmgroupca.com. **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 **within 5 days of Notice to Proceed**. All work shall be completed within **45 working days and not later than September 9, 2022**. There will be a pre-bid walk at **Quincy Jr/ Sr High School, 6 Quincy Junction Rd, Quincy, CA, at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 22, 2022.**

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

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

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

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

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

https://www.dropbox.com/s/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
PLUMAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
50 Church St., Quincy, CA 95971

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	

HEALTH DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 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, June 15, 2pm – 4pm

- Loyalton: Wednesday, June 22, 2pm – 4pm

- Loyalton: Wednesday, June 29, 2pm – 4pm

COVID VACCINE CLINIC - at the Health Department

Register at www.MyTurn.ca.gov

- Loyalton: Thursday, June 9, 1:00pm–4:30pm (12 and older)

- Loyalton: Thursday, June 23, 1:00pm–4:30pm (5 to 11 years old)

SENIOR CENTERS BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC: (No Fee)

- Downieville Community Hall: Tuesday, June 7, 12pm-12:30pm

- Loyalton Senior Center Thursday, June 9, 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, June 4 & 18

Please Call for an Appointment

- Downieville: Thursday, June 26 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

At the Firehouse

By VICTORIA TENNEY

ALLEGHANY: June 6th - Firefighters trained on Hose Lays with a flagged fire (area) at Plum Valley.

DOWNIEVILLE: June 6th - Responded for an ill person who was air lifted to Saint Mary's Hospital in Reno; Officer's meeting; Fire Preparedness Multi-Agency meeting at the Downieville School Gym. June 7th - Responded for a Medical Urgent Care incident. June 8th - Responded to WSMC to transport an ill person to SNMH; responded for seven Medical Urgent Care incidents; COVID-19 testing at the Community Hall. June 9th - Continuing Education with Enloe Flight Care. June 10th - Responded for a Medical Urgent Care incident.

LOYALTON: June 6th - 1:30PM, patient with weakness for past hour, Loyalton. June 7th - 11:25AM, lift assist, Loyalton. June 8th - 10:30AM, older individual having difficulty with lower extremities, Sierra Brooks

PIKE CITY: June 6th - Firefighters trained on Hose Lays with a flagged fire (area) at Plum Valley. June 8th - PCSF Board of Directors meeting. June 11th - Cemetery Clean-up; pot luck B-B-Q.

SIERRA CITY: June 8th - Firefighters trained at the Kentucky Mine.



\$15.8 million Invested in Tahoe National Forest Projects

NEVADA CITY, Calif. – June 14, 2022— The Tahoe National Forest is the benefactor \$11.2 million in funding from the Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) and \$4.6 million from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC)'s Wildfire Recovery and Forest Resilience Directed Grant Program, for a total of \$15.8 million.

“Together, this funding will help us to strengthen forest and community resilience,” said Matt Jedra, acting Forest Supervisor of the Tahoe National Forest. “We are excited to have the opportunity to attend to maintenance challenges associated with increased visitation, conserve forested land, and mitigate the risks of high-intensity wildfires.”

Across USDA-managed lands nationwide, GAOA-funded investments will address deferred maintenance, improve infrastructure, increase user access, and support rural economies while also meeting conservation goals. There are three Legacy Restoration Fund projects identified on the Tahoe National Forest for funding this fiscal year. These projects will realign trail segments and harden stream crossings on trails in the Granite Chief Wilderness, implement vegetation management in priority campgrounds, and renovate an essential public service center.

There is also one Land and Water Conservation Fund National Forest System Land Acquisition Project receiving funding on the Tahoe National Forest. The Martis Valley Headwaters land acquisition will help conserve over 7,000 acres of mature coniferous forest, chaparral, sagebrush scrub, montane meadow, and riparian habitat in the Truckee River watershed.

In addition, the SNC has awarded funding to two projects on the American River Ranger District. Approximately \$2.6 million will go to the French Meadows Ecological Restoration Project to complete the last phase of mechanical treatments, protecting the headwaters of the American River from high-intensity wildfires. Approximately \$2 million will go to the Nyack Fuels Reduction and Infrastructure Protection Project to remove hazardous vegetation and provide firefighting access to defend infrastructure and homes.



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.,

P.O. Box 207

Loyalton, CA 96118

(530) 993-1237

Fax (530) 993-1239

Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: SPIRITUAL ALIGNMENT
Full name of registrant: Spiritual Alignment Inc.
Registrants Address:23581 Hwy 49, Sierra City, CA 96125
Business location: 23581 Hwy 49, Sierra City, CA 96125
Business Mailing Address: P.O. Box 571, Sierra City, CA 96125
Articles of Incorporation# 4190115 State: CA
Phone number: 530-289-3475
This business is being conducted by: a Corporation
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 04/08/2022
/s/ Garima Kapadia
This statement was filed in the office of Heather Foster, Sierra County Clerk-Recorder on: May 18, 2022 FILE NO: 2022001849
Published in The Mountain Messenger: May 26 & June 2, 9, 16 of 2022

LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: WILD THINGS
Full name of registrant: Kelsi Korhuniak
Business location: 298 Main St., Chester CA 96020
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1996, Chester CA 96020
Registrants Address: 481 Purdy Road, Chester CA 96020
This business is being conducted by: Individual
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 4/28/2022
Statement expires on: 4/28/2027
/s/ Kelsi Korhuniak
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: April 28th, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000111
Published in The Mountain Messenger: May 26, June 2, 9, & 16 of 2022

LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrants are doing business as: ZEPHYR QUILTING
Full name of registrants: Suzanne Hopper & William Hopper
Business location:141 Nevada Street, Portola, CA 96122
Phone: 775-722-6622
Registrants Address: 361 Main Street, Portola, CA 96122
This business is being conducted by: A Married Couple
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 05/16/2022
Statement expires on: 05/16/2027
/s/Suzanne Hopper
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: May 16th, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000124
Published in The Mountain Messenger: May 26, June 2, 9, & 16 of 2022

LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: SUSAN'S CREATIONS
Full name of registrant: Susan Peters
Business location:560 Hillside Drive, Quincy, CA 95971
Mailing Address:560 Hillside Drive, Quincy, CA 95971
Phone: 530-283-9113
Registrants Address: 560 Hillside Drive, Quincy, CA 95971
This business is being conducted by: An Individual
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 05/16/2022
Statement expires on: 05/16/2027
/s/ Susan J. Peters
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: May 16th, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000125
Published in The Mountain Messenger: May 26, June 2, 9, & 16 of 2022

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 Nelson5 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

PEACE

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: 2022-0000143
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: HEADWATERS BISTRO AND DELI
Full name of registrants: Middle Fork Holdings, LLC
Business location: 620 East Sierra Ave., 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/ Grim
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: May 20th, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000143
Published in The Mountain Messenger on June 16, 23, 30 & July 7 of 2022

Downieville Assembly of God

Sundays @ 10:30
in the Downieville High School Cafeteria.
The topic for the June 16th sermon will be: "Abba Father"

Father's Day Weekend Catholic Church Services

There will be NO Sunday Mass
at Immaculate Conception Church
in Downieville on Sunday, June 19th

A Saturday Vigil Mass will be held
on Saturday, June 18th,
at St. Thomas Church in Sierra City at 4pm

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 DECREASE RATES FOR ITS 2023 ERRA FORECAST APPLICATION (A.22-05-029)

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 31, 2022, PG&E filed its Energy Resource Recovery Account (ERRA) Forecast application with the CPUC requesting approval to change rates for the following:

- Recovery of \$1.95 billion in costs related to fuel needed to produce electricity as well as buying energy from third parties to serve bundled customer loads that are included in ERRA
- Setting certain charges for bundled and departing load customers for the recovery of costs of PG&E's portfolio that are included in the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA), Ongoing Competition Transition Charge (CTC), Cost Allocation Mechanism (CAM), and Public Purpose Program (PPP) rate

Certain costs included in this application are associated with renewable resources to further the state's energy policy goals.

In addition, as part of this application, PG&E customers will also receive the California Climate Credit. The credit will be applied twice a year in April 2023 and October 2023 for residential and small business electric customers and once a year in April 2023 for residential gas customers.

WHY IS PG&E REQUESTING THIS RATE CHANGE?

The ERRA Forecast proceeding is the regulatory process to forecast fuel and purchased power costs which can be recovered in customer rates. While this may result in a change in rates, PG&E recovers these costs with no mark up for return or profit.

If the CPUC approves this application, PG&E will recover its costs in electric rates effective January 1, 2023.

PG&E will update its 2023 rate proposal later in the year to reflect updated market conditions. Market prices may be higher or lower than at the time the application was filed, which may result in higher or lower rates and bill impacts than those initially presented.

In addition, at the end of the year, PG&E will compare actual costs to the revenues forecasted in this application and will apply any differences towards next year's application.

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.

The bill for a typical residential customer using 500 kWh per month would decrease from \$165.35 to \$154.63 or 6.5%.

Direct Access (DA) and Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) customers receive electric transmission and distribution services and select commission-ordered services from PG&E. On average, rates for services provided by PG&E to these customers would decrease 3.6% 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 other 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 decrease of 4.7%.

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

HOW DOES THE REST OF THIS PROCESS WORK?

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

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

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

CONTACT PG&E

If you have questions about PG&E's filing, please contact PG&E at 1-800-743-5000. For TTY, call 1-800-652-4712.

If you would like an electronic copy of the filing and exhibits, please write to the address below:

Pacific Gas and Electric Company
2023 ERRA Forecast Application (A.22-05-029)
P.O. Box 7442
San Francisco, CA 94120

CONTACT CPUC

Please visit apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2205029 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 2023 ERRA Forecast Application A.22-05-029 in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.

The Mountain Messenger Local Calendar sponsored by The Buttes Resort

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Downieville Fire Protection District Board—Meets 3rd Wednesday of each month, 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.

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California Hay Report - 6/10/2022

Local Gas Prices - 6/15			
	Regular (87)	Premium (91)	Diesel
Gulf Susanville	5.98	6.38	6.78
Chevron Hallelujah Junction	6.59	6.89	6.99
Texaco Chilcoot	6.65	6.85	6.95
76 Chester	6.45	6.75	6.89
Sierra Energy 7/11 Portola	6.39	6.79	6.99
Chevron Graeagle	6.89	7.19	7.49
Mobil Quincy	6.64	6.84	6.98
Chevron Quincy	6.69	6.89	6.99
Bassetts Station Bassetts	6.76	7.09	-
Whites's Station Loyalton	6.499	-	6.599
Sierraville Service Sierraville	6.53	6.74	7.12
Lost Nugget Camptonville	6.399	6.799	6.999
76 Penn Valley	6.63	7.03	6.99
Nevada City Gas Nevada City	6.29	6.59	6.89
ARCO Grass Valley	6.29	6.59	6.99
Chevron Truckee	6.99	7.29	7.29

Sources: gasbuddy.com and phone calls to stations.

Compared to last week: 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 06, 2022, wheat was being harvested in Sutter County. Sunflower planting was finishing up as some fields began heading. In the Sacramento Valley, herbicide and fertilizer applications were applied to rice fields. Row crops were progressing well. In the San Joaquin Valley, cotton was irrigated and continued to make good progress. American Pima cotton was being treated for Lygus. With warmer temperatures, growers irrigated their corn fields in Tulare County. Corn continued to be treated for pests. Alfalfa fields were being cut, dried, and baled during the warm, dry weather. The next available hay report will be Friday, June 17, 2022

Direct Hay Weighted Average Report

<u>Volume - California</u>				
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Reported</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	
		(5/9/2022)		
<u>Tons of Hay:</u>	16445	11775	34406	
<u>Tons of Straw:</u>	600	4400	0	
<u>Bales of Hay:</u>	6225	32500	0	

<u>North Inter-Mountain</u>				
Hay (Conventional)				
	<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Use</u>	<u>Age</u>
<u>Alfalfa - Premium/Supreme (Trade/Per Ton)</u>				
Large Sq. 3x4	150	400.00	Feedlot/Dairy	New
<u>Alfalfa - Premium (Trade/Per Bale)</u>				
Small Sq. 3 Tie	1050	18.00	F.O.B.-Retail	New
<u>Alfalfa - Good (Trade/Per Bale)</u>				
Small Sq. 3 Tie	1725	16.00	F.O.B.-Retail	New
<u>Alfalfa - Good/Premium (Trade/Per Bale)</u>				
Small Sq. 3 Tie	1725	21.00	F.O.B.-Retail	New
<u>Orchard Grass - Premium (Trade/Per Bale)</u>				
Small Sq. 3 Tie	1725	23.00	F.O.B.-Retail	New

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

Commodity Prices*				
	Jun. 8 USD	Jun. 15 USD	Weekly Change	YOY Change
Gold USD/Troy Oz.	1852.86	1832.37	-0.82%	+3.33%
Silver USD/Troy Oz.	21.80	21.68	-0.08%	-16.35%
Lumber USD/1000 BdFt.	608.60	563.5	-7.41%	-41.78%
Live Cattle USD/100 Lbs.	132.80	137.55	+3.58%	+12.47%
Milk USD/100 Lbs.	24.30	24.34	+0.01	+41.10%
Wheat USD/Bushel	1074.75	1056.00	-1.74%	+65.38%
Corn USD/Bushel	764.50	776.25	1.53%	+22.67%
Sugar USD/Lbs	18.96	18.46	-2.74%	+8.33%
Aluminum USD/Ton	2835.00	2618.00	-7.13%	+5.91%
Nickel USD/Ton	29402.00	25729.00	-10.48	+46.20%
Crude Oil USD/Barrel WTI	122.11	116.08	-4.30%	+64.30%
Propane USD/Gallon	1.24	1.21	-2.42%	+27.26%
CRB Index Index Points	350.75	335.56	-4.33%	+50.23%

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: The Moon is always Super!

The internet was again awash with click-bait titles regarding the SuperMoon. Terms once relegated to the Farmer’s Almanac now explode into eye-catching posts like “Don’t miss the rare Full Harvest Strawberry Blue Supermoon!” Here’s what some of those titles really mean.

The terms “Harvest”, “Strawberry” and others denote a full moon’s timing with agricultural seasons, like when it’s time to harvest or when strawberries are ripe. A “Blue Moon” refers to the second full moon in a month, or the fourth in a season, not the moon’s color. The infrequency of these calendar timings lead to the term “Once in a Blue Moon”, meaning not that common.

And the overhyped “Supermoon” descriptor! Ugh, this is a tough one for space and science enthusiasts to hear, because we think the moon is always super! And the fact that “Supermoon” is not an actual astronomical term. The Moon’s orbit around Earth is not a perfect circle but more of an offset oval, or ellipse. When the Moon is slightly closer to Earth than other times, it’s called a perigee moon with a mostly unnoticeable bump to size and brightness.

So always look at the moon, in all of its phases. Not just when it’s close and full!

Keep lookin' up — Collin O'Mara-Green

Sun & Moon

Date:		Thu. 6/16	Fri. 6/17	Sat. 6/18	Sun. 6/19	Mon. 6/20	Tue. 6/21	Wed. 6/22
Sun	Rise:	05:33	05:33	05:33	05:33	05:34	05:34	05:34
	Set:	20:31	20:32	20:32	20:32	20:32	20:33	20:33
Moon	Rise:	23:22	-	00:03	00:36	01:04	01:28	01:51
	Set:	07:41	08:58	10:15	11:27	12:36	13:42	14:45
	Illumination	94.3%	87.0%	77.8%	67.2%	56.1%	45.1%	34.7%

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

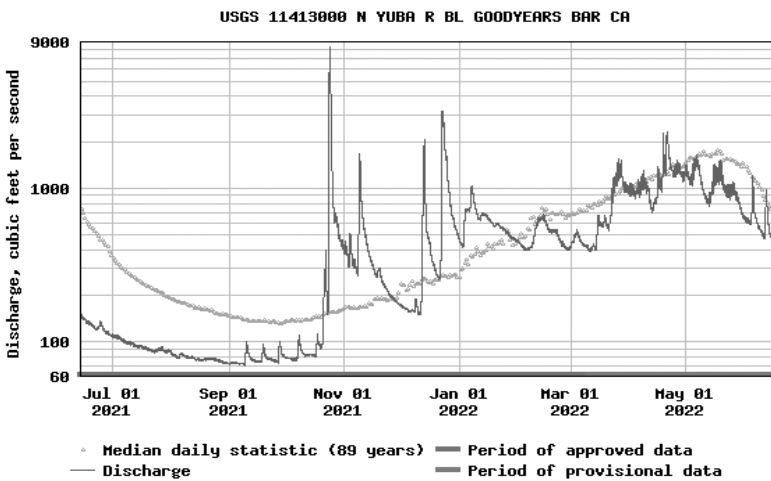
Caltrans is reporting 1-way traffic controls on SR-49 from 2.7 miles east to 6.5 miles east of the Placer/Nevada county line from 7 pm to 5 am through tomorrow, 6/17. SR-70 is closed from Jarbo Gap (Butte Co.) to the Greenville Wye (Plumas Co.) due to a mudslide and motorists are advised to use an alternate route. On SR-89, construction work is imposing 1-way traffic controls during the day at various locations from the junction of SR-70 to 1.5 miles north of the junction with SR-147 (Plumas Co.) through 6/24. Fire rehabilitation activity continues to bring 24-hour controls to this area.

Mud is continuing to affect the trails.

With little prospect for precipitation in the near future, the volume of water flowing in the rivers and creeks is expected to remain significantly below historic norms.

Water Flow on the North Yuba River

June 15, 2021 - June 15, 2022



7-Day Local Forecast

Towns	Info	Thu. 6/16	Fri. 6/17	Sat. 6/18	Sun. 6/19	Mon. 6/20	Tue. 6/21	Wed. 6/22
<i>Downieville</i>	High/Low (°F)	M/51	78/44	66/38	65/40	73/46	85/42	88/53
	Cloudiness (%):	13%	35%	31%	9%	4%	10%	36%
	Wind (mph):	SW 16 mph	SW 15 mph	SW 8 mph	W 5 mph	E-W 6	SW 6	SW 8 mph
	Humidity (%):	43%	53%	64%	57%	45%	38%	36%
	Chance of Precip.	0%	4%	16%	3%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Loyalton</i>	High/Low (°F)	M/50	76/40	64/33	59/34	67/40	76/45	82/47
	Cloudiness (%):	13%	34%	29%	13%	6%	4%	4%
	Wind (mph):	SW 17 mph	SW 23 mph	SW-W 16	NW-W 9 mph	E-NW 6 mph	E-W 11 mph	SW-W 10 mph
	Humidity (%):	31%	42%	57%	52%	39%	33%	30%
	Chance of Precip.	0%	0%	13%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Quincy</i>	High/Low (°F)	M/46	76/39	64/34	62/36	73/39	83/45	88/48
	Cloudiness (%):	14%	25%	29%	8%	3%	6%	4%
	Wind (mph):	SW 15 mph	S-SW 14 mph	SW-W 6 mph	W 7 mph	NE-W 7 mph	E-SW 7 mph	SW 9 mph
	Humidity (%):	46%	51%	63%	57%	50%	46%	46%
	Chance of Precip.	0%	1%	15%	3%	0%	0%	0%

Source: < https://www.weather.gov/wrh/wxtable> [National Weather Service WFO STO 02:50 AM PDT Thursday June 16, 2022] M=Missing



(Image: NASA / USGS / The Planetary Society)

Last Week’s Weather

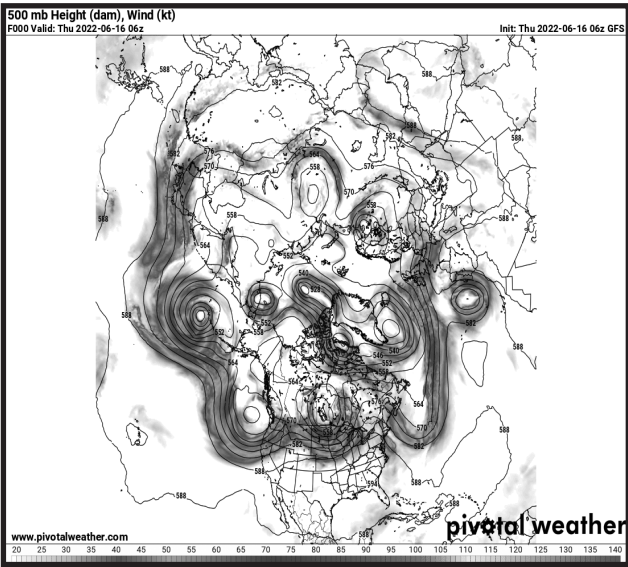
Courtesy of the Grubstake Saloon

Date	Hi	FE	Lo	FE	Precip.	Snow
Jun. 7	83	+11	47	+2	-	-
Jun. 8	82	+2	51	+1	-	-
Jun. 9	88	M	52	-2	-	-
Jun. 10	88	-2	51	-7	-	-
Jun. 11	85	-9	58	0	0.27"	-
Jun. 12	67	-24	49	-7	1.33"	-
Jun. 13	72	-1	39	-6	-	-

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

Seasonal Precipitation

July 1 to date	61.39"
To-date last year	31.92"
Yearly average	65.28"



Jet Streams: June 16

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

Games

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

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 **L**

QDXOSVD M ZHE MKT VEOMKV
HK YF VYOWW HSEAHHL ZLMWW,
AHDV EJOE YOTD ME O
QWHEXJF JMQOXJM?

Last Week's Answers

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

CryptoQuip

Folk song concerning the alarming lack of oath-takers in these times, "Where Have All the Vowers Gone?"

ESTES	OMEGA	APEX	ABBA
CLOUT	TOSEE	THEE	GLAM
HARRY	POTTER	BOOKS	RASP
OTOOLE	SONORAN	PERIL	
SEAM	SAGES	OF GREECE	
EVA	RON	ENT	OLDS
CITIES	OF GOLD	APUP	TRA
LETIN	SLID	AAR	CUTIES
AWHIRL	FDR	NECK	BONES
TSE	OTTO	SEEK	TO LYFT
WONDER	SOFT	THE WORLD	
HAHA	EDENIC	SLOE	ESP
AGES	OF MAN	THO	ONETWO
ARETHA	IDS	ELKS	ANNAIS
SAL	BRYN	CARDINAL	SINS
SAGA	MAD	NIT	LEE
RAIN	BOW	COLOR	TALC
ELROY	SNIP	EAT	LAROSA
AGAR	HEPTA	THLONE	EVENTS
DATE	UTAH	EAT	NO ATTYS
SEED	BANS	EBS	SEVEN

CROSS

1

Several

5

Utah town on the Colorado

9

Arafat's PLO successor

14

— Rica

19

A quarter of twenty

20

Oscar winner Bancroft

21

Unwilling

22

Recon info

23

Absence of muddled thoughts

25

Jazz fusion pianist Chick

26

Poker-faced

27

Capital of Turkey

28

Mail opening

30

"I — Rock" (1966 hit)

32

Hastens, old-style

33

Rescue squad VIP

34

2005 Donna Andrews mystery novel

38

Chicken chow —

40

Joe Biden's party: Abbr.

41

Bodily blinker

42

Top-shelf

43

Make repairs

44

MYOB part

49

Sound systems

50

Agnus — (prayer)

51

Spy spoof of old TV

55

Saddle-making tools

57

Campsite hookup users, in brief

60

"The L Word" actress

61

Sirs' counterparts

65

"Sheesh, no need to be so critical!"

71

Boulevard

72

Town in east-central New York

73

Attack like a cat

74

Means of thwarting software piracy

76

Futilely

77

Amazement

78

Linda Ronstadt's "— Easy"

79

Grain holder

81

Alternative to People

85

Unvarnished

88

Remus' twin

93

Winners' signs

94

Digital entertainment periodical

97

Place for keeping bees

100

Used a rocker, e.g.

101

Call to a ewe

102

— dixit (claim with no evidence)

103

Discover via unpleasant personal experience

109

Guided

110

TV's Swenson

111

Lead-in to nuptial

112

— Field (Mets' home)

113

Language of Libya

115

Really militant sort

117

Claims

119

Option lists that might include the starts of seven answers in this puzzle

122

Plant stem

123

River to the Rio Grande

124

Many 4WD autos

125

"Quo Vadis" emperor

126

Weight allowances

127

Like white, wet weather

128

He and she, e.g.

129

Big dino

DOWN

1

Colts' and Broncos' gp.

2

Light bulb wire

3

Day's end, poetically

4

Not potent

5

Olympic skiing champ Phil

6

Actor Ryan

7

Ortiz of the screen

8

Mattress supporter

9

Metal— industry giant

10

Illegal booze

11

Tavern

12

Anxiety-free

13

SeaWorld whale, once

14

Counterpart to trans-, gender-wise

15

At no cost, slangily

16

Emotion-hiding types

17

Group beliefs

18

Milano of "Mistresses"

24

"Cool, dude!"

29

"I wanna!"

31

Foppish scarf

33

Australian avians

35

Rough of baseball

36

Soap ingredient

37

Addition sign

39

Neither here — there

44

Join forces

45

TV doctor

46

Immigrant's code: Abbr.

47

Pneumatic engines

48

Huck Finn's polite assent

51

Reactions to corny puns

52

Refrigerator brand

53

Christina of "Cursed"

54

Stolen

56

Enterprise engineer

58

Caesar's "I came"

59

This, in Peru

61

East Asian gambling mecca

62

States openly

63

Old-time lawyer and senator

64

At least one

66

Les — et les autres (both, in French)

67

Gumshoes

68

Literary finale

69

California wine county

70

Adore, on a candy heart

75

Lubricants

80

A Gershwin

82

Not too hard to get around

83

Designer

84

Make excited

86

Ready to hit the baseball

87

Most tired

89

Israeli gun

90

Cosmetic accentuating the kisser

91

Not behind a firewall, say

92

Ovule, e.g.

94

Oom—

95

Partook of humble pie

96

Miffed

97

It hasn't been seen before

98

Fiesta target

99

Bergman of film

100

Rocker Tyler

104

Shares

105

Type of fit

106

Forgo

107

— -craftsy

108

Holiday tuber

114

Bowed

116

Green-lights

118

— friendly

120

"Obviously!"

121

Obvio White —

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8		9	10	11	12	13		14	15	16	17	18	
19					20					21							22				
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126								127								128				129	

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FROM THE FAR WEST

Correspondence of the Butler Eagle - E.L. DE WOLF, Sardine Valley, Cal, Feb. 1874

High up in the Siarra Nevadas, over six thousand feet above sea level, nestles the diminutive little valley of Sardine. As I look at it, even now, covered five feet deep in its winter dress of pure white snow, I feel I can forgive the early settlers almost everything else but the name. Why Sardine? Tradition says that long ago to men, “prospecting,” came to this place with their larder reduced to a box of sardines. If they had only eaten their supper just around the hill, in what is known as Dry Valley, I should have found no fault in them; but then, this might have been called Starvation Camp, or something worse. Is there nothing in a name?

Sardine Valley, looking at it from the west is almost heart-shaped. Surrounded by mountains which tower above it to the height of one thousand to fifteen hundred feet; these dip down at the corners, showing where the mountain passes or canyons make natural roads for ingress and egress. To the east can be seen Fair Mt. and Saddle-Back, summits of the extreme eastern ridge of the Siarras, on whose tops snow can be seen the year around. The surrounding hills and mountains are covered with immense forests of pine and fir. So very diminutive seems Sardine Valley that, with a field glass you can, in this pure atmosphere, see a sheep or a dog in any part of it; but, attempt to walk across it, and the distance stretches out to a long mile and a half, and the little valley proves to contain about fifteen hundred acres. It occupies so elevated a position that nothing but grass will grow, but for grazing purposes, these valleys of the Siarras can not be excelled. In Siarra Valley, fifteen miles north of here, crops of wheat and vegetables are raised. The stock pastured here during the summer is driven to the other side of the mountains, or into the lower valleys around Horney and Pyramid lakes for winter keeping, where they seem to be pastured all winter, with very

little or no feeding.

Sardine Valley lies on the old Stage Road from Maryville to Virginia City, known as the “Hermit’s Pass Road,” which, before the Railroad crossed the State, was a very important thoroughfare. The road is not traveled now. All the travel is between Loyalton - a village in Siarra Valley - and Truckee. The glories of the stage coach, as they were in the days when Hank Monk gave Horace Greeley his famous ride from Carson City to Placerville, has in a measure departed and the four-horse sleigh now plods along on its rather irregular trips without much regard to getting passengers through on time.

I have lately come to appreciate traveling in winter in the mountains. On the 14th of January commenced a snow storm which lasted until the 19th. At its conclusion the snow measured six feet three inches on a level, and our road, which had been in prime order, lay buried under five feet of snow. In a country thickly settled and on even ground it would have been bad enough, but when you take into consideration that for fifteen miles, between here and Loyalton, there is but one stopping place, the task of opening the road assumes almost gigantic proportions. Your horses refuse utterly to go ahead, and three or four men must make the trail; after them several loose horses are driven; even then, they flounder in the snow, which comes up even with their backs; after these come sleds, each drawn by four horses in single file. It took the force of seven men and more than a dozen horses, eight days, to open communication with Truckee, about thirty miles distance. In some places in the mountains they have reduced the matter to a science, and put snow-shoes on their horses. These are made of rubber, and are about ten inches by twelve in size, and are fastened to the hoofs. They are aid to answer the purpose admirably.

This is the stormy side of mountain life; but, when you consider that during the summer no rain falls in California, that upon the winter’s moisture depends not only the agricultural but the mining interest, you will see even in the snow cause of rejoicing. These “wild white bees of winter” are busy storing up food for needy vegetation and drink for the mountain streams, to the end that the granaries of the State may be filled to overflowing and the eagles be gathered together. For this same ruthless snow, which bewilders the belated traveler, numbs his faculties and finally wraps him in his chilly embrace, will surely drive the fatted stock of the ranchman to a good market, insure abundant crops and help the miner wash the golden dust from the hills.

Our days are not all stormy, however, and sunny days here are faultlessly beautiful. The sky has a depth and intensity of color such as I never saw elsewhere. The sunsets are glorious and the pure air as invigorating as sips of wine of California’s own vintage We have had some cold days, the mercury going only to twice ten below zero; but there are the exceptions, and the changes are not so sudden and disagreeable as in your climate. I am becoming quite an adept in the art of snow-shoeing. The shoes are made of wood and are from eight to ten feet long and four or five inches wide, with a strap and heel piece in the centre. A long pole is used to balance with, and to assist in climbing hill. In some places the ladies are quite expert in their use, and have clubs and races to test their skill. To start at the top of along steep hill, and scoot down it at lightning speed may be very good sport, but judging from the tumbles I had had in sliding down a short hill of low grade, it might be dangerous exercise. There is about it the same fascination there is in coasting, and the same “bug-bear of uphill.” I advise all to come to Sardine Valley, to try it.

This week marks the "10-year bear-i-versary" for the Steinwert family and the time when the following Letter to the Editor was published here, on June14th, 2012. They would like everyone to know they are still incredibly grateful to this community and "The fact we are able to have a home here now so we can surround ourselves with the people of Downieville is truly magical. Much love, Scott and Laurie."

Bearly Doing Well

Editor:

I want to express my heartfelt appreciation and admiration at the kindness and care your town has shown me this week.

Apparently my tale has been told and grown exponentially over the past few days. I was the mountain biker who met up with a bear. The bear won. Let me share my version ... if you can find the bear, perhaps he'll share his.

We arrived for a week Friday afternoon and I set out on my first ride Saturday morning. On the way to Sierra City, I made fast friends with the flag woman as we shared our love of Downieville, Oregon and the best approach to raising kids. I finally headed up the Trail of Tears to Packer Saddle. Having ridden up (no shuttle for me), I opted for the easy way down: County Road 93, thinking I might hurt myself if I risked the Downieville Downhill.

About 2/3 of the way down, going about 20 mph, to my great surprise a big brown bear appeared, running full speed across the road and right at me. In a split second I chose to run rather than stop. Sadly, my choice landed me squarely in the path of the bear. The bear ran right into me and my front wheel. I flew first onto the bear, then onto the ground. I thought the bear might be hungry, so I pulled myself up to begin running. Fortunately, he did the same. Watching him run off I collapsed, realizing I was hurt.

I was several miles from Hwy.

49, and in a lot of pain; suspecting a broken collarbone, shoulder or both. So I started walking. And, this is where my tale truly begins.

The first to come upon me were two mountain bikers. They headed back downhill to get some help. I kept walking. The next to arrive were two Quads and a dirt bike, summoned by the mountain bikers. One was an ex-EMT. The ex-EMT (once an EMT, always an EMT?) stabilized my shoulder and drove me down the hill. Halfway down we met a Knife River crew coning up. Since I was in good hands they traveled on to retrieve the remnants of my bike. At Hwy. 49, we were greeted by the CHP, the Sheriff, soon Downieville Fire with the ambulance and finally Dr. Kellermann.

The first thing the doctor said to me? "Oh - hi Scott - I just left your family ... do they know you're hurt?" We were again renting Dr. Kellermann's house. My family did not know, so he checked me out then rode back to his house on his motorcycle to let them know I'd taken a tumble and they should meet us at the clinic.

It was the day of the High School graduation ceremony and absolutely everyone was in town. My family had been watching through the fence, amazed at the turnout for the four graduates. Dr. Kellermann and radiologist did confirm that I broke my collarbone; fortunately not my shoulder.

The amazing part of this tale is the whole community that came together to help me. Mountain bikers, quad runners, CHP, Sheriff, Downieville Fire, the radiologist and a world-class doctor all in one special mountain town. I know there are others who would have helped if called...they heard about the incident on their scanners and good old-fashioned word of mouth...as we discovered afterwards from the many people walking by our house who stopped by to say hello and check in.

When my family arrived at the clinic and I began to tell th story, I became overwhelmed with emotion because I realized how truly lucky I was and how truly special Downieville is. So thank you to everyone again - we will always be grateful.

Scott "Bear Rider" Steinwert

Besides printing Steinwert's letter, this newspaper also observed the incident in the Sheriff's Blotter with editor Don Russell's distinctive flair:

"A bear was attacked by a bicyclist on a trail above Downieville. As we understand it, a bicycle wheel was squared up, but the combatants gave up and went their separate ways."

Vicky Tenny's At the Firehouse column also covered the event, saying the Downieville Volunteer Fire Department

"Responded for a 'bear-vs-bicyclist' w/patient transported from Camp Yuba to WSMC"



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Old Newspaper Now Part of Messenger’s Museum
A valued addition to The Messenger’s museum of relics is The Ohio Repository, No. 37, Volume 41, dated Canton, Wednesday Afternoon, December 18, 1861.
The paper was found at the old Plum Valley House near Pike City recently while that historic old roadhouse was being remodeled for use again. In removing a partition, the paper was found stuck behind some boards. Except for being badly frayed on one edge, probably the work of rats, the paper is very well preserved.
Under the large heading of the paper a slogan appears in smaller type, which reads: “Liberty and Union, Now and Forever. One and Inseparable.”
The old style of newspaper makeup prevails, wherein the ads and other paid matter were printed on the outside pages, and the live news on the inside pages. War news of course predominates, and slavery is the principal editorial subject.
The delinquent tax list is printed on the front page, and it seems there were as many delinquents then as now, in proportion to population.
The paper was brought to Downieville recently by Supervisor George Campbell and may be seen in The Messenger’s museum by any who desire.
Old Glory to Fly From Huge Pole on Plaza
Lloyd’s Ice Cream Parlor has donated a 25-foot American flag to the town, which will be placed on a large pole to be erected on the plaza. This will be a nice addition to the plaza and Downieville will now have its

own flag to display on patriotic occasions. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd are to be congratulated on the civic spirit thus shown.
The pole which measures 67 feet in length and is beautifully symmetrical, was got from the forest near Red Point on the Mountain House road, by Ranger Geo. King and his assistants, Leo Bessler and “Happy” Rickard. Norman Costa hauled the big stick to Downieville, with the assistance of Steve Dondero, Evan Thomas, Tony Lavezzola, Billy Lloyd and J.J. Gould. It will be an inspiring sight to see the large flag flying in the breeze from its lofty elevations.
Predatory Animals Kill Many Deer, Assert Brandy City Men
That Sierra County should not only restore the bounty on bobcats, but should place a substantial bounty on mountain lions as well, is the unanimous opinion of the entire population of Brandy City.
Not that that historic old mining town is endangered by an invasion of these predatory animals; but rather because the entire population consists of but three people – F.V. Farrar, F. Bishop and F. Silver – who engaged in trapping during the winter months when everything was covered deeply with snow and the “entire population” of the little city was forced to give up their usual vocation, that of mining, for a few months.
Bishop and Farrar caught four mountain lions last winter in their traps, besides five bobcats. Another trapper, on Canyon Creek, caught three lions and wounded one with his rifle. A yearling deer was found near Brandy City shortly after it had been slain by a lion. Traps were set around the carcass, but the

lion proved too wily. Although it returned to the feast, it evaded the traps.
Owing to the deep snows of last winter, deer were easy prey for lions and bobcats, besides which many deer starved to death because there was not sufficient available feed. Mr. Silver stated that bobcats kill almost as many deer as do the lions.
In the Brandy City section and in the Scales section lions were reported particularly numerous and bold and many deer carcasses were found. If the bounty is not replaced on lions, these animals will increase rapidly, it is feared, and the deer will soon disappear from the mountains, particularly if one or two more severe winters are experienced.
Goodyear Creek – A Real Miner
Mr. Francis Blanchard who owns the large quartz ledge which outcrops on the trail to St. Charles Hill about a quarter of a mile south of the orchard there, is now driving a tunnel to get under what is known as the Adams pocket, from which a lot of gold was taken a number of years ago.
He will have a lot of backs when he gets under where the pocket was taken from. He is driving through highly mineralized porphyry with two small ledges in the face of the tunnel running toward the Adams pocket.
There is a split in the main vein close to where this pocket was taken from. One large vein turns on a course due west, while the main vein keeps its course north through the St. Charles Hill ground and is probably the vein from which the large quartz

nugget came that was found in the gravel channel which cuts the vein on the St. Charles Hill ground.
There have been a number of pockets taken out close to where Mr. Blanchard is working, and some large pieces of gold found in sluicing on the side hill below the pocket. One of the Hobby girls got snow water in there and did some sluicing. She found one of the largest nuggets, which was about one inch thick in places, 6 inches long and 4 ½ inches wide. There was some quartz in it, but mostly gold.
Others sluiced below this pocket at different times until they reached the main creek, which cuts through the Kretz ranch. Mr. Blanchard has been working there alone for a number of years on what will some day turn out to be one of our producing mines. It is such men as he and others that we could mention that keep at it from year to year that we would like to see him strike it rich.
Native of Sierra County Passes Away Monday
Mrs. Evaline Weinman of Alleghany passed away Monday morning, on the operating table at a hospital in Grass Valley, where she was rushed in hopes of saving her life by an operation, but it was too late. Mrs. Weinman died before the operation was completed.
Friends and relatives of the deceased were very much shocked at the news of her passing. Saturday morning, she was apparently in good health, and by Monday morning she was dead.
Mrs. Weinman was a native of Forest, born of pioneer parents January 2, 1877. She obtained her early education in Forest and

educated herself for a teacher, which profession she followed until her marriage with the late Adolph Weinman.
The funeral was held from the little Catholic church at Alleghany, which was crowded by sorrowing friends and relatives. Wednesday morning, Rev. Father O'Reilly celebrated high mass for the repose of her soul.
Downieville Museum is Now Ready for Exhibits
After waiting a long time after the agitation was first begun, Sierra County and Downieville are to have a museum in which will be displayed and preserved relics of the early days in this county.
The little stone building on Main Street opposite the plaza was deeded recently to the town for the purpose and is being repaired and fitted. The walls have been tied together with steel braces, the back wall, which was badly cracked, is being repaired and a good floor has been laid.
The basement room is fully as large as the room on the street level. A floor will be laid in this room later. Posts set on concrete blocks support the upper floor. A good roof has been built over the whole.
A dome light fixture has been donated by Antone Lavezzola. The supervisors appropriated \$200 recently toward the repairing of the museum.
The building and lot belonged to the Meroux estate, from which a deed was obtained recently giving the property to the town and making the trustees of the Native Sons and Native Daughters trustees of the property.
J.J. Gould, Antone Lavezzola

and Ross L. Taylor as trustees of Memorial Hall Association, donated all the lumber used on the building except 1000 feet donated by the Grant & Heether sawmill of Camptonville. Mrs. Nellie Nolan of Grass Valley made the first donation of \$25 toward the museum. It will be dedicated July 4 and the services will be conducted by the Native Sons and Native Daughters.
The Mountain Messenger Announces Big “Weekly-Payroll” Campaign
The Mountain Messenger wishing to increase its circulation, today announces the most attractive and generous distribution of prizes ever offered by a newspaper in this section of the State in a big subscription drive which will materially increase the “Weekly-Payroll” of Downieville, Sierra County and surrounding territory, and at the same time some fortunate individual will become the proud owner of a new FORD V-8 Tudor Sedan valued at \$660, or a Tropical Cruise to New York City and return, or the Cash, and will secure it absolutely without cost. Another person will be awarded a vacation trip to Hollywood and attend the Olympic Games, or if preferred, he or she may have the cash cost of the trip to the publisher. All other candidates who remain active until the end of the campaign will receive extra cash bonuses.
Beginning at once, The Mountain Messenger will issue “Weekly-Payroll” checks to all individuals who secure new and renewal subscriptions to The Messenger, thereby putting many extra dollars into circulation.