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Seven Referendums Qualify for California's Ballot in November

SACRAMENTO — As of July 12, 2022, the following initiatives have received the required number (5 percent of number of voters in the previous gubernatorial election) of verified (by county election officials) signatures for being placed on this year's general election ballot.

- **Proposition 1** - Amends the state constitution to prohibit the state from interfering with or denying an individual's right to reproductive freedom, including a right to an abortion and a right to contraceptives.
- Proposition 26 - Legalizes sports betting at American Indian gaming casinos and licensed racetracks in California.
- Proposition 27 - Legalizes mobile sports (on-line) betting offered by federally recognized Indian tribes and businesses contracting with them and directs revenue to Homelessness Prevention Fund Initiative.
- Proposition 28 - Requires General Fund allocations equaling 1% of required state and local funding for K-12 public schools to be dedicated to art and music education.
- Proposition 29 - Enacts staffing requirements, reporting requirements, ownership disclosure, and closing requirements for chronic dialysis clinics.
- Proposition 30 - Increases taxes on personal income above \$2 million and allocates 45% of new tax revenue for rebates on zero-emission vehicle purchases, 35% for zero-emission vehicle charging stations, with at least half of this funding directed to low-income households and communities. The remaining 20% of the revenue would be allotted to wildfire prevention and suppression program, with a priority given to hiring and training firefighters..
- Proposition 31 - Upholds the ban on flavored tobacco sales.

Proposition 1 has been brought to us by the State Legislature, all the others were citizen-initiated measures.

Meanwhile, an initiative to reduce plastic waste was removed on June 30, 2022, after a legislative compromise was passed and signed by the governor. California State Legislature and withdrew the initiative in May

Tributes Pour in for the Late Shaun Price

July 16 Fundraising Dinner Set For Sierra Pines

By STEPHEN KULIEKE

Tributes continue to pour in for beloved Downieville resident Shaun Price, an emergency medical technician (EMT) and volunteer firefighter who is being remembered as someone who “showed up everywhere” he was needed.

“There’s probably not an organization here that he didn’t donate his time to,” Autumn Long-McGie, executive assistant to the Sierra County Sheriff’s Office told The Mountain Messenger. “It didn’t matter the time of day or night. Shaun had a servant’s heart and was always willing to help.”

Price, 59, was killed in the early morning hours of June 22 when the ATV he was driving flipped on Belle Street in Downieville near Highway 49. Seriously injured in the accident was passenger and Downieville resident Miles Ryan, who is recovering.

Miles was treated and released from the trauma unit at Chico’s Enloe Medical Center for broken ribs and facial lacerations, and other injuries— said spouse Max K. Ryan on Facebook, where many expressed hope for Miles’ speedy recovery.

A “giving, doing” kind of guy with a smile that lit up a room, Price touched so many throughout Sierra County by making his community a better place. His passing is a “huge loss,” said Long-McGie.

The Downieville Volunteer Firefighters Association of which Price was a longtime member has established a “Shaun Price Memorial Fund.” Donations to the fund “will be used for final costs as well as interim expenses related to possessions, insurance costs, housing responsibilities, and any and all needs in preparation for a memorial that will be scheduled later. Once a [memorial] date is set [expected to be in August] everyone will be notified.”

For donations, make the check out to DVFA and include the words “Shaun Price Memorial Fund” on the memo at the bottom left. Mail to D.V.F.A., P.O. Box 173, Downieville, CA 95936.

This Saturday, July 16, Sierra Pines in Sierra City will host a fundraiser at the resort’s restaurant, with 25% of the proceeds split between Shaun’s family needs and Miles’ medical expenses. Reservations are suggested for the 5-8 p.m. dinner hour. Call (530) 862-1151 or email sierrapinesresort@gmail.com.

The outpouring of grief in the Downieville community over Price’s death is being reflected on Facebook, where many are posting their memories about Shaun — “such a kind and giving person.”

The Shaun Price Memorial Group Facebook page link may be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/3324038194533343/>.

Typical of the memories shared was one by Cold Rush Café owner Sonya Z. Meline who recalled how Shaun and his adopted son Robert Baker “painted and helped to make over our new market here in Downieville. Shaun was very meticulous in his work, kind in every way, and did everything with the utmost care... Thank you, Shaun. You were a great friend to me, my family, friends, and to our community.”

Sierra County Sheriff-Coroner Mike Fisher told The Mountain Messenger that the fatal accident occurred after 2 a.m. when the ATV Price was driving flipped where his driveway intersects with Belle Street in Downieville.

Fisher called Price’s death an “unfortunate and tragic fatal ATV accident. Shaun was so loved in the community—selfless when it came to volunteering.”

Sheriff Fisher said he is awaiting the accident report on the incident from the California Highway Patrol and the toxicology report from the Sacramento County District Attorney.

“We have a pretty good idea of what transpired,” added Fisher, with the cause of Price’s death blunt force trauma, “so often the case in motor vehicle accidents that involve a fatality.”

Long-McGie told The Messenger that she called 911 at about 2:45 a.m. when Miles, although injured, made his way to her house about a quarter a mile from where the accident occurred. An ambulance, fire truck and sheriff’s deputy were dispatched, she said. CPR was initiated on Price who was declared dead at the scene, with the ambulance then taking Miles to the hospital for treatment.

In addition to serving as an Advanced EMT and firefighter, Price worked as an In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) worker, was a member of the local Lions Club, and served on the Board of the Sierra Frontier Medical Resources. He was in school to be a paramedic, expected to complete his certification this fall. His was a well-lived life: “Shaun was an avid sky diver, with tons of friends in that community. He picked coffee in Hawaii for a season,” said Long-McGie.

Price is survived by his step-daughter Jenny O’Donnell, his parents, many cousins, and his adopted sons, Robert and Leslie Baker. Shaun took in the two young men when their father, Shaun’s best friend, was tragically killed in a car accident.



TNF invites public to annual Packer Lake Kids’ Fishing Day

NEVADA CITY — Tahoe National Forest invites community members of all ages to the annual Packer Lake Kids’ Fishing Day. This free event will take place on July 16, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 3901 Packer Lake Road, Sierra City, Calif. Attendees will learn more about fishing and other fun hands-on nature activities will be available for kids.

“Kids’ Fishing Day is an opportunity to teach children life skills and connect with nature in a fun and engaging way,” said Tahoe National Forest Fisheries Biologist Dan Teater. “In spite of the difficulties that drought conditions can cause, we are confident the fish will be biting. All who attend will find a new appreciation for the many ecosystems that surround us on the Tahoe National Forest.”

Packer Lake will be stocked with fish for the event courtesy of California Department of Fish and Wildlife and extra fishing poles will be available for children to borrow. Sierra County Fish and Wildlife Commission will be offering fun, educational arts and crafts.

Packer Lake Kids' Fishing Day

July 16, 2022 8am - 1pm

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BRING YOUR FISHING LICENSE: REQUIRED FOR EVERYONE 16 AND OVER

CHILDRENS EDUCATIONAL GAMES AND CRAFTS ~ LEARN TO FISH ~ MAKE A FISH PRINT T-SHIRT ~ FISHING GEAR AVAILABLE TO USE ~ BRING A PICNIC OR BUY FOOD AND DRINKS AT THE LAKE

Socially Distanced Event. Please do not attend if you are experiencing symptoms or you are positive for COVID.

NO DOGS OR BOATS PLEASE

Traffic Delays on the Horizon for Highway 89

SIERRA COUNTY – Caltrans is alerting Sierra County residents of the start of pavement rehabilitation project on State Route 89 between Sattley and Sierraville.

Beginning Monday, July 18, construction crews will begin work to repave a five-mile segment of the rural highway at the south end of the Sierra Valley. Motorists should expect to encounter one-way traffic control between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, with occasional weekend work if needed.

The work is part of a \$3 million project to smooth State Route 89 from just south of Wilson Lane near Sierraville to just north of Meadow Lane near Sattley.



Hat Creek Construction & Materials, Inc. of Burney is the prime contractor for the project, which is scheduled to be completed in August 2022. The construction schedule is subject to change based on weather, equipment availability or other unexpected events.

Reopening of Idaho-Maryland Mine Opposed

On Tuesday, July 12, a coalition of opponents to the proposed resumption of mining activities at the historic Idaho-Maryland mine presented petitions containing 5,500 signatures opposing the action to the Nevada County Board of Supervisors.

Meanwhile, "no-mine" opinion pieces in the local Union newspaper outnumber "pro-mine" pieces by 160 to 8 and 1,500 online comments accompanied the petitions delivered to the Supervisors.

Sourdough Jack Sez...



Looks like there's plenty of summertime events coming up to entertain locals and folks who come up to the mountains to relax. I'm looking forward to the lonely days of winter.

Wine in the Woods

Taste a variety of wines & delicious food in a spectacular garden setting to benefit Sierra City Volunteer Fire Department



Saturday, July 30 ~ 4:00-7:00 pm

Sorracco's Gardens

203 Main Street, Sierra City

(530) 862-1151 for tickets & info

Tickets \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door. Ages 21+ only



Music by
OSO Blue

DOWNIEVILLE MOUNTAIN BREWFEST

Press Release by CHERI SIMI

Yay! After 2 long covid years of no events in Downieville, we are gearing up to host one of the most popular brewfests in Northern California and have a stellar line-up of brewing companies to pour for your tasting pleasure! The Downieville Improvement Group is once again hosting the popular Downieville Mountain Brewfest on SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2022, from 2-6 PM, in beautiful historic downtown Downieville on Highway 49 where the Downie and the North Yuba Rivers meet. The place to be on a hot July day!

Come to taste some of the finest craft beer from Northern California and beyond. Featuring 19 brewing companies that will be pouring some of their tastiest brews. Enjoy the sounds of neighboring Nevada County cover band; Crossing 49. Blues, rock, or country, there’s something for everyone! And there will be lots of delicious food choices available to purchase.

Go to: www.downievillebrewfest.com for more information and a complete list of participating brewing companies. Also visit the Facebook event page: Downieville Mountain Brewfest 2022 for all the latest updates. Tickets are \$30 and available through: www.eventbrite.com or in Downieville at Downieville Day Spa. You must have a photo ID to taste, and there is no charge for non-tasters or designated drivers. Tickets at the door on the day of the event will cost \$40.

Shuttle service will be available from the nearby campgrounds for \$10 each direction. Take it easy and take the bus! Check the shuttle schedule on the website. Please no dogs in the Brewfest area. Don’t miss out on this fun day in Downieville! It’s going to be epic!

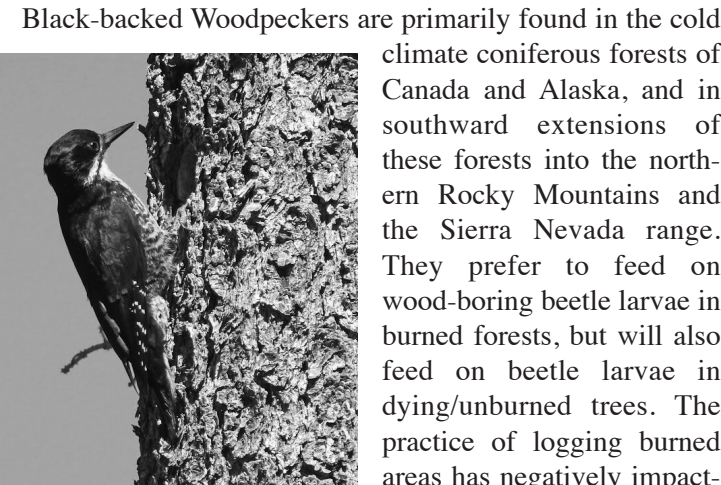
Katie's Sighthings

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KATIE O'HARA KELLY

Uncommon Sightings

To my absolute delight, I came across an active Black-backed Woodpecker nest this week! It was in plain view, right off a hiking trail in the Lakes Basin! A pair of adults was feeding nestlings in a nest! The nestlings weren't visible, but they would make a loud "churring" sound whenever a parent landed near the nest hole! The adults were definitely annoyed by my presence, and made loud protesting, aggravated calls if I lingered. So I only stayed long enough to get a few photos, and then left the area. Black-backed Woodpeckers are very uncommon in the Lakes Basin. It was such a thrill to see them!!!



Black-backed Woodpecker (male)
Picoides arcticus

Black-backed Woodpeckers are primarily found in the cold climate coniferous forests of Canada and Alaska, and in southward extensions of these forests into the northern Rocky Mountains and the Sierra Nevada range. They prefer to feed on wood-boring beetle larvae in burned forests, but will also feed on beetle larvae in dying/unburned trees. The practice of logging burned areas has negatively impacted their population, by depriving them of foraging and breeding habitat. In California they will live year-round in the higher elevations, but are not commonly seen.

Unique to these woodpeckers, are their three toed feet (most birds have four toes), the common practice of peeling the bark away from the area that surrounds the nest hole (they don't always do this, as evidenced in the photo above), and the yellow patch of feathers on the top of the male woodpecker's head (most woodpeckers have a patch of red feathers).

The male does most of the nest excavation. Both parents share in the incubation, and subsequent care and feeding of the nestlings. The nestlings will leave the nest approximately three weeks after they hatch. Parents will care for the fledglings for several more weeks after they fledge. I hope to come back in a week or so, to see if any nestlings are poking their heads out of the nest!

Another uncommon sighting happened this week when we came across newly emerged Sugar Stick flowers. These flowers aren't that common in the Lakes Basin, but they aren't considered rare. We have found one area where they have predictably blossomed every year. Usually, we see them when they have gone to seed, and are maroon and navy-blue in color. This week, when we found them, they were newly emerged and in their bright red-and-white coloring!



Sugar Sticks - *Allotropa virgata*



Newly emerged Sugar Sticks with their white leaves
- *Allotropa virgata*

It turns out that these plants are in the same plant family (Heath - *Ericaceae*) as Snow Plants and Pinedrops, and do not produce chlorophyll. They are mycoheterotrophs, and are parasitic on the mycelia of fungi, specifically Matsutake fungus mycelium!



Ridge near Helgrammite Lake

This is one of my absolute favorite areas in the Lakes Basin! Surprisingly, the wet meadow was still a bog and barely in bloom! I'm going back again in a few weeks, to see what wildflowers will be blooming!

Wishing for peace in Ukraine and an immediate end to this senseless war!

From this crackpot's desk

30 Years of School Board Meetings

By DON RUSSELL

In a former lifetime, I was once charged with piloting a 60 foot purse seiner with a hold full of ripening herring from a slip to an unloading dock. The only thing of value in the herring, a particularly soft fish, were the skeins of eggs which were said to be a delicacy in Japan. Apparently, the closer to rotten the herring were, the more easily the egg skeins were removed

After a day or so, the boat's load of herring had a stench that could gag a maggot. After unloading, I recall spending enough time in a shower to exhaust the hot water supply.

Returning from school board meetings in Loyalton, I was often reminded of that experience, trying to determine whether my priority was to get drunk or take a shower. Those meetings were so contentious, so disagreeable and so long that the local gin mills were long closed, making the rain locker the sole option.

All things considered, the contention amounted to squat: western civilization suffered not so much as a quiver, ever. But the school board remains a cesspool of rancor, for particularly inane issues. Recently, the whackadoodle crowd believes that requiring the germ laden urchins to wear masks somehow infringes on the freedom of parents. Yep: requiring face condoms to preserve the lives of teachers and grandparents is a threat, but the post-9/11 laws allowing wholesale government phone tapping is not. This is not an alternative political philosophy: these are just the silly, hysterical and paranoid demonstrating their love of the sound of their own voices.

Of course, we are all experts at education. We remember our favorite and worst teachers. And we got educated, didn't we? We may not have studied how to teach any particular urchin, given its own peculiar way of learning, but we know all we need about education

In fact, good teachers are missionaries who have forgotten more than parents will ever know about installing knowledge into those empty little heads.

A pair of those missionaries have been run off the local school board: Allen Wright disgusted, Mike Moore dead. To their credit, there was a five year period where the school board quietly and efficiently went about its business.

But we have returned to the days of yore.

We propose a cure: Let us, for openers, do away with the delusion this nation gives much of a flying impregnation about education. Teachers, with their five years of post secondary education begin at \$46k. Prison guards, with their high school diplomas or GEDs begin at about the same salary.

There is a reason legislators invented school boards. They encourage the whack jobs to stay occupied at home, keeping some of the venom spitters away from the State House.

And so, to the bitter regret of those sorry ink-stained wretches assigned to observe, the lowest rung of the rickety political ladder leans askew near the schoolhouse wall.

That rattletrap concoction is intriguing to many. Often young women, having produced an urchin or two, succumb to the delusion they are thus fully formed adults, entitled to powermongery with a novel sense of confidence. At that inclined plane, they find themselves surrounded by other sanctimonious know-it-alls, and so, when in Rome....

NO! We propose that anyone who has a student in a school should be banned from this political office. They have an obvious conflict of interest.

We recall our favorite, long term school board member. No more nor less corruptible than most, she began by insisting nothing was more important than primary education. Soon, nothing had become more important than middle school education, what with puberty and all. Then, anon, high school was the most important: the world awaits!

Parents are free to teach their children whatever they want. My money, however, is spent to make good citizens. They should know what this country is, how it came to pass, be knowledgeable in our native tongue, and aware of how to balance a checkbook. Well, the good news locally is the wall between church and state remains firm, at least from Christianity. There has been no talk of turning the other cheek, nor planning to straighten up the planet the meek are expected to inherit. There was, unfortunately, enough animosity to fuel any caliphate's sense of grievance.

20/20 Hindsight

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

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PRESS RELEASE FROM COUNTY CLERK

The Sierra County Clerk wishes to announce the following municipal and district offices are to be filled at the General Election scheduled to be held on November 8, 2022.

Three (3) Council Members of City of Loyalton
One (1) City Clerk of City of Loyalton
Three (3) Directors of Alleghany County Water District
Three (3) Commissioners of Sierra City Fire District

Three (3) Members of Sierra-Plumas Joint Unified School District - one each for Trustee Area #2 (Sierraville, Sierra City & Sattley), Trustee Area #4 (North West & North East of Loyalton) and Trustee Area #5 (City of Loyalton)

The filing period for filing Declarations of Candidacy and Nomination Papers for all candidates is July 18, 2022, through August 12, 2022.

If the incumbent to any of the above offices does not file nomination papers, the time frame for filing extends to August 17, 2022, for other candidates. (Excludes Incumbent)

To obtain information regarding filing for the above elective municipal and district offices please call 530-289-3295.

Dated: July 14, 2022

NOTICE OF GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION CITY OF LOYALTON

Notice is hereby given that a General Municipal Election will be held on November 8, 2022.

The names of the offices for which candidates may be nominated are as follows:

Two (2) Council Members to be elected at large to fill a four (4) year term
One (1) Council Member to be elected at large to fill a two (2) year term
One (1) City Clerk to be elected at large to fill a two (2) year term

The qualifications of a nominee and of an elective officer of the City are as follows:

(Voter) Resident of the City

Official nominating petitions for eligible candidates desiring to file for the above elective offices may be obtained from the City Clerk of the City of Loyalton, City Hall, Loyalton, CA 96118. Nomination petitions shall be available commencing on July 18, 2022, and shall be filed with the County Clerk, Courthouse, P.O. Drawer D, Downieville, CA 95936 **either in person or by certified mail** received not later than 5:00 p.m. August 12, 2022 (postmarks are not acceptable).

If the incumbent for the above elective offices does not file nomination papers, the time frame for filing extends to August 17, 2022, for other candidates. (Excludes Incumbent)

In the event there are no nominees or an insufficient number of nominees for each elective office and a petition for an election is not filed with the elections official within the time period prescribed by Election Code §10515, an appointment to such elective office shall be made.

The candidate is to pay for the publication of a Candidate's Statement.

Heather Foster
County Clerk

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NOTICE OF GENERAL DISTRICT ELECTION ALLEGHANY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Notice hereby is given that a General District Election will be held in this District on November 8, 2022.

The names of the offices for which candidates may be nominated are as follows:

Two (2) Directors to be elected at large to fill a four (4) year term
One (1) Director to be elected at large to fill a two (2) year term

The qualifications of a nominee and of an elective officer of the district are as follows:

(Voter) Resident of the District

Official nominating papers (Declarations of Candidacy) for eligible candidates desiring to file for the above elective offices may be obtained from the County Clerk at the Courthouse, Downieville, CA 95936. Nomination papers shall be available commencing on July 18, 2022 and shall be filed with the County Clerk **either in person or by certified mail** received not later than 5:00 p.m. August 12, 2022 (postmarks are not acceptable).

If the incumbent for the above elective offices does not file nomination papers, the time frame for filing extends to August 17, 2022 for other candidates. (Excludes Incumbent)

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County Clerk

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NOTICE OF GENERAL DISTRICT ELECTION SIERRA CITY FIRE DISTRICT

Notice hereby is given that a General District Election will be held in this District on November 8, 2022.

The names of the offices for which candidates may be nominated are as follows:

Two (2) Commissioners to be elected at large to fill a four (4) year term
One (1) Commissioner to be elected at large to fill a two (2) year term

The qualifications of a nominee and of an elective officer of the district are as follows:

(Voter) Resident of the District

Official nominating papers (Declarations of Candidacy) for eligible candidates desiring to file for the above elective offices may be obtained from the County Clerk at the Courthouse, Downieville, CA 95936. Nomination papers shall be available commencing on July 18, 2022 and shall be filed with the County Clerk either in person or by certified mail received not later than 5:00 p.m. August 12, 2022 (postmarks are not acceptable).

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SATURDAY, JULY 23RD, 7:00 PM,
AT THE KENTUCKY MINE

THE RETURN OF THE
"RED DIRT RUCKUS"
W/ GUEST JONNY MOJO.

DON'T MISS THE JOYOUSLY FUNKY, GET DOWN
RUCKUS EXPERIENCE.

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On the Shelf

By PAUL GUFFIN

A “Magic” Card

There aren’t a lot of things that are free in our world today — especially really, really valuable things. But, one thing that is free — and is one of the most valuable things you could have — is a library card. With that “magic” card, all sorts of possibilities open up to you. In addition to the usual stuff of checking out print books, audio books, and videos, there is an abundance of other programs that are at your fingertips. I’ll share some new ones below.

But first, how do you go about getting this “magic” card? It is really, really simple and easy. As you probably know, all four of the libraries in Sierra County (Alleghany, Downieville, Loyalton, Sierra City) are stations of Plumas County Library. So, the card is issued by our neighbor to the north. But, all you have to do is come into one of the libraries here in our home county, fill out an application (be sure to bring your driver’s license), and — voila — your card will soon be on its way to you via the mail.

New Digital Programs

The Plumas County Library “Writing Resources” page (<https://www.plumascounty.us/2982/Writing-Resources>) lists three new resources to which library patrons have access (at least through December 30, 2022). Each of these resources has to do with persons who want to publish their own written works:

Pressbooks Public: is an easy-to-use online tool that allows you to create professional quality versions of your book (novel, memoir, poetry, children’s, etc.) in ePUB, MOBI, PDF, and other formats.

Indie Author Project: Plumas County Library is partnering with BiblioBoard’s Indie Author Project to offer the opportunity for you to reach a wider audience with your e-book, whereby your e-book can be shared with patrons of participating libraries.

Biblioboard: allows you to discover great new authors before they make it big. Read self-published e-books submitted through the Indie Author Project.

New on the Shelf at the Downieville Library

Some **audio-books** that are “new to us” are now available at the library:

Never Go Back, by Lee Child (thriller)
The Edge, by Catherine Coulter (thriller)
The Birth of Venus, by Sarah Dunant
The Apprentice, by Tess Gerritsen (mystery)
Heart-Shaped Box, by Joe Hill (thriller)
Second Watch, by J.A. Jance (mystery)
The Beast, by Faye Kellerman (mystery)
Rules of Betrayal, by Christopher Reich (thriller)
Silken Prey, by John Sandford (thriller)
A Crooked Kind of Perfect, by Linda Urban

Also, a few “new to us” **videos** have also taken up residence (all DVD, unless otherwise noted):

“Atonement”
“Broken Trail”
“Closer”
“Fly Away Home”
“Kiss of the Spider Woman”
“Machine Gun Preacher”
“People Like Us” (Blu-Ray)
“Spanglish”
“Zathura”

Where to Get Your Library Card in Downieville

The Downieville Library is located in the basement of the Native Daughters Hall at 318 Commercial Street. We are open on Tuesdays, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, and on Thursdays, noon to 4:00 PM. You can call us at (530) 289-3544. We look forward to seeing you!



Furniture - Free and For Sale in Sierra City

- Hutch: Mahogany (?). Free if you just come get it. Bring tools etc., as it comes apart in 2 pieces
- Maple dining room table: 4 leaves and 6 chairs. \$100.00
 - 4 drawer metal filing cabinet. \$50.00
 - Maple dresser/mirror. Heavy. \$150.00

Call Joan at 530-862-1080 to arrange inspection

FORMAL NOTICE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD ELECTION AND NOTICE TO DECLARE CANDIDACY

Notice is hereby given that Tuesday, November 8, 2022, an election will be held in the school district hereinafter listed, in Sierra and Plumas Counties, California, for the purpose of electing governing board members as follows: Three (3) members to the Governing Board of the Sierra-Plumas Joint Unified School District as follows:

One member is to be elected at large for each of the following trustee areas:

- Trustee Area #2 (Sierraville, Sierra City & Sattley) – 4 year term
- Trustee Area #4 (North West & North East of Loyalton) – 4 year term
- Trustee Area #5 (City of Loyalton) – 4 year term

Qualifications for Candidacy: The candidate must be a registered voter and reside within the trustee area, if the election is by or from trustee area. Nomination papers (Declarations of Candidacy) for eligible candidates may be obtained at the office of the County Clerk located at the Courthouse, Downieville, CA 95936. Nomination papers shall be available commencing on July 18, 2022, and must be filed with the County Clerk at the above address, no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 12, 2022. However, if there is an eligible incumbent and if nomination papers for the incumbent are not filed by the latter date and hour, voters shall have until 5:00 p.m. on August 17, 2022, to nominate candidates other than the incumbent for such office. Insufficient or no nominees: Appointment to each elective office will be made as prescribed by Education Code § 5326, 5328 and 5328.5 in the event there are no nominees or an insufficient number of nominees for the office and a petition for an election is not filed with the election official by 5:00 p.m. on the 83rd Day preceding the election.

Heather Foster
County Clerk

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Where Two Rivers Meet

A Race to the Edge

By H. A. SILLIMAN

PART 6: QUESTIONABLE BEHAVIOR

Even for me—a newspaper reporter experienced in recording events and conversations—keeping straight all that happened next was difficult. Finding Barbara’s wrecked Buick and the Wyder’s ransacked home marked the start of cascading troubles.

From the Wyder house, Deputy Jack radioed for the evidence tech to come by. When Myra Malloy showed up, they chatted at a distance. Myra had graduated ahead of me from Buffalo High. We were both cheerleaders. I was surprised she majored in criminal justice at Sac State—she had been such a flirt in high school, not a very serious student. But like me, she wanted to make Two Rivers her home and found a way to do so. Of course, it helped that her father had been County Sheriff for five years. After Deputy Jack and Myra finished talking, he called me over and showed me an item that she had brought from the wrecked site. It was a new package of rope.

“This is concerning,” he said. “What was it to be used for?” He walked away, frowning, worried. With my work done there, I drove back to Two Rivers. Though I had only been away for two hours, I found panic on return. At the Ledger, Babe was on the telephone, but he handed me a stack of messages with each one marked “urgent.” One was from Jimmy-Tim at the saloon, another from Betty Norbert in Red Eagle, and another from—of all people—that reporter LuLu Chan at The Celeb magazine, which just had run an article about Don Wyder having been a TV star when he was a teenager. LuLu would be the last person I talked to, that’s for sure!

Hanging up, Babe said, “There’s trouble with RiversFest. You were right about a sponsor issue. Quartz Bottling has pulled out. The committee needs to find a hundred cases of bottled water for the bike and foot race, and \$8,000 to pay for the portable toilets that are already delivered.”

“Well, if there’s no water,” I joked, “they sure won’t need the potties.”

Babe laughed. “Good point! But it’s why the sponsor reneged. The fire marshal has informed everyone that Highway 49 cannot be blocked by the race on account of extreme fire danger.”

“But the road isn’t blocked,” I replied. “Only one lane is used.”

“Apparently, this year that’s not good enough,” he explained. “With the race on Saturday, why the fire marshal is telling us just now is damnable.”

“What do I do about all these phone calls?” I said, waving the message slips.

Babe volunteered to immediately talk to Jimmy-Tim at The Pick & Pan Saloon, but he left Betty Norbert and LuLu to me. After I briefed him about the car wreck and the ransacked house, I was dispatched to the RiversFest Committee to follow up on the sudden scramble for water, money—and a new race course.

Two Rivers, though set in a ravine carved by the Empire and Rancheria Rivers, is what city-folks call a “walkable town”—everything is close by. I hoof-it as much as I can and enjoy sightseeing, especially during Fourth of July when all of the homes have been decorated to the nines. I walked down to Battery Street and then through town, jam-packed with visitors, and proceeded up Constellation Street, where I’d dodge over to The Peter & Paul Church. While walking, I saw Mack Boyd in the distance, standing at the picket fence in front of his house. He was sort of rocking left and right on his feet, leaning on his cane, staring straight ahead—mesmerized. Merely feet away, I spoke up.

“Mack!” I exclaimed. “Good to see you!”

He jumped; the cane clattered down. He mumbled thanks when I retrieved it.

Peering into the garden, I asked, “What are you looking at?” It was a jumble of overgrown shrubbery and knickknack garden art: a wishing well, ceramic leprechauns, the requisite pink flamingos, and two wooden wheelbarrows planted in flowers.

Flustered, Mack stumbled to answer. “I’m just checking out the place. Making sure it’s shipshape. I guess in a month or so, I’ll be moving back.”

I gave him an update on RiversFest troubles, but he didn’t seem interested, so I continued walking. Looking back, I saw he had returned to staring—rather hypnotically—into the yard.

Like all streets of Two Rivers, it was chockfull of festival participants’ parked cars, many with bicycle racks. A dark, convertible Mustang looked familiar, like the one in Barbara Wyder’s driveway, but this car had the top down and a lime green Specialized Rock Hopper mountain bike crammed into the back seat—another lowlander come to RiversFest. The driver had long hair, mullet-styled like an ‘80s rock star. At the church, I found the RiversFest committee in crisis mode. The men—Paul, Jim and Frank and Sheriff Malloy—were huddled over a map of the district, trying to work out a new bike and foot race course. They were considering routing it along the old railroad right-of-way that went by an overlook of the Empire River Falls. The tracks had recently been removed.

Sally, on hold with a phone call, waved me over. She is always most simpatico, a good source of scoops.

“Have a fresh-baked blueberry muffin,” she said. “I brought some from the deli.” She explained she was trying to find more bottled water because the grocery only had ten cases to spare. “Unless local folks can chip in, we’ll have to make a trip to Truckee.”

I sat down to jot some notes, when my cellphone rang. Babe was on the line. “Meet me at the saloon. Jimmy-Tim thinks that Gavin Stallard and his brother Jesse James were in Tuesday. They had a huge brawl!”

NEXT WEEK—PART 7: FIGHT AND FLIGHT

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

Here Back East

By LENNY ACKERMAN

The Riverman

While on a recent fishing trip to the Sierra Nevada mountains, I finished reading “Riverman” by Ben McGrath. On the surface it is a biography, but it is also a mystery, and at the heart of it, the author’s own story within the story. McGrath, a young man from the Hudson River Valley in upstate New York and a writer for the New Yorker, describes meeting Dick Conant, a Hudson River canoeist traveling south, and how shortly afterward, he learns of Conant’s untimely and mysterious death. What started as a casual meet up for the author turns into an obsessive search for information, to understand the canoeist’s eccentric, solitary, wildly adventurous life.

McGrath finds a trove of Conant’s writings, photographs and diary entries detailing a lifetime of river travel in a storage locker in Bozeman, Montana. These documents create a trail for the author to follow as he sets out to find the truth behind them and about Conant himself. In doing so the story becomes one as much about the author as the adventurer, as McGrath travels the country, seeking the people and places touched by Conant in his travels and studying the impressions left behind. He learns that Conant was an elusive, larger than life character who measured his days by distances traveled on the water, and who was completely disconnected from the modern, digital world. The truth of Conant’s adventures varied from stopover to stopover and McGrath concludes there may have been a great deal of fiction in the storage locker writings. Conant’s mysterious and unsolved death is the ultimate unanswered question in the book since no body was ever found, only his canoe, with some scraps of paper, including one with the author’s name and phone number. In truth, Dick Conant was many people – he had a vivid, imaginary love life, but many real friends that he made along the way –many of them like him, loners and forgotten by family.

I began reading “Riverman” on my trip from New York to the High Sierras in California. Little did I know when I started the book that I was traveling to a place very much like those the author found in his quest to unravel the mystery of Conant’s life and death. Downieville, the County Center of the Sierras, is remote and in many ways like a step back in time. I envisioned running the rapids, like Conant, in a pontoon boat down the Yuba or Big Truckee River, with stops in small towns of bygone days, meeting people along the way. “Riverman” leaves the reader moved, and longing for a wilderness adventure.



Public Health focuses on improving and protecting community health and well-being, with an emphasis on prevention. The goal is to educate people about child wellness, disease prevention, disaster relief, environmental safeties, access to healthcare, and much more. These recurring articles will be used to help empower the individual, so that all of us can make our community strong.

“Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see the shadow.” — Helen Keller

Hello summer! School is out, barbeques are fired up, and vacations are planned. We are ready to be outdoors and soaking up that vitamin D. The sun’s ultraviolet rays (UV radiation) are at their strongest during these months. There are 2 main types of UV rays; they are UVA and UVB. Most of what we get is UVA about 95%. This gets down deep into our skin. The damage it does is over time. It’s the culprit that ages us by giving us dark spots and wrinkles. Tanning beds use mostly UVA. UVB is the sunburning rays. They only enter the outer skin level turning it red. Clouds and windows can filter out the UVB but not all the UVA. Both can damage and cause skin cancers. What steps can we take to enjoy the summer but be safe.

Cover up. Wear clothes that cover your skin. There are new fabrics that are breathable and block UV rays. Wear hats, preferable with a large (3 inches) brim. Sunglasses with UV block to protect your eyes.

Stay in the shade. When outside try to stay in the shade of an umbrella, awning, or tree. The shade will block the UVB rays and some of the UVA. Try limiting amount of time outdoors during peak hours of 10 AM to 4 PM.

Apply sunscreen. There are many different sunscreens. Water resistant, easy spray, moisturizing lotions, etc. The best one is the one that you will use every day. Everybody over the age of 6 months should use sunscreen to protect themselves. Babies skin is too delicate for sunscreen. It should be applied 30 minutes before going outdoors. Most people do not use enough. A full shot glass (1 ounce) is enough for an adult. Then reapplied every 2 hours or sooner if sweating or swimming. Sunscreens are rated by SPF (sun protection factor) The amount of time it would take to redden your skin without sunscreen. The higher the SPF number the more times protected. Check for expiration dates on your bottles of sunscreen at home.

Other considerations. Know your family history and skin type. Redheads and blondes with fair skin may need higher SPF for protection. Certain medications that we take can make us more sensitive to the sun. It’s easier to get our vitamin D from food sources or supplements.

“Be good to your skin. You’ll wear it every day for the rest of your life.” — Renée Rouleau.

Take care of yourself,
Nurse Deb

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Sheriff's Log

By Jen Henneke

Monday, July 4

05:21 - In Loyalton, Eastern Plumas Health Care Ambulance (EPHCA) was requested.
12:34 - In Downieville, a motorcyclist needed assistance. The deputy checked and the motorcyclist was able to get the motorcycle started and into Downieville on their own.
14:33 - In Downieville, something was lost and found then turned into the SCSO.
16:14 - In Grayeagle, there was a hit and run by a possible DUI driver. The deputies were unable to locate the miscreant.
16:28 - In Sierraville, an ambulance was requested.
16:50 - In Downieville, there was a motorcycle crash with two riders. One rider was flown out.
16:58 - In Downieville, a wallet and phone were found.
17:14 - In Loyalton, a cow got wrangled out of a fence.
18:15 - In Loyalton, a deputy completed a VIN inspection.
21:55 - In Downieville, a deputy assisted with changing a flat tire.

Tuesday, July 5

04:46 - In Loyalton, EPHCA was requested.
08:52 - In Loyalton, EPHCA was requested again.
10:48 - In Sierra City, there was a request for civil service.
10:50 - In Sierraville, there was a request for civil service.
12:05 - In Calpine, some public safety fliers were removed.
14:16 - In Loyalton, a deputy was requested to contact someone over an ongoing civil issue.
15:46 - In Loyalton, a stuck sheep was freed by a deputy.
19:22 - In Sparks area, there was a report of check fraud.
20:02 - In Alleghany, there was a request for a welfare check. The reporting individual was able to contact the subject.
20:08 - In Sierra City, there was a reported campfire. The deputy stated that the campfire was allowed on private property.
21:45 - In Sierraville, a vehicle versus deer incident was reported.
21:47 - In Loyalton, EPHCA was requested for a lift.
22:20 - In Loyalton,a civil standby was requested and a deputy completed it.
22:35 - In Quincy, someone was arrested for a failure to appear for driving while suspended.

Wednesday, July 6

04:55 - In Loyalton, EPHCA provided a lift.
10:42 - In Loyalton, the Loyalton Fire Department assisted a patient with a lift.
12:43 - In Sierra City, there was an accidental 911 call. The line was open and a conversation could be heard with no sounds of distress. Deputies and Sgt. Crawford advised to end the call due to no assistance needed.
13:44 - In Verdi, injury assistance was requested.
15:21 - In Pike City, an ambulance was requested.
22:55 - In Sierraville, there was a possible civil dispute between a tenant and landlord. The tenant was unable to get into the residence.
Thursday, July 7
01:02 - In Loyalton, EPHCA was requested by a faulty medical pendant.
06:38 - In Loyalton, the Loyalton Fire Department provided a lift.
13:31 - In Downieville, some mountain bikers were told to move out of a private parking lot and extinguish their BBQ
14:44 -In Loyalton, EPHCA provided a ride to a hospital.
17:00 - In Verdi, there was a report of possible animal cruelty.
18:46 - In Loyalton, an individual was trying to get ahold of a family member with ongoing mental health issues.
18:47 - In Alleghany, some property and an unknown skeletal remains was found. A deputy will be investigating the incident.
19:59 - In Loyalton, there was a report of some juveniles driving dirt bikes recklessly. A deputy made contact and the only dirt bike on the roadway was a registered bike. The others were solely on private property.
20:31 - In Sierraville, two individuals got lost in the forest. A deputy located them and safely transported the souls back to their vehicle.
22:04 - In Pike City, an ambulance was requested.

Friday, July 8

06:16 - On HWY 49 near Vinton Overpass, some cows were playing on the roadway. CHP was notified.
11:04 - In Downieville, there was a missing dog in the Goodyears Bar area.
14:05 - In Loyalton, EPHCA transported someone to Portola.
19:11 - In Sierraville, a wallet was found and turned into SCSO.

Saturday, July 9

05:55 - In Sattley, some more cows were playing on the roadway. CHP was notified again.
08:51 - In the Reno area, there was a report of possible fraud on a purchased trailer. Caller was told to contact Nevada Highway Patrol.
10:37 - In Loyalton, there was a report of a vehicle and individual camping out in front of a residence. The vehicle and individual were gone before a deputy arrived.
11:08 - In Sierraville, a wallet was found by the camp host at Logger Campground. A deputy retrieved the wallet to find the owner.
15:08 - In Downieville, there was a report of a past due mountain biker. The biker was located.
20:41 - In Loyalton, someone stole money and medication.
20:54 - A welfare check requested for an AAA member in Tehama County. The caller was provided the correct Sheriff’s Office number.
21:35 - In Pike City, there was an individual lost in the forest. Deputies were able to locate the individual who was transported to a hospital for a possible head injury.
21:35 - In Sierraville, a couple was having a verbal fight and one was not letting the other leave. A deputy made contact and they were separated for the night.

Sunday, July 10

00:06 - In Pike City, an individual was harassing firefighters going to a call. It was determined that no crime was committed and the individual was not interfering with their job.
07:25 - In w, a welfare check was requested for an overdue party. The deputy was unable to locate and the caller will continue to wait and recontact if needed.
11:41 - In Downieville, there was a pesky illegal camper. A deputy made contact and cleared the call.
12:53 - In Downieville, there was a report of a possible dog bite. A deputy checked and there was no bite.
13:01 - In Sierraville, there was a request for an ambulance.
14:39 - In Beckworth, there was a report of a possible fire. Plumas County also received multiple calls.
15:20 - In Pike City, there was a request for a deputy to make contact regarding an ongoing civil issue. The individual was informed to get in contact with the courts.
15:24 - In Loyalton, a juvenile was found safe and sound.
20:57 - A loose dog was reported to be in Downieville.

Total Reported: 62

Mine Owner to Pay County for Burying Toxic Waste

By Sandra Groven, Sierra County District Attorney
Press Release, June 8, 2022

The Original Sixteen to One gold mine and its former Chief Executive Officer Michael Miller have resolved a civil lawsuit brought by the Sierra County District Attorney. The case was the result of unlawful burial of toxic waste and other materials on the Mine property in Alleghany.

Under the terms of the stipulated judgment, the Mine and Miller will pay \$59,000 for clean-up costs, \$50,000 in penalties, and \$25,000 to a local nonprofit to be named. The Mine is also restrained from further violations of California Toxic Waste And Control Act, and must submit to inspections at any time by State or local officials for potential violations. Further violations could lead to criminal contempt charges.

On October 8, 2019, the Sierra County Sheriff’s Office along with California Fish and Wildlife, and the Department of Toxics, executed a search warrant at the Mine location in Alleghany. During the search, law enforcement discovered numerous drums of used oil, pieces of electronic waste and shattered glass of florescent lighting buried on the Mine property. When questioned, Miller took responsibility for the disposal.

The Mine has been in continuous operation since 1911. Inasmuch as the Sierra County Sheriff investigated, and the Sierra County District Attorney’s Office, along with special prosecutor, Lawrence Allen, prosecuted, the penalty money will go to the County.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-22-897826-BF Order No.: 220018203-CA-VOI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 2/21/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.** Trustor(s): **JAMES MACLEAN, AND MARILYN MACLEAN, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS** Recorded: **3/1/2007** as Instrument No. **2007-0001676** of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of **PLUMAS** County, California; Date of Sale: **7/27/2022 at 11:00 AM** Place of Sale: **At the East Entrance to the Plumas County Courthouse, located at 520 Main Street, Quincy, CA 95971** Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: **\$258,460.44** The purported property address is: **1745 ARLINGTON RD, CRESCENT MILLS, CA 95934-9711** Assessor's Parcel No.: **111-200-028-000** **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call **800-280-2832** for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website **http://www.qualityloan.com**, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: **CA-22-897826-BF**. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **NOTICE TO TENANT:** You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call **800-280-2832**, or visit this internet website **http://www.qualityloan.com**, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: **CA-22-897826-BF** to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Date: **Quality Loan Service Corporation 2763 Camino Del Rio S San Diego, CA 92108 619-645-7711** **For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 800-280-2832 Or Login to: http://www.qualityloan.com** **Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318** Quality Loan Service Corp. TS No.: **CA-22-897826-BF** IDSPub #0179227 6/30/2022 7/7/2022 7/14/2022

At the Firehouse

By VICTORIA TENNEY

ALLEGHANY: July 9th - Mutual aid response to Pike City for an injured person who was transported to SNMH.

DOWNIEVILLE: July 4th - Responded for a public assist; responded for four Medical Urgent Care incidents; mutual aid response to Camptonville for a motorcycle down, an injured person was airlifted to the hospital in Roseville; event set-up; parade; foot races; tug-of-war. July 5th - Officer's meeting. July 6th Responded for a Medical Urgent Care incident. July 7th Firefighter training.

LOYALTON: July 4th - 5:21AM, adult male with extreme intestinal pain. Loyalton. July 5th - 4:48AM, medical alarm activation, west of Loyalton; 8:52AM, female feeling chest pain, west of Loyalton; 9:50PM, lift assist, west of Loyalton. July 6th - 4:55AM, lift assist, west of Loyalton; 10:41, lift assist, west of Loyalton. July 7th - 1:00AM, medical alert activation, west of Loyalton; 1:32AM, medical alert activation, west of Loyalton; 2:13AM, medical alert activation, west of Loyalton; 6:46PM, lift assist, west of Loyalton; 2:43PM, lift assist into ambulance, west of Loyalton. July 8th - 2:04PM, adult female with head injury, Loyalton.

PIKE CITY: July 6th - Responded for an ill person who was transported via ALS ambulance to SNMH. July 7th - Responded for an ill person who was transported to SNMH. July 9th - Responded for an injured person who was transported to SNMH.

SIERRA CITY: All's quiet....no meetings, no emergencies, & no training....

SIERRA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #1 (CALPINE, SATTLEY, & SIERRAVILLE): July 7th - Medical and Firefighter training in Calpine. July 10th - Responded for a medical call in Sierraville.

Surplus Vehicles for Sale

The Sierra City Fire District will be selling surplus vehicles via sealed bids. Bids are to be mailed to the Sierra City Fire District Fire Commission, P.O. Box 516, by July 15, 2022. All surplus equipment will be available for inspection at the Sand Shed Fire House on Hwy 49 4 miles north of Sierra City.

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

Contact Sierra City Fire District Fire Chief Scott Hall to schedule an inspection of these vehicles: Scottdhall58@gmail.com

SIERRA CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMISSIONER VACANCY

The Sierra City Fire Department Commission (SCFD) is hereby accepting Letters of Interest from any person who would like to serve on the District Commission. The SCFD Commission purpose, in part, is to maintain and oversee the District finances, pay District expenses, purchase and maintain Fire Department equipment and support the Volunteer personnel.

The current Commissioner term is through December 2022; the current vacancy position will be appointed by the full Commission at the August 13th monthly meeting. Said term can be extended for a full four year term by filing a Declaration of Candidacy for said position with the Sierra County Clerk's office no later than August 17, 2022.

Commission terms are for four (4) years unless appointed to fill a vacancy. The requirement for a Commissioner position is that the interested party lives in the Fire District. Commission meetings are held monthly the second Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m. and are subject to the Brown Act and are open to the public. Letters of Interest should be sent to the SCFD, P.O. Box 516 Sierra City, CA 96125 and received no later than August 12, 2022.

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Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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

The following registrant is doing business as: THE SIGN SHOP
Full name of registrant: Douglas Bundy
Business Address: 978 West Sierra Brooks Drive, Loyalton, CA 96118
Business Mailing Address: P.O. Box 3604, Truckee, CA 96160
Business Phone: 730-587-9158
Registrant Address: 978 West Sierra Brooks Drive, Loyalton, CA 96118
This business is being conducted by: An Individual
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: NA
/s/ Douglas Bundy
This statement was filed in the office of Heather Foster, Sierra County Clerk-Recorder on: June 6th, 2022 FILE NO: 2022001850
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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: ENGLISH OAKS PROPERTIES
Full name of registrant: Ember English
Business Physical Address: 36543 Spanish Oaks Lane, Quincy, CA 95971
Phone: 530-927-9476
Registrants Address: 36543 Spanish Oaks Lane, 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: 6/8/2022
Statement expires on: 6/8/2027
/s/ Ember English
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: June 8th, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000142
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2022-000153

The following person(s) is doing business as:
DOLLAR GENERAL STORE #24549, **322 CRESCENT STREET, GREEN-VILLE, CA 95947**, County of PLUMAS.
Mailing Address: DOLGEN CALIFORNIA, LLC, 100 MISSION RIDGE, GOODLETTSVILLE, TN 37072
State: CA AI#: 201033610164
This business is conducted by A Limited Liability Company.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6/17/2022
/s/ John Garratt, CFO & Secretary
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Plumas County on June 17, 2022.
Marcy DeMartile, County Clerk
By: Carlos Feliciano-Labarca, Deputy
7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28/22
CNS-3600849#
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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: ALSCO
Full name of registrant: ALSCO INC. (DOING BUSINESS IN CALIFORNIA AS "STEINER CORPORATION")
Business Physical Address: 3391 Lanatt Street, Sacramento, CA 95819
Registrants Mailing Address: 505 East 200 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84102
This business is being conducted by: a Corporation
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 10/1/2001
Statement expires on: 6/14/2027
/s/ Shanda Maple, Secretary
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: June 14th, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000149
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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: AVERY'S EXCAVATION
Full name of registrant: Avery Dyrr
Registrants Address: 270 Crescent Street, Quincy, CA 95971
Business Physical Address: 270 Crescent Street, Quincy, CA 95971
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 958 Quincy, CA 95971
Phone: 530-394-8391
This business is being conducted by: an Individual
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 06/10/2022
Statement expires on: 6/10/2027
/s/ Avery Dyrr
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: June 10th, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000146
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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: CORSA CONTROLS, LLC
Full name of registrant: Corsa Controls, LLC.
Business Physical Address: 316 Lake Almanor West Drive, Chester, CA 96020
Registrants Address: 316 Lake Almanor West Drive, Chester, CA 96020
Mailing Address: 316 Lake Almanor West Drive, Chester, CA 96020
This business is being conducted by: a Limited Liability Company
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 6/22/2022
Statement expires on: 6/30/2027
/s/ Scott Boley
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: June 30th, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000163
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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: CREST CARTAGE
Full name of registrant: Robert G. Culliver
Business Address: 16993 Mountain House Rd., Camptonville, CA 95992
Business Mailing Address: P.O. Box 684, Nevada City, CA 95959
Business Phone: 775-225-6208
Registrant Address: 16993 Mountain House Rd., Camptonville, CA 95992
This business is being conducted by: an individual
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: NA
/s/ Robert G. Culliver
This statement was filed in the office of Heather Foster, Sierra County Clerk-Recorder on: July 11th, 2022 FILE NO: 2022001853
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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: MIKE'S ON MAIN
Full name of registrant: Michael Allen Brown
Registrants Address: 1970 E. Main Street #6, Quincy, CA 95971
Business Physical Address: 525 Main Street, Quincy, CA 95971
Mailing Address: 525 Main Street, Quincy, CA 95971
Phone: 530-703-8950
This business is being conducted by: an Individual
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 6/30/2022
Statement expires on: 6/30/2027
/s/ Michael Brown
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: June 30th, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000164
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Downieville Assembly of God

Sunday @ 10:30
in the Downieville School Cafeteria.

SUMMER SUNDAY CATHOLIC MASS SCHEDULE

11:30 am every Sunday at
Immaculate Conception Church in Downieville
EXCEPT for Sundays, **July 17th** and **August 21st**
On these days, Sunday Mass will be held at
St. Thomas Church in Sierra City at **12 noon**
There will be **NO** Mass in Downieville on these Sundays

PEACE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ROGER LEWIS SHAHEEN

Notice is hereby given to the creditors and contingent creditors of ROGER LEWIS SHAHEEN ("Decedent"), that all persons having claims against the Decedent are required to mail or deliver a copy to DANIEL R. SHAHEEN and JEFFREY F. SHAHEEN, as Co-Trustees of the ROGER L. SHAHEEN FAMILY 2000 TRUST, dated May 11, 2000, as amended, wherein the Decedent was the Settlor, in care of Soraya T. Aguirre, Esq., Aguirre Riley, P.C., 427 West Plumb Lane, Reno, NV 89509, within the later of four (4) months after the first publication of this notice or, if notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, sixty (60) days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you. A claim form may be obtained from the court clerk. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested.
Dated this 23 day of June 2022.

/s/ Daniel R. Shaheen & Jeffrey F. Shaheen
c/o Soraya T. Aguirre, Esq.
Aguirre Riley, P.C.
427 West Plumb Lane
Reno, NV 89509
Tel: 775-376-9477
Fax: 775-964-5346
Email: Soraya@aguirreriley.com

Attorney for Daniel R. Shaheen and Jeffrey F. Shaheen

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2022

IMMUNIZATION CLINICS: At the Health Department PLEASE CALL FOR APPOINTMENT

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

COVID VACCINE CLINIC - at the Health Department

Register at www.MyTurn.ca.gov
- Loyalton: Thursday, July 21, 1:00pm–4:30pm (5 to 11 years old)

SENIOR CENTERS BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC: (No Fee)

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

FAMILY PLANNING CLINICS: (No fee) by appointment only

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

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

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

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH: Please call (530) 993-6748

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

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


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

Low wage, working families (and migrants) are welcome to apply.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider

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

ALL SERVICES ARE CONFIDENTIAL



TACO TUESDAY

5pm–7pm
at the ELKS LODGE
72192, Hwy 70, Portola
[next to the Chalet View]

FULL BAR

MENU

Regular Taco..... \$2.00
Soft Taco..... \$4.00
Regular Nacho..... \$2.00
Nacho Supreme..... \$4.00
Taco Salad..... \$9.00
Combo Plate..... \$9.00
Served with Spanish rice, beans, nachos, and your choice of 1 large soft taco or 2 regular tacos
Chips & Salsa..... \$2.00
Guacamole & Sour Cream..\$2.00

FIRST and LAST Tuesday of each month through September

SPAGHETTI

Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad and Garlic Bread

ALL YOU CAN EAT FOR JUST \$12

Kids 10 and under:\$5.00–5 and under FREE

5pm–7pm
at the ELKS LODGE
72192, Hwy 70, Portola
[next to the Chalet View]

FULL BAR

SECOND Tuesday of each month through October

BINGO

~at the **ELKS LODGE**
72192, Hwy 70, Portola
[next to the Chalet View]
1pm

\$100 PROGRESSIVE BLACKOUT

- Last game is \$100 Blackout, progresses \$10 each game until won
- Second Blackout game is played any time we have 30 or more players

Soft Drinks:\$.10 Hot Dog+Chips:\$.40
Special of the Day...\$5.00

SECOND and FOURTH Saturday Every Month

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

California Highway Patrol - Quincy	283-1100
California Highway Patrol - Grass Valley	477-4900
City of Loyalton	993-6750
CalTrans - Road Conditions	800-427-7623
Downieville Maintenance Station	289-3214
Quincy Maintenance Station	832-4911
Sierraville Maintenance Station	994-3410
Nevada City Maintenance Station	265-4290
Downieville School	289-3473
Downieville Volunteer Fire Department	289-3333
Health & Human Services Dvl Loyalton	289-3711 993-6700
High Sierra Family Resource Center	993-1110
Loyalton Elementary School	993-4482
Loyalton City Hall	993-6750
Loyalton Cop Shop	993-4479
Loyalton High School	993-4454
Loyalton Volunteer Fire Department	993-6751
Mental Health Services, Loyalton	993-6700
PG&E report outages	800-743-5002
Plumas Ace Hardware, Portola	832-5208
Plumas County Clerk-Recorder	283-6218
Plumas County Sheriff's Office (Front Desk)	283-6375
Sierra County Sheriff's Office—non-emergency	289-3700
Sierra County Clerk-Recorder	289-3295
Sierra Hardware, Downieville	289-3582
Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital	274-6000
Sierra Valley Home Center, Loyalton	993-4331
USFS Beckwourth Ranger District	836-2575
Sierraville Ranger District	994-3401
Yuba River Ranger District	288-3231
Western Sierra Medical Clinic	289-3298

KING'S SUGAR PINE REDUX

Retired lawyer and author Tom Gilfoy, along with his threegrandsons recently visited Sierra County to try to find the stump to King's Sugar Pine, a tree earning a certain amount of fame from an article written by Tom we published in this newspaper several years ago. To refresh memories and provide context to new readers, we publish, below, the old story and follow it with the new one he wrote about his recent experience.

King's Sugar Pine

by TOM GILFOY

There used to be a big ole sugar pine sitting high up on a ridge overlooking the North Fork of the Yuba River. Although a real giant, it probably appeared even larger than it really was because it was so much bigger than all the other trees around it. The Forest Service must have thought this old forest monarch was something special too as it put up a sign designating it, "King's Sugar Pine."

It's hard to tell someone exactly where the old tree was located as there is no well known landmark in the area that can be used as a starting point for directions. About the closest thing to it is the old shut-down Brandy City Cal-Ida mill on the hill above Indian Valley, but the old mill is still miles away.

It was clear back in 1949 that I and a couple of my friends first stumbled on this beautiful old tree. It was while we were exploring the area in an old Model A Ford and traveling along a logging road between the Brandy City mill and Saddleback Mountain. We were rattling along the bumpy road at the old A's max speed, say about 25 mph, when we came around a bend and BANG, there it stood in all



L-R: Model A, Mitch Steffenson and Wagon Train Bill Seely at King's Sugar Pine in 1949.

its magnificent glory. I mean, it really leaped out and caught your eye. That's when I took the picture accompanying this story. If you look closely you can see the Forest Service sign in the lower left of the picture. The two characters wrapped part way around the tree are my partner Mitch Steffensen and Wagon Train Bill Seely.

About eighteen years after seeing the tree this first time, I went looking for it again. It was the summer of 1966, and I had taken my family camping along the North Fork of the Yuba. As I wrote before, there are no nearby landmarks to help orient yourself for a search, and I think it was this, as well as the passage of so many years that made the search kind of hopeless. Even at that though, I gave up before I really wanted to as I had three bored and rather disgruntled kids on the back seat of the family sedan -- all they could think of was getting back to the swimming hole where we were camped along the river at Fiddle Creek. The passenger seat's occupant wasn't all that enthusiastic about continuing either, particularly not after a passing logging truck almost ran us off the road, kicking up enough of that famous Sierra County red dirt as it went by to practically bury our car.

A couple of years later something made me start to think about the old tree again. That's when it occurred to me that maybe it wasn't there anymore. I mean, could it possibly have been logged during the intervening years along with a good part of the rest of the forest in this area? I thought this unlikely -- surely the Forest Service wouldn't mark a tree for felling that it had itself designated as the king of all sugar pines. But I couldn't be sure, so I shot off an inquiring letter to George Duff, Cal-Ida's General Manager in Auburn. Cal-Ida had near exclusive logging rights in the area so I knew that if the tree had been logged, it almost had to have been by them. I also wrote an inquiring letter to Henry Branagh, the then Tahoe National Forest Supervisor in Nevada City. I was surprised by how quickly I heard back from both letters

Mr. Duff was the first to reply. He wrote back in only two days -- just about as fast as it took to turn the mail truck around. He remembered the size and stature of the tree quite well, but stated that back in 1952 or 1954 the Forest Service marked it for cutting and Cal-Ida had complied. He continued with his explanation:

I was at the location, not during the falling of the tree, but shortly afterwards. I believe I am safe in saying the entire tree was of no value. For the first 60' to 100' from the butt of the tree, it was almost completely hollow. In fact two large bears could make their home in the center of this tree. As I recall none of the tree was delivered to our mill at Brandy City with the exception of a few logs at the very top of the tree. ... It was my understanding and belief that this tree was the largest Sugar Pine known anyplace, ... this tree could be the King of all Sugar Pine.

Disappointed as I was to learn that the tree had been cut down, I still took some solace in knowing I had seen and probably taken the only picture known to be in existence of what had once been the world's biggest sugar pine. But then, only a few days later, I heard back from the Forest Service and things started going downhill again. The letter was from George Leonard, Timber Management Officer for Tahoe National Forest. Although he stated the tree had indeed been "a magnificent specimen, measuring 97" in diameter at

breast height [commonly referred to as dbh]," he continued on to explain that sugar pine occasionally exceed 100" in diameter and that the record to the best of his knowledge was one located down in Calaveras County near Dorrington which is 121" dbh. When I read that I couldn't help but think to myself, "Uh oh, that's a good two feet more in diameter than our supposed Sierra County king of all sugar pine."

Thus far the news was bad enough, but the worst was yet to come as Leonard went on to clarify how our tree got its name. He explained it was not named King's Sugar Pine because it was considered the king of all sugar pine, as I and others mistakenly believed. Rather, he stated it was named after a former Downieville District Ranger whose name was George King. Can you imagine that? Here for all the years I believed the tree was some kind of a forest king, it was named king only because King happened to be the last name of a former District Ranger. With all due deference to how deserving George King may have been, this was disappointment -- big time.

But this is still not quite the end of the story. In April of 1973, American Forests magazine, a publication of the American Forestry Association ran an article about its Social Registry of Big Trees. I thought the above exchange of letters about King's Sugar Pine was relevant to the story and might even provide a little amusement to accompany the otherwise serious business of searching for the world's biggest trees. The editor agreed and printed the exchange of letters in their next issue, which in turn triggered a number of letters back.

Some of these letters didn't think there was anything at all funny about the story. They were critical of both Cal-Ida and the Forest Service for their roles in cutting down such a beautiful old tree, and of me too for my insensitive reporting of such a catastrophe. The magazine also caught the attention of Richard Castaldini, District Ranger in Downieville who instead of writing the editor wrote directly to me on July 16, 1973. He wanted me to know he had visited the King's Sugar Pine site on the same day he was writing and that "the stump is still evident. An old sign, 'King's Sugar Pine', sits in a hole in the stump. The stump as best I can measure is 114 inches across." He concluded his letter with a precise description of how to find the stump.

Although Mr Castaldini's letter was written almost 50 years ago now, I still hope to use the directions someday soon to once again try to find the location. Who knows, maybe the old sign will still be there identifying the one-time location of Sierra County's dethroned king of the forest.

Author's Note: Insofar as I know the largest known sugar pine in Sierra Couwnty today is on the Mountain House Road near Goodyear's Bar. It's been named Grandfather's Giant and checks out at a healthy 95" dbh. Meanwhile, the largest known sugar pine near Dorrington reported by Mr Leonard has continued to grow. Between the 1968 date of his letter and 2017, its girth increased by 17" ,from 121" to 138" dbh. (Tom Gilfoy welcomes your comments. He may be reached at: gilfoytom@gmail.com)

THE HUNT FOR AN OLD, ROTTEN STUMP

By TOM GILFOY

When I first received the letter with the directions to King's Sugar Pine in 1973, I had no idea it would take so long to use it. Yet here we were 50 years later with the letter and some maps spread out on our laps driving down the Yuba to Indian Valley to start our search. The letter was from Richard Castaldini, the District Ranger in Downieville during the time the Forest Service still had a District Office there. He had read a short piece I had written about King's Sugar Pine in "National Forest" magazine and had contacted me to advise that he had located the stump to the old forest giant. His letter included directions for how it might be found. I knew then that someday I would use those directions but my oh my, I never dreamed it would take this long.

As we drove along I was reminded of why I thought this stretch of highway was the most beautiful in the State of California. The sun was just starting to break through the low hanging clouds and here and there shafts of sunlight were dancing on the ice cold river below. The only other drive I can think of that's more beautiful is the same stretch of highway driving in the opposite direction. Going up river you're closer to the water and can see long stretches of cascading whitewater and small waterfalls that can't be seen going down.

I'm now 90 and the years have taken their toll on my eyesight, so I knew I was going to need some help. I mean, all these years later, who knows what might be left of the old stump or how it might be hidden by debris and new forest growth. I figured the more eyes looking the more apt I would be to find it. So it was that I recruited all three of my grandsons to come along with me to help in the search. Through the years I had plied them with so many stories about working in the woods of northeastern California that I thought I might have built up enough interest for them to want to come along. Of course, the opposite was also possible: they just might be so tired of hearing my old stories that they'd want to stay as far away as possible from the making of another one. Luckily for me, the former turned out to be the case and I would now have eight eyes looking rather than just my two.

Three of us flew into Reno from our respective homes, Parker from North Carolina, Jeff from Washington and I from Southern California. We rented a 4-wheel drive SUV and were on our way, looping first up into Lassen County to see the site of the old logging camp where I once worked and someother similar places before coming down to Downieville. The third grandson, Mike, met us there after driving up from Fresno.



L-R: Tom Gilfoy's grandsons, Parker Colbath, Mike Gilfoy, and Jeff Gilfoy, standing on the spot where Tom resided in Indian Valley while he was a teen-ager.

When we reached Indian Valley, we took a short detour so I could show the boys where I had camped during the summers of 1948 and 1949 while working for long-time Sierra City resident Cliff Thompson. Cliff owned and operated a shingle mill just a short distance up river from Fiddle Creek. He hired me and my two high school buddies to help him fell incense cedar and cut them into bolts

for hauling to his mill. I'm sorry to report the old mill is no longer there. Reportedly, it was swept away when the Yuba jumped its banks in 1954 during an unusually fierce fall storm.

The detour didn't take long and soon we were winding our way up the narrow road to the site of the old Cal-Ida mill. Ranger Castaldini's directions took us eastward from there to the vicinity of Halls Ranch and then to a dirt road we were supposed to turn onto to reach the stump. The only problem was there was no longer a road at the location he described. We jumped out to look around and soon discovered the remnants of an old roadbed. Although it was obvious that there had once been a road there, it was so overgrown with forest understory that it was no longer drivable. We decided to walk.

When we reached the place described for the tree's location, I saw nothing and kept on walking for about another tenth of a mile, constantly looking and poking around in the undergrowth as I went along. Then I heard Mike yell, "HERE IT IS." And sure enough

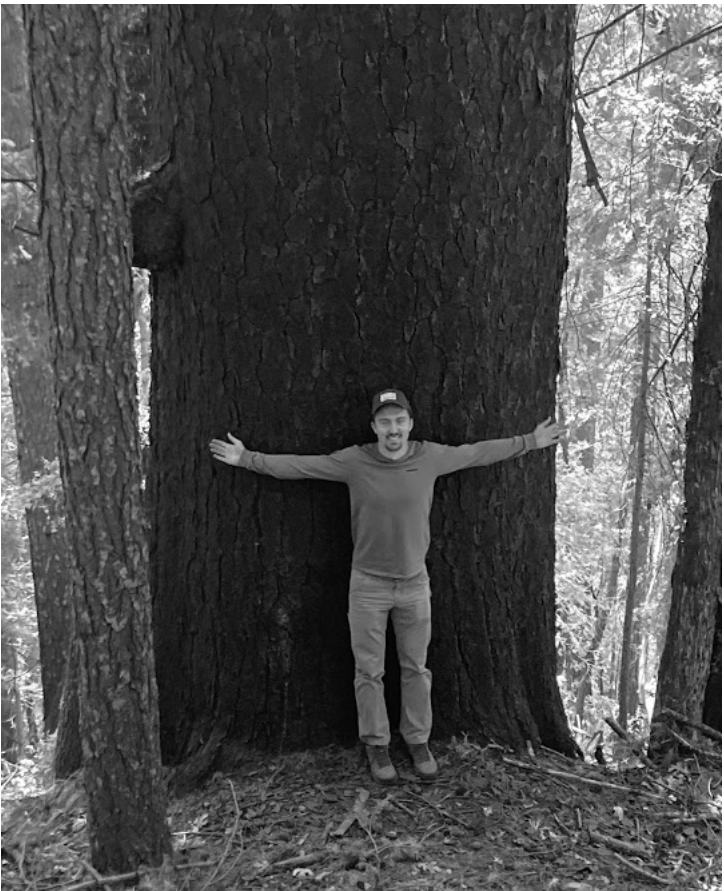


L-R: Tom Gilfoy's grandsons, Jeff Gilfoy, Mike Gilfoy, and Parker Colbath standing inside the rotten stump of King's Sugar Pine.

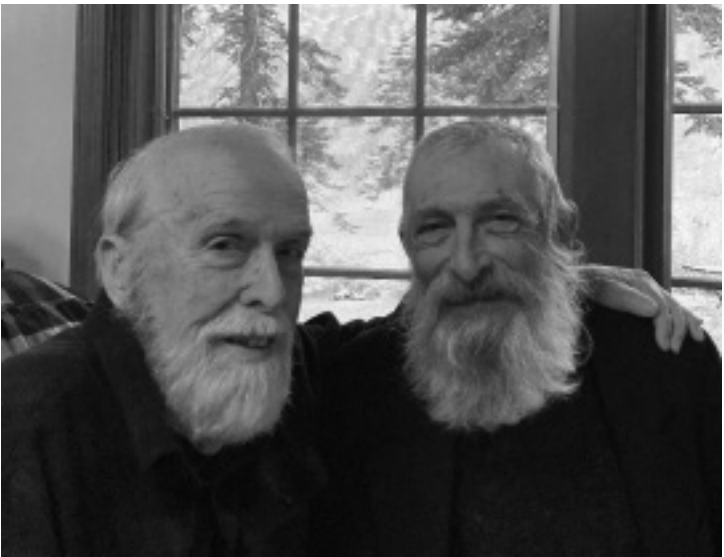
there it was in the exact location described in Castaldini's directions. It was so rotted away and covered with forest debris that I had walked right on by without seeing it--having those extra eyes along had paid off in spades.

There was enough of the old stump left to take some measurements. Although the outline of the circumference was not always all that definitive, it was clear enough in one place to measure the diameter, which we measured at 96 inches. The Castaldini measurement from 50 years ago had been 104 inches. Inasmuch as the stump was partially rotted away, we had no way of knowing if the two diameters were taken at the same place along the trunk's circumference. Under the circumstances, we concluded that the two measurements were close enough to assure us that we had indeed found the stump to Sierra County's fabled King's Sugar Pine. That conclusion is fortified by there being no other trees even close to the same size shown in the picture of the old tree while it was still standing. And, for whatever weight that can be attached to a 73 year old memory, I don't remember seeing another one in the vicinity either.

Author's Note: The next day we drove down to Goodyears Bar and up the Mountain House Road to try to find Grandpa's Giant, the largest still standing Sugar Pine in Sierra County. With help from the good directions provided by Carl Butz, editor of this newspaper, we were able to locate this magnificent tree and take the picture accompanying this article.



Tom Gilfoy's grandson, Parker Colbath, at Grandpa's Giant on May 27, 2022, while emulating the pose Tom captured of his friends at King's Sugar Pine some three-score and ten years ago.



Tom Gilfoy and Carl Butz enjoying each other's company prior to a splendid dinner at Sardine Lake Resort on Memorial Day weekend, the evening before the end of the Gilfoy's visit to Lassen and Sierra counties with his grandsons.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION FOR SENECA HEALTHCARE DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Election consolidated with the November 8, 2022 General Election will be held within the boundaries of the Seneca Healthcare District, placing a measure before the voters in the district, to authorize the sale of up to \$42 million in general obligation bonds to finance the hospital projects as described in the bond measure. If such bonds are authorized, the District expects to sell the bonds in one or more series. The following information is submitted in compliance with Sections 9400-9404 of the Elections Code of the State of California. Such information is based upon the best estimates and projections presently available from official sources, upon experience within the District, and other demonstrable factors.

Based upon the foregoing and projections of the District’s assessed valuation available at the time of this statement, the following information is provided:

1. The best estimate of the average annual tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is 8¢ per \$100 (\$80 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation. It is currently expected that the final fiscal year in which the tax will be collected is fiscal year 2049-2050.
2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is 8¢ per \$100 (\$80 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation. This tax rate is projected to apply in each fiscal year that the bonds are outstanding.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the full text and wording of the District Resolution No. 433, Exhibit A; Ballot Question/Abbreviated Ballot Measure, Exhibit B; and Tax Rate Statement, Exhibit C, are on file in the office of the County Clerk and are available for public viewing.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that July 22, 2022, at the hour of 5:00 p.m. is the final date for receiving arguments for or against the measure in the Office of the County Clerk located at 520 Main St., Rm. 102, Quincy. Arguments may not exceed 300 words each and must be accompanied by a form statement (available at the Office of the County Clerk) signed by each author (limit of 5). Rebuttals to arguments, not exceeding 250 words, may be filed no later than August 3, 2022 at the hour of 5:00 p.m. For additional information, call (530) 283-6256 or 283-6129.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the ballot processing period will begin on October 11, 2022 at the central counting location at: Courthouse, 520 Main Street, Room 102, Quincy, CA.

Marcy DeMartile
Plumas County Clerk-Recorder,
Registrar of Voters
Publish July 14; July 21 and July 28, 2022

Printed in The Mountain Messenger on July 14, 21 & 28 of 2022



Plumas National Forest started Stage I Fire Restrictions ahead of July 4 holiday

QUINCY, CA — The Plumas National Forest entered Stage I Fire Restrictions on Friday, July 1, ahead of the July 4 holiday weekend because fire danger in the area is increasing as hot, summer weather continues in the area and fuel conditions across the forest are drying.

In Stage I Fire Restrictions, campfires are only allowed in specific designated recreation sites, in established campfire rings. Sites are listed in Exhibit A of the closure order.

Smoking is only allowed within an enclosed vehicle or building, in one of the designated recreation sites listed in Exhibit A, or an area at least 3 feet in diameter that is completely clear of all flammable material.

Additionally, internal combustion engines, such as vehicles and generators, may only be used on designated roads and trails. Boat engines are exempt.

Chainsaw use for firewood is still permitted, but woodcutters need to ensure that they are checking the Woodcutting Status each day prior to cutting by calling 1-800-847-7766. For the latest information on the Plumas National Forest firewood cutting program, please visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/plumas/passes-permits/forest-products>.

Welding or operating an acetylene or other torch with an open flame is prohibited.

Possession of a valid California Campfire Permit is not an exemption from the prohibitions. However, they can use portable campfire pits, stoves or lanterns that use gas, kerosene, jellied petroleum or pressurized liquid fuel as long as it has a working shut-off valve and is used in an area that is at least 3 feet from any flammable materials.

California Campfire Permits are free and available at Forest Service and CAL Fire offices or online at <https://permit.preventwildfiresca.org/>.

Fireworks are always prohibited on National Forest System lands, including the Plumas National Forest. Even sparklers and poppers can quickly ignite a wildfire.

“The Plumas National Forest has experienced tremendous impacts from wildfire over the past 5 years,” said Plumas National Forest Assistant Fire Management Officer Mitch Wilson. “We appreciate the cooperation of area residents and visitors following the Stage 1 Fire Restrictions and helping us prevent human-caused wildfires this fire season.”

Fire danger is still a factor, even in recently burned areas.

“We ask that anyone choosing to recreate in a recently burned area not only watch for hazards, but also be careful with anything that can spark a wildfire. Even areas that burned at high intensity can burn again,” Wilson said.

Suspected wildfires can be reported by calling 911.

The order is formally referenced as Closure Order Number 05-11-22-01. Violations of the prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both.

For more information on the Plumas National Forest, visit www.fs.usda.gov/plumas, follow the forest on Twitter @USFSPlumas or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/USFSPlumas.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS SIERRA COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 1 CALPINE WATER TANK PROJECT

General Notice

Sierra County Waterworks District No. 1 (Owner) is requesting Sealed Bids for the construction of the following Project:

CALPINE WATER TANK PROJECT

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at **Sierra County Waterworks District No.1** located at Calpine Community Center, until 2:00 p.m., on July 27, 2022 local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. Mailed bids, or bids delivered prior to the date of the bid opening, must be delivered to the offices of Sauers Engineering, Inc., 105 Providence Mine Road, Suite 202, Nevada City, California 95959. Bids delivered to Sauers Engineering must be at the office of Sauers Engineering by 5:00 p.m., on the day before the Bid Opening as stated above. Bids delivered by hand on the day of the bid opening must be received at the Calpine Community Center (Eastern Sierra Community Hall), 103 County Rd, Calpine, CA at **2:00 p.m. on July 27, 2022.**

The Project includes the following Work:

This project consists of installing one 140,000 gallon bolted steel potable water tank with associated appurtenances, tank foundation, above-ground and below ground piping and valve vaults, tank site grading, and tank level controls and telemetry. This tank is to be constructed adjacent to an existing 140,000 gallon bolted steel tank and connected to the existing tank to operate in parallel.

Bids are requested for the following Contract:

Sierra County Water Works District No. 1 – Calpine Water Tank Project

Owner anticipates that the Project’s total bid price will be approximately **\$430,000**. The Project has an expected duration of 270 days.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents

Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website:

www.sauerseng.com/Calpine.html

Bidding Documents (Contract Documents, Technical Specifications, Plans) may be downloaded from the designated website. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with the designated website as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

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Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office Website.

Pre-bid Conference

A pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on July 13, 2022 at 10:00am at Calpine Community Center (Eastern Sierra Community Hall), 103 County Rd, Calpine, CA. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required.

Instructions to Bidders.

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

Prospective Bidders shall be licensed Contractors in the State of California and shall be skilled and regularly engaged in the general class or type of work called for under the Contract. Each Bidder shall have a Class A General Engineering California Contractor’s License.

Bidders are notified that financing for this project is provided pursuant to the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. Section 1921 et seq.) and that as allowed in Public Contract Code Section 22300, this contract does not provide for substitution of securities for any monies withheld by the Owner to ensure performance under this contract. Bidders are further notified that this contract does not permit retainage to be placed in escrow nor to be invested for the benefit of the contractor.

American Iron and Steel

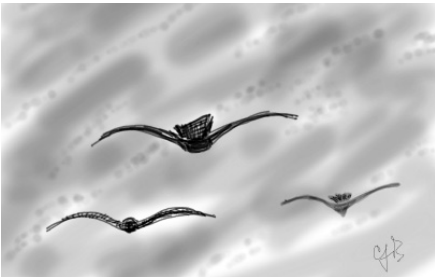
Section 746 of Title VII of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017 (Division A - Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017) and subsequent statutes mandating domestic preference applies an American Iron and Steel requirement to this project. All iron and steel products used in this project must be produced in the United States. The term “iron and steel products” means the following products made primarily of iron or steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges, pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, reinforced precast concrete, and Construction Materials.

The following waivers apply to this Contract: De Minimis, Minor Components, Pig iron and direct reduced iron, and

This Advertisement is issued by:

Owner: **Sierra County Waterworks District No. 1**
By: James Murphy
Title: Board Chairman
Date: June 6, 2022

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Miners Foundry Brings Ska to Nevada City

NEVADA CITY - Jamaican sensation Mykal Rose will be performing at the Miners Foundry Cultural Center at 325 Spring St. in Nevada City on Thursday, July 21 st at 8:00 p.m. (doors open at 7:00 p.m.).

For over 25 years, Mykal Rose has been recording and performing his brand of militant, hardcore Jamaican music to the delight of reggae fans around the world. He has achieved enormous success throughout his career as a solo artist as well as performing as lead singer with Black Uhuru.

By the time Mykal Rose (then Michael) became a member of Black Uhuru in the late ‘70s he had already made a name for himself by winning talent competitions opening for Roberta Flack and performing with Skin, Flesh and Bones at Dicky Wong’s famed Tit for Tat Nightclub Red Hills Road, in Kingston, Jamaica. Like so many artists of the day, MyVal grew up playing more R and B in clubs than reggae. He honed his skills playing the north coast hotels with show bands such as Happiness Unlimited, Fab 5, Inner Circle, Boris Gardiner Happening.

In 1984, Black Uhuru made history, winning Reggae’s first Grammy award for the album, “Anthem”. The "Ruff" Rose maintains his Jamaican fan base with hit singles on the island and abroad. He is a modern rootsinger and fits perfectly into today's scene. With a glorious past and a wide-open future, Mykal Rose is truly a reggae superstar.

The veteran singer-songwriter will be bringing his unique Grammy award-winning voice to the Miners Foundry performing the hit songs he penned during the late 70’s and early 80s and current sounds as well.

Get ready to for a night of great ska—music that combines elements of Caribbean mento and calypso with American jazz and rhythm and blues. Don’t miss this music legend.

Tickets: \$ 30 Advance, \$35 At the Door.

Tickets available online, by phone or in person at the Miners Foundry Box Office:

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*The Miners Foundry Cultural Center is a living historic treasure serving Nevada County as a cultural arts and community events center. More than a venue, the nonprofit’s mission is to preserve, enhance and utilize the historic Miners Foundry for cultural, educational, and social activities in Nevada County. It is a symbol of California’s rich historical heritage, providing an educational and social bridge from our past to the present and future.*



## The Legendary Count Basie Orchestra Performs at The Center for the Arts

GRASS VALLEY - The Center for the Arts proudly presents The Legendary Count Basie Orchestra in the Marisa Funk Theater on July 24, 2022. The Count Basie Orchestra has won every respected jazz poll in the world at least once, including 18 Grammy Awards, performed for kings, queens, and other world royalty, appeared in several movies, television shows, at every major jazz festival and major concert hall in the world. The legend continues today with director Scotty Barnhart and guest vocalist Carmen Bradford, but began with pianist and bandleader William James “Count” Basie and still is an American institution that personifies the grandeur and excellence of jazz. In the history of jazz music, there is only one bandleader that has the distinction of having his orchestra still performing sold out concerts all over the world, with members personally chosen by him, for over 30 years after his passing.

William "Count" Basie was born in Red Bank, New Jersey in 1904 and began his early playing days by working as a silent movie pianist and organist. In 1927, Basie, then touring with Gonzelle White and the Big Jazz Jamboree, found himself stranded in Kansas City, Missouri where he would begin to explore his deep love of the blues and meet his future band mates, including bassist Walter Page.

Walter Page's Blue Devils and Bennie Moten's Kansas City Orchestra caught Basie’s ear and soon he was playing with both and serving as second pianist and arranger for Mr. Moten. In 1935, Bennie Moten died, and it was left to Basie to take some of the musicians from that orchestra and form his own, The Count Basie Orchestra. Some 86 years later, his orchestra continues to epitomize Kansas City Swing and the big band era. With the April In Paris recording in 1955, the orchestra began to set standards of musical achievement that have been emulated by every jazz orchestra since that time. Some of the greatest soloists, composers, arrangers, and vocalists in jazz history such as Lester Young, Billie Holiday, Frank Foster, Thad Jones, Sonny Payne, Freddie Green, Snooky Young, Frank Wess, and Joe Williams, became international stars once they began working with The Legendary Count Basie Orchestra. Since Basie's passing in 1984, others have led the orchestra forward such as Thad Jones, Frank Foster, Grover Mitchell, Bill Hughes, Dennis Mackrel, and since September of 2013, Scotty Barnhart maintains it as one of the elite performing organizations in jazz.

Recent honors include their 2022 Grammy nomination for Live at Birdland, a 2019 Grammy nomination for All About That Basie, which features special guests Stevie Wonder, Jon Faddis, and Take 6 among others, and the 2018 Downbeat Readers Poll Award as the #1 Jazz Orchestra in the world.

This great 18-member orchestra is still continuing the excellent history started by Basie of stomping and shouting the blues, as well as refining those musical particulars that allow for the deepest and most moving of swing. Don’t miss an evening with the most venerable and viable enterprises in American music, The Legendary Count Basie Orchestra at The Center for the Arts. Special thanks to our show sponsor Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley.

*Since 2000, The Center for the Arts, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organization, has grown into a leading presenter of music, dance, theater, comedy, literary and visual art, and family programming, offering more than 150 events per year from its location in downtown Grass Valley. The Center recently completed a major renovation of its multiuse, 21,000-square-foot facility in downtown Grass Valley, making it a premier performing arts destination. The venue includes the Main Stage, which accommodates up to 492 guests in configurable theater seats and up to 700 patrons for dance shows, and a 90-seat studio theater.*

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**California Hay Report - 7/8/2022**

Compared to last week: Trade activity and demand were good. Retail hay prices were steady. Dairy and Export hay prices were steady with good demand. According to the NASS report on July 05, 2022 sunflower fields were flowering in Sutter County. In the Sacramento Valley, irrigation continued to be a priority for many crops. Corn fields continued to make good progress. In Stanislaus County, weeds continued to be sprayed in corn, forage hay, and Sudan grass. Corn was sprayed for both two-spotted mites and spider mites. Alfalfa hay and silage continued to be harvested. In the San Joaquin Valley, the cotton crop was blooming and making good progress. As insect activity was increasing, treatments were made to control infestations. Second irrigations began for American Pima cotton. In Tulare County, corn was thriving. Corn for silage was tasseling out with later varieties still growing. With excess summer temperatures, more irrigation was needed for crop fields. Alfalfa continued to be cut and baled for hay. Cotton fields were growing well with warmer temperatures. The next available hay report will be July 15, 2022.

**Volume - California**

|                      | <b>This Week</b> | <b>Last Reported</b> | <b>Last Year</b> |
|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|
|                      |                  | (6/13/2022)          |                  |
| <b>Tons of Hay:</b>  | 3700             | 19590                | 18175            |
| <b>Bales of Hay:</b> | 2385             | 52850                | 0                |

**North Inter-Mountain**

Hay (Conventional)

|                                                 | <b>Qty.</b> | <b>Price Range</b> | <b>Use</b>    | <b>Age</b> |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------|------------|
| <b>Alfalfa - Supreme (Trade/Per Ton)</b>        |             |                    |               |            |
| Large Sq. 3x4                                   | 700         | 350.00             | Feedlot/dairy | New        |
| <b>Alfalfa - Premium (Trade/Per Bale)</b>       |             |                    |               |            |
| Small Sq. 3 Tie                                 | 250         | 335.00             | Retail        | New        |
| <b>Alfalfa - Good/Premium (Trade/Per Ton)</b>   |             |                    |               |            |
| Large Sq. 3x4                                   | 500         | 280.00             | Feedlot/dairy | New        |
| <b>Orchard Grass - Premium (Trade/Per Bale)</b> |             |                    |               |            |
| Small Sq. 3 Tie                                 | 900         | 19.00-20.00        | Retail        | New        |
| <b>Prairie/Meadow Grass (Trade/Per Bale)</b>    |             |                    |               |            |
| Small Sq. 3 Tie                                 | 200         | 17.00              | 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)

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**Local Gas Prices - 7/13**

|                                                   | <b>Regular (87)</b> | <b>Premium (91)</b> | <b>Diesel</b> |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| <b>Chevron</b><br>Hallelujah Junction             | \$6.39              | \$6.69              | \$6.79        |
| <b>Texaco</b><br>Chilcoat                         | \$6.35              | \$6.65              | \$6.75        |
| <b>Sierra Energy 7/11</b><br>Portola              | \$6.39              | \$6.89              | \$6.99        |
| <b>Valero</b><br>Portola                          | \$6.39              | \$6.89              | \$6.99        |
| <b>Mobil</b><br>Quincy                            | \$6.35              | \$6.44              | \$6.44        |
| <b>Bassetts Station</b><br>Bassetts               | \$6.13              | \$6.46              | -             |
| <b>Whites's Station</b><br>Loyalton               | 6.199               | -                   | 6.899         |
| <b>Sierraville Service</b><br>Sierraville         | \$5.829             | \$6.209             | \$6.209       |
| <b>Lost Nugget</b><br>Camptonville                | \$6.399             | \$6.799             | \$6.999       |
| <b>Penn Valley Gas</b><br>Penn Valley             | \$5.89              | \$6.09              | \$6.89        |
| <b>Nevada City Gas</b><br>Nevada City (Cash Only) | \$5.89              | \$6.19              | \$6.69        |
| <b>Robinson Mini Mart</b><br>Grass Valley         | \$5.99              | \$6.29              | \$6.65        |
| <b>ARCO</b><br>Grass Valley                       | \$6.04              | \$6.34              | \$6.99        |
| <b>Chevron</b><br>Truckee                         | \$6.79              | \$7.09              | \$6.99        |
| <b>76</b><br>Colfax                               | \$6.49              | \$6.99              | \$6.99        |

Sources: gasbuddy.com and phone calls to stations.

**Commodity Prices\***

|                                    | <b>Jul. 6 USD</b> | <b>Jul. 13 USD</b> | <b>Weekly Change</b> | <b>YOY Change</b> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Gold</b><br>USD/Troy Oz.        | 1739.44           | 1732.60            | -0.34%               | -5.18%            |
| <b>Silver</b><br>USD/Troy Oz.      | 19.193            | 19.157             | -0.13%               | -26.98%           |
| <b>Lumber</b><br>USD/1000 BdFt.    | 635.00            | 652.00             | +2.68%               | +25.05%           |
| <b>Live Cattle</b><br>USD/100 Lbs. | 134.50            | 136.875            | +1.77%               | +12.89%           |
| <b>Milk</b><br>USD/100 Lbs.        | 22.46             | 22.72              | +1.47%               | +35.32%           |
| <b>Wheat</b><br>USD/Bushel         | 793.25            | 819.25             | +3.41%               | 25.22%            |
| <b>Corn</b><br>USD/Bushel          | 725.00            | 740.00             | +2.06%               | +30.22            |
| <b>Sugar</b><br>USD/Lbs            | 17.99             | 19.14              | +6.39%               | +13.05%           |
| <b>Aluminum</b><br>USD/Ton         | 2413              | 2363               | -1.93%               | -5.87%            |
| <b>Nickel</b><br>USD/Ton           | 22581             | 21320              | -5.58%               | +13.59%           |
| <b>Crude Oil</b><br>USD/Barrel WTI | 98.31             | 95.87              | -2.67%               | +31.14%           |
| <b>Propane</b><br>USD/Gallon       | 1.17              | 1.15               | -2.43%               | +4.15%            |
| <b>CRB Index</b><br>Index Points   | 294.64            | 296.68             | +0.69%               | +30.82%           |

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

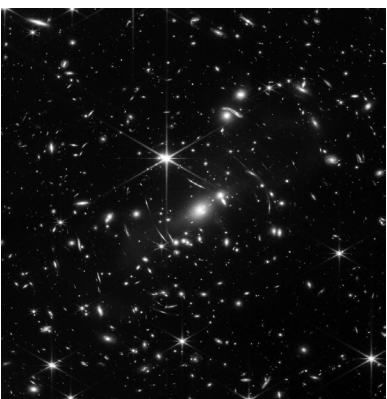
# Elements

## Night Sky: NASA’s Webb Delivers Deepest Infrared Image of Universe Yet

NASA’s James Webb Space Telescope has delivered the deepest and sharpest infrared image of the distant universe so far. Webb’s First Deep Field is galaxy cluster SMACS 0723, and it is teeming with thousands of galaxies – including the faintest objects ever observed in the infrared.

Webb’s image is approximately the size of a grain of sand held at arm’s length, a tiny sliver of the vast universe. The combined mass of this galaxy cluster acts as a gravitational lens, magnifying more distant galaxies, including some seen when the universe was less than a billion years old. This deep field, taken by Webb’s Near-Infrared Camera (NIRCam), is a composite made from images at different wavelengths, totaling 12.5 hours – achieving depths at infrared wavelengths beyond the Hubble Space Telescope’s deepest fields, which took weeks. And this is only the beginning. Researchers will continue to use Webb to take longer exposures, revealing more of our vast universe. This image shows the galaxy cluster as it appeared 4.6 billion years ago, with many more galaxies in front of and behind the cluster. Much more about this cluster will be revealed as researchers begin digging into Webb’s data.

<https://www.nasa.gov/image-feature/goddard/2022/nasa-s-webb-delivers-deepest-infrared-image-of-universe-yet>  
Keep lookin' up — Collin O'Mara-Green



### Sun & Moon

| Date: |              | Thu. 7/14 | Fri. 7/15 | Sat. 7/16 | Sun. 7/17 | Mon. 7/18 | Tue. 7/19 | Wed. 7/20 |
|-------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Sun   | Rise:        | 05:45     | 05:46     | 05:47     | 05:48     | 05:49     | 05:49     | 05:50     |
|       | Set:         | 20:29     | 20:28     | 20:27     | 20:27     | 20:26     | 20:25     | 20:25     |
| Moon  | Rise:        | 21:55     | 22:33     | 23:04     | 23:30     | 23:54     | -         | 00:18     |
|       | Set:         | 06:31     | 07:50     | 09:07     | 10:20     | 11:29     | 12:35     | 13:40     |
|       | Illumination | 99.3%     | 95.8%     | 89.5%     | 81.1%     | 71.4%     | 60.9%     | 50.3%     |

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

### Road/Trail/River Conditions

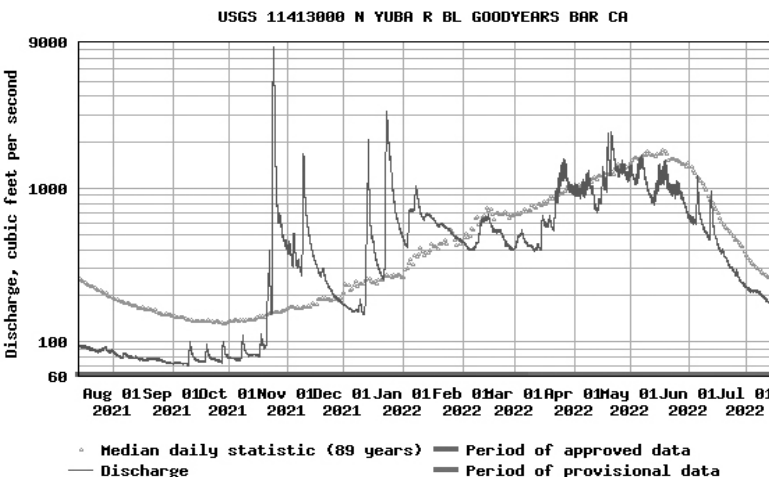
According to Caltrans, road maintenance will bring 1-way controlled traffic today from Bassetts Station to the Yuba Pass and from the Nevada/Sierra county line to 2.5 miles north of this line. Construction at various locations from the Butte/Plumas county line to 1 mile east of this line will subject motorists of delays of up to 10 minutes; construction from 3.8 miles east of Tobin to 1.2 miles west of Belden may bring delays of up to 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, snow has melted off nearly all trails and wildflowers remain in bloom at higher elevations. The snow on trails in the Lakes Basin and on the backside of Mount Elwell is expected to soon disappear completely.

As for the rivers and streams, the volume of water flowing downhill remains below historical norms. However, with precipitation close to "normal" over the 7/2021-6/2022 period the flow is significantly above the rate seen at this time in 2021. Warm/hot weather over the upcoming week will be bringing the water temperature up slightly.

### Water Flow on the North Yuba River

July 13, 2021 - July 13, 2022



### 7-Day Local Forecast

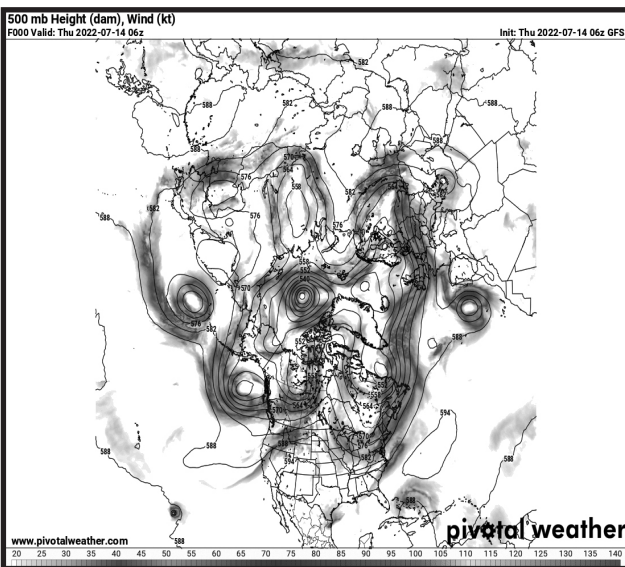
| Towns       | Info              | Thu. 7/14 | Fri. 7/15 | Sat. 7/16   | Sun. 7/17 | Mon. 7/18 | Tue. 7/19   | Wed. 7/20   |
|-------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| Downieville | High/Low (°F)     | M/55      | 93/56     | 95/58       | 96/61     | 99/61     | 94/60       | 93/59       |
|             | Cloudiness (%):   | 3%        | 3%        | 4%          | 9%        | 9%        | 10%         | 10%         |
|             | Wind (mph):       | SW 9 mph  | SW 9 mph  | SW 5 mph    | SW 8 mph  | SW 7 mph  | SW 7 mph    | SW 6 mph    |
|             | Humidity (%):     | 27%       | 22%       | 25%         | 27%       | 28%       | 29%         | 28%         |
|             | Chance of Precip. | 0%        | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%        | 0%          | 0%          |
| Loyalton    | High/Low (°F)     | 83/54     | 85/55     | 85/58       | 87/59     | 85/59     | 84/58       | 83/57       |
|             | Cloudiness (%):   | 3%        | 6%        | 15%         | 27%       | 19%       | 21%         | 16%         |
|             | Wind (mph):       | SW 12 mph | SW 12 mph | SW-W 13 mph | SW 15 mph | SW 15 mph | SW-W 12 mph | SW-W 12 mph |
|             | Humidity (%):     | 25%       | 25%       | 26%         | 27%       | 29%       | 28%         | 26%         |
|             | Chance of Precip. | 0%        | 3%        | 3%          | 3%        | 3%        | 4%          | 1%          |
| Quincy      | High/Low (°F)     | M/48      | 92/50     | 95/51       | 96/54     | 95/54     | 94/53       | 93/51       |
|             | Cloudiness (%):   | 3%        | 3%        | 3%          | 6%        | 8%        | 8%          | 9%          |
|             | Wind (mph):       | SW 9 mph  | SW 8 mph  | SW 4 mph    | SW 11 mph | SW 8 mph  | SW 8 mph    | SW 8 mph    |
|             | Humidity (%):     | 39%       | 35%       | 33%         | 34%       | 36%       | 35%         | 35%         |
|             | Chance of Precip. | 0%        | 0%        | 0%          | 0%        | 0%        | 0%          | 0%          |

Source: <<https://www.weather.gov/wrh/wxtable>> [National Weather Service WFO STO 02:50 AM PDT Thursday July 14, 2022] M=Missing

### Last Week’s Weather

Courtesy of the Grubstake Saloon

| Date                                                                                                                | Hi | FE | Lo | FE | Precip. | Snow   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|---------|--------|
| Jul. 5                                                                                                              | 75 | -2 | 51 | +5 | -       | -      |
| Jul. 6                                                                                                              | 77 | -2 | 50 | +3 | -       | -      |
| Jul. 7                                                                                                              | 82 | M  | 49 | -5 | -       | -      |
| Jul. 8                                                                                                              | 86 | +4 | 49 | 0  | -       | -      |
| Jul. 9                                                                                                              | 85 | -1 | 46 | -4 | -       | -      |
| Jul. 10                                                                                                             | 91 | +5 | 52 | +1 | -       | -      |
| Jul. 11                                                                                                             | 95 | +1 | 56 | -1 | -       | -      |
| Forecast Error (FE) is found by subtracting the forecasted temperatures from the day's recorded value. M = Missing. |    |    |    |    |         |        |
| <b>Seasonal Precipitation</b>                                                                                       |    |    |    |    |         |        |
| July 1 to date                                                                                                      |    |    |    |    |         | 0.00"  |
| To-date last year                                                                                                   |    |    |    |    |         | 0.00"  |
| Yearly average                                                                                                      |    |    |    |    |         | 65.28" |



### Jet Streams: July 14

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

# Games

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

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: L equals N

XTLFU MCWX OBU LMFPBLOW OLR  
GBMVOVWI ZM QPLSTLZ OS LTZQS,  
T CMPWR FOWW SQUd VURSTDU  
GBUIUBX.

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### Last Week's Answers

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

### CryptoQuip

Letters sent to farm dwellers about horses that stop and refuse to keep walking: balk mail.

CESSNA EARCANAL ENACT  
ODIOUS STOPPAGE MOSHE  
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NET ARE NSA ARIE  
ITS PRETTYBUTISITART  
MAGEE MAROON NETI  
INHALES FERRIS TOMBS  
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HUB SOUR RAE  
THECONSTITUTIONSTATE  
ISERE INANE VISIT  
THENOTTOODISTANTPAST  
WIL SARA DOC  
ARES PUTTINGTOTHETEST  
STRUM HOTAIR HUMIDOR  
MEGA TOSSED INDIA  
THETRUTHOFTHEMATTER  
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MURAL AEROPERU EDISON  
SPELL TRESPASS DAPHNE

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|     |     |     |     | 41 |    |     |     | 42  | 43  |    |     | 44  | 45  |     |    | 46  | 47 | 48  | 49 |    |
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|     |     | 77  | 78  |    |    |     |     |     |     | 79 |     |     |     | 80  |    |     | 81 |     |    |    |
| 82  | 83  |     |     |    |    |     | 84  |     | 85  | 86 |     |     |     | 87  | 88 |     |    |     |    |    |
| 89  |     |     |     |    | 90 | 91  |     | 92  |     |    |     |     | 93  |     |    |     |    | 94  |    |    |
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California: A Fourth of July Excursion and a Mountain Trip  
- A Cleveland Lady among the Sierras

Special Correspondence to the Cleveland Leader, Truckee, Cal., July 8, 1874

Aside from the beaten track of the tourist, in out-of-the-way nook not down in the guide books are to be found many places well worthy the admiration of those who cannot afford to see “Yosemite and die.” The name of Donner Lake is as familiar as household words, and yet I know of a lake equally accessible, rivaling it in size, location, real beauty, and grandeur of scenery, and of which I never could wish for my readers no more delightful recreation than a day, a week, or a month, spent upon the shores of Independence Lake, with the cares and turmoil of a jarring, jostling world shut out by the eternal snow-clad mountains towering from two thousand to three thousand feet above you, or to sail upon its pure waters angling for the speckled beauties which flash and glide beneath your keel.

I have just returned from a rare Fourth of July excursion a trifle hazardous perhaps, but now that we are all safe at home without broken bones, the spice or danger only adds flavor to the occasion. A rare excursion, because probably no Fourth of July before ever found adventurers upon Castle Peak. It takes brave men to climb its rocky steeps, and probably but one lady before had ever made the attempt. Dinner hour of the 3d of July found a small party at the American House, Truckee, enthusiastically discussing the ways and means of an ascent of Castle Peak. The wing of the party to which your humble correspondent was assigned left Truckee soon after, in a private conveyance, for the summit of the Sierras. The day was warm and pleasant, although we suffered some inconvenience from the dust. A ride of two and a half miles brought us to Donner Lake.

Pearl of the Sierras

This lake is four miles in length by one mile in width, and is a fair specimen of the numerous mountain lakes in

the vicinity. The surrounding scenery is picturesque and grand, and the drives alongs its shore are exceedingly pleasant ones. In front of us loom the high mountains, destitute of vegetation, rugged, uneven and covered with snow, on either hand high mountains sloping down with evergreen forests and caparel in white blossoms. The water of the mountain lakes is marvelously clear and crystalline, and swarms with myriads of trout anxiously awaiting the hook and line of the piscatorial tourist. Under the influence of a high wind the waters danced and the white caps of mimic waves chased each other to shore, dashing upon the beach in white wrath, and yet beneath this rough exterior you could look down into quiet depths. Besides its inherent beauty, which must always attract, Donner lake is possessed of historical interest.

The Donner Family

With a large party of emigrants, were overtaken here by a snow storm, while crossing the mountains in 1846. They had stock enough to keep them alive during the winter, but that was scattered and perished in the snow. At their feet swarmed millions of fish, but they did not understand the means of catching them. Sutter’s fort, now Sacramento, was only a hundred miles distant, and any mountaineer of to-day could make himself a pair of snow shoes, and in two day’s time travel that distance, and still of the eighty-four persons who reached here, more than half perished from starvation and exposure. There are still to be seen stumps of trees, ten to twelve feet high, cut by the party and showing the depth of snow at that time.

Our road from the head of the lake wound among rocks, crossing every now and then a mountain stream, in its rapid, rough descent, doubling now and then upon itself until we could look down upon what seemed to be another road far below.

There were massive granite cliffs forming perpendicular walls on all sides, and ragged, broken cliffs jutting skyward. We crossed the railroad track just before it enters a tunnel sixteen hundred feet long, on the divide which separates the Turckee river from the head waters of the Yuba. The former river is tributary to Pyramid Lake, Nevada, the latter finally reaches the Pacific. The wagon road was built three years before the completion of the railroad, for the purpose of transporting supplies to the workmen. The company paid \$38,000 for building the six miles between the lake and the summit, and made him bankrupt before the work was completed. During the past winter the snow fell from thirty to forty feet deep at the

Summit of the Sierras

covering the lower half of the second story windows of the hotel. Unpropitious as the situation seems for a hotel, still probably no house in the mountains is better supported. With the large addition which is being added to an already capacious house, there will soon be accommodations for a large number of tourists. Cardwell and Gordon, the proprietors, own also the Grand Central at Tahoe City, and being in favor with the “power that be,” have, to the entire exclusion of Truckee and other points which have heretofore been interesting to the traveling public, so manipulated the season that tourist now buy tickets in San Francisco for Reno via Summit Hotel, Tahoe City, Glenbrooke and Carson. Walking out from the hotel we had a fine sunset view of Donner Lake and surroundings. To the east, softened by distance and glorified by the rays of the setting sun, lay the bold outlines of the Washoe Mountains. Far below us like a pearl in the rough setting, slept the beautiful lake without a ruffle apparent upon its surface.

[To be continued next week.]

Hunting Giants

By Matt Jones, Tahoe Quarterly Magazine

Measuring Monsters of Nature

Ambrose and his partner, Wendy Baxter, used to work as researchers at UC Berkeley, but in 2019 they left the Bay Area to get closer to nature and resettled in South Lake Tahoe. Shortly after, they launched The Marmot Society with a mission to conduct scientific research to understand how ancient forests function and how environmental change is impacting them. They are also co-founders of Canopy Dynamics LLC, which, among other things, specializes in facilitating projects that require access to a forest’s canopy. Together, they have climbed, rigged, studied and measured hundreds of trees, from sequoias and redwoods to Douglas firs and Jeffrey pines.

The approach of climbing to the top of a tree and dropping measuring tape down sounds like a relatively obvious solution to accurately discerning a precise height. Getting to the top of a 300-plus-foot tree, however, is deeply labor-intensive, to say the least.

For larger species like redwoods, Ambrose and Baxter first have to rig the tree for climbing. To do this, they use a fishing reel fitted to a crossbow and fishing line attached to blunted fiberglass arrows. After firing the arrow up into the tree, the fishing line hopefully goes over a large branch or two before descending back to earth. For shorter trees like oaks, the duo uses an item known as a Big Shot, which is essentially an enormous slingshot that can be purchased from various arborist magazines.

“Working as a team of two, we can usually, typically, on average, get two trees rigged in a day,” Ambrose says. “If the line is already set up and we’re just climbing the rope, it can take 15 to 30 minutes to get to the top of a really tall tree.”

Climbing these leviathans has its rewards. Not many people have experienced life from the top of a redwood canopy, and once they’re there, they don’t

always want to come back down.

“A lot of the time we spend in the tree is for our work, but sometimes we’ll stay up to watch the sunset from the top,” Ambrose says. If they climb a tree in the dark, they might hang out to see the sunrise.

While they recognize that they’re in a particularly dangerous line of work, Ambrose and Baxter have a perfect safety record in the 25 years they’ve been climbing.

There is yet another reliable way of measuring tree heights, one that doesn’t require a person to leave the ground.

“You can use lasers from the ground as well,” Ambrose says. “Some people, like Michael Taylor, are really, really good at measuring tree height from the ground using lasers. He’s phenomenally good at that, better than most people on the planet.”

In fact, Taylor has developed a method of discovering and measuring trees that doesn’t even require him to leave his house, at least not at first.

Laser Precision

LiDAR, which stands for Light Detection and Ranging, uses laser technology to create 3D maps of terrestrial features. Government agencies like NASA, NOAA and the U.S. Geological Survey all collect LiDAR data, which is made publicly available.

“Each agency of the forest service generally processes their LiDAR and they know about most of those trees within their jurisdictions,” Taylor says. “But they’re not forthcoming about the coordinates. They don’t just give that information away. Basically, you have to process that LiDAR yourself.”

Over the years, Taylor has developed his own method of manually interpreting terabytes upon terabytes of raw LiDAR data. Specifically, he uses the data to create Canopy Height Models, which visually display everything from tree height to trunk thickness and coloration, depending on the quality of the

LiDAR.

He recently completed a two-year project processing all the available LiDAR data that Oregon and Washington have to offer. Now, he has his sights set on the forests of California, including the Lake Tahoe Basin.

“Something that would take many, many lifetimes, I can do in a matter of months to years. Just one person, doing armchair exploring,” he says.

In this way, Taylor can trade bushwhacking through forests for navigating through terabytes of virtual data—which, while performed in the comfort of his home, is no simple task.

“We’re talking about massive, massive data here. I might have to get a one-quadrillion-byte hard drive,” he jokes.

It’s a time-consuming method, but processing and interpreting LiDAR is undeniably easier than trekking through dense forests and climbing up 300-foot behemoths. It also provides a more accurate height estimation than triangulation.

“You generally know the height within a half of a meter,” Taylor says.

This is part three of this recent article from Tahoe Quarterly. Part four will be republished next week.



Featured in the 2007 book "The Wild Trees", Michael Taylor is one of the foremost tree-hunters in the world, tracking down and measuring dozens of the tallest trees on the planet, photo courtesy Michael Taylor

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Four Hills Mine Dropping  
15 Stamps on Good Ore

At the Four Hills Mine, located in Northern Sierra County, 15 stamps are dropping steadily on good ore.

With a crew of six men a raise is being put up from the Mexican tunnel. The work has progressed 300 feet toward the ledge and good rock is now being encountered. A five-foot ledge will be stoped out to the surface. Andrew Bachels of Goodyear Bar is the operator of the Four Hills Mine.

Child's Untimely Death  
Shocks Sierra City

Our little community was greatly shocked and grieved when news was received from Nevada City early Monday morning of the passing of little Loren Galupi, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Galupi of this place. The little lad had been sick for about a week and seemed at times apparently better when he took a sudden change for the worse. On Sunday, Dr. Sutton, the attending physician, advised taking him to a hospital. He was immediately taken to Nevada City, where everything possible was done to save his life, but he succumbed the same evening at 10 o'clock. Loren, as he was familiarly called, will be greatly missed by all who learned to know and love him especially in the little home where he brought so much sunshine and happiness. He was a great favorite with his little friends and schoolmates, a bright apt pupil and was gifted with a keen desire for music, in which he displayed considerable talent. The funeral took place at 2 p.m. Tuesday from the family home. Services were conducted by E.A. Hayes of San Jose and were very impressive. Several

hymns were sung by a local choir. The funeral was largely attended, many people coming from surrounding towns. The floral pieces were many and beautiful sent by sorrowing friends, and among them was a beautiful piece which covered the little casket, a tribute of love and sympathy from all his school mates. Joseph Zerga, Jr., Adolph Loeffler, Alvin Kennady, Vernon Hansen, Richard Thomas and Andrew Fournier acted as pallbearers.

Loren William Galupi, at the time of his death, was aged 10 years, 9 months, and ten days. He leaves to mourn his loss his parents, one sister, Alda Galupi, besides a large number of other relatives. Heartfelt sympathy from the entire community is extended to the bereaved ones. Holmes Funeral parlor of Nevada City was in charge of the arrangements.

Gone in his childlike purity,  
Out from the golden day,  
Fading away in the light  
so sweet,  
Where the silver stars and  
the sunbeams meet,  
Over the golden way.

Autogiro Fails to Reach  
Here on Account of Wind

The autogiro carrying State Senator Tallant Tubbs on a speaking tour of the State, which was expected to make a landing in Downieville last Sunday morning, failed to reach here.

Being a small plane and encountering high winds after leaving the northern coast at Crescent City, it was forced down in Modoc County. Susanville was finally reached, where the trip was temporarily abandoned.

Senator Tubbs flew over Downieville Friday afternoon

about 4 o'clock and circled the town several times at a low elevation and then proceeded on to Marysville.

Gibsonville News

A large amount of brand-new machinery recently went over to the Saw Pit Mine, including a 25-horsepower electric generator. This speaks well for the mine. Good showings are made as the work progresses and expenditures are made accordingly.

Roy Post boxed two large pack mules on his auto truck and gave them a ride to the Gibraltar Mine recently. They will be used for packing and hauling. These mules were exceptionally handsome, being sleek and strong.

The Taber Mine Company of Gibsonville is complying with the State Insurance Commission for fire protection, building a 100-foot rock wall and iron doors to the tunnel; also sheet metal roofing are being placed on the buildings. The Taber Mine will start a 2000-foot tunnel to the third bore hole drilled by the company last fall which showed pay of \$1.50 per pan. Company officials declare they are entirely assured of the future of the mine, as to the channel and its returns.

At this time of the year there are a large number of swimmers at Cox's Lake, and they are a happy crowd. Mrs. Frank Delahunty should be handed the medal of beauty of figure and grace as a swimmer. She wears a bright red Jantzen suit, which attracts attention to them immediately and properly so, for Mrs. Delahunty owns Cox's Lake and she fittingly assumes the leadership among the swimmers there.

Prospectors have come in

large numbers this year to this mining section. Just beyond La Porte, near Justice of the Peace Bevan's mine, quite a tent colony exists, especially at the bridge. The wash line reveals shirts of vivid colors of several men in each family and respective territories. Scales and vicinity have a good deal of attention this season.

Large Mining Property in  
Sierra City District Will be  
Developed

One of the largest deals to take place in the Sierra City district for some time was the transfer by bond and lease of the Big Avalanche group of quartz claims, comprising 21 claims, the Roman group of 28 claims, and the Northern Bell and Lucky Boy.

G.W. Layton of Oakland is the operator, who plans to install a new type test stamp mill capable of handling from 15 to 20 tons of ore a day. The stamps drop with great rapidity, having a speed ranging from 150 to 240 times a minute.

Work of cleaning out the tunnels, building a bridge across the river, constructing roads, installing a compressor, jack hammers and other machinery and blocking out ore is progressing satisfactorily, according to Mr. Layton, who was in Downieville last week. A crew of ten men is employed on the property.

Early-day Resident of  
Rattlesnake Mining Camp  
Returns Here

Like a voice from the past was the return here of Mrs. Dora Thompson of Cloverdale recently. Mrs. Thompson, who, by the way is The Messenger's oldest subscriber, the paper having gone to her and her

parents without interruption since the '60s, arrived a short time ago to enjoy the fulfillment of a long-cherished desire. She wished to visit the scene of her childhood once more before it became too late.

Assisted by her son, R.E. Thompson, and E.E. Swanstrom, Mrs. Thompson, now well into her 80's, climbed aboard a sure-footed mule as she had done many times when a girl and rode 12 miles over a rough trail to the old Rattlesnake diggings. Her feat cannot possibly be appreciated by anyone not having passed over this trail, which becomes a narrow rock ledge above the creek with a sheer drop of many feet in places, while in other places a much younger person would be inclined to shudder at the perilous situations and hesitate to go on. But Mrs. Thompson, being from sturdy pioneer stock, disregarded apparently, the dangerous trail except to admire its rugged beauties.

Arriving finally at her destination, she immediately called for a gold pan and insisted on panning out a few colors, just as she had done many times in her girlhood days when the camp was a hive of industry.

Coming to Sierra County with her parents as a child of 5 years, Mrs. Thompson lived at the old Rattlesnake hydraulic diggings, on the headwaters of the North Fork of the North Yuba, for many years. Many are the panfuls of gold she has seen come out of these rich diggings.

Mrs. Thompson is reliving the scenes of the early days at Rattlesnake, enjoying a restful vacation, satisfying a long cherished desire and showing her son and his friend how they

used to do it in days all but forgotten.

Woman Miner Gets Silver  
In Pan Instead of Gold

While panning on the East Fork several miles above Downieville recently, Mrs. D.C. Mathison found a silver dime instead of a nugget. The coin, which is quite worn, bears the date 1816.

This stream was worked quite thoroughly in earlier times, first by the white miners and later by a horde of Chinese. Downieville is said to have had a Chinese population of 1500 at one time. The old coin many have belonged to some hoarding Oriental, or it may have been lost by a '49er. At any rate, Mrs. Mathison is the first miner, male or female, whoever panned silver from a stream in this county, and she is very proud of her feat.

Home Grounds  
Being Improved

One of the most attractive homes and grounds, when improvements now going on are completed, will be the Judge Henry B. Neville residence on Durgan Flat.

Last fall, Judge Neville, started on a program of improvements by having his side and front yards spaded, leveled and seeded, with the result that a pretty lawn now greets the eyes of passerby on their way to the courthouse or clerk's office.

Since the courthouse grounds were improved with lawns, shrubbery and concrete walks and curbing, Judge Neville felt that the surrounding residence properties should conform to the improved court grounds and set a good example by taking the lead.