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Downieville Class of 1960 Holds Reunion

DOWNIEVILLE – This past Sunday, July 17, the entirety of the Downieville High School Class of 1960 — Don Costa, Carolyn Ebbert, Bob Latta, Arlene Reed, Ila Williams, and Ken Wilmarth — met here to reminisce and catch-up with each other with each other, sixty-two years after they received their high school diplomas.

The group had an "awesome time" with everyone looking healthy and, since this group started school together as kindergarteners, they wonder if their class has earned to right to be included in the Guinness Book of World Records. Are there any other classes who attended K-12 together and could reunite over sixty years later without losing a single member?



Source: <https://www.jakejacobsoncountry.com/bio>

Jake Jacobson Live in Concert – July 30th!

By DUNCAN A. KENNEDY, County Fair Board Director

QUINCY – As part of the Plumas-Sierra County Fair’s grand reopening this July after two years of hiatus, the County Fair Board of Directors has announced their first major grandstand show in several years. On Saturday, July 30th, up-and-coming country musician and Portola native Jake Jacobson will perform a live concert in the Fair Grandstand starting at 7 PM.

Although the Fair Board had previously considered several different options including Lonestar and Wynonna Judd, Fair Manager John Steffanic settled the debate for once and for all by booking Jacobson as the Fair’s first grandstand entertainment act in several years. In previous recent fairs, acts such as the band Trailer Choir and a drone race had taken place in the grandstand, to disappointing reception. The

board hopes that enthusiasm will be much higher in the wake of recent events such as the Dixie Fire and COVID-19 pandemic, and aim to market this event to those affected by both as a way to boost community morale.

Jacobson’s website describes him as having “...a boot stomping sound combining that of cowboy crooners, honky tonk, traditional country sounds, and a hint of southern rock” that “draws influence from artists like Josh Turner, George Strait, Justin Moore, and Cody Johnson”. Jacobson is currently touring as an opening act for Country Now’s 2022 Country Artist to Watch, Randall King. For Jake, one must imagine that returning to his Plumas County roots to play a show for a hometown crowd must be an indescribable thrill. Jacobson currently has two singles out, “Speed of Neon Light” and “One of Those” from his new debut EP, “Lovin’ and Leavin’”.

The Plumas-Sierra County Fair runs from July 28th through July 31st of 2022 at the County Fairgrounds in East Quincy. Jake Jacobson’s concert will be in the Fair Grandstand overlooking the American Valley Speedway on July 30th, starting at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$10 apiece and will be sold at the Grandstand’s entrance; all proceeds will benefit the Dixie Fire Collaborative to aid in the recovery of Plumas County. Don’t miss it!

Hey Bidder Bidder Bidder Plumas-Sierra Junior Livestock Auction Sunday July 31st

Press Release Submitted by – JANE ROBERTI

The Plumas-Sierra County Fair and livestock shows will be July 27th to July 31st at the Plumas-Sierra County Fairgrounds in Quincy, California. Livestock will be shown by our local 4-H, FFA and independent youth from both Plumas and Sierra Counties.

“This will be the first traditional fair in three years for the youth and they are really looking forward to it,” states Megan Neer, Plumas-Sierra Junior Livestock Auction Chairman. “In the past two years, the kids have overcome the challenges of Covid, distance learning, been directly impacted by fire evacuations and some even lost homes due to the catastrophic fire.” “It will be neat to be back at the fairgrounds and having a traditional county fair for our kids.”

The auction sale will start at 9:00 a.m. on July 31st. Plumas Bank is sponsoring a continental breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. for the buyers and exhibitors. Plumas County Sheriff’s Association is providing lunches for the buyers.

Profiles of participating youth can be viewed on the Plumas-Sierra Junior Livestock Auction Facebook page. Interested buyers can participate in the livestock sale on Sunday, July 31st and help reward the youth for their hard work in raising various livestock and other animals, including steers, lambs, swine, goats, rabbits, and turkeys.

In addition, there is an option for add-ons for 4-H, FFA and independent exhibitors that are in the sale and will also be available the day of the sale.

For more information visit plumas-sierrajla.com or contact Megan Neer, President at (775) 771-5493.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2022 Plumas-Sierra County Fair and on Sunday, July 31st at the Plumas-Sierra Junior Livestock Auction.

TNF Implements Stage 1 Fire Restrictions

No campfires outside established campfire rings in designated developed recreation sites

TNF Press Release - July 19, 2022

NEVADA CITY – Ongoing drought and warming conditions have prompted the Tahoe National Forest to initiate Stage 1 fire restrictions starting July 20, 2022. Under these restrictions, the public can still build or maintain a fire, campfire, or charcoal briquette fire in established fire rings within designated developed campgrounds and day-use sites, but not outside of those areas. Campfires will not be allowed at all Tahoe National Forest recreation sites—a list of designated developed recreation areas is linked below.

“As we move into critical fire conditions on the Tahoe National Forest, we are putting fire restrictions in place in undeveloped areas to protect our forests and surrounding communities,” said Tahoe National Forest Fire Management Officer Jason Withrow. “At this point in the summer season, we are continuing to allow fires where it is safest to enjoy them—in our designated developed recreation areas.”

Fire rings in developed sites are the best place to enjoy a campfire because they are designed to keep flames contained and are kept clear of debris and vegetation. These sites are also visited regularly by staff and often have a campground host nearby to monitor campfire safety. All of this mitigates the chance of an escaped campfire becoming a wildfire.

The decision to go into fire restrictions is based on a variety of factors. Fire management officials monitor the current wildfire conditions on the forest, fuel moisture levels, and predicted weather to determine when to begin, increase, and rescind fire restrictions.

Under Stage 1 restrictions, the following are prohibited:

Building or maintaining a fire, campfire, or charcoal briquette fire outside of established fire rings within designated developed campgrounds and picnic areas.

Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a designated campground or recreation area, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.

Using a motor vehicle off paved, gravel or dirt National Forest System roads and trails, except within a designated developed Off-Highway Vehicle area.

Regardless of conditions and time of year, we must remain vigilant at all times to avoid human-caused wildfires. Help protect our forests, firefighters, and communities by following these principals when out on forested lands:

Campfires: Attend your campfire at all times. Ensure your fire is completely extinguished: drown with water (NOT dirt), stir with your shovel, drown again, and feel for any heat using the back of your hand. Continue this process until no heat remains.

Stoves: If using pressurized or bottled liquid fuel stoves, lanterns, or heating devices, use in barren areas with at least 3 feet of clearance from grasses and other debris that may catch fire. Prevent stoves from tipping.

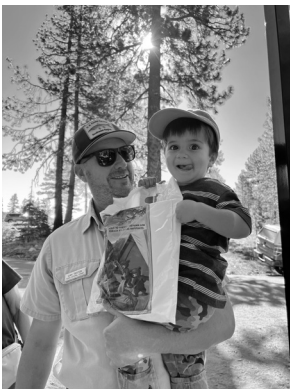
Vehicles: When traveling, ensure your chains are properly connected. The hot underside of the vehicle and dragging chains can start a fire. Stick to driving on designated roads and trails and be careful to not park your car or OHV in tall, dry, vegetation, including grass. The Tahoe National Forest Motor Vehicle Use Map can be found at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/tahoe/maps-pubs/?cid=fseprd638275>.

Spark Arrestors: Ensure that all internal or external combustion engines have a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order.

Flammable Items: Fireworks are prohibited on all national forests year-round, leave them and all other pyrotechnic devices at home. Always use caution with smoking. Extinguish all smoking materials dead out on bare soil. Pack out all cigarette butts and filters.

The full Forest Order and list of designated developed recreation sites can be found at https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd1044918.pdf.

Packer Lake Fish Day Contributed by MARILYN TIERNEY



After a two-year hiatus, this past Saturday, July 23rd, the annual Packer Lake Fish Day was again co-sponsored by the Sierra County Fish and Wildlife Commission, the Yuba River Ranger District of the Tahoe National Forest, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

More than 120 children fished at Packer Lake, which was stocked

with 1,000 lbs. of catchable trout by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Specially tagged fish were caught by two children, who were awarded \$20 for their prize. There were many fun and educational activities and gifts—all intended to promote fishing and foster an appreciation of our natural resources.



Sierra County Board of Supervisors Meet in Loyalton on July 18

DOWNIEVILLE – At this past Tuesday’s meeting in Loyalton, all five members of the Board were present for the roll call and after fielding no public comments or Committee Reports/Announcements, the Board’s business commenced with Department Manager Reports.

First, Chuck Henson, Chief Probation Officer for Sierra County, told the Board about July 17-23 being Probation Services Week and he read a letter he received from Gov. Newsom commending the good works being done by Probation Offices across the state.

Next, Vicki Clark, Director of the county’s Health and Human Services Dept. began her report by telling the Board the State had responded to complaints about the water quality in Sierra City by testing the water and they had not found any contaminants. Clark also mentioned her department is now the recipient of federal grants totaling \$462,000 per year, funds allowing her to hire staff, purchase equipment, and pay for some remodeling work. Clark closed her remarks with an update on COVID: the federal government has extended the public health emergency through the end of October; cases in California are slowly reaching the “red” level again; Sierra County is seeing one or two cases per day of the slightly more contagious B-5 variant; no new mask mandates are anticipated; anyone who is feeling sick should seek medical assistance because medications are available to reduce the severity of B-5 illnesses; more variants can be expected to continue appearing; a new mRNA vaccine can be expected to appear this fall.

Sheriff Fisher followed Clark by telling the board he is looking to fill the long vacant west-side Sergeant position with a Deputy II or III employee and said recruitment for employees is being hampered by the higher wages being paid by law enforcement agencies south of Sierra County. Fisher also warned the Board the fingerprinting machine purchased when Lee Adams was Sheriff is no longer being supported by the manufacturer. Therefore, he will be looking for \$15-\$20K to spend on acquiring a new device.

Moving on to the USFS update portion of the agenda, Rachel Hutchison, the Sierraville District Ranger, spoke about the release of Stage 1 fire restriction orders being released for the Tahoe National Forest. Hutchinson also informed the Board she is working with the Sierra Nevada Conservancy to develop on a Phase 2 fuels reduction grant application along Smithneck and with the Nevada Irrigation District on the development of grant application for similar work in Jackson Meadows.

Lon Henderson, the Yuba River District Ranger, began his presentation to the Board by speaking about a two-day tour of the North Yuba Landscape Resilience Project next week by officials from the Wildfire Risk Reduction Infrastructure Team in Washington, D.C.. Accompanied by staff from the USFS’s Regional Office in Vallejo and members of nine local organizations within the North Yuba Forest Partnership, the tour is indicative of national interest in the success of this effort.

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Hartman Bar Road Section Closed for Construction

PNF Press Release - July 18, 2022

OROVILLE — Beginning this week, approximately 3.25 miles of Forest Road 94 on the Plumas National Forest will be closed for construction.

It is expected the work will be completed and the road will reopen by November 4. Information will be shared as the work is completed and the road reopens.

The closure is between milepost 8.13 at the intersection with Forest Road 21N23, also known as Cascade Creek Road, and Forest Road 22N62, also known as Milsap Bar Road.

The stretch of Forest Road needs critical repairs this summer and is a section with numerous turns, the road narrows, sight is limited and there are not safe places to turn around. For public, employee and contractor safety, it is necessary to temporarily close the road.

Crews will be working on repairing road damage, removing hazard trees, widening the road, repairing slides and replacing retaining walls damaged in the North Complex Fire.

Today the focus was on signing the section of road as closed and moving equipment to stage in the area to start work this week. As work

begins, the road will be impassible for the duration of the project.

Recreation sites, including campgrounds, trailheads and trails along that portion of Forest Road 94 are currently closed for repairs due to damage from the North Complex Fire in Fall 2020. This includes South Branch, Hanson Bar, South Hartman Bar and Hartman Bar Campgrounds, and Hanson Bar and South Hartman Bar Trailheads and Trails. These sites are closed under Order Number 05-11-03-22-01.

Forest Road 27 can be used to access Little Grass Valley and other open recreation sites in the area.

Sourdough Jack Sez...



An expert fisherman told me the water in the river is the perfect temperature for the fish to fatten up on insects. Well, it's still too damn cold for me.

Katie's Sightings

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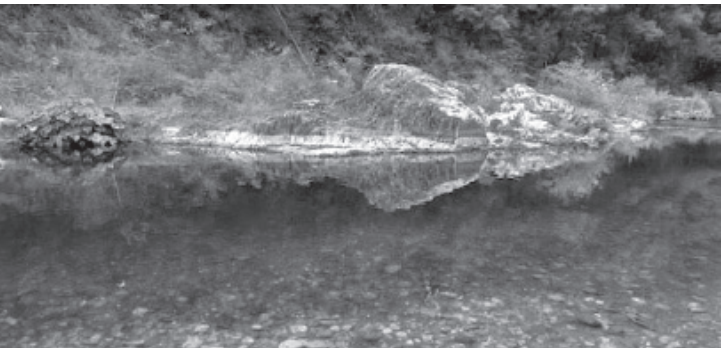
KATIE O'HARA KELLY

Summer on the River



North Yuba River - 7/6/22

It's been HOT this week, with the temperatures in the 90's, so I walked down to the river and spent the day! The river is low now, which is typical for summer, and easy to cross and warmer in temperature. "Our" swimming hole is just down the river a bit, and easy to get to. The water was perfect, the air was clear, the sun was hot, and life was thriving! I live in paradise!



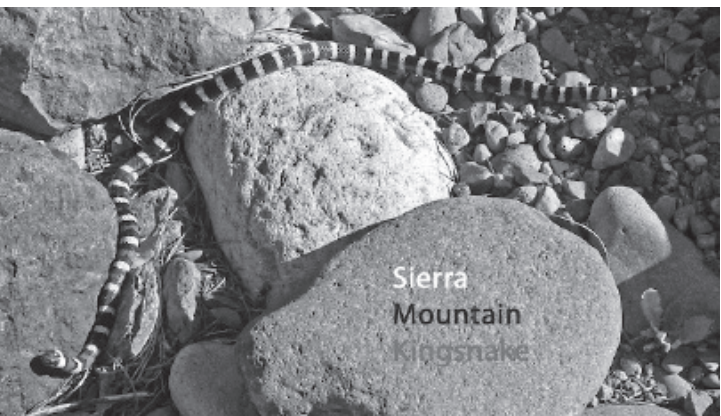
The Swimming Hole - 7/6/21

There's a lovely piece of bedrock that has caused a nice depth to our swimming hole. It is almost an island, with water on three sides, and I love to explore it every time I visit. This time I found lots of River Otter crayfish-filled-scat, two small snake skins, leopard lilies, and to my utter amazement a rare plant, *Lewisia cantelovii*!



Cantelow's Lewisia - *Lewisia cantelovii*

I first saw this rare plant, Cantelow's Lewisia, about 5 years ago on the North Yuba Trail! I was SO surprised to find it thriving at our swimming hole! It is in the Montiaceae or Miner' Lettuce family. The flowers are tiny, about as big as a fingernail, and white with fine magenta stripes! The stems as red, 12" tall, super thin, and end in a basal rosette of succulent-like leaves. They are related to Miner's Lettuce, Pussypaws, Red Maids, Spring Beauties, Sierra Lewisia, and Three-leaf Lewisia! How cool to have this rare beauty right in our "backyard"!



Sierra Mountain Kingsnake - *Lampropeltis zonata multicincta*

Another surprise was seeing a Sierra Mountain Kingsnake on my way to the swimming hole! It was sunning itself out on the dry river rocks! The red-black-white banding was strikingly beautiful! I've only seen these snakes twice in my life, and one of them was dead! They are not rare, but they are secretive and spend most of their time under rocks or logs. These colorful snakes are harmless to humans. They are constrictors and prey on lizards, snakes, bird eggs & nestlings, and small mammals.

I watched this one for a few seconds before it headed off among the rocks and eventually disappeared under one of them! What a lucky sighting! WOW!!!

Editor's Note: Meanwhile, to see pictures Katie shared in her July 16 blog of a Belted Kingfisher looking for a meal, a Spotted Sandpiper scratching its neck, the Common Merganser gosling growing up in her neighborhood, a Canada Goose gosling floating in the river, and a Osprey Katie sees almost every day, we encourage readers to visit her blog for a full-color version of what is depicted here and what we don't have the space to print this week.



Letters to the Editor

Thanks for Supporting Fun Activities

Many thanks to our partners—the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Tahoe National Forest—for another successful Packer Lake Fish Day this past Saturday July 16. Special thanks go to District Ranger Lon Henderson and his numerous employees for providing so many fun and entertaining activities, California Department of Fish and Wildlife biologists Amber Mouser and Stacy Anderson, and Sierra Hardware and Bassett’s for their donations, volunteers Judy Marovich, Sheila Olson, and to the many people in this community who have showed ongoing support to this event.

Marilyn Tierney
Sierra County Fish and Wildlife Commission

Unsurvivable Temperatures

Holy Batman, record temps in the US and Europe, people collapsing, and dying, rightwing Texas power grid fails again, Lake Powell is going away, hyper hot sidewalks, crops not flourishing! What should we do. Well, the Republican party has chosen to ignore all this and concentrate on “stop the steal”. Global warming will not stop. 104 in London today, 124 in London in 2032. The heat will continue to rise, and that’s ok with the party of death (you know, school shootings). They are so stupid they think a survivable change (get off oil and coal) in our economy is not manageable but unsurvivable temperatures in a few years is just fine.

Buy property in Antarctica. Now, while the gettin’ is good.
Don McKechnie
Sierraville, CA and Sparks, NV



Supervisor's Meeting

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Henderson also spoke about the current biomass and hauling operations in Sierra County and warned users of USFS Road 93 to be on the lookout for large trucks carrying heavy loads on this narrow road. He also told the board the beleaguered Sand Pond boardwalk, in the wake of several unsuccessful attempts to replace the damaged structure, has now been temporarily decommissioned (closed) to avoid anyone being injured there. On a more positive note, Henderson noted the district has filled vacancies for a Public Affairs Officer, Watershed Coordinator, and Support Services Secretary. Moreover, approval has been granted for the hiring of a Deputy District Ranger in the near future. As for the status of the Trapper Project, Henderson said the Alaska Peak timber sale to Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) has been completed, however, harvesting the trees from this sale is being delayed because SPI’s workforce is concentrating its efforts on salvage operations in areas affected by wildfire over the past two years. However, Henderson was pleased to report the receipt of additional funding from the federal Infrastructure Bill is allowing the National Forest Foundation to increase the Sleighville treatment area to 2,700 acres, up from the original 1,200 acres scoped there for fuel reduction efforts.

Next the Board held a public hearing concerning an appeal filed by Andrew Woodruff of the Planning Commission’s denial of a Zone Variance for a reduction of the front yard setback for a 111-square-foot woodshed on Woodruff’s small property in Sattley. Over the course of nearly an hour of the hearing, the Board learned of Woodruff’s neighbors support for the appeal and the many constraints Woodruff was facing in his attempts to comply with county regulations, the Board found a way to punt the issue back to the Planning Commission and extended public hearing until September 20.

Editor's Note: Unfortunately, due to space constraints, readers will have to wait for next week's paper for additional information about this rest of this week's meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

20/20 Hindsight

Contrary to what we published in our July 7 edition, we have been informed Dakari Daniels won the 9-year-old boys race here in Downieville on July 4, not Dockoli Dochiesis.

Yes, in accordance with proper newspaper practice, *The Mountain Messenger* corrects factual errors appearing in its pages. If you spot a mistake, please report it to the paper's staff by calling 530-289-3262 or by sending an email to <info@themountainmessenger.org>.

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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:

**Sauers Engineering, Inc.
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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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Sheriff's Log

By Jen Henneke

Monday, July 11

02:18 - In Sierra City, an ambulance was requested.
16:03 - A request for civil service came in from Sierraville.
16:55 - A motorist flagged down a deputy to report a reckless driver in Sierra City. The deputy was unable to locate the vehicle.
17:11 - In Sierra City, a vehicle hit a deer. There was no damage to the vehicle but the deer had to be put down.
17:27 - At Fiddle Creek Campground, somebody got in trouble for playing with a BB gun and shooting up the bathrooms. A deputy responded and made the shooter put away their airsoft rifle. I just want to know if this was a kid or an adult.
18:18 - A deputy was asked to contact a possibly intoxicated individual in Calpine.
18:24 - In Sierra City, there was a report of someone firing a gun into Forest Service land. At least they weren't shooting up some bathrooms.
19:45 - In Sierraville, a deputy provided a civil service.

Tuesday, July 12

11:09 - In Sierraville, a pesky illegal camper was given a destination ride by a deputy.
11:11 - At Stateline, there was a report of a fire. The report was given to Washoe County and Minden Fire.
12:42 - At the Pacific Crest Trailhead, a deputy was flagged down by some PCT hikers requesting a ride to Sierra City. The deputy was able to give them a ride.
13:09 - In Downieville, trash was found dumped at a day use area.
17:07 - In Loyalton, some items were reported as missing. A deputy was notified and assisted in helping to locate the items.
18:27 - In Sierra City, there was a report of an overdue mountain biker. The biker was located in Downieville.

Wednesday, July 13

07:05 - In Loyalton, Eastern Plumas Health Care Ambulance (EPHCA) was requested.
10:25 - In Loyalton, EPHCA was requested again.
12:34 - In Sierra City, there was a report of possible threats.
12:43 - In Loyalton, neighbors were yelling and screaming.
13:06 - In Verdi, some dogs were code 4 and the reporting individual needed a civil standby for an eviction.
13:19 - In Sierra City, a wallet was reported lost.
15:48 - In Loyalton, there was an accidental 911 call.
16:00 - In Sierra City, there was an accidental 911 call.
16:46 - On Hwy. 395, an abandoned vehicle was reported. When a deputy arrived on the scene, the driver drove off and failed to pull over. The deputy lost sight of the driver and was unable to locate.
18:32 - A petty theft was reported in Loyalton.
18:49 - In Sierra City, the power went out. PG&E was notified by multiple people and was working on the issue.

Thursday, July 14

07:56 - In Sierraville, a pilot making a hard landing accidentally activated a emergency locator transmitter.
08:11 - In Alleghany, a break-in and theft at the transfer station.
10:42 - In Goodyears Bar, there was a civil service request.
17:14 - In Downieville, there was a report of a possible illegal burn on private property. At the time of the report, burns were still allowed on private property as long as it is not a burn pile.
17:38 - In Sierra City, there was a report of a possible confrontation with an employee of the Buttes Resort.

Friday, July 16

05:53 - In Loyalton, there was a report of an injured deer along the side of the highway. A deputy put the deer down.
11:31 - In Loyalton, EPHCA was requested for an ill female.
15:35 - In Downieville, the person disturbing the peace at the Sheriff's Office over a civil matter was advised to consult the court.
16:01 - In Verdi, a civil standby was requested.
20:45 - In Goodyears Bar, a welfare check was needed due to Wi-Fi being down and calls can't be received.

Saturday, July 17

08:15 - In Sierra City, a male subject was shooting guns from his porch. A deputy made contact.
09:28 - An on-going issue with a dog-at-large in Sierra Brooks was reported.
11:17 - In Sattley, there was a suspicious person walking down the road. Sheriff Fisher made contact and told the person to move along.
12:32 - A report arrived from Alleghany about two trucks parked on private property without permission . The CHP was notified.
12:55 - In Sierra City, there was a disruptive camper at the Wild Plum Campground.
15:46 - Someone was disturbing the peace at the Ramshorn dump.
19:00 In Loyalton, the report of smoke coming from a residence turned out to be an AC electrical issue the homeowner will handle.
20:05 - In Sierra City, some individuals got their vehicle stuck and needed assistance out. Before a deputy could arrive, the individuals got unstuck.
20:37 - In Camptonville, a vehicle was vandalized.
21:09 - In Camptonville, the reported reckless driver could not be located.
21:17 - In Calpine, there was a report of a male subject walking on private property and asking the owners for beer. CHP handled the incident and advised the man to stop going on private property.
22:51 - In Sierra City, there was a report of an overdue mountain biker in Downieville.

Sunday, July 18

06:11 - In Loyalton, there was a 911 call due to possible domestic violence.
10:53 - In Loyalton, there was a solo vehicle accident at Lombardi Point and HWY 49. The driver was not at the scene.
11:55 - In Sierraville, there was a report of shooting and firecrackers in the Stampede area. Sheriff Fisher was unable to locate.
12:37 - In Downieville, there was a report of a vehicle parked on the sidewalk. The deputy was unable to locate.
12:47 - In Sierraville, a citizen requested information on a civil standby.
12:51 - In Downieville, there was a report of someone with a broken hand. The individual was able to get to medical treatment.
13:51 - In Loyalton, there was a report of a man acting strange in a field near Lombardi Point, he was transported to Truckee and cited for trespassing.
15:00 - In Downieville, a cell phone was found near the Gallows. The owner picked up the phone.
17:20 - In Sierraville, there was a grass fire. Sierra County Fire and USFS responded and put out the fire.
19:06 - In Reno, there was a juvenile issue.
23:49 - In Alleghany, there was a report of suicidal subject who might be in Sierra County.

Total Reported: 58



ROCK & ROLLS

SUSHI & LIVE MUSIC

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Saturday, July 23rd
Sushi 4 PM – 9 PM
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308 Main Street
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Sierra County Arts Council **\$30 ON-LINE @ SIERRACOUNTYHISTORY.ORG OR AT THE GATE.** FOR INFORMATION CONTACT CHRIS @ (530) 277-6408 SIERRA COUNTY

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



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FREE TIRE DISPOSAL

For Passenger Truck or Car Tires WITHOUT RIMS



NO CHARGE to residents of Sierra County.
No more than nine (9) tires per user.*
For additional information, please contact:
Sierra County Public Works
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2022
Sierra County Tire Amnesty Days through July 30 through August 8, 2022
Loyalton Transfer Station
July 30, 2022 through August 8, 2022
Sat, Sun, Mon 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
All other Transfer Stations
July 30, 2022 through August 7, 2022
Sat, Sun, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Free disposal is not available for tire dealers or other businesses. Industrial, farming and heavy equipment tires are NOT accepted.



Sponsored by Sierra County and the Rural Counties' Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority. Funding for this program is limited. Sierra County reserves the right to stop accepting tires for free disposal at any time, with or without notice.
*California law prohibits transport of more than nine (9) tires at any time.
*Sierra County residents may request a Transportation Exemption for up to 20 tires by calling (530) 993-6716



At the Firehouse

By VICTORIA TENNEY

ALLEGHANY: July 11th - Firefighters trained in Pike City.

DOWNIEVILLE: July 11th - The ambulance responded to Sierra City for an ill person - cancelled. July 14th Continuing Education.

LOYALTON: July 13th - 7:02AM, person lost consciousness, west of Loyalton; 10:24AM, individual passing out, west of Loyalton. July 15th - 11:30AM, adult sick, Loyalton. July 16th - 6:58PM, smoke coming from a residence, Sierra Brooks. July 17th - 10:52AM, single vehicle rollover, west of Loyalton.

PIKE CITY: July 11th -Firefighters trained. July 12th -Responded to set-up an LZ at Marysville road - released from scene. July 16th PCSF fundraiser Bake Sale.

SIERRA CITY: July 13th Responded for a power outage - PG&E was called in; Firefighters trained at the Sand Shed.

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

HEALTH DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 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, August 3, 2pm – 4pm
- Loyalton: Wednesday, August 10 2pm – 4pm
- Loyalton: Wednesday, August 17, 2pm – 4pm
- Loyalton: Wednesday, August 24, 2pm – 4pm

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

- Loyalton: Thursday, August 4, 1:00pm–4:30pm (12 and older)
- Loyalton: Thursday, August 18, 1:00pm–4:30pm (5-11 year old)

SENIOR CENTERS BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC: (No Fee)

- Loyalton Senior Center Thursday, August 11, 11:30am–12:00pm
- Downieville Community Center, Tuesday, August 9, 12-12:30pm

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: August 3 & 17 **Please call for an appointment**
- Downieville: Next month **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



Sierra Safe

A program of the
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Resource Center (PCIRC)

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

513 Main St., (530) 993-1237
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Loyalton, CA 96118

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

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

Emergencies call 911.



Legal Notices

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
Published in The Mountain Messenger on June 30 & July 7, 14, 21 of 2022

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, GOODLETT'SVILLE, 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#
Printed in the Mountain Messenger on July 7, 14, 21, & 28 of 2022

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
Published in The Mountain Messenger on July 7, 14, 21 & 28 of 2022

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
Published in The Mountain Messenger on July 14, 21, 28 & August 4 of 2022

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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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: UNITY GRILL, LLC
Full name of registrant: Unity Grill, LLC
Registrants Address: 111 Slim Drive, Chester, CA 96020
Business Physical Address: 111 Slim Drive, Chester, CA 96020
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1631, Chester, CA 96020
Phone: 530-310-3777
This business is being conducted by: a Limited Liability Company
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 06/27/2022
Statement expires on: 6/27/2027
/s/ Alexander Weine
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: June 27th, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000161
Published in The Mountain Messenger on July 21, 28 & August 4, 11 of 2022

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as:GROCERY OUTLET OF QUINCY
Full name of registrant: Mazzella Markets
Registrants Address: 1715 E. Main Street, Quincy, CA 95971
Business Physical Address: 1715 E. Main Street, Quincy, CA 95971
Mailing Address: 1715 E. Main Street, Quincy, CA 95971
Phone: 530-283-2706
This business is being conducted by: a Corporation
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Not Applicable
Statement expires on: 7/07/2027
/s/ Tara Mazzella
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: July 07, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000167
Published in The Mountain Messenger on July 21, 28 & August 4, 11 of 2022

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 Sunday, **August 21st**, when **Mass will be held at St. Thomas Church** in Sierra City at **12 noon**

There will be **NO** Mass in Downieville on the **21st**

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 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

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Public Notice

Public notification that a Contraband Interdiction System will be deployed at the Herlong Federal Correctional Institution. Those in the surrounding community should be aware there is potential for accidental call blocking during deployment.

Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: LOST SIERRA MOBILEHOME PARK
Full name of registrant: Pioneer LLC
Registrants Address: 81822 State Route 70, Beckwourth, CA 96129
Business Physical Address: 1200 Pioneer Road, Quincy, CA 95971
Mailing Address: 81822 State Route 70, Beckwourth, CA 96129
Phone: 530-832-5760
This business is being conducted by: a Limited Liability Company
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 7/8/2022
Statement expires on: 7/19/2027
/s/ Pioneer LLC; by Andrew Joy
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on July 19th, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000178
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: SIERRA MOUNTAIN DEFENSIBLE SPACE
Full name of registrant: Nathan D. Oels
Registrants Address: 200 California Street, Portola, CA 96122
Business Physical Address: 200 California Street, Portola, CA 96122
Mailing Address: 200 California Street, Portola, CA 96122
Phone: 530-249-2840
This business is being conducted by: an Individual
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 06/24/2022
Statement expires on: 6/27/2027
/s/ Nathan Oels
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on June 24th, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000160
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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is doing business as: Lost Sierra Family Integration Center, 330 Bonta Street #5, Blairsden, CA 96103, County of PLUMAS.
Carrie Michelle Little, P.O. Box 869, Quincy, CA 95971
This business is conducted by An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6/27/2022
/s/ Carrie Michelle Little
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Sierra County on June 27, 2022.
Marcy DeMartille, of Plumas CountyBy: Carlos Feliciano-Labarca, Deputy 7/21, 7/28, 8/4, 8/11/22 **CNS-3602733#**
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Local Calendar

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

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

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

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California Hay Report - 7/15/2022

Compared to last week: Trade activity and demand were good. Retail hay prices were steady with limited supplies. Dairy and Export hay prices were steady with good demand. Demand for Sudan were good, prices were not measurably set, no trend available. According to the NASS report on July 11, 2022 sudan grass for silage was planted in Sonoma County. In San Mateo County, cutting of hay and baling began. In the Sacramento Valley, corn fields were making good progress. In Stanislaus County, weeds continued to be sprayed in corn and forage hay fields. Forage hay was being sprayed for army worms. In the San Joaquin Valley, cotton bloom was in its advanced stage and boll-setting continued. Cotton continued to make good progress. Insect activity increased and treatments for lygus bugs were made. Alfalfa hay and silage were being harvested. Wheat straw was being baled in the Central Valley. In Tulare County, corn and sorghum planting were nearly completed. Corn for silage was tasseling out with later varieties still growing steadily. Cotton fields were beginning to bloom and irrigation continued with the warmer temperatures. Alfalfa continued to be cut and baled for hay. The next available hay report will be July 22, 2022.

Volume - California			
	This Week	Last Reported	Last Year
		(7/4/2022)	
Tons of Hay:	9985	3700	19870
Tons of Straw:	3700	0	250
Bales of Hay:	4200	22850	0
North Inter-Mountain			
Hay (Conventional)			
Qty.	Price Range	Use	Age
Alfalfa - Supreme (Trade/Per Ton)			
Large Sq. 3x4	300	350.00	Feedlot/dairy New
Source: USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News - https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/ams_2904.pdf			

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Local Gas Prices - 7/20			
	Regular (87)	Premium (91)	Diesel
Chevron Hallelujah Junction	\$6.39	\$6.69	\$6.79
Texaco Chilcoat	\$6.35	\$6.75	\$6.75
Sierra Energy 7/11 Portola	\$6.39	\$6.89	\$6.99
Chevron Graeagle	\$6.39	\$6.69	\$6.79
Mobil Quincy	\$5.94	\$6.24	\$6.34
Bassetts Station Bassetts	\$5.86	\$6.46	-
Whites's Station Loyalton	\$6.199	-	\$6.899
Sierraville Service Sierraville	\$5.799	\$5.969	\$6.109
Lost Nugget Camptonville	\$6.099	\$6.499	\$6.899
Penn Valley Gas Penn Valley	\$5.69	\$5.89	\$6.59
Nevada City Gas Nevada City (Cash Only)	\$5.499	\$5.79	\$6.29
Robinson Mini Mart Grass Valley	\$5.69	\$5.99	\$6.49
ARCO Grass Valley	\$5.64	\$5.94	\$6.99
Chevron Truckee	\$6.69	\$6.99	\$6.99
76 Colfax	\$6.39	\$6.89	\$6.89

Commodity Prices*				
	Jul. 13 USD	Jul. 20 USD	Weekly Change	YOY Change
Gold USD/Troy Oz.	1732.60	1695.17	-0.8%	-6.2%
Silver USD/Troy Oz.	19.157	18.67	+1.6%	-26.7%
Lumber USD/1000 BdFt.	652.00	631.60	-3.1%	+8.2%
Live Cattle USD/100 Lbs.	136.875	135.75	-0.8%	+13.1%
Milk USD/100 Lbs.	22.72	22.55	-0.7%	-35.4%
Wheat USD/Bushel	819.25	822.75	+ 3.5%	+18.9%
Corn USD/Bushel	740.00	591.50	-2.2%	+4.8%
Coffee USD/Lbs	209.80	218.15	+4.0%	+23.9%
Aluminum USD/Ton	2363.00	2425.00	+2.6%	-1.0%
Nickel USD/Ton	21320.00	20543.00	-2.6%	+10.6%
Crude Oil USD/Barrel WTI	95.87	99.53	+7.2%	+38.4%
Propane USD/Gallon	1.14	1.14	0.0%	+5.5%
CRB Index Index Points	296.68	306.53	+ 3.3%	+ 35.4%
The prices listed above are values from trades being made in futures markets for contracts expiring in June, not spot markets. Source: tradingeconomics.com				

Sources: gasbuddy.com and phone calls to stations.

It's in outer space - All telescopes on Earth have to contend with the air we breath. The atmosphere is a constantly shifting fluid that varies in temperature and density. If you have ever looked at a hot road, you can see how the shifting air can distort and obscure the objects beyond. So being in space, above the atmosphere allows for a crystal clear view of the cosmos.

Aperture - It's big! 18 large mirrors working together to form one giant telescope. In astronomy, the more light you can collect from distant objects, the clearer the resulting image or data will appear. This why the new images are sharper than other instruments.

Wavelength - Most telescopes we use are in the visible wavelength - red, orange, yellow, green, blue, violet. Even the Hubble Space Telescope is mostly limited to this area of the electro-magnetic spectrum. But the JWST is build for infrared light, a longer wavelength capable of traveling farther with less loss. So the data is allowing for more distant, older views of the universe!

Keep lookin' up — Collin O'Mara-Green

Date:		Thu. 7/21	Fri. 7/22	Sat. 7/23	Sun. 7/24	Mon. 7/25	Tue. 7/26	Wed. 7/27
Sun	Rise:	05:51	05:52	05:53	05:54	05:54	05:55	05:56
	Set:	20:24	20:23	20:22	20:22	20:21	20:20	20:19
Moon	Rise:	00:42	01:09	01:39	02:14	02:55	03:43	04:37
	Set:	14:43	15:46	16:48	17:47	18:42	19:32	20:15
	Illumination	40.%	30.4%	21.7	14.1%	8.1%	3.6%	1.0%

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

According to Caltrans, construction work causing overnight 1-way controlled traffic on CA-49 from 2.7 miles to 6.5 miles north of the Placer/Nevada county line will end tomorrow morning. Construction on CA-70 will continue to impose traffic controls at various locations east and west of Belden. On CA-89, traffic controls for construction work and road maintenance will delay motorists from 7 AM-5 PM between Sierraville and Sattley in Sierra County and in Plumas County from Moccasin to Crescent Mills. Bridge work south of Canyondam will also cause minor delays on CA-89 through tomorrow.

The volume of water in the regions watercourses continues to track lower at levels somewhat below but parallel to historic norms. The mid-day water temperature of the Downie River in Downieville was 64°F yesterday, only three degrees higher than the value seen at Ocean Beach in San Francisco.

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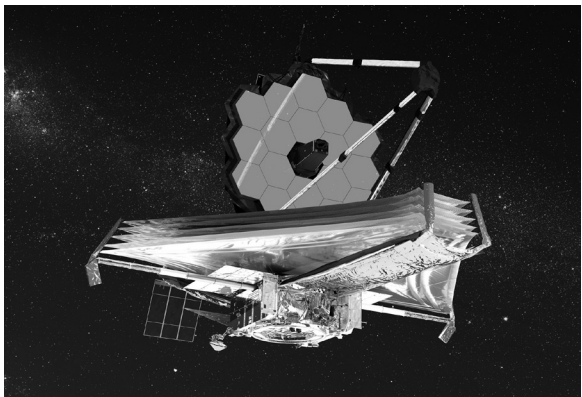
Discharge, cubic feet per second

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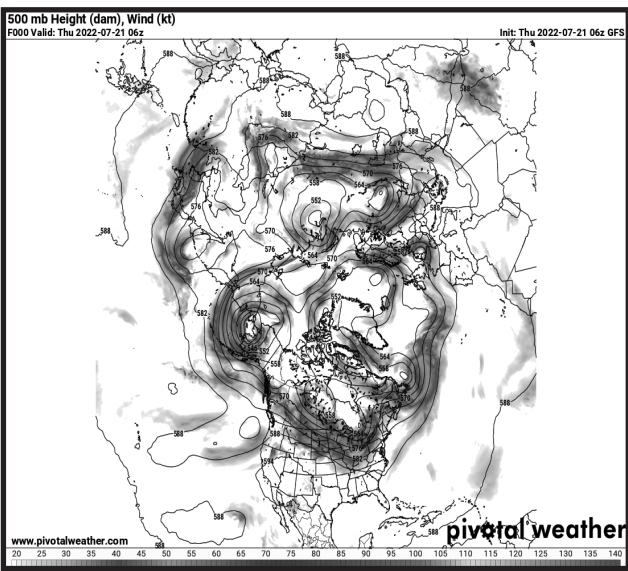
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Towns	Info	Thu. 7/21	Fri. 7/22	Sat. 7/23	Sun. 7/24	Mon. 7/25	Tue. 7/26	Wed. 7/27
Downieville	High/Low (°F)	M/58	97/57	94/54	94/55	96/58	97/58	96/58
	Cloudiness (%):	3%	3%	3%	2%	4%	13%	15%
	Wind (mph):	SW 9 mph	SW 9 mph	SW 6 mph	SW 5 mph	SW 5 mph	SW 6 mph	SW 5 mph
	Humidity (%):	23%	24%	22%	23%	27%	29%	30%
	Chance of Precip.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Loyalton	High/Low (°F)	M/50	91/49	89/48	88/48	91/51	93/52	92/51
	Cloudiness (%):	5%	8%	4%	6%	6%	13%	16%
	Wind (mph):	W 12 mph	W-SW 15 mph	W 9 mph	NW-W 10 mph	NW-W 9 mph	W 10 mph	NW-W 8 mph
	Humidity (%):	26%	29%	25%	27%	30%	32%	34%
	Chance of Precip.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Quincy	High/Low (°F)	M/51	96/50	95/48	95/50	97/52	98/52	98/53
	Cloudiness (%):	4%	3%	3%	4%	4%	10%	13%
	Wind (mph):	W-SW 8 mph	SW 9 mph	SW 2 mph	SW 5 mph	SW 5 mph	SW 5 mph	W-SW 5 mph
	Humidity (%):	30%	29%	30%	31%	33%	36%	37%
	Chance of Precip.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Source: < <https://www.weather.gov/wrh/wxtable> > [National Weather Service WFO STO 02:49 AM PDT Thursday July 21, 2022] M=Missing



Date	Hi	FE	Lo	FE	Precip.	Snow
Jul. 12	93	-5	52	-7	-	-
Jul. 13	88	-7	52	-6	-	-
Jul. 14	91	M	50	-5	-	-
Jul. 15	94	+1	54	-2	-	-
Jul. 16	96	+1	54	-4	-	-
Jul. 17	96	0	56	-5	-	-
Jul. 18	94	-5	56	-5	-	-
Forecast Error (FE) is found by subtracting the forecasted temperatures from the day's recorded value. M = Missing.						
<u>Seasonal Precipitation</u>						
July 1 to date						0.00"
To-date last year						0.00"
Yearly average						65.28"



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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

Last week, in the first half of her letter to the Cleveland Leader, Ms. DeWolf described Donner Lake and her journey from there to the Summit Hotel, high above the lake at Donner Pass.

The road by which we came wound in and out like the trail of an immense serpent. To the right burrowing along the sides of the steep mountain, run the snow sheds of the C. P. R. R. It must have been from near this point that Bierstadt painted “The Heart of the Sierras.” We had been told the view was taken from Castle Peak, but we had only to climb there to be very sure of the improbability, not to say impossibility of that being true.

Shortly after our arrival at the summit [Summit Hotel] we were found by others of the party. We were told here that we were attempting impossibilities; that the snow was treacherous, and that we would be in great danger of breaking through the crust, and reaching land or water forty or fifty feet below, that we were a month too early in the summer etc. After viewing the situation and deliberating upon the pros and cons, the ladies of the party thought best to abandon a part of the original plan and spend the night indoors. The gentlemen of the party, undaunted by obstacles untried, equipped with blankets, telescope and a flag, started on foot for the mountain. The morning of the Fourth dawned clear, warm and propitious and donning my riding habit, Prince and I, under suitable escort, made haste slowly to test our strength and sureness of foot in mountain climbing. Later in the season there is a passable trail for the five miles between the summit and the peak. But as we were the first to make the ascent, and as thus early in the season the trail is covered in many places with snow fifteen to twenty feet deep, we were obliged to hunt our way through many difficulties. Our course lay up a ravine for a short distance, then

out into a little timbered valley, over granite rocks and boulders, across streams, through the stunted under-brush and over snow many feet. Once we came upon several acres of red snow. It looked as if powdered by fine red dust, but where the red dust came from I am sure I cannot tell. In some places the way would be so steep that I would be obliged to lie forward, grasp Prince by the mane and cling for dear life; and when going down some pitch, lie far back in the saddle for fear of being pitched headlong overboard. Prince, although a little wild at times, proved to be a prince among horses for climbing. A lady must, I suppose, attempt such an adventure under all the disadvantages of modern fashionable dress. A side saddle of course, a contrivance for riding which any gentleman would pronounce an unmitigated nuisance if compelled by law to ride it, a long riding skirt ready to entangle you at any minute, and a hat with a veil at which every twig is making a grab, leaving you in imminent danger of losing the bothering thing, or being yourself left behind. When riding became no longer practicable, we left the horses in the shade of some larches, and commenced the steep ascent. That we were reaching a very rarified atmosphere was evident from the difficulty we experienced in breathing. The ascent to the peak is very difficult and even dangerous. In many places the giving way of a stone beneath our feet would have given us a tumble of a thousand feet.

There is a perpendicular mass of rocks not less than fifty feet high which form the battlements of the castle. This is overtopped by the towers and pinnacles of the peak. We were obliged to clamber up and down a steep inclined plane, covered with loose stones and gravel, where it was almost impossible to gain a foothold, across snow drifts where a mis-step would have

given us a clear slide of several hundred feet, at the rate of about a mile a minute. At length we reach a high perpendicular mass of rocks, up which we must climb by clinging to the projecting rocks. The feat seemed almost impracticable, but by the aid of strong arms, and assurances of safety, I found myself at length seated upon the topmost point of Castle Peak, which proved to be just spacious enough to seat our part of six. The massive rocks showed plainly their volcanic origin, a sort of conglomerate or pudding stone, thrown up, by some mighty convulsion of nature, through and far above the granite structure at its base. I wish I might paint for each of you a picture of the view we had from this elevation, 11,000 feet high, the highest point in this part of the Sierras. Far to the north can be seen the mountains near Honey Lake. The Marysville buttes and the Sierra buttes are visible. We could see the Sacramento Valley, and earlier in the day some of the party with the glass saw the city of Sacramento quite distinctly. Thirteen lakes were visible; the most prominent of these were Tahoe, Donner, the Upper Cascade and the Lower Cascade. Not an element of beauty entered into the scenes, only awful grandeur.

There is no vegetation around Castle Peak, and the timber in the ravines is mostly larches of stunted growth. We left the stars and stripes floating from the peak, a national salute was fired with revolvers, our names were registered in an old sardine box, and we began the descent. Reaching terra firma once more we sat under the shade not far from a snow bank and ate a lunch, after which we retraced our steps to where our horses were waiting and reached the summit in time for tea. We returned to Truckee in the evening thoroughly weary bu perfectly satisfied with our “Fourth of July.”

Electra L. DeWolf

Hunting Giants - Part 4

By Matt Jones, Tahoe Quarterly Magazine

Laser Precision

Even so, he doesn’t simply locate a tree in the virtual point cloud and call it a day. After interpreting LiDAR to pinpoint the precise location and height of a tree, he then makes the physical trek to the actual site of the tree for confirmation—a painstaking process he calls “ground-truthing.”

“Much more work and risk are involved in going to and measuring the tree. A lot of the journeys we go on are extremely rigorous,” Taylor says. “Some of these places we’re going are absolute hellholes.”

In some ways, Taylor is being literal here. For instance, on a recent trip to Oregon to locate the world’s tallest known Douglas fir, at 326.4 feet, he had to descend into a deep ravine covered in devil’s club, a thorny understory shrub native to the Pacific Northwest.

“They have these spines, and when they hit you, they embed in you and they fester and get infected. They go right through your clothes. They penetrate everything,” Taylor says.

So while LiDAR has not completely eliminated the need to venture into rugged terrain, it has at least given researchers like Taylor a more accurate picture of what they can expect to find when they do make that inevitable expedition into the wooded unknown.

Plus, commercial LiDAR can reveal other important scientific information.

“With very high-resolution LiDAR,” Taylor says, “you can literally determine the species of every little tree under the canopy. You can figure out the amount of carbon in a forest and, more importantly, the amount of total carbon sequestration by knowing the characteristics of each species.”

This particular application of LiDAR, measuring the role that trees play in capturing and storing carbon, sheds light on the importance of protecting the world’s largest specimens.

Forests store and sequester

carbon in their trees and soil, with large old-growth trees storing disproportionately massive amounts of carbon. This captured carbon is crucial in mitigating climate change.

These giants also contribute significantly to a forest’s biodiversity and, in effect, the ecosystem’s overall stability. For this reason, Taylor refers to the tallest trees as “boundary conditions.” The record-holders of any given forest are reflective of the environmental conditions that enabled them to break records in the first place.

“Typically, when something changes in the environment, the very tallest trees will be affected first,” Taylor says.

So, if the tallest trees are suffering, then the greater forest is also likely at risk. The inverse of this is also true: Protecting the overall health of a forest is one of the best ways of ensuring the survival of its tallest trees.

Citizen Big-Tree Hunting

It’s worth noting that you don’t have to be a certified forester or canopy researcher to track down and measure big trees. In fact, amateur naturalists and outdoor enthusiasts can nominate their own finds through a variety of organizations.

The American Forests Champion Tree Registry, which produces an annual list of new tree discoveries, also provides a comprehensive “Measuring Guideline Handbook” that explains various approaches to estimating a tree’s height, and that even includes a couple of recommendations for smartphone apps that make the process is a bit more accessible.

The Lake Tahoe Basin also maintains its own Big Tree Register that follows the same procedures that the American Forestry Association uses for documenting big trees. While the Tahoe Basin may not contain any world records, there are still impressive specimens worth tracking down. Case in point: Taylor’s LiDAR data reveals a roughly 214-foot white fir overlooking Emerald Bay.

But a tree doesn’t even have to be a giant to be worth nominating, as explained in the official Lake Tahoe Basin Big Tree Register booklet, “just large for its species.”

For those who are less interested in hunting down new giants and who are more intrigued by the idea of appreciating large trees that have already been discovered, The Marmot Society has a plan.

“Just recently, we did apply for a Tahoe Fund opportunity to try to start doing some recreational climbing,” says Wendy Baxter.

While they weren’t chosen for a grant this time around, Baxter says they hope to occasionally offer free recreational climbs of trees in the Tahoe Basin in addition to paid climbing experiences.

“Most people we’ve taken climbing say it’s one of the coolest experiences of their lives,” Ambrose says. “Going up even 100 feet in a pine tree gives you a unique perspective and a deeper appreciation of the trees themselves and the forest around you.”

This is part four of this recent article from Tahoe Quarterly.



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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Rock Slide Suffocates
Local Man

Lenond DeForest Chamberlain, 57, was killed last evening on his ranch about five miles up Goodyear Creek. He was reconstructing a ditch and flume along a 12-foot bank of serpentine rock, which gave way, covering the ditch about 60 feet long and 12 feet deep.

Chamberlain did not come home for supper. Gus Hess, working there, went to the neighboring Edward E. Chase ranch and inquired. Mrs. Chase had heard Chamberlain working on the ditch across the canyon about 6 o'clock. Hess, Chase and Roy E. Thompson, who mines on the Chase place, started the search and found the slide. An alarm was given through Goodyears Bar and Sheriff W. Dewey Johnson organized a party including William T. Reed, Jr., and Angus H. James of Brush Creek Mine; Edward Powell, game warden; Jailer Norman L. Costa; Gus Schreiber and Tom Ostrom of the Forest Service.

Working with improvised lights, they located the body about 1 a.m., still standing upright with the head buried about two and a half feet.

The body was taken to the county hospital, where examination by Dr. Carl C. Sutton and Coroner Philip R. Newberg determined that no bones were broken, death being due to suffocation. Bergemann Funeral Chapel took the body to Nevada City, where arrangements are being made to hold Seventh Day Adventist services, probably Monday at Lodi.

Chamberlain was born in Quebec, Canada, May 26, 1895 son of James Chamberlain. He

was naturalized and came to this area from Lodi about nine years ago, buying the 62 ½ acre ranch which had formerly been the Tomola, Moran, and in early days the Florida Ranch.

He was genial, industrious, and a hard worker on the ranch, selling crops of apples, besides many local contracting paint jobs.

He was employed a couple of years at Elko, Nevada, returning about a year ago. He had many friends who are shocked at his death.

Mrs. Etta Chamberlain, his widow, survives, as does a daughter, Mrs. Bernard Lewis, and three grandchildren, Gary, James and Lenond Lewis, of Sacramento, and his mother, Mrs. Mary Reed, at Lodi.

Sunday Morning Fire
Destroys Calpine Store

SIERRAVILLE – Fire of unknown origin destroyed the Calpine general merchandise store at 8 a.m. Sunday, along with the equipment and stock. Personal effects in the living quarters of the building were also destroyed. Calpine volunteer firemen put the engine stationed there into operation in record time, and Sierraville volunteer firemen and engine assisted in keeping the blaze from spreading to other buildings.

The building and contents were covered by \$10,000 of fire insurance, it is reported. It was owned by Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Laird, a young couple who were out of town. She was in Oakland, and he stayed at Gold Lake Resort Saturday night and attended church Sunday morning at Portola. He returned to find his building destroyed.

Retrieved by Posse

Tom Jones, well known popular cattleman of Nevada City, was found Thursday morning in Sierra Valley by a posse organized by Sheriff W. Dewey Johnson. Jones runs cattle during the winter on Camp Beale range, and during the summer in Sierra Valley. He left Loyalton Wednesday morning of last week to check his herd.

His riderless horse was seen Wednesday afternoon and a search was started. Sheriff Johnson was notified about 11 o'clock that night and organized the posse which renewed the search at daybreak on the McMillan ranch, about halfway between Loyalton and Calpine. Due to the wet winter, the ground is covered with lush grass a couple of feet high in places, and there is considerable water on the ground, besides some drain ditches that run several feet deep. Some of the posse were wet to their shoulders after their horses stepped into a ditch and the horses had to swim out.

Jones was found lying on his side in a place where the grass was comparatively short, and the water only a few inches deep. He was unconscious, had probably laid there since the day before, when it is thought he had suffered a stroke. Had he turned, he might have drowned.

Poles and coats were made into a stretcher and Jones was carried to a point where the ambulance could drive, and taken to Sierra Valley Medical Center. There he had a brief moment of consciousness and recognized his wife, who had come from Nevada City. He was taken to Jones Memorial Hospital in Grass Valley Saturday, where he was

reported as improving, although unconscious at intervals. A doctor said sunstroke was the most likely explanation for his condition.

Alleghany
Retired Mine Mule Leads
“Life of Riley”

“Mae West,” the big, old, white, pensioned mule of the Original 16 to 1 Mine, is again a familiar sight around town. She was released from winters quarters the last of May and taken to Chipps Flat and Minnesota Flat, southeast of town, but she finally drifts back.

She is a wise old animal and often comes to sleep near the Catholic Church nights, seeking sanctuary peace and quietness. She is inordinately fond of apples. She got hardly any last year, but there is a good crop this year.

Rohrig Harvests Cherries

Martin Rohrig finished picking his cherry trees this week. He got between 200 and 300 pounds, treated all his friends and sold some. This is a grand fruit year. The birds came to his yard and assisted with the highest branches. Fruit trees here have to grow high on account of deep snow in winter.

Forest Service Works On Fire
Suppression

Four fires caused by lightning last week were officially out Monday, according to the Forest Service, which watched until it was safe to consider all snags and embers were dead.

Included were some four acres of Mrs. Celine Pew’s ranch near Grizzly Peak, where chiefly down logs, logging slash and brush burned, with some good fir trees scorched.

About two acres above the Lenond Chamberlain ranch

on Goodyear Creek where underbrush and ground coverage burned and good pine trees were scorched.

About nine acres of logging slash, underbrush and ground coverage were burned and more trees scorched at the conjunction of Cherokee Creek with the North Yuba River, where men from Cal-Ida Lumber Company and the inmate camp at Graniteville assisted the Forest Service.

About three-quarters of an acre east of the James E. Harris place in Indian Valley was burned over.

A man-made fire at Indian Valley camp grounds burned over about half an acre Monday.

Lions Club Committee
Improves Swim Pool

A committee of the Lions Club, headed by Lewis L. Huesldonk, this week did preliminary work toward improving the local swimming pool in the South Yuba River. A few years ago, the club, with Huelsdonk directing, spent over \$700 to clear the pool with a dragline and other work. This has been washed out by high winter flows. At that time the Red Cross financed swimming programs, since when, much of the equipment has apparently been lost, including first aid kit, ropes, buoys, etc.

Antone Lavezzola donated a 200-foot rope that had been used for tug-of-war contests; Huesldonk donated, made and painted 15 buoys for it, and it was installed in the pool to replace the safety rope lost or strayed to other use. With Norman L. Costa, C. William Robbins and Walter Trotter, several large rocks were moved. It is hoped a diving board may

be put in again.

Sierra Families Sought
to Act in Fair Exhibit

(Mrs. E.W. Harriet, Correspondent)

LOYALTON, July 22 – Sierra County families are being asked to aid in operation of the county exhibit at the State Fair in Sacramento, August 28 through September 7. Live persons will feature recreation in a fair that is using “The Family” as its theme.

These should be Sierra families who can act in an exhibit that will have a Sierran camp site as its setting. Shifts of one-half day per family is about right. Using double the area of last year’s exhibit, this display will be fenced on one end, and on one side, a stream, starting with a six-foot waterfall and winding up in a six-foot diameter lake, in which will swim a few dozen native trout. Behind the water will be a typical camp site, complete with table, stove, chair logs, etc. This will be backed by trees, rocks, shrubbery and a forested mountain mural painted by Philip R. Newberg.

In this setting, Sierra County actors will play at mountain camping. They will play catch, tie flies, cook on the camp stove, read, snooze, eat lunch or just relax. Their chore will be to make camp life in Sierra County look like so much pleasure that viewers will want to make a dash for it at their first opportunity.

Families for this tableau may recruit extra children or visitors, as there is no set limit for the number of actors. Heads of volunteer families should notify Hal Wright at Loyalton, fair chairman, as to the time and day they may be able to participate.