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Main Street in Downieville this past Saturday was either the place to be or the place to flee, depending on your preference for crowds.

Brewfest Returns to Downieville After Two-Year Hiatus

Contributed by Michael Taylor
Downieville Improvement Group (DIG)

DOWNEVILLE - This year's Downieville Mountain Brewfest, held on Saturday, July 23rd, was a success with over sixteen brew vendors taking over Main Street while the 49 Crossing Band provided their blues infused music.

New this year, we had the Nevada County Home Brewers Club join the festivities with twelve of their members providing a variety of home brews adding an additional 30-35 gallons of suds. The Home Brewers held a vote from attendees, with an American Strong Blackberry Ale being the clear first place winner People's Choice Award.

This year's event had welcomed over 600 attendees and grossed over \$18k. Proceeds from this year's event will benefit the future Downieville Fire Station Building Fund. Funds from previous events paid for the construction of the gazebo in Gold Rush Park and a donation of \$70K towards the Downieville Community Hall Renovation Project.

The Downieville Improvement Group (DIG) coordinated and planned during the past year for the event with their core members being Cherry Simi, Michael Galan, Karen Galan, Michael Taylor, Teresa Taylor, Liz Halliday, Richard Halliday, Greg Johnson, Connie Johnson and Brenda Black.

While we are totally at risk at not mentioning someone who volunteered and provided their assistance, we would also like to personally thank and give a shout out to Kathy Whitlow who returned back to town and stayed up all night, along with Cherry, cooking and preparing the Brewers Private Luncheon which was served in the Masonic Hall.

A thank you to Jim Johnston who also returned to manage the parking at the school with students Landon Jackson, Mia Martinelli, and Natalie Rust, raising \$370 for the Downieville School Student Body.

Michael Galan and Michael Taylor co-chaired the event, with Michael Taylor primarily responsible for the permits, insurance and recruiting the brewers. Michael Galan was in charge of the setup, hydration stations and arranged the tubs and Cherry is the President of DIG and besides filling in for any unassigned tasks, managed the website, Social Media, Music, presale tickets,

advertising and supplies.

A thank you to Liz Halliday for managing the registration along with Karen Galan, Connie Johnson, Cheryl Good and Sharon Ranzoni. Thanks, as well, to Richard Halliday and Greg Johnson for helping with the setup, parking area and servicing the brewers with ice; to Karen Galan for setup and managing the merchandise table along with Sue Haddon, Ava Connolly, Bella Churchhill, Grace Galan and Elise Galan.

Teresa Taylor was in charge of the food vendors with priority and attention to offering a variety of food choices and supporting local businesses and groups as much as possible.

In addition to Sabrina's Cafe and Feather's La Cocina providing outside food services within the lineup of brewers, Sandy Sanders provided Asian inspired dishes, Josh & TJ Donovan with hotdogs, brats, nachos and salads, followed by Loren and Laurie Kelly with their Assembly of God members providing BBQ hamburgers and other delights. Also providing tasty treats were Party Pop Popcorn from San Diego and local baker, Keri of Bread Money Baked Goods.

Thank you, Brenda Black for heading up our security and monitoring the event. Thank you Mindy Strine, for your help and support with the Community Hall. Thank you, Cindy McCreary for the use of the plaza parking area.

Thanks to both James Berardi and Shawn Maple for their coordination of school playground area use and to the Folsom family for the use of the Masonic Hall and the Huck family for the use of their garage.

Thank you Golden Rays, Doug Peterman, Chris Strine, Billy Epps and Big Boulder Adventures providing shuttle services to/from Sierra City and Indian Valley areas.

A thank you and shoutout to the entire Downieville Volunteer Fire Department led by Steve Folsom and Robert Hall for washing down and helping with the setup and teardown.

It really did "take a village" so there are many we are missing and not explicitly calling out, for which we apologize in advance.

Thank you to the entire community, if not for lending a direct hand, your patience and tolerance on us taking over the town for the day is greatly appreciated.

County Fair Returns Today After Three-Year Hiatus

By DUNCAN A. KENNEDY, Member, Plumas-Sierra County Fair Board of Directors

QUINCY – After a three-year hiatus since 2019 thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Dixie Fire, the Plumas-Sierra County Fair will return to the County Fairgrounds from Thursday, July 28th through Sunday, July 31st. As always, this year's fair will be packed with attractions for people of every age, interest and walk of life to visit or compete. Due to the shorter fair week, the schedule is more packed than usual, so you can experience more in a shorter time than in previous fairs.

Today, July 28th, will see the fair's gates open to the general public at noon for the first time in three years. Fairgoers arriving at this time will have a chance to visit the Imagination Center in the Mineral Building, catch a high-energy dance performance from the Powerhouse group, and as a special treat for our seniors, there will be a senior luncheon featuring a serenade from a steel drum band.

The Carnival will open at 1 PM, featuring some rides that usually aren't at our fair due to scheduling conflicts – don't miss it! After riding some fair rides and looking at the exhibits in the Art Barn, 4-H exhibits, floriculture building and Tulsa Scott Pavilion, fairgoers can catch a live performance at 6:30 PM in the Old Town stage by local duo Walker and Willis while having dinner from the food court.



Quilts and other attendees of the First Annual Forest City Quilt Show on July 23rd were serenaded by Ian and his Pike City friends.

Forest City Shows Off Quilts and Local Talents

Contributed by CHERYL DURRETT
Forest City Historical Association

Forest City's first Annual Quilt Show was a huge success in the eyes of this beholder. The pulled pork sandwiches with all the trimmings served up by Terese and Amber was delicious and plentiful. Artisans Corale, Madeliene, Pam, Sherrie, and Sandi brought beautiful hand-crafted aprons, jewelry, soaps, baskets, sauces, baby items, and bookmarks.

Ian and his friends from Pike played some wonderful original music. The Dancehall was spiffed up with extra displays of dolls, old door knobs, vintage dresses, new photos, AND quilts!

Feature Quilter, Robi, was not in attendance but her beautiful quilts were. Amber showed her Grandmother's quilts, Sandra brought her quilts over from Downieville, Cherfy brought out the 1976 bi-centennial quilt her mother and the ladies of the area made. Plus there were many others on display.

The "Spinsters" canceled, but Birdsong brought her spinning wheel to demo. There were crafts for the children, old-fashioned toys to play with and a sprinkler set up for water play. The majority of the talent came from Alleghany, Forest City and Pike...tiny and talented.

Thank you again, BJ and the Sierra County Arts Council for your continuing support. A big thanks goes out to the Alleghany Mining Museum for their kind donations to the raffle and the businesses in Nevada County for their gift certificates of \$50 and \$25. We had some happy winners. I cannot begin to give enough thanks to my friends and especially my husband for believing in my idea and for playing along.

Our next event is the Famous Forest City Applefest, Sunday, October 16, 2022.

Friday, July 29th, will follow a similar schedule, but it is highly recommended that any prospective visitors or those fascinated by the ranch lifestyle show some love for the 4-H and FFA youth from across the Lost Sierra. The beef cattle show begins at 8 AM in the SPI Pavilion, dog showmanship is at 9 AM behind the Junior Ag Barn, and the meat and dairy goat shows are at 1 PM in the SPI Pavilion. Additionally, before going up to catch local musicians Ricketty Bridge over dinner at the Old Town Stage at 7:30 PM, have a laugh at the hog calling contest in the SPI Pavilion at 5 PM, where you can see a stunning demonstration of swine "obedience" training. And for the gastronomically inclined among us, participate in the Universal Mini-Donut Eating Championship at the front gate at 7:45 PM.

Saturday is always one of the Fair's biggest days, starting off bright and early at 8 AM in the SPI Pavilion with 4-H/FFA large animal round robin showmanship, where animal showmanship champions show their stuff in a multidisciplinary manner across all large animal species in a true test of skill. If you don't want to get up that early, line up along Main Street in downtown Quincy to watch the annual Fair Parade and cheer for a celebration of local communities! If the 4-H/FFA small animal round robin isn't quite your

speed at 2 PM, hang out on the West Lawn to watch the adorable Pee Wee Stampede.

The crown jewel of this year's fair is undoubtedly the live concert at 7 PM in the Fair Grandstand. Local legend and Nashville up-and-comer Jake Jacobson will perform at the grandstand, calling back memories of yesteryear when this Fair saw live performances by the likes of Alabama and Reba McIntyre. Tickets will be on sale at the grandstand entrance for the low price of \$10 each, and all proceeds will be donated to the Dixie Fire Collaborative to help get Indian Valley back on its feet for a brighter tomorrow.

While some may be tired after swaying to Jacobson's song "Speed of Neon Light" on Saturday night, Sunday morning is an equally high-energy affair – at 9 AM, the annual Junior Livestock Auction will take place in the SPI Pavilion. Come down to

bid on the finest home-grown beef cattle, meat goats, sheep, swine and turkeys in Northern California, and help make a youngster's dreams of the future come true. After that, enjoy one last day of rides and exhibits before lining up in the grandstand again to watch high-octane performance racers in action as they cap off the end of the Fair with fast-paced stock car racing! The carnival and fair will then shutter for another year at 10 PM, as life returns to normal in the quiet Lost Sierra.

The continued existence of this celebration is dependent on people visiting, entering exhibits and overall participating in the Fair. If you would like to donate or get involved to keep the Fair alive, please visit <http://www.plumas-sierracountyfair.net/pscf-foundation.html>. We hope to see all of you at this year's Fair; don't miss it!

PLUMAS-SIERRA



COUNTY FAIR
JULY 28 - 31, 2022

North Yuba Forest Partnership - 101

Tuesday, August 2, 7:30 pm

Sierra Nevada Field Campus, San Francisco State University

Join Biologists Ed Smith of The Nature Conservancy and Kat Perlman of the South Yuba River Citizen's League for an Introduction to the North Yuba Forest Partnership (NYFP). The NYFP is a collaboration between nine agencies, non-profits, and a tribal representative which was recently funded by Congress (~28.5 million dollars) to plan and implement various projects throughout the North Yuba River Watershed (NYRW) designed to increase the resilience of this landscape to catastrophic wildfires and promote the recovery of sensitive species.

This presentation to the interested public will be held in the dining hall of San Francisco State's Sierra Nevada Field Campus located along Highway 49 (about 2 miles east of Bassetts Station). Park in the lot next to the highway, cross the bridge by foot, and head for the largest building straight ahead. Presentation will start promptly at 7:30 pm.

So far, the NYRW has avoided the kinds of wildfire conflagrations that have occurred nearby, for example, in the Feather River and American River watersheds. Learn how proactive forest treatments at a landscape-scale have the potential to save our forests, meadows, waters, and human communities.

See <https://www.yubaforest.org/> and <https://nff.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapJournal/index>.

Sourdough Jack Sez...



People visit here and say, "You people are sure a bit slow up here" and I tell 'em, "Yup, haste is only a sign of the devil gummin' up the works."

Katie's Sightings

Taken with permission from northyubanaturalist.blogspot.com

KATIE O'HARA KELLY

Small Mammals



Yellow-bellied Marmot - *Marmota flaviventris*

I lucked out this week and spotted a Yellow-bellied Marmot near 8,000' in elevation! It was in one of the wildflower-covered, rocky slopes in the Lakes Basin. We were able to watch it for a minute or more until it backed off the boulder it was on, and disappeared into the bushes. How cool!!! I don't see Marmots very often, and this is the first one I've seen this year!

Yellow-bellied Marmots are the most common large rodent in the Sierra, and generally live underneath rocky talus slopes from 5,400' to 14,000' near vegetated meadows. They can often be seen perched on a boulder. If threatened, they make a very loud chirp that you can hear from quite a distance. The main predators of Marmots are coyotes, followed by badgers, martens, bears, and Golden Eagles.

Most marmots reside in underground colonies of about ten to twenty individuals, consisting of males, females, and their offspring. Their underground tunnels have many side passages, in which they raise their young, hibernate, and hide from predators. There is only one breeding season per year, which starts two weeks after they wake up from hibernation. The males mate with up to four females in a season. The females give birth to 4-5 pups, after a 30 day gestation period. The pups are born in April or early May, and are blind and naked at birth. Within two months they are weaned and can forage for food, consisting of plant material, insects, and bird eggs.

The young marmots remain with their mother until the following summer, even hibernating with her. Marmots hibernate for approximately eight months starting in September and lasting till May. In the Fall, they put on a layer of fat that sustains them through hibernation. During hibernation, young marmots will lose up to 50% of their body fat! The male of the harem drives out the male offspring upon their awakening from hibernation. Female offspring are allowed to remain in the harem. The young males then dig their own burrows and start looking for female mates to start their own harem.



Striped Skunks - *Mephitis mephitis*

Early one evening, I saw an adult female skunk with three young skunks in our kitchen yard! The light was fading and they moved quickly, so I didn't get a great photo. I haven't seen young skunks before, and they were so cute!!! However, I didn't get close!

If a skunk raises its tail, it's time to beat a hasty retreat! The highly potent musk of skunks keeps most predators away! When approached by a predator, they raise their tail, then they stamp their front feet vigorously and hiss and growl. If those actions don't deter the predator, they will quickly present their hind end and spray musk. They can spray up to 12 feet away, with accuracy! Most predators don't come back a second time, once they've been sprayed!

Skunks live in dens year-round. They have been known to make their dens under woodpiles, buildings, concrete slabs, and rock piles. Their dens have also been found in hollow trees, rock crevices, and abandoned ground-squirrel and fox dens! Skunks use their dens year-round. Skunks will often share a den with other skunks. They don't hibernate, but go into a state of torpor, in which their body temperature drops and they fall into a deep sleep. To stay warm during winter weather they plug the entrance to their den with dry leaves and grass.

Striped Skunks breed from February through April. Males will mate with several females. Once mating has occurred, the males are not welcomed by the females. The gestation period is 59 to 77 days. Sometime in May, the females give birth to a litter of 4-7 kits. After 6-8 weeks they are weaned and begin to hunt with their mother! By July or August, young males begin to disperse and become independent. Their sisters will typically remain with their mother for almost a year.

Skunks have poor eyesight but like many nocturnal animals they have highly developed senses of hearing, touch, and smell. They are omnivores and eat mice, gophers, voles, rats, birds & eggs, beetles, beetle larvae, caterpillars, fruit, nuts, carrion, bird seed, some garden produce, and even pet food!

Here Back East

By LENNY ACKERMAN

Solo camp

I headed to camp solo this past week. I wasn't alone intentionally, but my invited guests declined for various reasons. Anyway, I wouldn't really be alone once I got there. I envisioned days of backwater fishing with my camp caretaker, Greg, using my new 4 weight rod—a birthday present from an old colleague—and spending at least a day on the water with Andy, my long-time fishing guide at Wheaton Lodge.

My first morning back I awoke easily at 5:45am, the sun dousing me with warmth through the bedroom window. Quick to caffeinate and with metal coffee cup in hand, I sprinted down to the dock for a few casts off toward the rocks, past where the local ducks were sunning themselves. The bass were disturbed by my casts and fled, so I sat for a bit at the edge of the dock, scanning the lake and the few boats trolling for landlocked salmon and lake trout. East Grand Lake never ceases to amaze me. What was my hurry this morning? The water lapping at my feet at the end of the dock and the quiet sound of nothingness was like a soothing balm.

After a time I was ready for fishing - perhaps the gods would provide for a bit of catching. I headed to Wheaton's and Andy greeted me with a grin. Knowing I would not arrive at daybreak he had already trailered over to Spudnick Lake and dropped his East Grand canoe into the water. Wheaton's had prepared us a cold lunch, which would give us more time fishing - no lakeside picnic over an open fire--as there was a thunderstorm forecast late afternoon. We set off into a breezy but beautiful, partly cloudy morning on the lake. Sitting with the wind at my back I closed my eyes and savored the moment, the sun on my unshaven face, with only the sound of the small motor pushing us along to break the silence. Andy steered us over to a small cove sheltered from the gusty winds. We dropped anchor and using one of Andy's hand-tied yellow poppers I cast into the still water among the rocks and downed branches. Andy advised me to think like a bass: first scan the fly, then swim around it a couple of times then, if the fly moves, lunge for it. So using my bass mind, I retrieved the line a few times and...whack a hit! I set the fly and stripped in the line with my left hand. I brought a lovely small mouth bass to the canoe. Andy excitedly scooped the fish into the boat and grabbed his cell for a photo. He was as excited as I was to have caught a fish first cast out.

First cast, first catch. In a larger sense, it is almost a metaphor-- for those times in life when taking a new chance on something yields results. There have been times, when faced with a challenge, I went for something new—a first attempt at a solution—that led to a success. For instance, in my early years practicing law I decided to review the dissent in a case as the starting point for an argument to overturn precedent in a forthcoming case. This was an unconventional, fresh approach into unfamiliar waters that in the end resulted in a win. I used that strategy a number of times after that. My first big case in the Hamptons that received some press came about when I argued against the Town preventing a portion of beachfront from development without any legal basis to support the ruling. My challenge came from the dissent in another case which argued that “policy does not make law only a properly enacted legislative act of the municipality.” In that case I cast into an area where the courts wouldn't usually venture in overturning an action of the Town.

The day fishing with Andy was a delight as always. Things don't change much in northern Maine. Andy's Maine style reflects the nature of the water. He is even yet spirited. A great fellow to fish with!

Back at camp Greg and Darcy prepared for the next day at the backwaters off River Road. I had in past years tried fishing from the top of the water, but now with nymphs I would try my hand below the surface. My old Grumman canoe was propped against a fallen tree when we arrived at the edge of the pond. The paddles were in tattered shape having been ravaged by a bear per Greg. As usual Greg used a tree branch as a paddle to get us into the middle of the pond. I cast out, using my new rod and waited. A very slight, almost imperceptible movement of the bopper sitting on the water surface was the signal that a fish was on. Greg yelled at me to set the hook. Like I wasn't moving as quickly as I could once my brain registered that yes Lenny a fish was on one of the nymphs below the surface. We did not have a net so Greg brought the fish to the canoe by hand over hand stripping in the line. A beauty--the colors of a Monet thrashing around in the bottom of the canoe while I took a few photos. Once again it was the first cast into fresh water. I wish every cast could be a first cast.

Letters to the Editor

Crackpot Appreciation

Welcome back, Don Russell (“From this crackpot’s desk”)! I am glad you have returned to The Mountain Messenger!

I have missed, and appreciate, the clarity and consciousness of your thinking, the erudition and subtle humor of your languaging and phrasing, the directness and candor of your delivery, and especially your courage “to hold feet to the fire” of those in positions of power, whether real or imagined. I feel that we need more of this in our tight, closed little uniform communities, to keep all of us awake and honest.

I hope you will continue to step forth, Don.

Cai Sorlien
Pike City, CA

A Modest Proposal

I had a idea I would like to share: Since Sierra city is so small we can't afford a Village idiot or a Town Drunk, so we all have to take turns. My idea is to publish a calendar and we can pick the day we want to be idiotic or drunk. The sheriff could consult the “Idiot/Drunk” calendar before he assigns his deputies.

Of course, if you should do something idiotic or get drunk on a day that is not yours you cannot take credit for it.

I think this would really make living in a small town so much more efficient.

Thank you for your time.

Dee Wallace
Sierra City

Dotti Bok in Hospice

Attention friends of Dotti Bok, and those who love her. She has been diagnosed with inoperable cancer, she is on hospice is not expected to live more than three weeks. If you would like to send her a card, here is the address: 3 Arlington Court, Novato, CA 94947, care of her daughter, Chris Osbourne (chrisbok76@gmail.com). If you would like additional information, please call Suzi Schoensee at 530-249-5328.

Suzi Schoensee
Nevada City

Poetry Corner

Sheaves

By EDWIN ARLINGTON ROBINSON

Where long the shadows of the wind had rolled,
Green wheat was yielding to the change assigned;
And as by some vast magic undivined
The world was turning slowly into gold.
Like nothing that was ever bought or sold
It waited there, the body and the mind;
And with a mighty meaning of a kind
That tells the more the more it is not told.
So in a land where all days are not fair,
Fair days went on till on another day
A thousand golden sheaves were lying there,
Shining and still, but not for long to stay—
As if a thousand girls with golden hair
Might rise from where they slept and go away.

This poem is in the public domain. Published in *Poem-a-Day* on July 24, 2022, by the Academy of American Poets.

About this poem: “The Sheaves” first appeared in Robinson’s *Dionysus in Doubt* (The Macmillan Company, 1925). The poem is one of several Petrarchan sonnets (a form frequently employed by Robinson) included in the book. In Edwin Arlington Robinson (New Directions, 1946), Yvor Winters wrote that the poem “[e]mploys a descriptive technique to symbolize the impenetrable mystery of the physical universe as seen at any moment and the mystery of the fact of change.”

About this poet: Edwin Arlington Robinson, born on December 22, 1869 in Head Tide, Maine, was a poet and playwright. He was the author of many collections, including his *Collected Poems* (The Macmillan Company, 1922), *The Man Who Died Twice* (The Macmillan Company, 1924), and *Tristram* (The Macmillan Company, 1927), each of which separately won a Pulitzer Prize in Poetry. He was also nominated four times for the Nobel Prize in Literature. He died of cancer in New York, New York on April 6, 1935.



Wine in the Woods

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On the Shelf

By PAUL GUFFIN

What Is a Library?

The term “library” is based on the Latin liber for “book” or “document”. From that base, it moved on to “librarius” (Latin for “relating to books”), then to “libraria” (Latin for “bookstore”), and finally to our English word “library”. In Greek and the Romance languages, the corresponding term is “bibliotheca” — thus the Spanish word for library, “biblioteca”. Hence, a library is a place where books (and other media) are stored — or to think of it in a slightly different fashion, it is the collection of books and other media that are stored in a particular place.

The history of libraries began with the very first efforts to organize collections of documents. And, those earliest documents were not the books we think of today, but were clay tablets in cuneiform script, dating back to 2600 BCE, and mainly consisting of the records of commercial transactions or inventories. Later, records on papyrus were kept in Ancient Egypt, including correspondences, inventories, and texts of myths, with evidence of libraries at Nippur about 1900 BCE and at Nineveh about 700 BCE — the latter one showing a library classification system. During the Persian Achaemenid Empire (550-330 BCE) some outstanding libraries served two main functions: keeping the records of administrative documents; and, collecting resources on different sets of principles, e.g., medical science, astronomy, history, geometry, and philosophy. The Library of Alexandria, in Egypt, was the largest and most significant library of the ancient world. It flourished and functioned as a major center of scholarship from its construction in the 3rd century BCE until the Roman conquest of Egypt in 30 BCE, and included an early organization system.

The first public libraries in the West were established under the Roman Empire, as each succeeding emperor strove to outdo the efforts of his predecessor. Rome’s first public library was established by Asinius Pollio, a lieutenant of Julius Caesar, in 39 BCE, to increase the prestige of Rome and rival the library in Alexandria. In the Roman libraries, readers had direct access to scrolls, which were kept on shelves built into the walls of a large room. Reading or copying was normally done in the room, itself.

In China, the Han Dynasty (202 BCE - 220 CE) created three imperial libraries. A curator of the imperial library, Liu Xin, was the first to establish a library classification system, along with a library catalog, which was written on scrolls of fine silk and stored in silk bags.

The son of Emperor Constantine, Constantius II, created an imperial library in Constantinople during his reign as emperor (337-361 CE). At the height during the 5th century CE, the Imperial Library of Constantinople was the largest library in Europe, and contained 120,000 volumes. Unfortunately, the library was destroyed by fire in 477 CE, and then again another three times over the next thousand years, the final time in 1453 CE, when Constantinople fell to the Ottoman Turks.

As Islam spread throughout the Middle East and Europe, a series of outstanding libraries were also founded and flourished. Libraries became knowledge learning centers, where books and manuscripts were collected, read, copied, reproduced and borrowed by students, masters, and even ordinary people.

During the Early Middle Ages (late 5th to 10th century CE), monastery libraries developed. There books were usually chained to the shelves, reflecting the fact that manuscripts were valuable possessions (and not to be loaned out to the ordinary populace). However, books might be loaned, if provided with security deposits (usually money or a book of equal value). In 1212, the Council of Paris condemned those monasteries that still forbade loaning books, reminding them that lending is “one of the chief works of mercy”. The invention of the printing press around 1440 CE vastly increased the availability of printed books, including those available to libraries.

The 17th and 18th centuries CE (the Enlightenment) are known as a golden age of libraries, during which some of the most important libraries in Europe were founded. The Francis Trigge Chained Library of St. Wulfram’s Church, Grantham, Lincolnshire, England, was founded in 1598, and is considered to be the “ancestor of public libraries” because patrons were not required to be members of a particular college or church to use the library. At the start of the 18th century CE, libraries were becoming increasingly public and were more frequently lending libraries. An example of this was the Ducal Library at Wolfenbüttel, Germany, which was open every weekday morning and afternoon, with a diverse set of patrons of whom a large percentage were middle-class and non-academic users. Between 1714 and 1799, the library loaned 31,485 books, mostly fiction, to 1,648 patrons.

(To be continued.)



In Other (old) Literary News This Week

Ernest Hemingway and his wife Mary leave Cuba, never to return (July 25, 1960) • A film adaptation of **Jane Austen’s** *Pride and Prejudice*, with a “fatally winsome” screenplay written by **Aldous Huxley**, is released (July 26, 1940) • **Radclyffe Hall’s** groundbreaking and influential novel *The Well of Loneliness* is published by Jonathan Cape in London (July 27, 1928) • **Percy Bysshe Shelley** and **Mary Wollstonecraft** elope to France (July 28, 1814) • **J.R.R. Tolkien’s** *The Fellowship of the Ring* is published (July 29, 1954) • **The first paperback book** is published by Penguin Books (July 30, 1935)

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Where Two Rivers Meet

A Race to the Edge

By H. A. SILLIMAN

PART 8: AWFUL SPECULATION

Saloonkeeper Jimmy-Tim’s story about the brawl between Gavin and Jesse James left my reporter’s brain awash in questions. I asked, “Why didn’t you call Deputy Jack?”

Here, Babe jumped in. “Jimmy-Tim and the Sheriff’s Office don’t see eye-to-eye on things. The bar got busted once for serving to minors.”

“They set me up,” Jimmy-Tim hissed. “It was when Malloy was running for office the first time and wanted to make himself out to be a real big crime fighter. He was undersheriff and planned a sting.” He spat onto the floor. “Makes my blood boil. I don’t help the sheriff no more!”

I wanted immediately to post on the Ledger’s website the news about a counterfeiter being seen in town, but Babe said, “When Jesse is caught, this anecdote will make good copy. Let’s not tip our hats just yet.”

Chagrined, I agreed, and then I asked Jimmy-Tim if he’d checked his cash register for counterfeit bills.

“Yep! After I saw that Wanted Poster, I went through everything. No funny money here. If he were passing at other places, I’d might have gotten some. Bars usually do. I didn’t. Those boys’ conversation I heard makes me think they’re up to something else.”

Babe said, “I told him about the wreck and the ransacking. We think it’s obvious that the brothers were responsible for the mess at the Wyder place. It’s no guess what they were looking for.”

“Deputy Jack thinks it’s Don Wyder’s gold,” I said “Pretty much,” Babe said. “That story about Don saying he discovered a lot of nuggets is all over Quartz County, but nobody knows where he stashed them.”

Jimmy-Tim said that as a saloonkeeper, he’d heard plenty of tall tales like that. “Don’s talk about the gold he found could be just that—talk! He used to come and drink lots of whiskey. Never mentioned gold to me, though I knew about it. Of course, he might have found a little. You find a bit and that’s when the metal begins to corrode your mind. Makes a man sick ‘cause you want more. You’ve heard about ‘gold fever,’ right? That’s just what it is—a derangement of the brain. Our local history is full of these stories. Some guy discovers a bit of gold, and the gullible pay to be taken there. The man then turns out to be a liar or half-crazy. Don Wyder might have gone off the deep end, too. He was certainly crazy enough digging a mine tunnel and not shoring it up. No common sense there. It killed him. Nearly his boy, too.” He shook his head, “So sad.”

“What other thing could they be after,” I asked, remembering the rest of Jimmy-Tim’s bar fight story. “The one Jesse James said was easier and right in town.”

And just as I said that, I suddenly realized what it was: Circulating all over is rumor of Mack Boyd’s mysterious stash of gold coins from the cemetery.

I looked at Jimmy-Tim and Babe, and said, “Mack’s gold!” They nodded their heads in agreement.

Suddenly, a scene flashed in my mind, of Mack staring into his yard—and the guy with the rock-star haircut nearby in a black Mustang. “Do you still have the Wanted Poster?”

Jimmy-Tim reached under the bar and handed me the flyer. I took a pen to Jesse’s photo and drew in a mullet hairdo, like the one I had seen. My sketch created a spitting image of the driver.

“Yep, that’s the fella with Gavin Stallard,” Jimmy-Tim agreed. “Mr. Jesse James himself!”

“I just saw this a while ago on my way to RiversFest headquarters,” I said, describing the scene on Constellation Street. “Mack was there, too, at his house, acting weird, just staring into the front yard.”

Babe and Jimmy-Tim looked at each other, their eyes widening. “We better check it out,” Jimmy-Tim said. “I’ll drive.”

Climbing into his Bronco, we dashed to Mack’s house—Jimmy-Tim laying on the horn to clear the tourists clogging the streets. Arriving, we didn’t see Mack or the Mustang. We entered the yard and walked cautiously to the back of the home. What we discovered was worrisome. Lying on the back steps was Mack’s cane. The back door of the home had been kicked in.

Babe called out Mack’s name several times, stuck his head through the open door, but there was just silence. He turned and said the place looked a mess—like it’s been ransacked. The back porch and what I saw of the kitchen appeared as shambled as the Wyder House. Behind us, we heard Jimmy-Tim exclaim, “Oh no!” We found him in a corner of the backyard. He was examining clothesline strung between two posts. All four lines were missing, the frayed ends dangling. “These were just cut,” he said, and then pointing. “Over there on the ground is a pocket knife.”

“Whatever you, don’t touch the knife,” Babe called out. “Fingerprints!”

I used my cellphone to call The Golden Gables Inn, hoping that Mack was there, but Marnie Lopez reported he left hours ago for a walk. She gasped when I told her what we’ve found, and she volunteered to immediately phone Deputy Jack. After the call, Jimmy-Tim began walking around the yard, examining evidence. He looked at the cane, at the kicked-in door, at the clothesline, and the pocketknife.

“What are you thinking?” Babe asked. “Just speculating. Why is the door kicked in? Mack didn’t do it. He’d have a key. Mack wouldn’t leave the cane here, either. It’s pretty obvious what’s happened. Mack is kidnapped!”

NEXT WEEK—PART 9: THE CHASE IS ON

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TACO TUESDAY

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

MENU

Regular Taco..... \$2.00
Soft Taco..... \$4.00
Regular Nacho..... \$2.00
Nachos 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 TUESDAYS

Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad and Garlic Bread

ALL YOU CAN EAT FOR JUST \$12

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

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at the ELKS LODGE
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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..\$1.00 Hot Dog+Chips:\$4.00
Special of the Day...\$5.00

SECOND and FOURTH Saturday Every Month



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SIERRA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ORDINANCE No. 1112

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF SIERRA PROHIBITING OPEN FIRES ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF SIERRA COUNTY DUE TO THE EXTREME FIRE DANGER AND AMENDING SECTION 8.12.50 TO THE SIERRA COUNTY CODE

WHEREAS, the state of California is, for the third year, facing severe weather conditions which has resulted in multiple extreme wildfire seasons; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has declared an emergency due to extreme drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, drought conditions and human negligence in using fire during such conditions are contributors to forest and wild fires; and

WHEREAS, Sierra County is particularly susceptible to devastating wild fires due to the prevailing weather conditions and topography within the County.

WHEREAS, in light of this extreme fire danger facing both the State as a whole, and Sierra County specifically, the Sierra County Board of Supervisors finds it necessary to enact restrictions on private lands within the unincorporated area of Sierra County and public lands within the unincorporated area of Sierra County which are not owned and/or controlled by state or federal governmental agencies in order to further reduce the likelihood of human-caused fires within Sierra County; and

WHEREAS, there is an immediate need to take action to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens and natural environment of Sierra County from further harm and risk due to extreme wildfire and fire hazard conditions, the lack of firefighting resources statewide and extreme dry conditions in Sierra County;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SIERRA ORDAINS that:

Sierra County code, Title 8, Health and Sanitation, Chapter 8.12, Section 8.12.050 is amended to read as follows:

8.12.050: Building, maintaining, attending, or using outdoor fires, including campfires, bonfires, pit fires, tiki torches, portable stoves, excepting of propane stoves, or any other open flame fire is hereby prohibited on all private lands within the unincorporated area of Sierra County and public lands within the unincorporated area of Sierra County which are not owned and/or controlled by state or federal governmental agencies. This prohibition shall stay in effect until November 1, 2022, unless rescinded prior to November 1, 2022 by the Board of Supervisors. The open flame prohibition contained herein shall not extend to the following operations (except properties):

- Commercial/professional barbeque or smoker equipment set up and maintained within an area cleared of fuel for a minimum of 30 feet surrounding the equipment and continually monitored during operation. A fire extinguisher shall be readily accessible at all times during operation of such commercial/professional equipment.
- Propane heating devices known as patio heaters, umbrella heaters and heatstrip outdoor heating systems, excluding torpedo heaters, used for outside dining at a commercial restaurant if properly maintained and placed on a hard non-combustible surface and in an area free of combustible overhead materials. Said devices must be of commercial grade and provide for encasement of any flame.
- Private campgrounds selected for and actively monitored and inspected by the U.S. Forest Service (agency) with the following requirements validated by the agency:
 - Full time hosts on site during visitor use with daily checks of campfires and monitoring of campfire usage.
 - Water (plumbed with hoses capable of reaching a fire or a five-gallon bucket) and fire tools such as shovel, hoe, or similar tools on site.
 - Minimum of three (3) feet of mineral soil or non-combustible surface surrounding the perimeter of the any fire rings.
 - Fire rings must have not less than four (4) foot internal diameter.
 - Fires are limited to use for cooking or warmth and may not be used for disposal of vegetation.

This ordinance shall become effective immediately in accordance with California law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sierra, State of California, at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 19th day of July, 2022 by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Adams, Huebner, LeBlanc, Dryden and Roen;
NOES: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None

COUNTY OF SIERRA
/s/ PAUL ROEN
Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: HEATHER FOSTER, Clerk of the Board
APPROVED AS TO FORM: DAVID PRENTICE, County Counsel
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Sheriff's Log

By Jen Henneke

Monday, July 19

09:05 - In Loyalton, someone was cited for driving under the influence and a Plumas County warrant.
 12:21 - In Downieville, a welfare check was requested on a daughter camping with her boyfriend's family. A deputy responded but the area was vacated. The reporting party was contacted and the daughter was okay.
 15:02 - In Verdi, there was a report of a theft.
 19:13 - In Loyalton, there was a report of a reckless driver. A deputy was unable to locate the vehicle matching the description.
 20:16 - In Goodyears Bar, there was a report of smoke on a mountain side. CalFire, Plumas County and Sierra County deputies were unable to locate any smoke.

Tuesday, July 20

08:16 - In Loyalton, there was a report of a bovine wandering the road. A deputy passing through the area was unable to locate the wanderer.
 10:24 - In Loyalton, Eastern Plumas Health Care Ambulance (EPHCA) was requested.
 11:09 - In Downieville, there was a report of a possible scam. An email was received stating that the location of a missing dog was known and would be provided to the dog owner for a fee. A deputy made contact with the dog owner and believes the email is a scam but will continue to investigate.
 11:56 - In Truckee, there was an accidental 911 call.
 16:48 - In Sierra City, there was a report of three bones seen a few weeks prior on a fishing area trail. The responding deputy was unable to locate any bones.
 19:07 - In Sierraville, there was a report of a possible mental health issue with someone camping in Sierra County.

Wednesday, July 21

09:34 - In Loyalton, someone was bitten by a dog.
 09:43 - In Loyalton, a welfare check was request on a subject that was possibly suicidal.
 12:26 - In Loyalton, a civil standby was requested.
 13:30 - In Loyalton, there was a dead fawn behind a residence. The Sierra County Public Works was notified.
 14:33 - In Truckee, agency assistance was requested for a possible drunk driver coming from Truckee.
 15:20 - In Downieville, there was a report of assault. The suspect was transported to a hospital for injuries incurred prior to the deputy's arrival.
 15:55 - In Downieville, there was a report of a vehicle theft. The owner did not press charges.
 20:28 - In Verdi, there was a report of possible illegal dumping.
 23:44 - In Loyalton, there was a report of a verbal argument behind a business. Prior to the deputy's arrival, both parties were separated.

Thursday, July 22

08:06 - In Loyalton, there was a dog at large. Another dog on the lam.
 08:30 - In Sierraville, there was a report of an elderly man possibly with dementia awaiting his friends to arrive. A short time later, his friends did arrive.
 08:36 - In Sierra City, there was a report of a woman walking in the middle of HWY 49. A deputy was unable to locate the woman.
 14:57 - In Downieville, another older woman was walking dangerously close to the side of HWY 49. CHP was notified. Could it be the same woman?
 16:26 - In Verdi, a civil service was served for an eviction and a temporary restraining order.
 16:46 - In Sierraville, there was a 911 report of possible smoke coming from Treasure Mountain. The USFS confirmed that it was only dust from an OHV.
 19:19 - In Verdi, there was an open 911 line. After a call back, it was determined to be a butt dial. I hate when that happens.
 20:49 - In Downieville, there was a report of a trespasser.
 20:50 - In Sierra City, there was a report of a possible illegal campfire. It was determined to be a lawful campfire.

Friday, July 23

02:37 - In Downieville, there was a commercial burglary alarm sounding. A deputy was unable to locate anything out of place. The doors and windows were all secure. The manager was notified of the incident and outcome.
 16:52 - In Loyalton, there was a report of a possible domestic dispute and threatening

Saturday, July 24

00:04 - In Loyalton, EPHCA was requested.
 08:29 - In Verdi, there was a parking problem at the Dog Valley Information Center. USFS was notified.
 09:06 - In Verdi, there was a report of a pesky illegal camper. USFS was notified.
 11:45 - In Goodyears Bar, a civil service was completed.
 14:01 - In Sierraville, there was a request for citizen assistance.
 15:48 - In Camptonville, there was an investigation.
 15:56 - In Sierraville, the SCSO came upon a solo non-injury accident. CHP took over the incident.
 16:00 - In Sierra City, there was a report of a pesky illegal camper on private property. The deputy was unable to locate.
 16:30 - In Verdi, there was a report of a suspicious female walking in the forest without water. The deputy was unable to locate her.
 22:02 - In Downieville, there was a family fight. The parties were separated and the deputy will forward the report to the DA.

Sunday, July 25

00:10 - In Sierraville, there was a vehicle accident. Fire and CHP got to the scene with no occupants around and the vehicle just stuck off the road.
 07:05 - In Sierra City, there was a disturbance of the peace. USFS was contacted and they advised their officer.
 09:35 - In Loyalton, there was a report of a possible water leak from a fire hydrant.
 12:16 - There was a report of an ongoing civil dispute over water rights.
 13:11 - In Downieville, there was a report of a possible assault that occurred during Brewfest with no known suspect.
 15:44 - In Sierra City, a Garmin was activated for a biker feeling ill. Downieville Ambulance and Sierra City responded to the individual off of the trail. Upon arrival at Downieville, the patient was against medical advice.
 18:17 - In Loyalton, there was a report of a car being driven on rims with no tires. A deputy responded and was unable to locate the car.

Total Reported: 48

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

Tuesday August 8, 2022
 11:00 a.m.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sierra County Administrative Hearing Officer will conduct the following public hearing at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday August 8, 2022, in the Sierra County Planning Department, Sierra County Courthouse Annex, 101 Courthouse Square, Downieville, CA. Interested persons are urged to attend.

Michael Freschi, Applicant and Landowner: Consideration of an applicant-initiated Parcel Merger (APNs 012-124-024 and 012-124-021). The project site is identified as 131 and 133 Calpine Avenue, Calpine, CA. Planning staff's preliminary environmental assessment: exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15305 (Class 5).

Persons interested in these matters scheduled before the Administrative Hearing Officer are urged to attend or provide written comments. The Administrative Hearing Officer will consider all verbal testimony during the public hearing and all written comments received prior to the posted hearing date. Send all written comments to the Sierra County Planning Department at: 101 Courthouse Square / P.O. Box 530, Downieville, CA 95936 or via e-mail to: planning@sierracounty.ca.gov, Attn: Administrative Hearing Officer, and please clearly reference the entitlement application or project that is the subject of your comments.

If you challenge any action or decision of the Administrative Hearing Officer in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or raised within written correspondence delivered to the Administrative Hearing Officer (in the office of the Sierra County Planning Department) conducting the hearing, at, or prior to, the public hearing and made a part of the administrative record of proceedings.

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SIERRA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2022

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the Sierraville Recreation Center (former Sierraville School) at 305 So. Lincoln St., Sierraville, CA, the Sierra County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to address the following:

- Appeal filed by Andrew Woodruff of the Planning Commission's denial of a Zone Variance for a reduction of the corner/street-side yard setback for a 111-square-foot woodshed. On July 19, 2022 the Sierra County Board of Supervisors remanded the matter back to the Planning Commission for further consideration and recommendation. Following further testimony and discussion on August 11, 2022, the Planning Commission will report back to the Board of Supervisors with a new recommendation; and the Board of Supervisors will conclude its deliberation and render a decision at the appeal hearing that was continued until September 20, 2022. The project site, identified as APN 013-080-002-000, is a 0.28-acre parcel zoned Residential One Family District (R-1) located at 165 Main Street in Sattley, unincorporated Sierra County.

The Planning Commission may at their discretion conduct a field trip to visit the site above, and/or conduct a tour of the Little Truckee Summit-Webber Lake region of county.

Members of the public may provide public comment during the hearing and may submit written comments on this matter by U.S. Mail or email at: clerk-recorder@sierracounty.ca.gov. The Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors will consider all written comments received prior to the posted hearing date.

This meeting will be open to in-person attendance and available to the public via teleconference.

The public may observe and provide public comments during the hearing by using the Microsoft Teams options below:

By Phone: 1-323-892-2486
 Access Code: 990669301#
 By PC: <https://tinyurl.com/2n687mct>

If you challenge the proposed action for which this notice is given in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or raised within written correspondence delivered to the agency conducting the hearing at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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Food Assistance

Food Bank / Commodities Contacts

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

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
 (530) 289-3201

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.



Funded by a grant from the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CallRecycle)

*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 18th - Firefighters trained in Pike City.

DOWNIEVILLE: July 20th - Responded for a person who was injured; responded for an injured person who was transported to SNMH. July 21st - Firefighters trained. July 22nd - Streets were washed for the Brewfest. July 23rd - Responded for an injured person, who chose to self-transport to the hospital; set-up for the Brewfest; The Brewfest. July 24th - The ambulance responded to Sierra City for an injured mountain biker.

LOYALTON: July 19th - 10:25AM, fall with dislocated knee, Sierra Brooks

PIKE CITY: July 18th - Firefighters trained. July 20th - Responded for an ill person who was transported by ALS ambulance to SNMH.

SIERRA CITY: July 22nd - Responded for a smoke check. July 24th - Responded to an injured mountain biker.

SIERRA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #1(CALPINE, SATTLEY, & SIERRAVILLE): July 21st - Responded for a brush fire in Sierraville; responded for a report of smoke, near Treasure Mountain. July 24th - Responded for a report of a vehicle roll-over near Little Truckee Summit.



NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (UCC Sec. 6105)

Escrow No. 14380T

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the seller(s) are: ANDREA HAZEGHAZAM AND SHIVA HAZEGHAZAM AND MARYAM, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, 23 CRESCENT STREET, CA-70, QUINCY, CA 95971

Whose chief executive office is: 2183 CLAUDIO WAY, ROSEVILLE, CA 94661

Doing Business as: SUBWAY STORE # 40018 (Type - FRANCHISE SANDWICH SHOP)

All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s) within the past three years, as stated by the seller(s), is/are: P.O. BOX 601913, SACRAMENTO, CA 95860

The name(s) and address of the buyer(s) is/are: RAVI GUNDIMEDA AND VAISHALI BHAGWAT, 5216 ARREZZO ST PLEASANTON, CA 94588

The assets to be sold are described in general as: ALL STOCK IN TRADE, FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND GOODWILL and are located at: 23 CRESCENT STREET, CA-70, QUINCY, CA 95971

The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: CAPITOL CITY ESCROW, INC., 3838 WATT AVENUE, SUITE F-610 SACRAMENTO, CA 95821-2665 and the anticipated sale date is AUGUST 17, 2022

The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.

[If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided.] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: CAPITOL CITY ESCROW, INC., 3838 WATT AVENUE, SUITE F-610 SACRAMENTO, CA 95821-2665 and the last date for filing claims by any creditor shall be AUGUST 16, 2022, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.

Dated: JULY 14, 2022
 RAVI GUNDIMEDA AND VAISHALI BHAGWAT, Buyer(s)

1072952-PP MOUNTAIN MESSENGER 7/28/22
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (UCC Sec. 6105)

Escrow No. 14327T

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the seller(s) are: ANDREA HAZEGHAZAM AND SHIVA HAZEGHAZAM AND SHAWNWAY, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, 24 W SIERRA AVE, SUITE 2, PORTOLA, CA 96122

Whose chief executive office is: 2183 CLAUDIO WAY, ROSEVILLE, CA 95661

Doing Business as: SUBWAY STORE #38306 (Type - FRANCHISE SANDWICH SHOP)

All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s) within the past three years, as stated by the seller(s), is/are: NONE

The name(s) and address of the buyer(s) is/are: RAVI GUNDIMEDA AND VAISHALI BHAGWAT, 5216 AREZZO STREET PLEASANTON, CA 94588

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Dated: JULY 14, 2022
 RAVI GUNDIMEDA AND VAISHALI BHAGWAT, Buyer(s)

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Western Sierra Medical Clinic

Serving the Sierra County Community Since 1975

Primary Care, Immediate Care
 and Dental Services

209 Nevada Street, Downieville
 (530) 289-3298

- All ages welcome!
- Veterans welcome!
- Medicare, Medi-Cal, Uninsured, Commercial Insurance, Sliding Fee available for qualified patients. Insurance counseling available.
- Primary care, same day immediate care, physicals and annual wellness exams
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Primary and immediate care Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. by appointment or walk-in. Telehealth appointments available on Fridays.

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

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

Emergencies call 911.

PEACE

Legal Notices

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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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 Dyrn
 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 Dyrn
 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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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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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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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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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
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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
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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 DeMartile, of Plumas County By: Carlos Feliciano-Labarca, Deputy 7/21, 7/28, 8/4, 8/11/22 **CNS-3602733#**
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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

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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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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: THE CANDY SHOPPE
 Full name of registrant: Victoria Ax
 Registrants Address: 432 Red Cedar Way, Chester, CA 96020
 Business Address: 262 Main Street, Suite 3, Chester, CA 96020
 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 141, Chester, CA 96020
 Phone: 530-258-6130
 This business is being conducted by: an Individual
 The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 08/3/2012
 Statement expires on: 7/12/2027
 /s/ Victoria Ax
 This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: July 12th, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000170
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: INDIAN VALLEY BUTCHERS, LLC
 Full name of registrant: Jared Morris
 Registrants Address: 954 Stampfli Lane, Greenville, CA 95947
 State CA AI#: 202250716867
 Business Address: 954 Stampfli Lane, Greenville, CA 95947
 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 214, Taylorsville, CA 95983
 Phone: 530-282-1221
 This business is being conducted by: a Limited Liability Company
 The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 7/14/2022
 Statement expires on: 7/14/2027
 /s/ Jared Morris
 This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: July 14th, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000175
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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

California Highway Patrol - Quincy	283-1100
California Highway Patrol - Grass Valley	477-4900
City of Loyalton	993-6750
CalTrans - Road Conditions	800-427-7623
Downieville Maintenance Station	289-3214
Quincy Maintenance Station	832-4911
Sierraville Maintenance Station	994-3410
Nevada City Maintenance Station	265-4290
Downieville School	289-3473
Downieville Volunteer Fire Department	289-3333
Health & Human Services Dvl	289-3711
Loyalton	993-6700
High Sierra Family Resource Center	993-1110
Loyalton Elementary School	993-4482
Loyalton City Hall	993-6750
Loyalton Cop Shop	993-4479
Loyalton High School	993-4454
Loyalton Volunteer Fire Department	993-6751
Mental Health Services, Loyalton	993-6700
PG&E report outages	800-743-5002
Plumas Ace Hardware, Portola	832-5208
Plumas County Clerk-Recorder	283-6218
Plumas County Sheriff's Office (Front Desk)	283-6375
Sierra County Sheriff's Office—non-emergency	289-3700
Sierra County Clerk-Recorder	289-3295
Sierra Hardware, Downieville	289-3582
Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital	274-6000
Sierra Valley Home Center, Loyalton	993-4331
USFS Beckwourth Ranger District	836-2575
Sierraville Ranger District	994-3401
Yuba River Ranger District	288-3231
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Texaco Chilcoot	\$6.15	\$6.45	\$6.45
Sierra Energy 7/11 Portola	\$6.09	\$6.59	\$6.69
KS Market Valero Portola	\$6.09	\$6.59	\$6.69
Mobil Quincy	\$5.94	\$6.24	\$6.34
Chevron Quincy	\$5.99	\$6.29	\$6.49
Whites's Station Loyalton	\$5.999	-	\$6.599
Sierraville Service Sierraville	\$5.729	\$6.029	\$6.039
Lost Nugget Camptonville	\$6.099	\$6.499	\$6.899
Penn Valley Gas Penn Valley	\$5.59	\$5.79	\$6.59
Bear River Market Grass Valley	\$5.39	\$6.19	\$6.29
ARCO Grass Valley	\$5.24	\$5.64	\$6.99
Chevron Truckee	\$6.49	\$6.79	\$6.99
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Sources: gasbuddy.com and phone calls to stations.

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California Hay Report - 7/22/2022

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. According to the NASS report on July 17, 2022, in the Sacramento Valley, some rice growers were growing hay in fields usually used for rice due to drought conditions. In the San Joaquin Valley, cotton bloom and boll-setting continued. In Stanislaus County, alfalfa hay and silage were being harvested. Corn was sprayed for weeds and also for army worms, spider mites, and two spotted mites. In Tulare County, alfalfa, corn, and cotton fields continued to be irrigated and were thriving in the warm weather. Corn for silage was tasseling out. Cotton fields were beginning to bloom. Alfalfa was being cut, dried, and baled. Bean fields continued to be treated for weeds and insects. In Imperial County, conditions were very hot for hay crops.

Volume - California

	This Week	Last Reported	Last Year
		(7/4/2022)	
Tons of Hay:	12900	9985	2850
Tons of Straw:	0	3700	0
Bales of Hay:	600	4200	0

North Inter-Mountain Hay (Conventional)

Qty.	Price Range	Use	Age
Alfalfa - Supreme (Trade/Per Ton)			
Large Sq. 3x4	400 370.00	Feedlot/dairy	New
Wheat - Fair/Good (Trade/Per Ton)			
Large Sq. 3x4	500 250.00-260.00	Feedlot/dairy	New

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

Commodity Prices*

	Jul. 20 USD	Jul. 27 USD	Weekly Change	YOY Change
Gold USD/Troy Oz.	1695.17	1736.33	+2.43%	-3.94%
Silver USD/Troy Oz.	18.67	19.184	+2.75%	-23.28%
Lumber USD/1000 BdFt.	631.60	555.20	-12.10%	-8.71%
Live Cattle USD/100 Lbs.	135.75	136.88	+0.83%	+11.15%
Milk USD/100 Lbs.	22.55	22.51	-0.18%	+36.26
Wheat USD/Bushel	822.75	786.07	-4.46%	+14.13%
Corn USD/Bushel	591.50	600.08	+1.45%	+9.25%
Coffee USD/Lbs	218.15	219.10	+0.43%	+9.30%
Aluminum USD/Ton	2425.00	2427.00	+0.08%	-4.95%
Nickel USD/Ton	20543	21513	+4.72	+11.20%
Crude Oil USD/Barrel WTI	99.53	98.08	-1.46%	+35.46%
Propane USD/Gallon	1.14	1.14	0.0%	+4.81%
CRB Index Index Points	306.53	306.08	-0.15%	+32.04

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

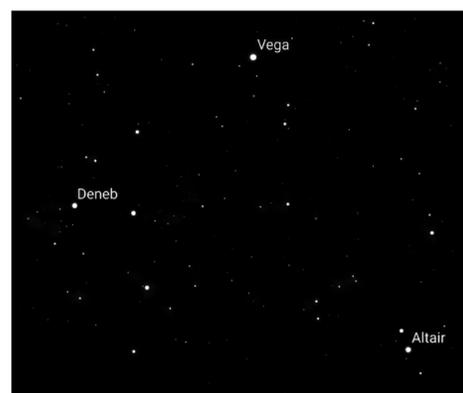
Elements

Night Sky: August 2022 Night Sky at 10pm

This coming month, many of the prominent summer constellations will linger in the sky until the shorter days of autumn arrive. Here are a few star patterns to look for when the sky is dark around 10pm:

Summer Triangle - high overhead will be three bright stars that form a large triangle shape. This is an asterism called the Summer Triangle. It consists of stars from three separate constellations. Straight up is the brightest star **Vega** in Lyra. Vega is relatively close to our Sun at 25 light years. The constellation Lyra is hard to see and resembles a harp. Next brightest is **Altair** in Aquila the Eagle. Another difficult to see constellation with a bright prominent star at its core. Altair forms the head or heart of the eagle. Although less bright than Vega, Altair is closer to us at about 17 light years. The least bright star of the Summer Triangle is **Deneb** in constellation Cygnus the Swan. Deneb is the most luminous of the three stars, but also the most distant at 1400 light years, so it appears less bright to us. Cygnus the Swan is quite easy to see, with star Deneb marking the tail and a cross-shape of stars forming the outstretched wings and long neck of the swan flying through the Summer Triangle!

Keep lookin' up — Collin O'Mara-Green



Sun & Moon

Date:		Thu. 7/28	Fri. 7/29	Sat. 7/30	Sun. 7/31	Mon. 8/1	Tue. 8/2	Wed. 8/3
Sun	Rise:	05:57	05:58	05:59	06:00	06:01	06:02	06:03
	Set:	20:18	20:17	20:16	20:15	20:14	20:13	20:12
Moon	Rise:	05:36	06:37	07:40	08:42	09:45	10:48	11:53
	Set:	20:51	21:22	21:49	22:14	22:37	22:59	23:23
	Illumination	0.2%	1.4%	4.6%	9.7%	16.6%	25.1%	34.9%

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

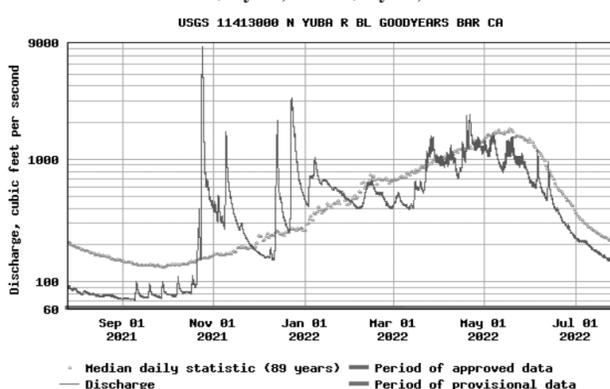
According to Caltrans at 05:51 on July 28, 1-way controlled traffic will impact traffic of CA-49 from Higgins Corner to Alta Sierra in Nevada County from 19:00 today to 06:00 tomorrow. In Plumas County on CA-70: traffic controls due to construction will subject motorists to delays of up to five minutes during the day through July 29 at various locations between Keddie Resort Road to Butterfly Valley Road; construction slated to take place through November 11 will delay traffic throughout the day and night between 5.6 and 6.6 miles east of Belden; and, similar work from 3.8 miles east of Tobin to 1.2 mile west of Belden will cause delays of up to 30 minutes through the end of August.

All trails in the region are now open and dry.

Meanwhile, the volume of water flowing in the area's rivers and streams continue to shrink. However, their flows remain roughly double the extremely low levels seen at this time in 2021. As for water temperature, it is still too cold for Sourdough Jack to take a dip.

Water Flow on the North Yuba River

July 27, 2021 - July 27, 2022



Last Week's Weather

Courtesy of the Grubstake Saloon

Date	Hi	FE	Lo	FE	Precip.	Snow
Jul. 19	93	-1	53	-7	-	-
Jul. 20	95	+2	52	-7	-	-
Jul. 21	94	M	49	-9	-	-
Jul. 22	91	-6	47	-10	-	-
Jul. 23	94	0	50	-4	-	-
Jul. 25	91	-3	52	-3	-	-
Jul. 25	93	-3	59	+1	-	-

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

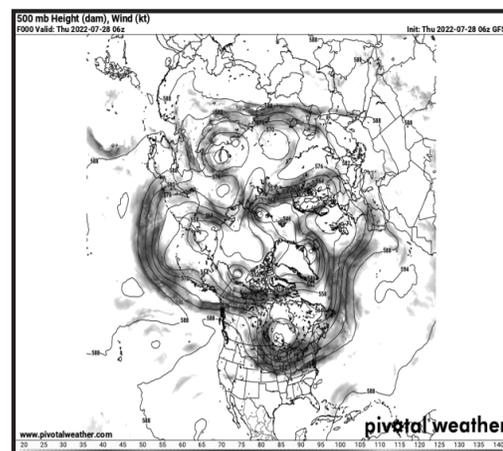
Seasonal Precipitation

July 1 to date	0.00"
To-date last year	0.00"
Yearly average	65.28"

7-Day Local Forecast

Towns	Info	Thu. 7/28	Fri. 7/29	Sat. 7/30	Sun. 7/31	Mon. 8/1	Tue. 8/2	Wed. 8/3
Downieville	High/Low (°F)	M/57	103/59	103/59	100/58	95/60	92/57	88/54
	Cloudiness (%)	6%	15%	23%	45%	29%	25%	16%
	Wind (mph)	N-W 4 mph	E-W 5 mph	SW 4 mph	SW 6 mph	SW 6 mph	SW 7 mph	SW 7 mph
	Humidity (%)	36%	33%	41%	48%	49%	44%	42%
Loyalton	High/Low (°F)	95/54	96/57	96/58	96/56	91/56	87/52	83/49
	Cloudiness (%)	6%	15%	31%	50%	33%	29%	18%
	Wind (mph)	NE-N 7 mph	NE 7 mph	E-W 6 mph	W 8 mph	W 12 mph	SW 14 mph	SW-W 12 mph
	Humidity (%)	35%	32%	38%	51%	54%	51%	48%
Quincy	High/Low (°F)	M/54	103/56	103/57	101/56	96/56	91/54	88/50
	Cloudiness (%)	9%	14%	24%	43%	25%	19%	15%
	Wind (mph)	NW 3 mph	NE-NW 4 mph	S-SW 4 mph	SW 5 mph	SW 7 mph	SW 8 mph	SW 7 mph
	Humidity (%)	43%	38%	46%	56%	57%	50%	51%

Source: <https://www.weather.gov/wrh/wxtable> [National Weather Service WFO STO 00:28 AM PDT Thursday July 28, 2022] M=Missing



Jet Streams: July 28

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

Games

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

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: D equals G

LO BZP PN UNPDOI IOUH NP ESZE
NUK INBJOE EN UYAE NAA ESO
DINCPK. YE'F PNE ESICFE-LNIESH.

Last Week's Answers

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

CryptoQuip

If a drill sergeant commands soldiers to rise to their fee, I'd call that a standing order.

A	R	T	M	S	I	C	F	I	S	C	W	E	E	L	A	S
C	O	R	N	A	D	O	B	O	E	A	L	S	A	T	I	A
T	W	O	O	F	D	I	A	M	O	N	D	S	R	I	P	T
V	E	N	T	I	T	A	T	A	A	M	C	O	M	E	N	
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K	R	I	S	T	I	E	A	T	N	O	G	R	A	V	E	L
Y	E	T	I	T	H	I	R	T	E	E	N	C	O	L	O	N
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Yearned (for)
 - 7 Zion National Park locale
 - 11 Fracas
 - 14 Domino's order
 - 19 Colorado River tribe
 - 20 Quarterback
 - 21 Bible book after Exod.
 - 22 PC letter
 - 23 Bought an expensive Camaro?
 - 26 Desert plants
 - 27 "— all true!"
 - 28 Hit the slopes
 - 29 Crooning while standing atop a Rio?
 - 31 Glimpses
 - 33 Large African antelope
 - 36 Pianist Schiff
 - 37 Request to your Accord when you need to get somewhere in a hurry?
 - 42 Triton's realms
 - 43 Snake noise
 - 47 — Lingus
 - 48 Traffic jam
 - 50 Funny
 - 52 Color ranges
 - 56 City where the Model 3 is produced?
 - 59 Adjust
 - 60 Land in eau
 - 62 Raggedy —
 - 63 Tripled trio
 - 64 Why you don't want to give up your beloved Q??
 - 70 Has food
 - 71 Sparkly stone
 - 72 From long ago: Abbr.
 - 73 Once-big news agcy.
 - 74 "Silkwood" co-star
 - 78 Declaration when a Regal stalls in traffic?
 - 82 VIP roster
 - 86 London loc.
 - 87 Clink dweller
 - 88 Shire of "Rocky"
 - 89 Charger being dismantled for scrap metal?
 - 94 Permitted
 - 96 San — (city WSW of Sacramento)
 - 97 Unceasingly
 - 99 Up to, in brief
 - 100 Pace
 - 101 Don of talk radio
 - 104 Things provided by joyrides in a Grand Cherokee?
 - 109 Crude shed
 - 111 Knightly title
 - 112 Caulk, e.g.
 - 113 Action words used in Continental ads?
 - 119 Forest hooter
 - 122 Rapa — (Easter Island)
 - 123 Large city in Nebraska
 - 124 Put a wheel boot on a Mustang?
 - 128 Cato's language
 - 129 Ocean east of Fla.
 - 130 Burn balm
 - 131 Main course
 - 132 Nerve cell projections
 - 133 Pekoe, e.g.
 - 134 Oxen connector
 - 135 Vocalizes Alpine-style
 - DOWN
 - 1 Mischievous
 - 2 Just so
 - 3 Chipping tool
 - 4 Was ill with
 - 5 Gabor and Longoria
 - 6 Pack of cards
 - 7 Suffix with depart
 - 8 "Mazel —!"
 - 9 Schumer and Sedaris of comedy
 - 10 Pueblo tribe
 - 11 Trues up
 - 12 Make a choice
 - 13 Pull-out part of a range
 - 14 — Bill (Old West folk hero)
 - 15 Somalian supermodel
 - 16 Astros pitcher
 - 17 Figatoni relative
 - 18 Et — (and more)
 - 24 Lofty
 - 25 Stranded cellular stuff
 - 30 NBAer Pau
 - 32 Gap-creating gizmos
 - 34 NSFWS part
 - 35 Joins up
 - 38 D.C. subway
 - 39 Goof up
 - 40 65% or so, gradewise
 - 41 Vienna's nation: Abbr.
 - 43 Cracker brand of old
 - 44 Holy likeness
 - 45 Equivalent
 - 46 Louver piece
 - 49 Physics Nobelist Max
 - 51 — -pedi (spa option)
 - 52 NSFWS part
 - 53 "Guilty," e.g.
 - 54 Louisiane, par exemple
 - 55 Mann of pop
 - 57 "Gemini Man" director Lee
 - 58 Acting instinctively, informally
 - 61 Long — (ranga)
 - 65 E followers
 - 66 Capital of South Vietnam
 - 67 "Ltd." cousin
 - 68 Winning by a point
 - 69 Salsa, say
 - 74 White wine
 - 75 Fiery realm
 - 76 Pennsylvania city
 - 77 Use a book
 - 78 Texter's "ciao"
 - 79 Stum — Drang
 - 80 Backdrops
 - 81 Flight unit
 - 82 Slightly open
 - 83 Moon, in Italy
 - 84 Research ctr.
 - 85 — Ball
 - 90 "Entrapment" director Jon
 - 91 Headwear in the title of the first Ellery Queen mystery
 - 92 FBI's govt. division
 - 93 "Gosh!"
 - 95 — degree
 - 98 Print quality abbr.
 - 102 Gen. Assembly procedure for a resolution
 - 103 McCartney of fashion
 - 105 Medium gait
 - 106 "The Raven" maiden
 - 107 Hardy's pal
 - 108 Declines
 - 109 Bank offers
 - 110 Munic. law
 - 113 Dancer Falana
 - 114 Huge-screen format
 - 115 Defense gp.
 - 116 Facial feature
 - 117 Yrly. gift-giving occasion
 - 118 Aviate
 - 120 Milk serum
 - 121 Jockey Jay
 - 125 Asian pan
 - 126 Born, to Fifi
 - 127 Co. bringing bouquets

High Life in the Sierras

Truckee, Cal., Sept. 29, 1874

By Electa L. DeWolf

The wild plum bushes which cover the mountain slopes from Sierra City to Downieville, are now bending under their scarlet loads, and plumping parties are therefore just in season. A few days ago I joined a small party from Sardine and Sierra Valleys, more for the novelty of trying camp life, than for the fruit which was ostensibly the occasion of the excursion. Our party of five left Sardine Valley, early one frosty morning. I had been very enthusiastic over the idea of sleeping outdoors, and cooking over camp fires, while the others, to whom camping out was no novelty talked sagely to me of rattlesnakes for bed-fellows, bears and California lions for probable visitors, and stones for pillows, and all kindly hoped I'd get enough of it, and return satisfied. The temperature seemed a little unfavorable, and I rode all day bundled in waterproof scarf and Arctic rubbers. We reached Sierraville around noon, and were a trifle disappointed at not meeting our Loyalton friends there as per agreement. While waiting in the parlor of the Globe Hotel for dinner, let me tell you something of

SIERRA VALLEY.

Very pleasant and fair to look upon are its homes and ranches. The valley lies on the eastern slope of the Sierras at an elevation of four thousand feet; shaped like a horse shoe, thirty miles long by five to fifteen miles in width. Level as an Illinois prairie, but walled in by mountains, and when here, you can see no way out except by scaling their summits, unless perchance you may have been initiated into the secrets of canyons and passes. The land is mostly valuable for hay, although we saw many fine fields of oats, barley and wheat, these crops are not a success. The hay is made of a wild grass which grows short but thick and yields largely. There will be twenty thousand tons of this baled and hauled to Sierra City or

Truckee, demanding in Truckee from twenty-three to twenty-five dollars a ton. There will be harvested about sixty thousand bushels of grain, including wheat, oats and barley. There are several flourishing little towns in the valley. Randolph and Sierraville at the head of the valley, Loyalton and Beckworth on the other side. Near Randolph are the

HOT SULPHUR SPRINGS, owned by Mr. Campbell, who is fitting them up in first class style, hoping another season to attract a share of patronage from the traveling public. I can speak from a very pleasant experience of their attractions. The bath house which I visited had a convenient dressing room and a large plunge bath twenty feet square I judge, in which the water is about four and a half feet deep. The water in the bath has a temperature of 100 degrees and is colored like deep sea water, owing to the minerals it holds in solution. If you lose your footing while in the bath you will float on the surface like a billet of wood. I think drowning in it would be an impossibility. The water is said to be highly medicinal, but owing to its high temperature proved debilitating by remaining in it too long at a time. I much prefer the Sierra Valley baths to those at Hot Springs, Lake Tahoe, which I also had the pleasure of visiting. These waters are more buoyant, and the temperature in the bath is more equal and agreeable. The spring itself boils up in the basin of a rock a few feet distance, where it has a temperature of 104 degrees. There is to it a strong sulphurous odor and a disagreeable taste.

Dinner hour over and still no addition to our party, we conclude to start on in search of camping ground for the night. Across the level valley, up one of those mysterious canyons, across the summit of the main Sierras, our course lies, and when about four miles on the other side of the summit we come

to what seems to be a favorite camping ground. We halt. The only signs of civilization visible are the four walls of an old log cabin minus the roof, the ashes of camp fires, and an empty bottle or two. A merry mountain stream on its way to the Pacific is near by. In this greatest of all hotels ceremony is mostly dispensed with, and a few moments serves to start a crackling fire, while soon from some of the mysterious corners of the light spring wagon are produced camp kettles and edibles of every description; we are for the nonce

SQUATTER SOVERIGN,

And our coffee out of tin cups is delicious. Seated on upturned boxes around our camp fires after dark, we are rejoiced to hear a "halloo" in the well known voice of our genial friend Mr. Burns, himself and wife are heartily welcomed to our campudo. The cheerful bark of a young coyote caused some skirmishing to make our provisions secure for the night. Then blankets spread upon fir boughs and sweet dreams under the stars. The morning was frosty and cold, but our potatoes baked in the ashes were fine and our appetites keen. From here to the end of our journey the road is built along one side of the wild, steep canon through which flow the north fork of the South Yuba. The grade is very narrow, and there was a fair chance for a tumble of forty or fifty feet into the rocky bed of the river. The "gude man" begged his wife to be quiet, but she, insisting on having her own way once in her life, took herself and her bairns from that wagon in no time. The farther we advance the more wild and picturesque becomes the surround scenery.



Hunting Giants - Finale

By Matt Jones, Tahoe Quarterly Magazine

Citizen Big-Tree Hunting

Of course, if you're averse to heights and not a huge fan of hiking off the beaten path in search of the next Basin champion, there is yet another opportunity for getting up close and personal with potential giants.

Fostering Future Giants

Every fall and spring, the Sugar Pine Foundation calls on volunteers to plant sugar pine seedlings throughout the Tahoe Basin.

Sugar pines, which once historically accounted for approximately 25 percent of Tahoe's forests, now comprise less than 5 percent of our forests' species, largely due to logging, drought and a particularly deadly non-native fungus called white pine blister rust. In fact, an estimated 90 percent of infected sugar pines will not survive.

Since 2005, the Sugar Pine Foundation has sought out and tested individual trees to determine which, if any, are resistant to the disease. As of 2022, they have identified 66 fungus-resistant specimens throughout the Tahoe region. The pine cones produced by these trees are collected each fall and then germinated in a nursery. Once the seedlings are a year old, and still scarcely a foot tall, volunteers assemble to plant them across various restoration areas. The foundation typically facilitates the planting of about 10,000 trees per year.

It is difficult to say, at least with any accuracy, whether any particular seedling will become a record-breaking tree hundreds of years from now. More importantly, the reforestation project reveals that individual trees are still important to understanding and protecting the overall health of a forest. In this case, seeds are not selected for their genetic ability to become the tallest of their kind, but for their ability to grow into trees that can simply survive in an ever-changing and increasingly challenging climate.

"In our work, we are always

looking ahead to the future to retain healthy, biodiverse forests that will be resilient even in the face of climate change, fire, pathogens and other threats," says Maria Mircheva, executive director of the Sugar Pine Foundation. "It is important to us to help plant the seeds of stewardship in people's minds while also planting seedlings that may be giant forest monarchs some day."

Sugar pines planted in the Tahoe Basin today will not produce their own seeds until they are about 50 years old, meaning the volunteers who so carefully put those foot-tall seedlings into the earth may not live to see the fruits of their labor.

Even so, a certain trust in the imaginary has always been central to conservation efforts. Knowing what the future could look like if we lose our forests is inextricably linked to believing in what the future could look like if we save them. It just so happens that individual trees, whether famous champions or fledgling seedlings, are the sites at which these two seemingly oppositional forces first take root.

Matt Jones lives in Sparks. He can't see many big trees from his apartment window, but he knows they're out there, just beyond the horizon.

This is the fifth and final part of this recent article from Tahoe Quarterly. The Sugar Pine Foundation is a South Lake Tahoe-based non-profit dedicated to the conservation of this species and other stately western conifers. For more information or to get involved, visit sugarpinefoundation.org.



Duncan Kennedy leans against the Redonkulous tree, the second tallest known sugar pine and largest tree in Sierra County, discovered on the western slope of the Tahoe National Forest in 2020, photo courtesy Michael Taylor



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



The Sugar Pine Foundation facilitates the planting of about 10,000 fungus-resistant seedlings per year, photo courtesy Sugar Pine Foundation

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Telephone Line to Be Changed

As a result of last week's editorial anent the changing of the telephone line between Camptonville and Downieville from the route followed by the old stage road to the present highway up the river, J.E. Gooding, Grass Valley manager of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company called up and informed The Messenger that the plan suggested by this paper was contemplated by his company.

Mr. Gooding admitted that not only was the plan feasible, but as soon as the highway reconstruction work into Downieville was completed, rights of way would be sought by the telephone company and definite steps taken to build the line up the river.

Thus, the cost of maintenance during the winter months would be greatly lessened and the interruptions to service would be fewer and of shorter duration, owing to the snowfall being so much less in the lower altitudes.

The present line was built in the early days and followed the route of travel, which was by way of the high ridges, where road building offered the least resistance, but where the snow lies deepest in winter. In the days of the freight teams all communication was cut off during the winter months between interior points and the outside world except wire connections and ski riders who carried mail.

Gibsonville

Last week the writer visited Downieville and noted its unusual situation right on the river banks amidst beautiful green willows and trees native

to this section of Sierra. It created an emotion all lovers of beautiful scenery feel.

The drive from Gibsonville took in the Sierra and Plumas route over the old Johnsville road, which the heavy snows of last winter roughened and it is not very pleasant for a ride in an automobile. However, the Quincy road repair machines were just starting in on their work and the road is no doubt in fine condition by this time. From the Johnsonville road the Mohawk and Gold Lake road was in fine condition. The Yuba Pass Highway is magnificent as to scenery and along the Yuba River in all its witchery to the beholder.

The Sierra Butte peaks along the skyline is an unusual sight, very grand and majestic. I am told this mine has produced over twenty million dollars, and it is a remarkable mine, not only as to its unique situation and awe-inspiring rock formation, but as to its production. Sierra Buttes and other equally famous mines have carried the fame of Sierra County all over the world.

Downieville has held her historical fame well. Her buildings are well preserved. Judge Neville did a handsome loyal act in presenting the people of Downieville a plaque with inscription thereupon showing the date of this well-preserved courthouse building, which reads 1854-5. It stands as a tribute to our old pioneers.

We reverently take off our hats to the people of Downieville for their lovely little town nestling like an emerald gem in its setting of gold. Quaint and beautiful is the thought carried away by the visitor. The homes of most of the residents are close to the

river. I would believe they need only throw a trout fly out of their back window to land a trout for breakfast right into their frying pan. And every man who reads this should start for Downieville immediately if he is fond of trout and beautiful scenery in combination. And he must not forget the history of gold of the Sierra.

Our Firemen

Consider our firemen, those willing, sacrificing volunteer protectors who are ever ready to drop their work at a moment's notice and answer the signal that someone's home is in danger of destruction by fire.

Often clothes are completely or partly ruined as a result of smoke and water, the owner giving little heed to his own personal loss so long as someone's property is in danger.

Downieville's Volunteer Fire Department is made up of this class of young men whose only reward is the satisfaction in knowing they have done a service. They stand guard over the town, zealously protecting its safety against a repetition of the devastating fires that all but wiped out the town on two previous occasions.

Sherk Gets Sixty-day Suspended Sentence for Attack on Leonard

Ed Sherk was given a 60-day suspended sentence Monday for disturbing the peace.

Sherk was charged with attacking and threatening Jack Leonard with an axe handle recently during an altercation near Moon River Lodge.

Leonard had been engaged by the county to build a bridge across a ravine which the North Fork trail crosses at the Davis Ranch. When he attempted to

cut down a tree for the purpose Sherk protested that the tree was on the Davis property and backed up his contention with the handle of an axe. Leonard claimed the tree was on the trail right of way.

A number of witnesses were questioned and Sherk was given 60 days in which to bury the axe.

Goodyear Creek

A wild mule dropped in on us one day this week and called on all of us. If he thought a fence a little high to jump, he kicked it down and went in anyway. All of the buckaroos around here took after him. One of them finally succeeded in roping him, but when he came to the end of the rope the cinch let go and away went the mule with the saddle hoked on to his neck. A lady who was looking on suggested to try him with a forkful of hay. We did and he fell for it, and we soon had him fast with a 5/8-inch wire cable.

There is a tent city at the old Eureka diggings. Prospectors have moved in there from all over the country. They are cleaning up the cuts and bedrock where it was hydraulicked off years ago. Some of them are making good money. Those diggings were rich when worked in the early days. The bedrock has been cleaned by the old-timers before, but it is almost impossible to get it all, no matter how many times it has been gone over. We hear that there is a bunch of men doing the same thing at Craigs Flatt and Morristown.

Government Should Finance Meritorious Mining Properties

By E.H. MALLORY, Oakland California

Gold is the only commodity today that does not have to

be sold, and gold mining is the only industry in which the Government could engage without competing with private capital. The value of gold is established throughout the world, and new wealth is added by every ounce of gold produced. The farmer who raises wheat and the stockholder who raises stock must sell their products at whatever prices they will bring, and take somebody's dollar in payment, whereas every dollar produced by a gold mine is a new dollar added to the wealth of the nation.

There is just one thing today of which we have not an abundance and that is gold; nor can there be any over-production. We have more wheat than we can consume or sell abroad, and the same thing applies to corn, cotton, copper, coal, livestock and many other products.

No additional labor is needed on the farms, and to put men to work building additional highways, reforestation cut-over timber land and building public buildings would mean the expenditure of millions of dollars by the government, which would have to be borrowed and ultimately be paid for by the taxpayer.

The following is, therefore, suggested as a partial means of relieving the present depression, and at the same time adding wealth to the nation:

There are thousands of gold mining claims throughout the western states that are not being developed, due to lack of capital, and there are no capitalists in sufficient number to develop these claims to a point of production, and today only proven mines are being opened with private capital, as

these men have the pick of all the mines.

If this government were to declare gold mining to be a public necessity, and on approval of a board of mining engineers, take over all inoperative mines of merit, and also such undeveloped mining claims, both quartz and placer, or compel the owners of such mines and claims to operate them putting a minimum on the amount of labor to be performed each month, a vast army of men could be put to work at once, not only as miners, but in manufacturing machinery, mining tools, powder, cutting timbers, building roads to mines and many other lines of industry connected with mining.

During the World War this government raised billions of dollars on very short notice, and today it is the only institution that could raise sufficient money to open the thousands of good gold mines that are now idle for lack of capital.

If the operation of the many dormant gold mines will do no more than produce labor for thousands of men, without any profit to the government, but only the return of the capital invested, it can be counted a success.

The government took over the operation of the railroads as a public necessity during the World War and there should be no obstacles in the way of its taking over the operating such gold mines as are now not operated for lack of capital.

The public knowledge that the gold supply of this nation is to be increased will have the effect of shaking loose a vast amount of gold now locked up in safe deposit boxes.