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Downieville 4th of July Street Race Results

Contributed by CINDY MCCREARY

DOWNIEVILLE - We had a wonderful turnout for this year's 4th of July annual races for kids of all ages after having to miss the event for two years due to Covid. The weather was amazingly cool for the 4th of July and the crowd was excited and in a great mood to celebrate on Monday watching the parade then moving on to the races.

These amazing events would never happen without all the help from so many volunteers who all work well together. First and foremost, the Downieville Volunteer Fire Department/Fire Auxiliary who sponsor the events and do all the leg work getting the permits, closing and cleaning the streets and manning their excellent barbeque, dance and muster. The Downieville Lion's Club sponsored the parade this year which is loved by all, especially the fireless fireworks spearheaded by Dan and Ingrid. A huge thank you to both these organizations for their hard work! There is a core group who help each year with the kid's races and the two most valuable players in this event are veterans Jack Marshall at the starting line getting the groups organized to race and Pete Villareal who kindly made the trek back here to announce the races. Line judges Lee Adams, Tony McCreary and Ryan Lowery at the finish line made the calls for the winners and at the prize table Randi McCreary and Irma McCreary awarded the winners and participants their prizes. Gordon Bell made sure the tug of war rope was ready and helped with set up, Cora Dittrich manned the hardware store so Cindy and family could handle the races, Mindy Strine graciously loaned us her PA system and Chris Strine loaned us his table for the prizes. Finally, a huge thank you to Jan Hamilton and the Downieville Fireless Fireworks fund that graciously donated to our prize fund for this year's event. We so appreciated all who helped!



The 8 year-old boy's race on Main Street

This year we had the race participants write their names for the paper and we didn't catch everyone's last name but hopefully you know who you are. Please note categories were dependent upon the number of runners available in each group. Results are as follows:

- 1 year-old girls:** First: Emery Bowman, Second: Adia Powell (8 months with help from dad!)Third: Aurora Wharff
- 1 year-old boys:** First: Timothy Knoefler
- 3 year-old girls:** First: Kalea Philipp, Second: Madeline Knoefler, Third:Sequoia Fadden
- 3 & 4 year-old boys:** First: Kyne, Second: Milo Koch, Third: Marvel Mitchell
- 4 year-old girls:** First: Adeline O'Donnell, Second: Charly Ledesma, Third: Emily Beals
- 5 year-old girls:** First: Klara Breucha, Second: Katherine Beals, Third: Avorie Misita
- 5 year-old boys:** First: Ryder, Second: Chase McClure, Third: Konner Knoefler
- 6 year-old girls:** First: Storyanne Mitchell, Second: Lily Jacobs, Third: Bonnie Koch
- 6 year-old boys:** First: Quinn, Second: Aiden Robbins, Third: Mason
- 7 year-old girls:** First: Maisie, Second: Quinn
- 7 year-old boys:** First: Parker, Second: Niko
- 8 year-old girls:** First: Madison Beals, Second: Hayden, Third: Otilja
- 8 year-old boys:** First: Brady McClure, Second: Theo Jacobs Third: Rudy Jackson
- 9 year-old girls:** First: Winter Minton, Second: Amelia Beals Third: Millie Gricker
- 9 year-old boys:** First: Dockocli Dochieis, Second: Korbinian Breucha, Third: Henry
- 10 year-old girls:** First: Brinley, Second: Charlee, Third: Aria
- 10 year-old boys:** First: Kyler Ledesma, Second: Grant Champion, Third: Logan Navarro
- 11 year-old boys:** First: Larson Passafiume, Second: Hunter Clemens, Third: Christopher Nevarez
- 12/13 year-old girls:** First: Kate Chairpiou, Second: Lydia Beals, Third: Lexi Quin
- 12 year-old boys:** First: Jackson Well, Second: Brady Wells
- 14 year-old girls:** First: Macie Prince, Second: Trina Flores
- 13/14 year-old boys:** First: Kai Hardy, Second: Nick Martinelli, Third: Kieran
- 15-30 year-old women:** Heat #1: First: Katie Epps, Second: Jojo Donovan, Third: Maddie Taylor & Heat #2: First: Grace Lindsay, Second: Britteny Staab (with son Phoenix), Third: Holly Brown
- 30 plus women:** First: Jaclyn Blumberg, Second: Sara Bowman, Third: Jacklyn Lee



For over a decade, the grand finale of the 4th of July parade in Downieville has featured the unique and deafening Fireless Fireworks march where rolls of bubble wrap are stomped upon with delight by spectators from near and far.



The Fireman's Muster held on Saturday, July 2nd, included several competitions between the local Downieville Fire Protection District and a pick-up squad assembled by U.S. Forest Service: a bucket brigade, a timed disassembly of a rat's nest of hose, the vertical raising of a basketball, and a horizontal (spot-fire) filling of a bucket (see below).



The competition at the muster was extremely close and far more exhausting than newcomers to the Downieville Fire Protection District expected. Not surprisingly, the home team of volunteers firefighters edged out by the professionals.



The final event during Monday's 4th of July celebration was the Tug-of-War competition.

- 40 plus women:** First: Suzi Pangman, Second: Jean Deal, Third: Clancy
- 15-16 year-old boys:** First: Ronin Sargent, Second: Mason Min, Third: Landon Jackson
- 17-18 year-old boys:** First: Ben Zyler, Second: Conner White, Third: Ezra Acuna/Tristan Jackson (tie)
- 18-25 year-old men:** First: Austin Foster, Second: Justin Grade, Third: Aaron Foster
- 26-30 yr. men:** First: Joe Mercuri, Second: Leslie Baker, Third: T.J. Donovan
- 30-40 yr. men:** First: Kevin McClure, Second: Tanin Blumberg, Third: Giacomo Faccio
- Men 40 up:** First: Songjune Lee, Second: Robert Schaadt, Third: Sandy Sanders

Plumas Strong Named Nonprofit of the Year

By Duncan A. Kennedy

In celebration of California Nonprofits Day (June 23rd), State Senator Brian Dahle (R-Bieber) has honored Plumas Strong, a nonprofit dedicated to the rebuilding of burned portions of Plumas County in the aftermath of the Dixie Fire, as Senate District One's 2022 Nonprofit of the Year.

We are truly grateful for all of the hard work and dedication that our community has poured into this effort. Without the love and generosity of our neighbors and friends, none of this would be possible," said Ryan Schramel, Chair of Plumas Strong.

Before the devastating Dixie Fire in 2021, Plumas Strong began life as Genesee Retreat, a 501(c)3 nonprofit focused on community organization, support and development in Indian Valley communities such as Greenville, Taylorsville and Crescent Mills. This group supported local community programs such as the Greenville Community Garden, Youth Summit, and Copper Creek Camp, as well as sponsoring a humanitarian and educational program called Rural to Rural. Rural to Rural offers Plumas County students the chance to experience life in developing nations and to aid in humanitarian efforts there; past Rural to Rural trips have sent students to Uganda, Haiti, Honduras and Mexico.

After the Dixie Fire swept the area, Plumas Strong switched focus to aid in rebuilding and relief efforts such as food and household goods drives, temporary housing, and fuel supply. Through a partnership with the Greenville High School alumni fund, Plumas Strong was also able to provide \$1,000 relief payments to GHS graduates and students who lost property in the fire

"The incredible work by all those contributing to Plumas Strong, including Chair Ryan Schramel and Vice-Chair Sue Weber has been truly inspiring and serves as a source of pride to all members of the community," said Senator Dahle in his speech honoring Plumas Strong.

Forest City Quilt/Antique Show and Horseshoe Tournament

Contributed by CHERYL DURRETT

FOREST CITY - Whether you travel up the scenic paved Pliocene Ridge Road or brave the even more scenic dusty Mountain House Road (GPS will offer alternative routes - NOT RECOMMENDED), Forest City is the place to be on Saturday, Jul 16, 2022 from 11 AM to 4 PMish. The Forest City Historical Association is hosting a summer time event that will include local music, food, artisans, antiques and QUILTS, QUILTS, QUILTS.

Featured quilt of the day is the one Dorothy Durrett put together in 1976 for America's Bi-Centennial. Dororothy passed out the squares to many of the local ladies and they embroidered their names or thoughts on it. It's a nostalgic walk down memory lane. Featured Quilter of the day is Robi Holmen. Quilter Extraordinaire!

Ian from Pike and his 3-piece combo will entertain us with their rendition of cowboy music. Bring a picnic lunch or purchase a yummy plate of pulled pork sandwiches with all the fixin's for \$15 prepared by our local ladies, Amber and Therese. Other artists from Pike, Alleghany and Forest City will be selling jewelry, aprons, soaps, lotions and much more. Bird-song and the "Spinnsters" will be spinning yarn and will have yarn type items for sale. Glenn will be on hand to "spin a yarn or two" about the history of Forest City for all the history buffs.

A Children's Activity table will be set-up with doll-making supplies, button making, thrumming, wool spinning as well as some water play.

The Horseshoe Contest will begin at noon. Five dollar buy-in and single elimination played by Hoyles rules of scoring.

While you are out for the day, travel on over to Alleghany and visit the Alleghany Mining Museum. For a mere \$2, you get a great overview of the history of mining in the area. It is open from noon to four. Casey's Place in Alleghany will also be open for hot food and a cold brew.

There will also be a raffle of \$50 and \$25 gift certificates and other items as they come along. If you have quilts, antiques, or hand-crafted items for show or sale, please contact Cheryl at 530-287-3133. All of this wild fun helps to support the Forest City Historical Association. We would like to thank the Sierra County Arts Council for their continuing support.

Rices Fire Controlled

After burning 904 acres of wildland and destroying 13 structures, the wildfire starting near Bridgeport on June 28 was deemed to be 98% controlled as of July 6. Fortunately, cooler weather, increased humidity, and the absence of high winds greatly assisted the strong work done on steep terrain by hotshot crews assembled from national forests throughout California. Meanwhile, a fire erupting near Bangor on July 4 was limited to 30 acres by yesterday.

Sourdough Jack Sez...



Seeing Downieville filled with people celebrating the 4th with a parade, races, tug-of-war, dancing, and BBQ was great. Nice to see everyone go away happy, too.

Katie's Sighthings

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KATIE O'HARA KELLY

Wonders Never Cease



Columbian Black-tailed Deer - Odocoileus hemionus columbianus

To my astonishment I spotted a doe and a little, spotted fawn in the river one morning this week! The doe froze when she saw me, which prompted the tiny fawn to instantly nurse! In another few seconds a second fawn joined the first fawn and also began nursing, right in the river!!! After about a minute the doe moved, the fawns stopped nursing, and they all crossed the river! Wow!!! I haven't seen any little fawns for years, and I never ever watched them nurse before! What a great sighting! Just wonderful!



Columbian Black-tailed Deer - Odocoileus hemionus columbianus

I posted this information about fawns about a year ago, but thought it was totally relevant right now! The following quote is from [northernwoodlands.org](#).

"Young fawns' scent glands are not well-developed. When a fawn is born, the doe licks it clean, removing odors that might alert predators. A few hours after birth, when the fawn can stand and walk, she moves it from the birth spot to a new hiding place. A fawn spends most of its first weeks of life bedded down alone. The doe stays away from her newborn except to nurse it periodically, and to lead it to new bed sites. That way her scent does not attract predators to the area where the fawn is hiding. If she has twins, which is common, the doe will typically hide them in separate places and make the rounds to nurse them. While the fawn nurses excitedly, its tail flicking, the doe licks its fur and genital areas to stimulate urination and defecation. She may also consume the fawn's droppings to destroy evidence of its presence. Although secrecy is a fawn's main defense, it has another: mom. If a fawn is in distress, it bleats, and the doe, which stays nearby, usually comes running, ready to defend it with her sharp hooves."

Fawns grow rapidly on their mother's rich milk. By two to three weeks of age, they begin to nibble green vegetation. After a month, they will browse on tree seedlings. At this age, they begin to choose their own bedding sites and twins are reunited. By summer, young deer can outrun most danger, and trail their mother closely. Fawns usually are weaned at two to three months. In early autumn, a fawn's spotted coat is replaced by the gray-brown winter coat of an adult deer. Female fawns usually stay with their mothers for two years; young bucks leave after a year. A buck fawn can be identified when only a few days old by the two round spots on its head where the antlers will grow."

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I hope I run across this beautiful, little family again soon!

Editor's Note: Due to space limitations here, Katie's pictures of a young, cinnamon-colored Brown Bear grazing quietly on sweet grass in her neighborhood could not be printed here this week. The same can be said about the Gray Fox who made a quick appearance on Katie and Mike's property in Goodyears Bar early one evening last week. Her excellent photos of local orchids now blooming in local bogs and wet meadows are missing, as well.

Therefore, we encourage readers who have access to the internet to check-out Katie's blog [northyubanaturalist.blogspot.com](#) or visit [www.themountainmessenger.org](#) for the complete, full-color version of her latest observations of the natural world.

Home Grown Talent

Contributed By B.J. JORDAN

DOWNIEVILLE - Home Grown Talent at The Yuba Theatre is always a surprise. This last holiday weekend was no exception. Patrick Wilson was MC for the evening and did a fine job encouraging everyone to step up and show their talent. To start things off B.J. Jordan played three original songs accompanied by stellar musician Joe Jimenez on bass and mandolin. Her song "Blood for Gold" was based on the life of her grandfather, miner Otto Strand, who was born in Forest City and spent his life as a hard rock miner in Sierra County. The folksy beat of her song harkened back to the days when the stamp-mill rhythm echoed through these canyons.

The Brennan family was an audience favorite with the popular "Whiskey and Propane". Three kids sang along with their dad and



the audience joined in. This is not the first time that 7 year old Charly Brennan has graced our stage and she her solo rendition of "This is Me" was sweet and fearless.

Elijah Zuniga sang Stevie Wonder's "I Just Called to Say I Love You" and there was no mistaking the Farmer Family talent as his aunts and cousins joined in from the audience. A short while later another Farmer Family singer, Avery Misita, made her premier performance with an amazing rendition of Jingle Bells. Under five and Avery already shows the famous Farmer Family timbre of her voice. We hope to see her and more of the talented Farmer singers on our stage in the future.

Patrick and Nick Martinelli decided it was time to give us their opinion on how they really feel about things in the original tune



"People". We all survived the short chastisement that gave us pause to consider what music and entertainment is all about.

We were so grateful to have the graceful and inspiring songs of Lynn Zanetta return to the stage and fill our hearts with hope. In keeping with the mood of the evening she began with "Coffee" that had the whole audience singing along. Then she shared two more of her more intimate tunes including one that was shared and circulated with our troops in Iraq giving them love and hope for the future. As always, her heartfelt stylings were a delight to hear.

With a deep country tone Charles performed a few country tunes on guitar followed by Grace Boyd who played and sang two mesmerizing songs on her guitar in a sweet sultry whisper near the end of the evening. Gil Clark of Goodyears Bar played the guitar and sang. He dedicated his song to our local emergency medical personnel who recently saved his life.

The evening ended with a casual jam session featuring Patrick, Nick and Riley Pearmund on Karimba, showing us all that they actually love music and know how to carry a tune beautifully.

A special thank you to technical support by Tim Jordan, Kean Jordan, Patrick, Nick, and Riley who all helped to set up and make the evening possible. Thank you to the entire community, audience and performers who made Home Grown Talent an evening to remember. Home Grown Talent was an event of The Sierra County Arts Council. Information: [www.sierracountyartscouncil.org](#).

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20/20 Hindsight

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Letters to the Editor

You Can Have Only Six Dildos in Texas, But You Can Have as Many Guns as You Want

It's true. Texas Penal Code Section 43.21 defines an "obscene device," including a dildo, as a device designed and marketed as useful primarily for the stimulation of human genital organs. Having more than six of any device defined by the State of Texas as obscene is considered promoting their use and is a violation of Texas law.

Some of us think that an individual armed with a device designed and marketed as useful primarily for the infliction of devastating wounds upon an enemy in military combat blowing the heads off children in a Texas classroom is more obscene than any number of dildos.

Keith Riley
Walnut Creek

Who's For the Children

It appears to me that the ending of Roe v Wade which returns the United States to the stone age and prevents abortions in many states has omitted one of the perpetrators. You know, the fellar. The guy, that in many cases over enthusiastically took advantage of a woman and impregnated her. Now, does he have any responsibility in this whole thing? I kinda think he does and it's pretty easy to prove who that guy is. Don't we Americans want accountability for one's bad behavior?

But that's not the point. The point is control of women. Us fellars like to control things ... especially women. I think that's one reason we keep guns. But, there's another reason conservatives are not really pro-life: once that baby arrives they could give a rats behind about that child. The Republicans have for years been opposed to any program that helps families survive and raise healthy children. We liberals want healthy families and children.

Now further evidence was given to us today as the Supreme Court put an end to the Federal Government's ability to control CO2 emissions. I believe we are currently beyond the point of recovery so it may make no difference. Green house gasses are going to render your happy home uninhabitable. We gotta start fixing this and the loonies on the court just made that impossible. So much fer the children.

Don McKechnie
Sierraville

Welcome to Gavin Newsom's Kalifornia.

On July 1st the State of California raised the fuel tax. Gas up .06 cents and Diesel up .22 cents. You now pay \$.82 cents on a gallon of Gas and \$1.13 dollars on a gallon of Diesel. The Government is making way more on a gallon of fuel than we are.

Andy White
Loyalton

From the Sierras

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in form, almost a perfect oval, longest from N.E. to S.W.; about four miles long to one mile in width. Under the influence of a strong wind the lake was in an unhappy mood, and the white caps chased each other to shore, dashing upon the beach with a good deal of earnestness. There was a high snow bank only a few feet from the house, and vegetation around was just starting, and is fully a month later than a Sardine. Dinner hour arrived none too soon, and with keen appetites, such as this pure air alone can give, we found the fine trout, and other edibles, very toothsome.

After dinner, equipped with fishing tackle, we went out in a little boat for a ride upon the lake. The water of these mountain lakes is marvelously clear, so that you can distinctly see the bottom at a depth of twenty to thirty feet. We rowed up the lake some distance to where a large schooner, formerly built for its waters, had been sunk; we could see it distinctly, lying on its side twelve or fifteen feet deep in the water. Then anchoring our boat to a snag, we tried our luck at angling, but, although the lake is full of the speckled beauties, they were not to be caught by any inducement we had to offer. There are other lakes in the Sierras more widely known than Independence, but I have as yet to see one that will surpass it in scenery. It is only twelve miles from Truckee and is destined at no distant day to become a favorite resort for travelers. The lake was discovered by Gus Moore, June 28, '60, and christened on the 4th of July the same year, by a party of ladies and gentlemen whom he took there.

I have lately had several very pleasant excursions; more of which anon.

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On the Shelf

By PAUL GUFFIN

The Declaration of Independence: A Few Facts

It has become the accepted belief that we, in this country, celebrate July 4 (“Independence Day”) as the date on which the Declaration of Independence was signed. However, a research of history provides some slightly different facts. Here is a much abbreviated history of that document.

The Second Continental Congress convened in Philadelphia in May, 1775 (and lasted until 1781). This was a month after fighting between the colonies and Great Britain had begun at Lexington and Concord. On June 6, 1776, the Congress appointed a “Committee of Five” to draft a declaration of independence from Great Britain. The committee was composed of John Adams of Massachusetts, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania, Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, Robert R. Livingston of New York, and Roger Sherman of Connecticut. They discussed a general outline that the document should follow, and decided that Thomas Jefferson would write the first draft.

The draft was presented to Congress on June 28, 1776, under the title, “A Declaration by the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress assembled”. Congress edited the document, shortening it by about a fourth of its original length. In doing so, they also removed Jefferson’s assertion that King George III had forced slavery onto the colonies, in order to moderate the document, and to appease the delegates from Georgia and South Carolina, as well as northern delegates who represented merchants actively involved in the slave trade. Jefferson’s 168-word passage began, “He [King George] has waged cruel War against Nature itself, violating its most sacred Rights of Life and Liberty in the Persons of a distant People who never offended him, captivating and carrying them into Slavery in another Hemisphere, or to incur miserable Death, in their Transportation thither”. It should be noted that, according to research, at least 41 of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence were slaveholders, themselves.

On July 1, 1776, the Congress voted on whether to declare independence from Great Britain. Each colony was allowed one vote (determined by vote within each colony’s delegation). Pennsylvania and South Carolina voted against declaring independence; New York abstained; Delaware, with its two delegates split, cast no vote; and, the other nine colonies (Connecticut, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts Bay, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, and Virginia) voted in favor of independence. The next day, July 2, Pennsylvania and South Carolina reversed their vote, Delaware (with its third delegate arriving and in favor) voted in favor of independence, and New York continued to abstain. Thus, the resolution of independence was adopted by a vote of twelve affirmative votes and one abstention and, thereby, the colonies formally severed their political ties with Great Britain. John Adams predicted that July 2 would become a great American holiday, thinking that the vote for independence would be commemorated. He didn’t foresee that people would instead celebrate Independence Day on the date when the announcement of that was finalized. For, it was on July 4, 1776, that the “final” wording of the Declaration of Independence was approved. However, it wasn’t until July 19, 1776, that the document received the approval of all thirteen colonies (New York finally voting in favor), and the now-official title was adopted: “The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America”.

And, far from the document being signed on July 4, 1776, the facts argue otherwise. The document was transposed on paper, adopted by Congress, and signed by John Hancock, President of Congress, on July 4. On August 2, 1776, a parchment paper copy was signed by more of the 56 final signers — many of whom were not present when the original Declaration was adopted on July 4. And, signer Matthew Thornton of New Hampshire, who was seated in Congress in November, 1776, requested and received the privilege of adding his signature, signing on November 4, 1776.

As to the content of the document, most of us today possibly know only one sentence — the second one: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness”. It would be instructive to at least read the rest of the document, which contains 27 grievances against the king, and asserts natural and legal rights, including the right of revolution. Additionally, it might be that the best way to celebrate the Declaration is to apply that best-known sentence as a moral standard toward which we, as a nation, would continually strive.



In Other (Old) Literary News This Week

Frederick Douglass gives his iconic speech “What to the Slave Is the Fourth of July?” (July 5, 1852) • Scotland Yard seizes 13 of **D.H. Lawrence’s** (nude) paintings from a London gallery on grounds of indecency (July 5, 1929) • **Lucy Maud Montgomery**, creator of Anne of Green Gables (the Patron Saint of Girls Who Ask Too Many Questions) marries Ewan MacDonald in Prince Edward Island, Canada (July 5, 1911) • The first issue of **The Nation** is published (July 6, 1865) • **Carlo Collodi’s The Adventures of Pinocchio**, soon to delight and inspire millions, begins serialization in an Italian newspaper (July 7, 1881) • Charles Thomas Wooldridge is hanged at Reading Gaol, inspiring his fellow prisoner **Oscar Wilde’s Ballad of Reading Gaol** (July 7, 1896) • **James Joyce’s** collection Pomes Penyeach is published by Shakespeare and Company in Paris (July 7, 1927) • **Percy Bysshe Shelley** is drowned at sea (July 8, 1822)

Source: lithub.com

Where Two Rivers Meet

A Race to the Edge

By H. A. SILLIMAN

PART 5: THE WRECK AND THE RANSACK

Five miles from Two Rivers by way of Mountbank Creek Road, sits the old lumber camp of Canton Flat. What remains of the mill, shuttered in the mid-70s, are a rusting wigwam burner, a row of dilapidated cabins and railroad tracks that go nowhere. The old mill has always been the go-to place for folks to party, with a makeshift bonfire pit created from the incinerator’s bricks. After the big game night at Buffalo High, kids come out to celebrate, burn the rival’s mascot in effigy and drink lots of beer.

The car accident was a half-mile beyond the mill, up Canton Grade, where I found the flashing lights of emergency vehicles. Deputy Jack, a tow truck driver, firemen and paramedics were peering over the edge of the road. When I joined them, I saw a crumbled, overturned SUV about a hundred feet away, partially hidden by manzanita brush and outcroppings of quartz and shale. A cable from the tow truck kept the wreck from sliding further.

Briefing me, Deputy Jack reported, “No one is in it. Also no blood—or indication of injuries. Very strange.”

A photograph from this angle would not show anything interesting, but I took a few pictures of the guys as they considered how to pull the Buick Enclave up the slope. Then I scrambled down the rock scree. Because I don’t have time or money to be much of a clothes-hound, I wear jeans for work, and most days, hiking boots, so I had little problem getting to the car. The most dramatic angle to photograph was from the front bumper looking upward to the rescue crew. I don’t think pictures of auto wrecks make good journalism. Besides being exceedingly tawdry, they don’t convey useful information, but newspaper readers sure like to see them, so I snap away.

Through the open driver’s door, I saw little of interest and climbed back to the road. But as I did, I noticed a bit of white cloth in bushes nearby. Investigating, I found a pillowcase, a crowbar, and a hammer jumbled together—and underneath (surprise!) the Wanted Poster for Jesse James Stallard. The items must have been tossed out when the car rolled over and windows broke.

“Come look,” I called up.

Deputy Jack skidded down the slope, stopped, and whistled. “Wow, good catch! This is interesting.”

“What’s next?” I asked, as he studied the find. “Are you going to look for the driver—maybe other passengers. They could be wandering around, dazed or injured.”

“Searching right now could be a waste of time,” he said. “I’m going to get ahold of Barbara Wyder in Red Eagle to see if she knows anything. The Wyder place is only a mile further. Could be someone went to check on it or retrieve something. Of course, the car was supposed to have been taken without her permission, so who knows who did this.”

Through the grapevine, I had heard that Don Wyder had bequeathed the home to his son, Richie, so I asked Deputy Jack about that. “Can Barbara even be there,” I said. “It’s not really hers anymore.”

He considered for a moment. “I think I’ll go check on the house—just to be sure. Maybe whoever was driving walked back there. Come with me.” He left the items in the brush for the evidence tech to retrieve.

I followed the deputy’s SUV to the Wyder place, located on a bend in the Mountbank Creek. The house overlooks the creek and behind the home stand aspens and elms, and redwoods—a wonderful and natural, foresty glade. The property was part of the Fergulia family homestead, dating back to the 1880s. After the old family home burned in the Labor Day fire of 1961, Judge Harry Fergulia subdivided the land into “gentleman” ranches, small parcels mostly bought by lowlanders fleeing the Bay Area and Valley. No one has lived at the Wyder residence since the day Mr. Wyder’s makeshift mine tunnel collapsed a few months back, killing him and injuring his son, Richie. Weeds had already started growing tall in the driveway, and a forlorn air of abandonment, sad and spooky, hovered about. Deputy Jack and I walked around to the back and found a door jimmied open. Immediately, the deputy unsnapped his holster and rested his hand on the gun grip.

“You stay out here,” he commanded and moved cautiously inside. While I waited, I walked around to the mine tunnel, which was out of sight of the house. The entrance boards had been ripped away, so I carefully backed up and returned to the home. Deputy Jack came out a few minutes later, his face grim, and said the coast was clear. “Go look, but don’t touch!”

Inside, you could immediately tell something was wrong. Everything was a-jumble, cupboards flung open, items pulled out and spilled on the floor—and this was just in the laundry room. Inside further loomed an awful sight of vandalism and destruction. Artwork torn off the walls. Closets with their contents strewn out. Someone had even ripped up the carpet in places. Contents from food containers covered the kitchen floor. Juice from broken bottles had partially dried, leaving stains.

After the shock wore off, I said, “Whoever did this must have been really angry.”

Deputy Jack walked up beside me, and said, “Well, they were mad because they couldn’t find what they were looking for—Wyder’s gold.” He sighed, shook his head.

“What’s the matter?”

Deputy Jack said. “Someone sure wrecked the place. The question is—what bad thing will they do next?”

NEXT WEEK—PART 6: QUESTIONABLE BEHAVIOR

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

Here Back East

By LENNY ACKERMAN

A Summer Morning in Kennebunk

It is 8:00am July 3, 2022. Patti and I are in Maine at our cottage in Kennebunk. Next week I am off to my camp for a few days of undisturbed reading and of course fishing with Andy and Greg on East Grand Lake. This morning I take my usual drive along the ocean, Route 9 to Cape Porpoise, where I first stop to buy my coffee and New York Times. Then, it is on to my bench at the fishing dock on the Point overlooking the harbor and the inlet where the fishing boats are moored. The cashier at Biddefords in Cape Porpoise is decked out in his Boston Red Sox hat and a red, white and blue flag tie. He is scowling. The man ahead of me helpfully reminds the cashier that today is a holiday and he should be smiling. With that the cashier laughs and his lips curl as he is about to say something, but glancing at the long line of people he decides to keep his mouth shut. I sip away at my coffee. The early morning rush of weekenders and cyclists are here, fueling up, buying lunch and iced coffees to take down to the beach. I pick up my paper and see the newspaper rack is low, which may be a result of the reduced volume of papers delivered each day. Seems only half of what it was last year? The papers on the shelf still represent a relatively wide range geographically, from Boston to Portland to New York, as well as a local weekly with mostly real estate ads.

I drive the short distance to my bench on the waterfront and sigh with contentment in my solitude. I don’t feel like a conversation before I am fully caffeinated. The parking lot is empty of fishermen--unusual except today is Sunday, the day before the holiday, and the lobsters have a day off before they succumb. The wind is making my newspaper reading difficult, so I take a walk out to the dock. There are a couple of locals working to repair the lift for a heavy catch like a tuna. The large dog in the fisherman’s truck barks at me then realizes it’s a day off and he calms down. I see among the strollers coming down the road a familiar character from last summer: the mysterious older woman who lives in the large house on the water. She is wearing a long raincoat and she makes her way up to the highest rock to scan the horizon. There are boats coming in and she walks back, down the road, brushing her fingers along the flowering bushes as she passes by. I think of approaching her but I recall last year she was abrupt with me when I tried to engage her. A group of cyclists stream by slowly, looking around — probably for a public restroom, of which there are none, except in the restaurants and they are not open yet. There is a youngster with his family fishing off the dock for stripers. He yells out to his mother, "Strike," as he holds onto his rod, stepping up on a bench to better view his catch. It is a 28" beauty.

The boats are like bowling pins in the harbor. The low tide makes them stand out as if on stilts. Off in the distance waves break. A single sailboat is navigating cautiously. With the tide out, Cape Porpoise is not safe sailing.

It is a glorious morning. I decide to take the top off the Bronco for the ride to our cottage. I try a new route over the backroads to Kennebunk along the ocean. There are signs offering handmade deck chairs and quilts. I would like to stop but I know I will get into a conversation that will result in the purchase of something I don’t need. I am happy and looking forward to going grocery shopping with Patti before lunch. I check in with my daughters Kara and Brooke. July 4th is very special to our family, as it was our anniversary — their late mother’s and mine. This year would have been our 60th.

NOTICE OF ELECTION AND FILING DATES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, per the California Elections Code Section 12112, the following districts will consolidate with the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2022 for statewide measures and electing members to the following boards:

Feather River Community College District; Plumas Unified School District; Sierra-Plumas Joint Unified School District; Eastern Plumas Health Care District; Plumas Hospital District; Seneca Health Care District; and the City of Portola.

Candidates for Board of Trustees for School Districts must be registered voters residing within specified trustee areas in Sierra or Plumas County. Candidates for Board of Directors for Hospital Districts must be registered voters residing within the boundaries of specified hospital districts. Candidates for the City Council and City Treasurer for the City of Portola must be registered voters residing within the boundaries of the City of Portola. Other offices to be filled are:

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| Governor | Lieutenant Governor | Secretary of State |
| Controller | Treasurer | Attorney General |
| Insurance Commissioner | Board of Equalization | Member District 1 |
| United States Senator – Full Term | | |
| United States Senator – Partial / Unexpired Term | | |
| United States Representative - Congressional District 3 | | |
| State Assembly Member - District 1 | | |
| Superintendent of Public Instruction | | |

Declaration of Candidacy forms may be obtained from the Plumas County Clerk at 520 Main Street Room 102, Quincy and district secretaries beginning July 18, 2022, and shall be accepted for filing from July 18, 2022 through August 12, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Forms for filing for School Trustee in Sierra County for the Sierra-Plumas Joint Unified School District are available and must be filed in the office of the Sierra County Clerk. Forms for filing for the City of Portola offices are available and must be filed at the City Clerks' office in Portola. Filing extension for Non-Incumbent candidates will end on August 17, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Deadline for withdrawal of Declaration of Candidacy is August 12, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Write-In Candidacy forms shall be accepted for filing from September 12, 2022 through October 25, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. If insufficient candidates file, appointment shall be made pursuant to California Elections Code Section 10515.

Logic and Accuracy testing of election equipment will be conducted September 29, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.; ballot processing will be from October 11, 2022 through November 18, 2022 and the official Canvass will begin on November 21, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the central counting location at the Plumas County Courthouse, 520 Main Street, Quincy, CA.

ALL VOTED BALLOTS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 08, 2022 AND RECEIVED BY THE ELECTIONS OFFICIAL BY NOVEMBER 15, 2022 TO BE PROCESSED AND COUNTED.

Additional information may be obtained at: (530) 283-6256 or (844) 676-VOTE or at www.plumascounty.us on the County Clerk Elections page, or contact the secretary of your district.

MARCY DEMARTILE,

PLUMAS COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER, REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
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Sheriff's Log

By Jen Henneke

Monday, June 27

00:11 - In Sierra City, a welfare check was requested for an individual experiencing mental health issues.
07:37 - In Sattley, a trailer was dumping fluids on the roadway while driving. CHP was notified and the fluid was water. There was no violation.
08:39 - In Sierra City, there was an accidental 911 call.
09:31 - In Loyalton, a FedEx truck broke down and blocked access to a driveway. CHP was notified.
11:24 - In Bordertown, someone was arrested.
11:34 - In Loyalton, there was a false alarm of some sort.
14:00 - In Loyalton, a suspicious vehicle was slowly driving by cars and peering inside. The deputy was unable to locate.
14:41 - In Loyalton, a deputy was asked to retrieve some ammunition.
16:44 - In Sierraville, a dog was running across HWY 89.
17:15 - In Sierra City, a disabled motorist was driven to a campground.
18:19 - In Pike City, the elderly individual who walking down the road was transported to a hospital for possible medical issues.

Tuesday, June 28

08:22 - In Downieville, a card was found in front of the courthouse.
09:13 - In Downieville, a dog bit someone or something.
10:42 - In Downieville, there was a report of possible cell phone hacking or tampering.
11:03 - In Loyalton, Eastern Plumas Health Care Ambulance (EPHCA) was requested.
11:49 - In Verdi, an animal was neglected.
12:34 - In Loyalton, a fingerprint hard copy was requested.
13:39 - In Downieville, there was a request on how to deal with trespassers and the pesky illegal campers.
13:57 - In Loyalton, a deputy checked a registration. Since it was current, the deputy signed off on the infraction.
14:23 - In Sierraville, the collision between a red sports car and a truck was reported to the CHP.
16:57 - In Sierra City, there was a 911 hang up.
18:15 - In Downieville, some dumb kids were jumping off the bridge. A deputy was there to admonish their behavior.
20:16 - In Sierra City, there was a request for a deputy to make contact with some campers.

Wednesday, June 29

08:28 - In Loyalton, there is an ongoing feud between neighbors. A deputy contact requested for documentation purposes.
14:00 - In Sierra City, a tractor trailer carrying asphalt tipped over on the road.
15:04 - In Downieville, the town generator was blowing black smoke. PGE was notified and responded.
17:59 - In Downieville, there was a report of a fire past the PGE plant. A deputy responded and found a campfire.
18:08 - In Loyalton, there was a report of a downed power line. It turned out to be a downed phone line instead.
18:24 - In Verdi, a dog was found at Stampede Reservoir.

Thursday, June 30

00:22 - In Loyalton, a deputy came upon a vehicle in the middle of the roadway. The driver was safe and sound and told to move along.
02:50 - In Downieville, there was a report of a possible suicidal subject from a Crisis Hotline.
09:05 - In Downieville, there was an accidental 911 call.
12:07 - In Sierra City, on HWY 49 there was a vehicle over the embankment.
12:38 - On I-395, there was a multiple vehicle crash in south Sierra County.
14:52 - In Sierra City, a black iPhone with a black Otterbox was turned into the SCSO.
18:17 - In Loyalton, a citizen requested assistance with a fix-it ticket.
21:32 - In Verdi, there was an accidental 911 call.

Friday, July 1

08:27 - At Logger Campground near Stampede Reservoir, a family of four were sleeping in a camping trailer when a neighboring camper saw smoke coming from the chimney flue. The campers were awoken and the fire was put out prior to USFS and Cal-Fire arriving on the scene. After an investigation, it appeared that the fire was related to a propane refrigerator.
08:52 - In Downieville, the damn generator was acting up again.
09:02 - In Loyalton, there was a possible check forgery.
10:51 - In Downieville, someone was arrested for a probation violation.
21:32 - In Downieville, a caller complained about a campfire on private property and the caller was informed campfires are allowed on private property.
23:20 - In Chilcoot, CHP requested agency assistance.

Saturday, July 2

00:07 - In Portola, there was a medical call from out of the county. The correct agencies were notified.
06:36 - In Pike City, a medical emergency involved a 64 year old man having chest pains.
11:56 - In Sierra City, a pesky illegal camper was told to move along.
12:43 - An accidental SOS arrived from near Babbitt Peak.
14:31 - In Sierra City, there were multiple vehicles blocking the roadway near Sardine Lake Resort.
14:55 - At Stampede Reservoir, cars were be driven recklessly.
16:43 - In Downieville, there was a 12 year old struggling to get out of the water. The juvenile was rescued by their father.
17:08 - In Sierra City, there was a miner camping illegally. The miner was notified that they needed to obtain a permit.
17:42 - A traffic hazard on HWY 89 near mile marker 13.
17:45 - A traffic offense on HWY 89 near mile marker 13.
19:09 - In Downieville, there was a report of a mountain biker down on a trail. Multiple units responded and the individual was located and reunited with family.
19:10 - In Sierraville, an ambulance was requested.
19:16 - In Sierra City, there was a request from AAA to relay a message to an individual in a broken down vehicle.
20:56 - In Downieville, there was a report of a vehicle collision.
21:15 - In Downieville, there was a report of fireworks. The deputy was unable to locate any fireworks.
22:09 - In Downieville, there was a request for a welfare check on an individual that was possibly in the area.

Sunday, July 3

01:19 - In Loyalton, EPHCA provided someone with a lift,
10:02 - In Goodyears Bar, there was a report of shots being fired.
12:07 - In Sierra City, there was an illegal campfire. Yes, as of July 1st, no campfires are allowed outside of a campground fire ring.
13:23 - In Sierra City, Deputy Fadden assisted a citizen.
13:52 - In Sierra City, there was a request for an ambulance.
14:48 - In Sierraville, a person was arrested warrant.
16:08 - At the Gold Lake Boat Launch, someone thought it was a good idea to BBQ from the dock. The deputy made contact and the BBQ was relocated.
16:38 - In Loyalton, some dogs were running amuck.


NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

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

Legal Notice

LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: **AVERY'S EXCAVATION**
Full name of registrant: **Avery Dyr**
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 Dyr**
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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Sierra Safe

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

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

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

18:49 - In Calpine, someone was removing posted notices at the Calpine Post Office.
19:56 - In Downieville, someone was awaiting a tow through AAA. AAA called the SCSO and asked to inform the driver that they are unable to get a tow truck to respond. The deputy was unable to locate the driver or the vehicle.

Total Reported: 69

At the Firehouse

By VICTORIA TENNEY

ALLEGHANY: June 27th - Firefighters trained.

DOWNIEVILLE: June 27th - Dispatchers meeting. June 28th - Responded for an ill person who was air lifted to the Enloe Hospital; responded for two Medical Urgent Care incidents. June 29th - Responded for five Medical Urgent Care incidents; responded because the town generator was spewing out black smoke, PG&E was notified; responded to WSMC to transfer an ill person to rendezvous with the Eastern Plumas ambulance to transport the patient to the hospital in Reno; responded for a possible structure fire - cancelled; COVID-19 testing at the Community Hall. June 30th - The ambulance responded to Sierra City for a vehicle over the bank; ticket sales for the Street Dance. July 1st - Event set-up; Firefighters Muster; B-B-Q Dinner; Line Dance & Street Dance; responded for the town generator spewing smoke, turned over to PG&E ; responded for an injured person who was air lifted to the Enloe Hospital. July 2nd - Responded for two Medical Urgent Care incidents; the ambulance responded to Sierra City for an ill person who was transported to the hospital in Roseville; responded for an ill bicyclist - cancelled. July 3rd - The ambulance responded to Sierra City for an ill person who was air lifted to the hospital in Reno.

LOYALTON: June 28th - 11:00AM, older female feeling unwell, west of Loyalton. June 29th - 6:06PM, down line, possibly power, Loyalton. July 3rd - 1:20AM, lift assist, west of Loyalton.

PIKE CITY: June 27th - Firefighters trained. July 2nd - Responded for an ill person who was transported to rendezvous with an ALS ambulance & taken to the hospital in Marysville.

SIERRA CITY: June 30th - Responded for a vehicle roll-over. July 2nd - Responded for an ill person who was air lifted to the hospital in Roseville. July 3rd - Responded for an ill person who was air lifted to the hospital in Reno.

PEACE

Surplus Vehicles for Sale

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

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Sierra County Board of Supervisors is seeking interested persons who would like to serve on the following:

Sierra County Children and Families Commission-(1 Vacancy)

One (1) vacancy of a five (5) member board created to establish early childhood development and smoking prevention programs. Members of the commission are required to be persons from the following categories: County Health Officer and persons responsible for management of County functions involving children's services, public health services, behavioral health services, social services, and other substance abuse prevention and treatments services; recipients of project services included in the County strategic plan; educators specializing in early childhood development; representatives of a local child care resource or referral agency; or a local organization for prevention or early intervention for families at risk; representatives of community-based organizations that have the goal of promoting nurturing and early childhood development; representatives of local school districts; and representatives of local medical, pediatric, or obstetric associations or societies.

The board is currently seeking one (1) member from the following: County Health Officer and persons responsible for management of County functions involving children's services, public health services, behavioral health services, social services, and tobacco and other substance abuse prevention and treatment services.

For additional information regarding the Sierra County Children and Families Commission contact the Sierra County Clerk or visit the Commission's website at: www.first5sierra.org.

FINAL FILING DATE: Open until filled

APPOINTMENTS will be made at the next appropriate meeting of the Sierra County Board of Supervisors.

PERSONS INTERESTED in serving may submit an application which can be obtained from the Sierra County Clerk, Courthouse, P.O. Drawer D, Downieville, California, 95936 or from the County Clerk-Recorder's website at: www.sierracounty.ca.gov. If further information is required, contact the Clerk-Recorder at (530) 289-3295.

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Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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

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

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

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

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

LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: THE SIGN SHOP
Full name of registrant: Douglas Bundy
Business Address: 978 West Sierra Brooks Drive, Loyalton, CA 96118
Business Mailing Address: P.O. Box 3604, Truckee, CA 96160
Business Phone: 730-587-9158
Registrant Address: 978 West Sierra Brooks Drive, Loyalton, CA 96118
This business is being conducted by: An Individual
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: NA
/s/ Douglas Bundy
This statement was filed in the office of Heather Foster, Sierra County Clerk-Recorder on: June 6th, 2022 FILE NO: 2022001850
Published in The Mountain Messenger on June 23, 30 & July 7, 14 of 2022

LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: ENGLISH OAKS PROPERTIES
Full name of registrant: Ember English
Business Physical Address: 36543 Spanish Oaks Lane, Quincy,CA 95971
Phone: 530-927-9476
Registrants Address: 36543 Spanish Oaks Lane, Quincy,CA 95971
This business is being conducted by: an Individual
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 6/8/2022
Statement expires on: 6/8/2027
/s/ Ember English
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: June 8th, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000142
Published in The Mountain Messenger on June 30 & July 7, 14, 21 of 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2022-000153

The following person(s) is doing business as:
DOLLAR GENERAL STORE #24549, 322 CRESCENT STREET, GREEN-VILLE, CA 95947, County of PLUMAS.
Mailing Address: DOLGEN CALIFORNIA, LLC,100 MISSION RIDGE, 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#
Printed in the Mountain Messenger on July 7, 14, 21, & 28 of 2022

LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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

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

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

Attorney for Daniel R. Shaheen and Jeffrey F. Shaheen

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SIERRA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #1

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY OF 2022/2023 PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Commission of the Sierra County Fire Protection District #1 (District) will hold a public hearing to review, explain and allow for public comment and input on the following:

Public Hearing to Review and Adopt the 2022-2023 Capital Improvement Plan

HEARING DATE: July 19, 2022
HEARING TIME: 6:15 pm, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard
PLACE: Sierraville Fire Station, 102 E. Main Street, Sierraville, CA 96126

SUMMARY OF BUDGET HEARING: The Board of Commission will consider and adopt the Capital Improvement Plan (the Plan) for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year. The Plan identifies capital improvements, acquisitions, repairs and replacements for District Capital Assets, including Fire Stations, Apparatus and Equipment, necessary for the performance of Fire Protection and the rendering of Emergency Medical Services for the Communities within District jurisdictional boundaries.

Further, the Plan will inform and provide a nexus for the future establishing, amending or increasing Fire Mitigation Fees, as adopted and currently in effect pursuant to Sierra County Code section 12.06.50. A copy of the proposed Budget and Capital Improvement Plan are on file with the Clerk to the Board, are open to public inspection and are available on the District's website at www.sierracountyfireprotectiondistrict1.org.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that on the above date and time, the Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on the foregoing. The Board will hear and consider Public input. Thereafter, the Board may adopt, revise, change, reduce or modify the proposed Budget or Plan.

IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD ON THESE MATTERS, a public hearing will be held at the time and place described above. Public comment will be accepted by the Board and may be submitted to the Clerk to the Board at www.sierracountyfireprotectiondistrict1.org or by mail at P.O. Box 255, Sierraville, California 96126, and in person at the public hearing until the close of public comment on the agendized item. In compliance with the American Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the District at least 48 hours preceding the meeting.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

| | |
|--|----------------------|
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| California Highway Patrol - Grass Valley | 477-4900 |
| City of Loyalton | 993-6750 |
| CalTrans - Road Conditions | 800-427-7623 |
| Downieville Maintenance Station | 289-3214 |
| Quincy Maintenance Station | 832-4911 |
| Sierraville Maintenance Station | 994-3410 |
| Nevada City Maintenance Station | 265-4290 |
| Downieville School | 289-3473 |
| Downieville Volunteer Fire Department | 289-3333 |
| Health & Human Services Dvl Loyalton | 289-3711 993-6700 |
| High Sierra Family Resource Center | 993-1110 |
| Loyalton Elementary School | 993-4482 |
| Loyalton City Hall | 993-6750 |
| Loyalton Cop Shop | 993-4479 |
| Loyalton High School | 993-4454 |
| Loyalton Volunteer Fire Department | 993-6751 |
| Mental Health Services, Loyalton | 993-6700 |
| PG&E report outages | 800-743-5002 |
| Plumas Ace Hardware, Portola | 832-5208 |
| Plumas County Clerk-Recorder | 283-6218 |
| Plumas County Sheriff's Office (Front Desk) | 283-6375 |
| Sierra County Sheriff's Office—non-emergency | 289-3700 |
| Sierra County Clerk-Recorder | 289-3295 |
| Sierra Hardware, Downieville | 289-3582 |
| Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital | 274-6000 |
| Sierra Valley Home Center, Loyalton | 993-4331 |
| USFS Beckwourth Ranger District | 836-2575 |
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California Hay Report - 7/1/2022

Compared to last week: Trade activity and demand were good to very good. Retail, dairy and export hay prices were mostly steady to firm. According to the NASS report on June 27, 2022, In the Sacramento Valley, irrigation was a priority for many crops. Corn fields continued making good progress. In Stanislaus County, weeds were being sprayed in corn and sorghum fields. Corn was sprayed for spotted mites and spider mites. Alfalfa hay and silage were being harvested. Silage corn was making good progress. In the San Joaquin Valley, cotton stands were blooming in the advanced stage. In Tulare County, most farmers had finished spreading fertilizer and preparing their fields for planting summer row crops. More acreage of silage corn were being planted by local dairy farmers. Black-eyed beans were planted. Alfalfa was being cut, dried, and baled. Cotton fields were being irrigated and treated for pests. The next available hay report will be Friday, July 8, 2022.

| Direct Hay Weighted Average Report | | | | | |
|---|-----------|---------------|---------------|-----|-------|
| Volume - California | | | | | |
| | This Week | Last Reported | Last Year | | |
| | | (6/13/2022) | | | |
| Tons of Hay: | 19590 | 6370 | | | 17940 |
| Bales of Hay: | 52850 | 1825 | | | 0 |
| North Inter-Mountain | | | | | |
| Hay (Conventional) | | | | | |
| | Qty. | Price Range | Use | Age | |
| Alfalfa - Premium (Trade/Per Ton) | | | | | |
| Large Sq. 3x4 | 350 | 335.00 | Feedlot/dairy | | |
| Alfalfa - Premium (Trade/Per Ton) | | | | | |
| Large Sq. 3x4 | 350 | 335.00 | Feedlot/dairy | New | |
| Alfalfa - Premium (Trade/Per Ton) | | | | | |
| Large Sq. 3x4 | 1100 | 350.00 | Feedlot/dairy | New | |
| Alfalfa - Good/Premium (Trade/Per Bale) | | | | | |
| Small Sq. 3 Tie | 500 | 17.00-18:00 | Retail | New | |
| Alfalfa - Fair/Good(Trade/Per Ton) | | | | | |
| Large Sq. 3x4 | 500 | 285.00 | Feedlot/dairy | New | |
| Alfalfa - Fair (Trade/Per Ton) | | | | | |
| Large Sq. 3x4 | 500 | 290.00 | Feedlot/dairy | | |
| Alfalfa - Utility (Trade/Per Ton) | | | | | |
| Large Sq. 3x4 | 500 | 290.00 | Feedlot/dairy | New | |
| Forage Mix-Two Way - Fair/Good (Trade/Per Ton) | | | | | |
| Large Sq. 3x4 | 500 | 250.00 | Feedlot/dairy | New | |
| Orchard Grass - Good/Premium (Trade/Per Bale) | | | | | |
| Small Sq. 3 Tie | 650 | 19.50-20:00 | Retail | New | |
| Wheat - Fair/Good (Trade/Per Bale) | | | | | |
| Small Sq. 3 Tie | 200 | 15.00 | Retail | New | |

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

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| Valero Portola | \$6.39 | \$6.89 | \$6.99 |
| Mobil Quincy | \$6.44 | \$6.74 | \$6.79 |
| Bassetts Station Bassetts | \$6.76 | \$7.09 | - |
| Whites's Station Loyalton | \$6.19 | - | \$6.89 |
| Sierraville Service Sierraville | \$6.219 | \$6.459 | \$6.569 |
| Lost Nugget Camptonville | \$6.409 | \$6.809 | \$7.009 |
| Penn Valley Gas Penn Valley | \$6.09 | \$6.29 | \$6.89 |
| Nevada City Gas Nevada City (Cash Only) | \$6.09 | \$6.39 | \$6.79 |
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| ARCO Grass Valley | \$6.29 | \$6.59 | \$6.99 |
| Chevron Truckee | \$6.89 | \$7.19 | \$7.29 |
| 76 Colfax | \$6.49 | \$6.79 | \$7.09 |

| Commodity Prices* | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| | Jun. 29 USD | Jul. 6 USD | Weekly Change | YOY Change |
| Gold USD/Troy Oz. | 1819.51 | 1739.44 | -4.30% | -3.57% |
| Silver USD/Troy Oz. | 20.753 | 19.193 | -7.37% | -26.56% |
| Lumber USD/1000 BdFt. | 633.60 | 635.00 | +0.22% | -18.59% |
| Live Cattle USD/100 Lbs. | 136.80 | 134.50 | +1.76% | +11.53% |
| Milk USD/100 Lbs. | 22.80 | 22.46 | -1.80% | +32.09% |
| Wheat USD/Bushel | 910.00 | 793.25 | -13.35% | +29.04% |
| Corn USD/Bushel | 766.00 | 725.00 | -2.50% | +15.10% |
| Sugar USD/Lbs | 18.55 | 17.99 | -3.02% | +1.35% |
| Aluminum USD/Ton | 2477 | 2413 | -2.35% | -2.99% |
| Nickel USD/Ton | 23119 | 22581 | -2.33% | +25.60 |
| Crude Oil USD/Barrel WTI | 109.24 | 98.31 | -10.46% | +36.15% |
| Propane USD/Gallon | 1.22 | 1.17 | -3.46% | +5.23% |
| CRB Index Index Points | 319.30 | 294.64 | -7.72% | +32.52 |

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

Sources: gasbuddy.com and phone calls to stations.

Elements

Night Sky: Are We Going Back to the Moon?

So NASA has been making incremental progress on the SLS (Space Launch System), the US proposal to return to the Moon and locations beyond. At the same time, SpaceX is planning a test of its massive booster for the Starship reusable space system. So when are we (as humans) getting back to the Moon?

If I had to place a bet, I would split my luck on either the Chinese space program or SpaceX. Why? Both of those groups are highly motivated to get there. For China, it's bragging rights. The Cold War saw the US and USSR racing for the Moon, with the Soviets excelling in orbital gains (automated docking, first satellite), but the US with first boots on lunar regolith with Apollo 11. For modern China, the claim of first back to the Moon after no humans since 1972 is a big prize.

For SpaceX, the motivation is marketing and profits. Space tourism could grow in time, albeit for the ultra-wealthy for now, but the same was once true for automobiles, ocean cruises, and air flight. Landing on the Moon would lead to landing on Mars and possible future moons of Jupiter. Elon Musk might be a little wonky, but the people at SpaceX are solid, hardworking, and determined to succeed.

But SLS is likely to end in a whimper rather than a bang. Will it fly? Sure. Will it continue as a program? I don't think so. It's a mess of old Space Shuttle components and government contracts that is flying like a penguin. Might sound harsh, but I think NASA should stick with its strength - robotic exploration of the solar system.

Keep lookin' up — Collin O'Mara-Green

Sun & Moon

| Date: | | Thu. 6/7 | Fri. 7/8 | Sat. 7/9 | Sun. 7/10 | Mon. 7/11 | Tue. 7/12 | Wed. 7/13 |
|-------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Sun | Rise: | 5:41 am | 5:41 am | 5:42 am | 5:43 am | 5:43 am | 5:44 am | 5:45 am |
| | Set: | 8:32 pm | 8:31 pm | 8:31 pm | 8:30 pm | 8:30 pm | 8:30 pm | 8:39 pm |
| Moon | Rise: | 2:02 pm | 3:12 pm | 4:26 pm | 5:43 pm | 6:59 pm | 8:09 pm | 9:08 pm |
| | Set: | 12:56 am | 1:21 am | 1:50 am | 2:25 am | 3:10 am | 4:06 am | 5:14 am |
| | Illumination | 61.1% | 71.9% | 81.9% | 90.4% | 96.5% | M | 99.6% |

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, as of July 7 at 6 AM, maintenance work will impose 1-way traffic control on SR-49 for 4.4 miles north of Higgins Corner will be in place from 9 PM to 8 AM through July 9. On SR-70 motorists are subject to delays of up to 30 minutes through the end of August from 1-way traffic controls from 3.8 mile east of Tobin to 1.2 west of Belden (Plumas County) due to construction work. Meanwhile, rocks, wildlife, bicyclists, and law enforcement continue to provide motorized travelers with reasons to be alert and to drive within speed limits.

Trails remain in dry and firm throughout the region, providing excellent conditions for hiking, biking, and riding horses.

The rivers and streams are continuing to run cold and clear with volumes only slightly below the historic norms. While kayaking and rafting activities are being curtailed due to lower than ideal water flows, fishing and tubing conditions are excellent. Swimming, however, remains reserved for those who are impervious to cold water.

7-Day Local Forecast

| Towns | Info | Thu. 6/7 | Fri. 7/8 | Sat. 7/9 | Sun. 7/10 | Mon. 7/11 | Tue. 7/12 | Wed. 7/13 |
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| <i>Downieville</i> | High/Low (°F) | M/54 | 82/49 | 86/50 | 86/51 | 94/57 | 98/59 | 95/58 |
| | Cloudiness (%): | 8% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 5% | 11% | 23% |
| | Wind (mph): | SW 10 mph | SW 6 mph | SW 6 mph | SW-W 4 mph | SW 4 mph | SW 6 mph | SW 6 mph |
| | Humidity (%): | 50% | 41% | 38% | 29% | 28% | 32% | 38% |
| | Chance of Precip. | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| <i>Loyalton</i> | High/Low (°F) | 78/42 | 80/44 | 81/43 | 82/45 | 89/51 | 92/53 | 91/53 |
| | Cloudiness (%): | 14% | 4% | 5% | 4% | 10% | 16% | 26% |
| | Wind (mph): | SW 14 mph | SW 12 mph | SW-W 11 mph | NE-W 6 mph | E-W 8 mph | W 10 mph | SW 11 mph |
| | Humidity (%): | 55% | 45% | 39% | 33% | 30% | 33% | 34% |
| | Chance of Precip. | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 3% | 3% |
| <i>Quincy</i> | High/Low (°F) | M/45 | 82/43 | 86/45 | 88/46 | 94/51 | 99/54 | 95/53 |
| | Cloudiness (%): | 6% | 2% | 1% | 1% | 4% | 9% | 19% |
| | Wind (mph): | SW 9 mph | SW 5 mph | SW 5 mph | NE-W 4 mph | E-SW 6 mph | SW 6 mph | SW 7 mph |
| | Humidity (%): | % | 49% | 46% | 44% | 41% | 41% | 43% |
| | Chance of Precip. | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |

Source: < https://www.weather.gov/wrh/wxtable> [National Weather Service WFO STO 02:50 AM PDT Thursday July 7, 2022] M=Missing



Last Week's Weather

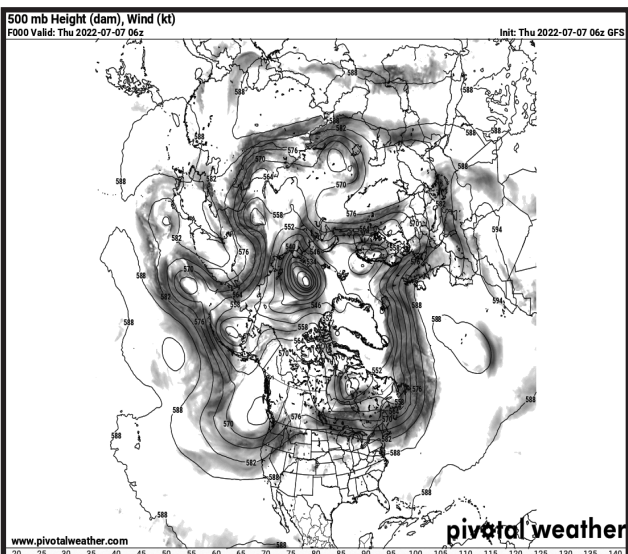
Courtesy of the Grubstake Saloon

| Date | Hi | FE | Lo | FE | Precip. | Snow |
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| Jun. 30 | 85 | M | 44 | -9 | - | - |
| Jul. 1 | 86 | +1 | 45 | -5 | - | - |
| Jul. 2 | 83 | -2 | 43 | -7 | - | - |
| Jul. 3 | 75 | -7 | 46 | -2 | - | - |
| Jul. 4 | 76 | 0 | 54 | +8 | - | - |

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

Seasonal Precipitation

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| July 1 to date | 61.62" |
| To-date last year | 32.01" |
| Yearly average | 65.28" |



Jet Streams: July 7

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

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: X equals T

VLXXLSI ILZX XP NMSR QULVVLSI
MAPBX WPSILI XWMX IXPJ MZQ
SLNBIL XP FLLJ UMFVHZT:
AMVF RMHV.

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Last Week's Answers

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CryptoQuip

Why are most folks who annotate books insignificant. Because their work is usually marginal.

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ACROSS

- 1 Big name in small planes
7 Passage leading to an aural drum
15 Sign into law
20 Despicable
21 Cessation
22 Six-Day War leader Dayan
23 Starting something over, figuratively
26 Bottom line
27 "You — My Sunshine"
28 U.S. intel org.
29 See
30 Question the Devil asks in a Kipling poem
39 Patrick of "A Clockwork Orange"
41 Leave high and dry
42 — pot (sinus-cleaning device)
43 Wolves down
46 — wheel (fair ride)
48 Final resting places
52 Cause heads to turn
56 Yule tune
57 Wheel center
58 Turn rancid
60 Norma — (film heroine)
61 Nickname for Connecticut
71 River to the Rhone
72 Senseless
73 Drop by
74 Recent times
81 Wheaton of "Stand by Me"
82 Singer
83 G.P. or vet
84 War god
86 Giving a rigorous tryout
97 Play a ukulele, e.g.
99 Boastful talk
100 Cigar-holding container
101 Huge, informally
104 Chucked
106 With
29-Across, neo-soul singer with four Grammys
107 What's accurate about a situation
113 City NNE of Lake Tahoe
114 — Z

DOWN

- 1 Red Scare attorney Roy
2 Falco of TV
3 Wait patiently
4 Mayberry's Otis, for one
5 "Rapa —" (1994 film)
6 Something really easy
7 Prize greatly
8 Part of NCAA: Abbr.
9 — v. Wade
10 Revival skill, for short
11 Big simian
116 On top of, to poets
119 It closed all 130+ of its U.S. campuses in 2016
128 Wall work
129 1973-99
130 "The Wizard of Menlo Park"
131 Conjuring aid
132 Encroach on another's land
133 Novelist du Maurier
12 "Stillmatic" rapper
13 Narc, e.g.
14 Gives access
15 Outback bird
16 Symbol for written music
17 "Ad — per aspera" (Kansas' motto)
18 Mass singers
19 Principle
24 Mutt's sound
25 Despicable
31 Bit of crying
32 Ward of TV
33 Wilson's predecessor
34 Weight allowance, once
35 Yesteryear
36 Brought into the world
37 Troop group
38 "The Addams Family" cousin
39 Actress
40 Home pest
44 Cavern effect
45 Daze
47 Spanish ayes
49 Swamp
50 "Get lost!"
51 Precip-ice?
53 "Six-pack"
54 Texer's hugs
55 Cloister sister

ACROSS

- 59 "Please reply," in brief
61 Jeans go-with, often
62 Dog following its owner closely
63 Suffix with south
64 Co. VIPs
65 Uncle, in Argentina
66 Pol. middle-of-the-roader
67 — chi
68 Little — (kids)
69 Vietnamese New Year
70 Actress
71 "— a Very Good Year"
75 Spy's device
76 Capote, to his friends
77 Courtroom promise
78 Big whoop
79 Chris of "Sex and the City"
80 "Ac-Cent— —Ate the Positive"
85 Bottom line
87 Dog with Dorothy
88 "What business is — yours?"
89 Magazine mogul Condé

From the Sierras

by Electa Louesa DeWolf - Sardine Valley, July 11, 1874

I sometimes question whether these sketches of every day life, in the Sierras, may not prove insipid after the highly seasoned condiments of travel dished up by tourists who could not think of halting and admiring a little valley not noted enough to be down in the guide books. I had read these confessions of tourists many times and yet,when I came here, there was scarcely a fact of true California life and character with which I was familiar; nor has the novelty of the situation yet entirely worn off.

When I wrote yo lat, we were still rejoicing in about four feet of snow. May brought in her train a bevy of warm, sunny days; and, presto! the change. The snow, except upon the higher mountains and on the hill with a northern exposure, disappeared as if by magic, and the beautiful green of resurrected nature covered the valley. At first, the valley was like a sea of gold with a wealth of buttercups, and there were banks of violets as large and rich in coloringh as our cultivated pansies at home. Later the purple blossom of the wild potatoe and a pure white flower were everywhere commingled. Probably not less than a hundred varieties of wild flowers, some of them exquisitely beautiful, could be gathered here. The Manzaniti, when in pink blossom with its bright green leaves and dark brown branches, would make a charming evergreen for the yard. There is also a vine, called by the children, “Mountain Carpet,” bearing a sweet scented purple flower, which grows in wild profusion over the rocks.

The summer days are very delightful, warm without being sultry; and the nights are always cool and comfortable. No part of my California life is more enjoyable than the hours I spend rambling over the country, in the saddle on the back of my favorite Prince. Prince evidently considers his calling to be that of a lady’s horse. He is gentle, sure of foot, and can pick his way over rocks and climb hills

like a mountain sheep. But, give him rein and a fair field, and he will take you over the ground on a swift, easy lope - every bound of which is exhilaration. The trot is too slow and antiquated a gait for this country, and saddle horses are trained to “lope” - a much pleasanter and easier motion than trotting.

Nature provides bountifully for her children in the summer season. A number of “Mahallas,” with their papooses, have been busy for several weeks digging leaks, or wild onions, and Indian potatoes, in this neighborhood. I asked one of them if the onions were good. She said “heap good; sweet, all same as sugar,” and smacked her lips. They often come to the house for biscuit, and in honor of the occasion paint their faces over with pots of white and red, and dress up in several yards of beads. In my rides I have been once or twice at their campuda. They were there for all ages, from half a moon to half a century old. The walls of their houses are as wide as the horizon, and covered at night with a blue starry canopy. A few ragged old blankets, a camp fire, camp kettles and dishes, made of willowns so woven as to be water tight; “heap onions, heap potatoes, heap pine nuts” - what more could a reasonable Indian wish? They boil water in their basket camp kettles by putting hot stones into them. The onions, though sweet to the Washoes, are pretty rank to the nice taste of a while Mahala. The potatoes are a bulbus root not so unpleasant, but gummy and insipid; the pine nuts are very nutritious, with a slight flavor of pitch, but very palatable.

The dairymen are once more settled with their stock upon the summer ranges. Many of them own ranches in the Sacramento valley, where they spend the winter. By June the crops are harvested there, and the feed dried up. Then they bring their families and stock up into the mountains where the feed is good all summer, going below again in October. Many of these

dairies number from sixty to one hundred cows. I should think cheese making would be very profitable here; but no one seems to understand the business, and they prefer buttermaking. The quality of the butter is excellent, and demands 32 to 33 1/3 cents by the quantity. It pays, I suppose, but it is a hard life, after all.

As a health resort, I think California enjoys a much better reputation abroad than at home. Of course, very many come here who are benefitted, and many again find the climate thoroughly unsuited to them. For consumptions the air of the Foot Hills is highly recommended. The air at this elevation is too light for that disease. Otherwise, this mountain climate is probably as healthy as any in the world. My own health has improved since I came here, and I can now climb with as little fatigue as an average Californian.

We had a very pleasant excursion party to Independence Lake, a short time since. We left home quite early in the morning and, after a pleasant three hours’ drive through canyons, across mountain streams, over rocks and under larches, we reached Independence Lake, 6,500 feet above the sea. It would seem strange, at home, to ride the 1st of July muffled in waterproofs, scarfs, arctic rubbers and all the warm clothing of winter; but I assure you we found them very comfortable. We drove to the hotel, at the foot of the lake, and while awaiting dinner strolled down to the shore. A more charming picture my eyes never beheld. On the opposite side was a long range of hills sloping down to the water’s edge, with patches of snow under the larches from base to summit. At the head of the lake were the wild, rugged mountains, destitute of vegetation and covered with snow; rising from two to three thousand feet above the lake. The lake is very regular

See From the Sierras

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Hunting Giants

By Matt Jones, Tahoe Quarterly Magazine

Tall Trees of Old

In the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, it was believed that the world’s tallest trees could be found in Australia, where eucalyptus in the Dandenong Ranges were rumored to reach heights over 400 feet.

In the summer of 1938, members of the California Redwood Empire Association decided to lay such rumors to rest. They wrote a sternly worded letter to F.A. Silcox, chief of the U.S. Forest Service, imploring him to more closely inspect Northern California’s coastal forests. There, they believed, he would surely find a tree that stretched higher than any Australian eucalyptus.

In fact, they already had a particular tree in mind: a 364-foot behemoth that had been discovered by surveyors in 1931. The coast redwood had been named the Founders Tree to honor the three men who founded the Save the Redwoods League.

The forest service responded with a 115-page public report entitled *Famous Trees*. “As evidenced in the booklet ... the tallest tree now known is a California Redwood,” wrote S.B. Show, a regional forester.

The pamphlet concluded that the Founders Tree was 39 feet taller than Australia’s largest eucalyptus, which, at the time, measured 325 feet.

That’s not to say there weren’t taller trees before then—colossal old-growth specimens that fell victim to the saw long before forest conservation was a thing.

In fact, according to *Australian Geographic* magazine, a mountain ash in southeastern Australia that was cut in 1880 measured over 375 feet. Meanwhile in America’s Pacific Northwest—before the virgin coastal forests were extensively logged starting in the nineteenth century—Douglas firs often grew to over 300 feet, with some forests containing 1,000-year-old relics that surpassed 400 feet. According to a report by the

Sugar Pine Foundation, Douglas fir may have been the tallest tree species in the world before being logged, with the tallest reliably measured tree standing 393 feet (some 12 feet taller than Hyperion) and measuring 15.4 feet in diameter.

But Douglas firs of that size and age are long gone—just as the largest ancient redwoods may well have been lost to logging.

“This species (Douglas fir) was persecuted even worse than the redwoods,” Sillett, a professor of Botany at Cal Poly Humboldt, told the Sugar Pine Foundation, adding that the remaining Douglas firs are mere “table scraps” of the old-growth forests that once existed.

Nevertheless, the Forest Service’s *Famous Trees* report inspired other Americans to track down the biggest trees the country had to offer.

In September of 1940, *American Forests Magazine* published “*Let’s Find and Save the Biggest Trees*”, a letter by Joseph L. Stearns. The two-page missive issued a challenge to readers to locate the “*largest specimens of our major species*,” and to take “*concerted action to bring about the protection and preservation of these great old giants*.”

The magazine’s editorial staff heartily endorsed the letter, writing, “*If you know of a very large tree, make it your business to see that its full accurate record is sent to the American Forestry Association*.”

This record was to include the species, circumference, precise location and, of course, the height. Though, if history had demonstrated anything, it was that accurately measuring a giant tree was easier said than done.

Measuring Monsters of Nature

There is more than one way to measure a tree.

In the 1940s, planes took aerial photographs of forests and then measured the shadow extending from a given tree to determine its height. Unfortunately, this

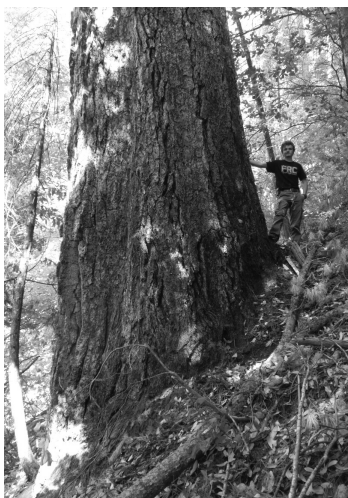
method was both limited and imprecise. Sloping ground has the tendency to drastically shorten or lengthen shadows. In dense stands, shadows are often not visible enough to measure.

Triangulation is still a relatively popular approach to estimating height. It requires standing far enough away from a tree to have a clear view of its top. Then, with the help of some mathematical wizardry, an imaginary right triangle is used to determine the distance between the tree’s base and crown.

The tallest sugar pine in Oregon, a 265-footer located in Douglas County, was estimated via triangulation in 2011. Needless to say, this method depends on the experience of the person doing the measuring. When two professionals scaled the same tree a year later, the height was proven to be closer to 255 feet.

“The most accurate way to measure a tree is to climb to the top and drop some [measuring] tape down,” says Anthony Ambrose of The Marmot Society.

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



Duncan Kennedy leans against the Redonkulous tree, the second tallest known sugar pine, discovered on the western slope of the Tahoe National Forest in 2020. Photo courtesy of Michael Taylor

70 YEARS AGO

The Mountain Messenger

VOLUME x100 NO. 6-7 ESTABLISHED 1853 DOWNIEVILLE, SIERRA COUNTY SEAT, CALIFORNIA JULY 10 & JULY 17, 1952

100 Year Ceremony Observed

The centennial of the first mass celebrated in Sierra County was observed here Sunday at noon, when a solemn high mass of thanksgiving was said at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. The ceremonies were presided over by Bishop Robert J. Armstrong of the Catholic Diocese of Sacramento. Father Virgil Gabrielli, priest of Downieville Parish, was celebrant, assisted by Fathers John McGarry of Colusa, priest here 1915-26; Patrick Donnelly, Grass Valley priest, and Father Basil of Christ the King Retreat Home, Citrus Heights; and Sisters Felicitas and Clement of Mt. St. Mary’s Academy at Grass Valley also attended.

Bishop Armstrong briefly reviewed the work of the Catholic Church in California, before a hundred years ago, when the Spanish padres first worked among the Indians with the missions; how the priests had extended their efforts, followed the gold strikes, and established more churches as the communities grew, paying tribute to the efforts of pioneer priests, and admonishing that present day churchmen must follow their example and carry on the work they so ably founded.

The little church was crowded, and many stood outside during services, to which some attended from considerable distances. The choir was composed of Mrs. Antone Lavezzola, Mrs. Tony G. Costa, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Norman T. Wade and Miss Dorothy Hodge, with the latter two singing a duet in church and at the luncheon following. Mrs. William T. Reed, Jr., was

organist. Antone Lavezzola and Edmond J. Dorney were ushers.

The church was beautifully decorated by a committee headed by Mrs. Vernon Huffman, and Mrs. T.G. Costa was in charge of the luncheon, both assisted by several members of the church.

About 175 were at the luncheon, where Raymond Herrera was toastmaster, and who gave credit to Father Gabrielli for recent progress of the local church, wherein he had engendered support from all denominations.

Father McGarry told about his first trip into Downieville over the mountain roads, when, incidentally, George Pezzola was one of the parties guiding him. He spoke of his experiences and appreciation of many friends made here some 35 years ago.

Father McGloin also voiced his appreciation. Referring to training for church work, he introduced six couples, five of who were parents of Jesuit priests, and one couple parents of a student: Messrs. and Mesdames J.L. Vizzard, C. Mihan, J. Smyth and J.E. Burman of San Francisco, Floyd Jenkins of Berkeley, and William Fahy of Mill Valley, the latter’s son having recently been released after being a prisoner of Chinese Communists for 11 months.

Father Gabrielli was appreciative of being the celebrant of the first high mass in Downieville, expressing thanks to the many who have assisted his work.

Briefly, Bishop Armstrong closed the speaking by complimenting the affair as an example of true Christian brotherhood, his appreciation at

being able to participate, and the benediction.

Reports of early activities of the church are that the first mass, July 1852, was the result of an accident, wherein Father Acker was enroute to the howling gold mining camp of Downieville when his riding mule was accidentally killed at Bullard’s Bar. Waiting there for a replacement, he celebrated mass in a canvas store owned by James Lawrence.

Father Shanahan came from Nevada City in the spring of 1853 to organize a Catholic parish among the some 5000 persons in this supply center for a wide mining area. His visit was after a fire which virtually wiped out Downieville in February when local residents were more interested in rebuilding homes and businesses than a church.

A committee of Catholics organized in the summer of 1853, who bought a site on a hill at the north end of town where a Baptist Church had stood, which was destroyed by the fire. The first Immaculate Conception Church was presumably completed late in 1853, but diocesan records are not clear on this point. The original edifice was destroyed by fire in 1858 and was replaced by the present building.

In 1928, the parish was discounted as an entity and was served by visiting priests from Nevada City until 1948, when it was reestablished, and Father Gabrielli was named in July as pastor.

Among others from out of town attending the observance were: Paul Gabrielli of Ferndale and Virgil Pegolotti of Petaluma, father and cousin of the pastor; Editor and Mrs.

T.P. Sagaser and children of Loomis; Assemblyman-elect and Mrs. John A. Bryant and son of Redding; Mr. and Mrs. James G. Flaherty of San Francisco and Miss Ryta L. McHugh of Sacramento; Mr. and Mrs. Patrick C. Morris of Forest; Mr. and Mrs. George Harvey and Miss Nellie Curry of Marysville; Miss Mary N. Walton of Yuba City; Elmer Butz of Auburn.

C. Johnson Killed As Mine Caves

Charles Harvey Johnson, 67, was killed Tuesday morning about 9:30 o’clock by a cavein at Eagle Bird Mine, of which he was owner. He was born in Virginia, resided at 804 E Street, Marysville, and had been mining in this area for over 20 years, having been a partner of the late Alonzo C. Hinchner in one mine.

Johnson had been working since June 30, in the Eagle Bird, located at the head of Jim Crow Canyon, about four steep miles beyond the road, near Granite Mountain, about a mile from Henness Pass road. He was replacing overhead timbers 50 to 75 feet from the mouth of the tunnel, which is about 750 feet long, with Ross Lee Randall, Jr., 19 of Route 2, Hooper Road, Yuba City, a student at Concordia University, Oakland, and Donald Edward LaPierre, 19, student at University of Indiana, Anderson, Indiana, were on the outside.

As it fell, Johnson was caught under some 12 tons of earth. Randall and LaPierre came over the trail and road to Downieville, reporting to Sheriff W. Dewey Johnson about 10:40. He called on Foreman William T. Reed, Jr., Angus James, Julio Daneri and Ed Finkel of Brush Creek Mine at Goodyears Bar to dig Johnson

out. They were accompanied up Jim Crow Canyon by Jailer Norman L. Costa.

Undersheriff James F. Hill, Reginald Clemens of the Forest Service, LaPierre and Randall, went by jeep and pickup over Mountain House and Henness Pass road with stretcher and first aid equipment. They were delayed by snow drifts and fallen timber on Henness Pass road, which goes to within about a mile of the mine.

Johnson was found face down, under about 12 tons of decomposed granite. The body was removed after six mine cars of muck was taken out, and brought to the county hospital at Downieville. Coroner Philip R. Newberg and Dr. Carl C. Sutton examined it and attributed death to suffocation. It was taken to Marysville for funeral arrangements.

Johnson is survived by his wife, Alice, and a daughter Mrs. Charles Barnett, both of Marysville.

Mrs. McCormick Chosen For Sierra Clerk Position

Mrs. Stanley N. McCormick was appointed Monday by Sierra County Board of Supervisors to succeed Ben H. Peterson, resigned as of August 1, in the office of county clerk, auditor and recorder. Her experience in county business was probably an important consideration of her appointment as secretary of the annual business now amounting to some \$4,500,000.

She is a long-time resident here. Her mother’s cousin, the late George W. Coever, came in 1852 and patented the ground on which she now makes her home. He was a Spanish-American War veteran, and deeded the place to her when she was still a girl. She

was born in Sparta, Illinois, and first came here with her mother after her father’s death, in 1912. They lived here three years, then went back to Illinois for three years, and returned in 1918 to make it their permanent home.

Mrs. McCormick attended the high school at Berkeley, and started her work in county business in 1926, for F. Lloyd Johnson, then sheriff and tax collector. Successively, she has continued in county work under George C. Bynon, sheriff and tax collector; Henry E. Quigley and Franklin H. Turner, in the clerk, auditor and recorder office; then as deputy tax collector under Sheriff W. Dewey Johnson, continuing in that position when the work was combined with that of Mrs. Margaret E. Lambert, treasurer.

She was president of Harry Thomas Post, American Legion Auxiliary here before it was moved to Loyalton, and is a past president of the Parents and Teachers Association.

While there are many who could eventually qualify for the position, there are also many details and ramifications that could only be learned by experience, contact and actual participation in duties of the office. Peterson, was deputy before being appointed clerk, auditor and recorder, is credited with having conducted the office most commendably. His previous experience and application contributed to that success. A similar situation applies to Mrs. McCormick, whom he will assist as far as his new position will permit. These are elements which the board of supervisors probably considered in making the appointment.