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Local Elections, Part 2 - Sierra and Nevada Counties

BY DUNCAN A. KENNEDY

CALPINE – In our April 28th edition, *The Mountain Messenger* detailed what is taking place in the current Plumas County electoral scene. This week, we are exploring the state of the races in Sierra and Nevada counties as the June 7th general primary draws closer.

Sierra County

Nine public offices are up for election this year, but only one is contested. The races are listed below, with incumbents depicted by an asterisk(*):

Assessor: Laura Marshall*

Auditor/Treasurer-Tax Collector: Van Maddox*

Clerk-Recorder: Heather Foster*

County Supervisor, District Two: Lila Heuer v. Sandy Sanders

County Supervisor, District Five: Sharon Dryden*

District Attorney: Sandra Groven*

Sheriff-Coroner: Mike Fisher*

Superior Court Justice: Charles Ervin*

Superintendent of Schools: James Berardi*

In the one contested race, with no incumbent due to the retirement of Sierra County stalwart Peter Huebner (Supervisor for District Two since 1999), two candidates have emerged to replace him.

Lila Heuer, age 75, is a long-time resident of Sierra City and the proprietor of a motel, My Sister's Cottage, there. She also drives the Golden Rays Senior Citizens bus from Downieville to as far as Reno and Sacramento for her fellow seniors. She spoke at the Gold Nugget Republican Women's April 20th candidate luncheon, an event *The Mountain Messenger* covered, and she has also expressed interest in speaking at future Sierra County Democrats events.

Heuer's opponent is Gerald "Sandy" Sanders, a native of Georgia whose parents met in Sierra County and spent time in Sierra County every year during his youth; in 2021 he was able to fulfill a long-time dream by escaping here from the Bay Area. The Messenger interviewed him recently and will publish his story soon.

Nevada County

In Nevada County, the most populous in this part of Northeastern California, a full eleven countywide offices are up for election this year; they are listed below, with an asterisk(*) denoting incumbents in races. Of the eleven, five are contested, as are two seats on the Nevada City Council.

Assessor: Gerald Bushore v. Rolf Kleinhans

Auditor-Controller: Rob Tribble v. Gina Will

Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters: Natalie Adona v.

Paul Gilbert v. Jason Tedder

County Supervisor, District Three: Valentina Masterz v.

Patti Spencer v. Lisa Swarhout

County Supervisor, District Four: Sue Hoek* v.

Calvin Clark

Nevada City Council (two seats up): Lou Ceci v.

Adam Kline v. Ken Merdinger v. Erin Minett*

District Attorney: Jesse Wilson*

Sheriff-Coroner/Public Administrator: Shannan Moon*

Superintendent of Schools: Scott Lay*

Superior Court Justice: Candace Heidelberger*

Superior Court Justice: Yvette Durant*

Treasurer-Tax Collector: Tina Vernon*

Although multiple candidates filed for both the Sheriff and District Attorney races, the incumbents appear on the ballot unopposed due to the disqualification of each of their opponents - one due to not having the prerequisite recent law enforcement experience, and the other due to not being a resident at the time of registration. Both Superior Court Justice seats are uncontested, as are the Superintendent of Schools and Treasurer-Tax Collector races.

The Assessor race is open after the retirement of three-term incumbent Sue Horne. Gerald Bushore, the County Chairman of Assessment Appeals and Vice-Chair of the Nevada Cemetery District, is running against County Chief Fiscal Officer Rolf Kleinhans. Kleinhans is currently endorsed by retiring incumbent Horne for the position.

In the Auditor-Controller race, local financial consultant Rob Tribble (not of Star Trek fame) is facing off against Assistant Auditor-Controller Gina Will for this open seat. Will has been Assistant Auditor-Controller since 2020, having previously served as Finance Director for the Town of Paradise before the 2018 Camp Fire. Retiring four-term incumbent Marcia Salter has endorsed Will for this office.

With the retirement of incumbent Clerk-Recorder Gregory Diaz, three candidates have entered yet another open-seat race - one with increased scrutiny ever since the 2020 election cycle. Assistant Clerk-Recorder Natalie Adona, community volunteer Jason Tedder, and "citizen auditor" Paul Gilbert are running for the position. Adona comes into the race as the most experienced and well-known candidate and likely has the backing of incumbent Diaz. Tedder is a veteran who has volunteered heavily in the community and is campaigning on improving security and transparency through videotaping of vote counting and increasing poll staffing. Lastly, Gilbert is running his campaign on supposed discrepancies in the 2020 election, and has become an "independent citizen auditor" of elections locally.

After an attempted recall by disgruntled local citizens against him and the rest of the Board of Supervisors, District Three's

Sierra County Visited by California's Natural Resources Agency Secretary, Wade Crowfoot

By DUNCAN A. KENNEDY

SIERRA CITY – Saturday, April 30th, saw Sacramento big-shot Wade Crowfoot, Director of California's Natural Resource Agency, traveling to Sierra City for a special meet-and-greet hosted by Sierra Pines Resort. The event was set-up and moderated by District Two Supervisor candidate Sandy Sanders, a longtime friend of Crowfoot.

Crowfoot is a native of northern Michigan who moved to California in the mid-1990s. His formal education consists of a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (University of Wisconsin – Madison, 1996) and a Master of Public Policy (London School of Economics, 2004). Crowfoot has previously worked as West Coast regional director for the Environmental Defense Fund and as a senior environmental advisor for Gavin Newsom during his tenure as Mayor of San Francisco. Wade met Sanders on a men's soccer team around two decades ago; according to Sanders, "Crowfoot and [Rob] Bonta [currently California's Attorney General] were our two best players."

Crowfoot began with of primer on the history of fire in the West and how putting all fires out by "10 AM the next day" rule was the wrong approach, both from an ecological and fire safety standpoint. According to Crowfoot, "we now know the notion of healthy forests as untouched to be absolutely wrong," a stance defying modern conservationist dogma but backed heavily by scientific research in fire ecology and Native American oral histories on land and fire use.

Because of this, California's Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) is investing massively more money into forest treatment projects - \$3 billion between 2022 and 2024 - while advocating for deregulation and simplification of the environmental review process for these projects. This investment is the result of the state government "finding some religion" regarding fires and deciding they need to maintain forests more as "green infrastructure" than as untouched "wilderness." The state is currently aiming for the "ambitious but achievable" goal of treating two million forested acres a year. To achieve this target, his agency is asking local Resource Conservation Districts and Fire Safe Councils to submit requests for funding of projects where they already know would be useful. and Crowfoot hopes the ongoing North Yuba Project will be a "statewide model for success" in this regard.

The reaction to this stance is mixed across the spectrum. Crowfoot says the CNRA is finally wrangling the air quality boards into agreement and cooperation. After many years of debate, thanks to the air quality issues caused by wildfires outright destroying forests that could be saved by treatment, air quality managers are revising their thoughts about the re-introduction of fires within the forest. The Forest Service is currently the primary beneficiary of these efforts since their forestland is in the greatest need of treatment.

Meanwhile, clean energy proponents and timber advocates are perhaps the most uniquely affected groups involved. The former has the opportunity of biomass energy gaining steam ahead of them and are more than happy to argue the pricing of biomass energy should internalize the benefits of wildfire risk reduction to become more economical. Current biomass technology is small-scale, efficient, and inexpensive; however, converting old cogeneration plants is not nearly as easy or cost-effective. One approach the state has looked at is subsidizing building small biomass plants in a more even statewide distribution, slashing transportation costs while powering local microgrids attached to the larger regional grid. However, this will be neither cheap nor easy to market.

Timber advocates are wisely taking this opportunity to better market the new face of logging and timber – for the most part, the days of hundred-acre clearcuts are long in the past, as are big tree harvests. Instead, small-log mills are rapidly becoming the industry standard, and the state is willing to subsidize dozens or hundreds statewide to better process material from salvage logging and fuel reduction projects.

Crowfoot emphasized the need for more of these mills and will be present at the ribbon-cutting of such a facility operated by the Sierra Institute in Crescent Mills on May 18th. More wood construction is also being encouraged, as timber buildings are a carbon sink (in contrast to concrete, a carbon source) and a safer construction option in earthquake-prone areas. "Mass timber" construction is rapidly gaining popularity in these areas, using small logs less than a foot in diameter to build entire buildings – one can only hope this trend will reach the Lost Sierra.

These fuel reduction plans are permanent and will continue in near-perpetuity if successful. Crowfoot would like to see more initiative taken by private landholders on this front and says that "we're surprised how hard it is to get money from us" for forest improvement measures. Still, he is optimistic about the future of California's forests with the plans in development. He hopes to see more improvement soon while trying not to fail at this, saying that "utter failure would be if I came back three years from now to find nothing had changed."

Despite a particularly passionate audience member's frequent interjections, the symposium was a success for Crowfoot, Sanders and the two dozen or so attendees. Crowfoot has expressed interest in returning to the area in the future to supply Sierra County residents with whatever support and information he can feasibly provide.

Art & Music Sponsorships Now Available

Press Release from Sierra County Arts Council

SIERRA CITY – Sierra County Arts Council is pleased to offer Art and Music Sponsorships (AMS) 2022. The Sierra County Arts Council is always seeking opportunities to bring more cultural events and programs to our geographically isolated communities. We do not enjoy the same volunteer base and funding resources as our urban neighbors. The AMS program is designed to make the greatest use of our resources and to collaborate with local organizations to bring more art and music to all parts of Sierra County. We introduced the AMS program in 2016 and since then have funded music for events for local organizations across Sierra County including the Loyalton Rotary, local library summer reading programs, the Forest City Historical Society, Downieville Lions, local community improvement groups, the Sierra County Historical Society, local fire departments, and many other organizations.

B. J. Jordan, Executive Director of the Sierra County Arts Council, has been busy working with art advocacy groups across the state to promote funding for the arts, particularly in the rural frontier of Sierra County. As a result, we have seen an increase in funding to our local arts council through the California Arts Council. The Arts Council has also applied for and received funding for Covid Relief grants. As a result of these efforts, the Arts Council has bolstered the Art & Music Sponsorship program and expanded it to include individual artists and their projects.

Local organizations, civic groups, non-governmental organizations, and nonprofits are eligible to apply for funding to hire artists and musicians to enhance events and programming through the AMS program. Individual artists may also apply for funding to support their work and projects. Funding of up to \$500 per year per organization or individual is available through the AMS program.

All events and programming must take place in Sierra County. All funds will be paid directly to the musician or artist providing the service. Events and programs funded through the AMS program will be featured on the Sierra County Arts Council's website calendar of events. The easy one page application may be downloaded on our website at www.sierracountyartscouncil.org or contact B.J. Jordan at bj@sierracountyartscouncil.org or telephone 530-289-3673. Funds are limited and awarded on a first come first served basis. Organizations that have not received funding in the past will have priority this year. The Sierra County Arts Council is State-Local Partner with the California Arts Council.

Timberfest Returns

By Duncan A. Kennedy

LOYALTON - For the first time since 2000, Sierra Timberfest will be returning to Loyalton this Saturday, May 14th.

This event, a fixture of Loyalton life every year during the 1990s. Timberfest was originally organized as a protest to the slow strangulation of the timber industry by federal injunctions and environmental regulations, but it also served as a way to keep a sense of community going while the town reeled from the declining employment in the timber industry.

The original Timberfest featured a truck parade, logging show, street fair, and a rib cookoff (the inspiration for the birth of the annual Sierra County tradition seen every March – the Great Yuba Pass Chili Cook-Off).

Sadly, after nearly ten years of annual celebration, Timberfest went away the same year the Sierra Pacific Industries opted to close their Loyalton mill, an event sending the town into a downward spiral from which they have still yet to fully recover.

However, now, twenty-two years later, the event has returned thanks to the sponsorship of the Eastern Sierra Valley Chamber of Commerce and CTL Forest Management (the new owners of the Loyalton Sawmill and the Golden West Saloon and Hotel) and the tireless work of community organizers such as Supervisor Terry LeBlanc.

This year's event will

feature the traditional truck parade plus food sales, and, most notably, an American Lumberjack Association (ALA) sanctioned logging sports event. Competiti events include men's and women's classes for Underhand Chop, Single Block Chop and Singlebuck, a Choker Race, an Axe Throw, and all events will feature prize money for first through fifth places. As this is an ALA event, all competitors will have to either be ALA members or sign up as one-time show members to participate. The Golden West will provide open hotel space for up to a dozen out-of-town competitors, with others having to seek lodgings elsewhere.

The Logger's Parade starts at 10:00 AM on the 14th, and the Logging Competition starts at 11:00 AM. All competitors must be at the 9:00 AM contestant's meeting to participate. For further information on the revival of this historic event, visit sierratimberfest.com. See you there!

Sourdough
Jack Sez...

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Katie's Sightings

Taken with permission from northyubanaturalist.blogspot.com

KATIE O'HARA KELLY

After the Rain

After we got 8 inches of rain a few weeks ago, some Morel mushrooms popped up on our property, like they do every Spring! Mushrooms aren't flowers, but they are the fruiting body (spore producing organ) of a fungus. Morels are unique



Morel - *Morchella esculenta*

mushrooms, in that they appear in the spring rather than the fall. They are a type of sac fungi that aren't that common! Sac fungi get their names from the fact that they produce their spores, called ascospores, in special pods or sac-like structures called asci. In other words, the spores are found on the walls of the honey-combed exterior. They are quite difficult to see as they are SO camouflaged with their surroundings. Once you find

one, the rest suddenly become visible! A few days later I went back and three of them had been eaten, with only their stem remaining! Many wild critters eat mushrooms, including deer and flying squirrels.

Horsetails!

To my delight I came across a patch of Common Horsetails with many sporophytes this week! They were a lovely surprise! Horsetails have been around a long time, and are considered "living fossils"! During the Devonian period, approximately 3,500 years ago, they were as thick as forests and as big as trees!



Left over Morel Stems



Braun's Giant Horsetail fertile and infertile stems
Equisetum telmateia ssp. *braunii*

Horsetails, like mushrooms, ferns, and mosses, reproduce via spores not seeds and do not have flowers. Horsetails are actually classified as ferns!!! They can also reproduce directly from underground rhizomes. This particular species is dimorphic, with infertile vegetative stems that are green and photosynthetic, and fertile stems that are brown and not photosynthetic, but do produce strobili (a structure resembling the cone of a conifer) covered with sporangiophores that produce spores.

Horsetails are also called "Scouring Rush", because pioneers used them to scrub pots and pans. Their hollow, jointed, ridged stems have silica in their cells which makes them tough!

The following information, from <https://sciencing.com/horsetail-s-life-cycle-5673810.html>, explains part of the horsetail life cycle.

Spore-Producing Phase: Spore cases form small to large cones (strobili) on the stems of the plant. The spores themselves are dispersed by the wind. If they land in a wet or damp place, they can germinate and grow into tiny plants called gametophytes.

Gametophytes: The gametophyte grows two different structures, one holding female gametes in tiny cups and the other holding male gametes equipped with tails to aid in movement. This phase of the horsetail's life cycle, known as gametophyte generation, exists to ensure genetic diversity.

Fertilization: Horsetails rely on rain for fertilization. The arrival of rain releases the male gametes, which then swim to the cups holding the female cells. The embryos grow to form the stem-like structure that characterizes the mature horsetail."



Common Horsetail strobili (5/5/21) - *Equisetum arvense*

I posted my recent photos of the horsetails on inaturalist.org and a member identified them as Braun's Giant Horsetails! I had originally thought they were Common Horsetails, which I had seen last year in a different area (see above photo)! They are really quite different! How wonderful to have such an incredible online resource! It also turns out that there wasn't a record of Braun's Giant Horsetails being in Sierra County, on calflora.org, so I posted my photos there as well! How exciting!

N.B. For more - a *Herptile Report*, *Insect Update*, and *Damp Art*, with all color pictures - visit Katie's blog at northyubanaturalist.blogspot.com.

Gregory Lawrence Bostrom

May 12, 1948 – May 4, 2022



Gregory (Greg) Lawrence Bostrom, age 73, died of heart failure on May 4, 2022 outside Skagway, AK. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Docia Ann Lawrence Bostrom.

Greg was born on May 12, 1948 at Mills Hospital in San Mateo, CA, to parents Lawrence and Helen Bostrom and was 3rd in a family of 5 siblings. He grew up in Burlingame, CA and moved to Downieville, CA in 1986.

Greg was an inventor and craftsman from a young age. He worked at Bostrom's Jewelers in San Mateo and voiced Fred the Dog on radio station KSFO. He then worked for a pool product company in Burlingame before moving to Downieville to work for Lawrence Tank Testing for over 30 years.

Always an active member of the community, Greg put his heart and soul into his endeavors. Blessed with a lively imagination and a wonderful sense of humor, he was a passionate playwright, inventor, and physical artist. He played an active role in the Sierra County Arts Council, designing theater sets, creating lighting rigs, and acting whenever he could. This, in addition to his weekly cartoons in the *Mountain Messenger*, his gorgeous and authentic 3D mine tunnel displays, and the countless hours dedicated to the California State Fair Sierra County exhibits, will ensure his influence and impact upon the local community will be felt for years to come.

Greg loved to travel and set out to provide his family with unique and fun experiences. A member of Skiers and Hikers for Outdoor Enjoyment (S.H.O.E.), he instilled a love of hiking and the outdoors in his children. The family would regularly take road trips exploring the country and visiting historical sites.

Greg and Docia have two children, Laura Kirkham (Michael) in Port Orchard, WA and Sara Burum (Joshua) in Cotati, CA. His legacy continues in his grandchildren: Addison Kirkham, Nicolas Kirkham, Joshua Burum, and Lilith Burum.

A memorial service will be held at the Yuba Theater in Downieville, CA on Sunday, May 29, 2022 at 1 pm followed by a potluck at the Community Hall. All are invited to attend.

DEATH NOTICE

Walter Nowakowski

1949-May 7th, 2022

Off to the next adventure



"Carl Runs the Paper"

Tomorrow, May 13, at sometime around 3 pm, a documentary film about how "A newfound newspaper editor navigates grief while saving California's oldest weekly paper" will be premiered on the UC Berkeley campus. Created by Joey Goran and Manesh Khanal, graduate students at UC Berkeley's School of Journalism, the film will be livestreamed for the public via <https://www.youtube.com/user/ucbjschool>.

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Poetry Corner

*[The city breaks in houses to the sea,
uneasy with waves,]*

BY CHARLES REZNIKOFF

The city breaks in houses to the sea, uneasy with waves,
And the lonely sun clashes like brass cymbals.

In the streets truck-horses, muscles sliding under the
steaming hides,
Pound the sparks flying about their hooves;
And fires, those gorgeous beasts, squirm in the furnaces,
Under the looms weaving us.

At evening by cellars cold with air of rivers at night,
We, whose lives are only a few words,
Watch the young moon leaning over the baby at her breast
And the stars small to our littleness.

The slender trees stand alone in the fields
Between the roofs of the far town
And the wood far away like a low hill.

In the vast open
The birds are faintly overheard.

This poem is in the public domain. Published in Poem-a-Day on May 8, 2022, by the Academy of American Poets.

About this Poem: "[The city breaks in houses to the sea, uneasy with waves,]" appeared in *Poems* (Samuel Roth at the New York Poetry Book Shop, 1920).

About this Poet: Charles Reznikoff, born August 31, 1894, in Brooklyn, New York, was a poet and novelist from the Objectivist movement. The author of many collections, including *Testimony: The United States (1885-1890): Recitative (New Directions, 1965)*, he was awarded the 1971 Morton Dauwen Zabel Prize by the National Institute of Arts and Letters. He died on January 22, 1976.

Letters to the Editor

Sad

As you or your employer write the monthly check for health care, we hope that most of this money goes to pay for the medical expenses of a child with appendicitis, an expectant mother, or a senior with terminal cancer. Well, up to half goes to incomprehensible expenses such as over paid executives, corporate profits, pharmacy benefit managers, advertising, and efforts to confuse you so you think you are getting choice. You don't. The profiteers and privatizers are running the system and hyper capitalism has taken control. And a good deal of your health insurance premiums go into the pockets of the very legislators we send to Washington, I feel so helpless. The United States is ranked last amongst eleven high income countries. Pretty sad.

Don McKechnie
Sierraville

Why Can't Locals Help?

Apparently Sierra County Fire Protection District #1 does not believe in the sentiment shared by the rest of Sierra County's VFD's. Why is that?

Several Calpine residents have recently been refused ANY chance to help protect our community.

"There's always something you can do for your family, friends and community.!!!"

It seems as though the SCFPD#1 doesn't think that's a true statement.....

Why can't any resident of Sierraville, Sattley, and Calpine do their part to help their VFD?

Russell Rosewood
Calpine

Go Cut Some Firewood

Our deepest gratitude to the Sierra City and Downieville Emergency Services. We are thankful for this service that is provided to our community. We are aware of the tremendous stress you endure as you care for your friends in need. In turn, we take comfort knowing that our friends are doing everything possible for us and our loved ones. So, thank you.

For those who knew Walt, he said what he meant and nothing more. With that in mind, we would like to say, he lived his life the way he wanted and left the party exactly at his own time.

If you would like to do something in his honor, go cut some firewood.

The Nowakowski Clan
Sierra City

Walk and High Tea - A Glorious Day

We are visitors from Minneapolis who have attended several Twin Cities Walk for the Cure events on Mother's Day. We were pleased that Downieville had a similar event this year, so we signed up!

The walk started at the school gym. There were short walks and long ones. Our choice was the one to the Pauley Creek waterfall. It was a good day (as usual, we were told) until the crowning ending: High Tea at Sabrina's.

Volunteers for the High Tea included Sabrina and August, the baker. Several school students attended us. It was a glorious day for all!

David & Sue Davison
Minneapolis, MN



On the Shelf

By PAUL GUFFIN

Banned Books in the Downieville Library

Someone asked me recently what “banned” books we have in the Downieville Library. I had to admit I wasn’t sure; so, I decided to do a bit of research. First of all, where to find a “banned books” list? Since we’re a library, I decided to use the list provided by the Office for Intellectual Freedom of the American Library Association (<https://www.oif.ala.org/oif/2020-banned-challenged-books-list/>). It provides a list of books banned and challenged in 2020 (the most recent year of accumulated data). There are 156 books on that list. Here are the ones we have in our library:

- *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, by Sherman Alexie
- *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, by Mark Twain
- *A Child Called “It”: One Child’s Courage to Survive*, by Dave Pelzer
- *Anne Frank: Diary of a Young Girl*, by Anne Frank
- *Between the World and Me*, by Ta-Nehisi Coates
- *The Bluest Eye*, by Toni Morrison
- *The Book Thief*, by Marcus Zusak
- *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, by Mark Haddon
- *Educated*, by Tara Westover
- *The Fault in Our Stars*, by John Green
- *The Great Gatsby*, by F. Scott Fitzgerald
- *The Hate U Give*, by Angie Thomas
- *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, by Maya Angelou
- *The Kite Runner*, by Khaled Hosseini
- *Los Viajes de Babar*, by Jean de Brunhoff (we don’t actually have this book, but we do have the English version, Babar’s Travels)
- *Of Mice and Men*, by John Steinbeck
- *The Round House*, by Louise Erdrich
- *The Thanksgiving Story*, by Alice Dalgliesh
- *The Things They Carried*, by Tim O’Brien
- *To Kill a Mockingbird*, by Harper Lee
- *The Ugly Duckling*, by Lorida Cauley & Hans Christian Andersen (not sure whether this is the edition we have)

I then decided to check out Powell’s Books in Portland, Oregon, which claims to be the largest independent bookstore in the world. Their listing of banned books for Banned Books Week in 2021 includes these additional books, which can be found in our local library:

- *A Farewell to Arms*, by Ernest Hemingway
- *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, by Mark Twain
- *The Alchemist*, by Paulo Coelho
- *Brave New World*, by Aldous Huxley
- *City of Thieves*, by David Benioff
- *Frankenstein*, by Mary Shelley
- *The Glass Castle: A Memoir*, by Jeannette Walls
- *Go Tell It on the Mountain*, by James Baldwin
- *The Grapes of Wrath*, by John Steinbeck
- *The Handmaid’s Tale*, by Margaret Atwood
- *Heart of Darkness*, by Joseph Conrad
- *The House of the Spirits*, by Isabel Allende
- *One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest*, by Ken Kesey
- *Year of Wonders*, by Geraldine Brooks

I’m guessing that, in addition to these 35 books, we have others that have been banned at some time, by somebody, somewhere, for some reason. Also, for your future planning, please be advised that Banned Books Week this year is September 18-24. Perhaps we’ll have added more books to our list by then.

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Sports

By TESSA JACKSON

When is Tom Brady going to retire? Well, at 44, he is currently the oldest active player in the NFL and you’d think that would be motivation enough to retire. However, Brady just got a little more incentive to call it quits, a 10-year \$375 million deal from Fox Sports to become their lead analyst whenever he retires. Brady is currently under a one year contract with the Buccaneers and according to a tweet from Brady, he has “a lot of unfinished business on the field with the Buccaneers.” I’m not sure what unfinished business he is talking about since he already won the Super Bowl. Brady also led the league in passing yards last year and shows no signs of slowing down. Who knows, he could just finish this year and be done, or he could have a few more years left in him. The dude already retired one time and decided to change his mind, so who knows what is going to happen. The 2022 NFL schedule comes out Thursday, May 12, so we can all get a little excited for the new season.

Checking the MLB standings, things are not looking good for the Oakland A’s; they are in dead last place in their division. But, things are really looking interesting over in the National League West, the five teams in that division, Dodgers, Padres, Giants, Diamondbacks, and Rockies are all within four wins of each other.

The WNBA season started last Friday, May 6th, and the Phoenix Mercury lost to the Las Vegas Aces, 106-88, without their star center, Brittney Griner, who is still stuck in a prison in Russia after being detained in February by Moscow police for allegedly having a vape cartridge containing hashish oil in her bag. The U.S. State Department reports that Griner was “wrongfully detained” and the Special Presidential Envoy for Hostage Affairs is working on getting her released. She is scheduled to have a hearing on May 19th and could face a decade in prison if convicted. It’s unfortunate the WNBA pays so little the players had to go overseas to supplement their income. Not only are they scared for their friend and colleague, they also don’t know how they are going to make money now that playing in Russia is not really an option.

FRC's Ball Teams Play in Northern California Regional Championships

By Carl J. Butz

Oddly enough, this past weekend both the Feather River College’s Golden Eagles baseball and softball teams played a best two-out-of-three series against the Consumnes River College (CRC) Hawks during the first round of the California Community College Athletics Association’s (CCCCAA) Northern California Regional Championship tournament. FRC hosted the baseball games and CRC hosted the softball games.

On Friday afternoon in Quincy, FRC’s baseball team took an early lead by scoring five runs in the first two innings. Behind strong pitching by their starter, Dylan Cabral, the Golden Eagles held their 5-0 lead for seven innings. However, in the top of the eighth, the Hawks rallied and scored four runs to chase Cabral and reliever Dakota Todd off the mound before Jason Christianson came in to end the inning with two strikeouts. In the bottom of the inning, the Golden Eagles responded well by putting two more runs on the scoreboard. In the ninth, Christianson struck out the side and his five strikeouts earned him a save in the home team’s 7-4 victory.

On Saturday morning, with the host team batting first, the Golden Eagles again took an early lead by scoring six runs in the top of the second inning. This time, though, the Hawks countered quickly, hitting two home runs and scoring five runs. But then, for the next five and a half innings, the pitchers for the fielders for both teams played excellently and the score remained at 6-5 in favor of the Golden Eagles going into the bottom of the eighth. Unfortunately for FRC, in the bottom of the eighth, the Hawks took advantage of errors and questioned walks to score three unearned runs. In the top of the ninth, the Hawks’ stopper, Nate Thompson, who struck out 11 during his six and two-thirds innings on the mound, had no problem closing out an 8-6 victory for CRC.

Thus, those in attendance were treated to a double-header.

In the finale to the series, FRC built a 6-0 over the course of the first five innings, scoring once in both the second and third innings and adding two more runs in both the fourth and fifth innings. After CRC got one run on the scoreboard in the top of the sixth inning, taking away the shut-out being thrown by FRC’s starter, Scott Lewis, the Golden Eagles got their six run lead back in the bottom of the sixth. In like fashion, when CRC scored twice in the top of the eighth, FRC came right back with two runs to maintain their six run advantage. In the top of the ninth Elijah Hinojosa had no trouble closing out the 9-3 victory for FRC and moving the team into the second round of the 2022 CCAA championship playoffs.

Yes, on this Friday, Saturday, and, if necessary, Sunday the Golden Eagles will be hosting the Skyline College Trojans of San Bruno at the FRC baseball diamond. The Trojans, a team with 41 home runs in the 40 games they’ve played this season, are currently on a nine-game winning streak in the wake of eliminating Modesto College from the playoffs in two games, 15-6 and 9-8, this past weekend.

Unfortunately, FRC’s softball team did not fare as well as its baseball team last weekend. Traveling to Sacramento to play the higher-seeded CRC softball team, on Friday afternoon, after taking a one run lead in the second inning, they succumbed to the strong pitching and timely hitting of Ashley Toy (she gave up only 4 hits over seven innings and drove in two runs with a double in CRC’s four run fourth inning), losing by a score of 4-1.

On Saturday, again facing CRC’s ace, Ashley Toy, the game remained close through the first five innings. However, in the top of the sixth inning CRC put up three runs, extending their lead from 2-1 to 5-1. The Golden Eagles replied in the bottom of the inning with one run, but were unable to add any more runs in final inning and, sadly, their season came to a close.

Here Back East

By LENNY ACKERMAN

Goodbyes

The last several weeks have been scheduled with lunches and dinners for end-of-season goodbyes. The “season” in Palm Beach is from October to May, at which time everyone goes their separate way for the summer and early fall. These goodbye get-togethers are both merry and bittersweet. One however, was a purely solemn gathering. A goodbye of a different kind, it was the funeral for the father of a good friend, a quiet refrain amid the more boisterous events this time of year. The service, a Jewish Orthodox program, included the deceased’s grandsons, whose heartfelt letters to their beloved grandfather summoned memories of my parents who died some years ago. It was a reminder to visit the cemetery where they are buried in Rochester, which I have not done since pre-Covid days.

The goodbye dinner last night was a mostly happy occasion, with fond farewells to friends scattering to the north, to Europe and out west. Our talk turned serious at times, discussing the war in Ukraine, which led to a conversation about ancestry. So many of us have parents or grandparents from Ukraine, myself included, who emigrated to the U.S. during previous periods of turmoil. The war and refugee catastrophe in Ukraine calls to mind the historical tragedies of the Nazi invasion of Eastern Europe and the inability of Jewish refugees to escape the brutality of the invaders. Those of us who are first generation Americans are fortunate indeed for our parents having left before the Holocaust. This morning I found myself on Google reading about the shtetl life from which my own parents fled prior to World War II. How wrenching their goodbyes must have been, to leave extended family and community behind forever.

Though our group of friends will be separated for a few months, at my age—82—this is merely a short interval—and a considerable amount of living time. A lot can occur in five months, especially in the age of Covid. When I looked around the table last night, a lingering bit of melancholy from the funeral cast a shadow on my thoughts. The New Year’s Rosh Hashanah pronouncement “Who shall live and who shall die in the New Year” crossed my mind. So too as we pass through life, the days are few and time, like the late evening breeze, brings with it the clouds of past, present and future. But there is sun in between, when all is well, and we sit down again for an evening meal with dear friends.

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Sheriff's Blotter

By Jen Henneke

Monday, May 2

07:14 - In Loyalton, a person was experiencing some mental health issues. The parent was able to handle that situation and the SCSO was not needed for a response. Reminder, May is Mental Health Awareness Month. After the last two years of pandemic life, many have felt the stress, isolation and anxiety of the many uncertainties brought on by the pandemic. There are many great resources available to folks to take advantage of that are FREE and CONFIDENTIAL! Just google and find something that works for you!

09:33 - In Calpine, a tree was down on HWY 89. CHP and CalTrans were notified.

09:36 - A misdialled 911 call came in from Loyalton. Sheriff Fisher contacted the school to confirm the the call was a misdial.

11:43 - An uncontrolled fire at the transfer site near Sattley drew a response from Public Works, the Sierra County Fire Protection District #1, and the USFS.

12:18 - A report of a downed tree and a fire came in from Sierraville. The Sierra County Fire Protection District #1 and the USFS both responded, but no fire was found. The downed tree was by some wires. The local utility company was contacted and it responded.

13:09 - In Downieville, someone called requesting information about the clinic. Couldn't they have just called the clinic?

22:02 - In Sierra City, guess who called? The phantom 911 caller with static on the line. Yes, this problem is still going on.

Tuesday, May 3

08:20 - In Downieville, a broken down vehicle was blocking multiple parking spots while the vehicle's owner searched for a tow.

16:56 - In Loyalton, Eastern Plumas Health Care Ambulance was requested.

17:18 - Child Protective Services notified the SCSO of an incident in Loyalton.

22:45 - A Plumas County citizen reported a large piece of Heriot Lane had gone missing. The Road Department has been requested to help fix/find the missing road.

Wednesday, May 4

06:43 - In Sierra City, while out walking a dog a subject started following the reporting person. No verbal threats were made and this has been an ongoing conflict. The reporting person was provided information on various avenues for action.

14:27 - In Loyalton, an Eastern Plumas Health Care Ambulance was requested.

14:29 - In Sierra City, two cyclists were impeding the roadway. CHP and a Deputy made contact with the cyclists and educated them on the proper ways to cycle on the winding mountain roads.

18:24 - In Loyalton, a citizen requested assistance.

19:52 - There was a report of a missing person. Sheriff Fisher and the Nevada County Sheriff's Office established a command post.

Thursday, May 5

07:55 - A juvenile in Loyalton accidentally dialed 911.

11:27 - In Loyalton, a juvenile issue was reported.

11:37 - A transient was deemed to be trespassing in Sierraville.

12:05 - In Sierra City, there was a request for civil service.

20:32 - In Loyalton, an Eastern Plumas Health Care Ambulance was requested.

Friday, May 6

00:21 - In Sierra City, the phantom 911 caller struck again.

11:32 - A resident of Sierraville needed assistance from a deputy to sign a document.

15:21 - In Loyalton, a resident needed a fix-it ticket signed off.

20:07 - In Sierraville, a welfare check was requested for an ill individual. Deputies and EMS found the individual safe and sound.

20:24 - In Verdi, a suspicious male was possibly sleeping in a vehicle. Deputies made contact with the individual and he was safe and sound.

Saturday, May 7

09:17 - In Loyalton, Eastern Plumas Health Care Ambulance provided a ride.

18:46 - In Sierra City, there was an unresponsive individual.

19:01 - In Loyalton, an Eastern Plumas Health Care Ambulance was requested.

Sunday, May 8

03:38 - In Verdi, agency assistance was requested in locating an individual in the county.

Total Reported: 30



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Legals Notices

Estate of Christopher P. Rothes Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters of Administration with Will Annexed Authorization to Administer Under the Independent Administration of Estates Act Filed in Superior Court of California, County of Sierra April 26, 2022 Case Number 22PR0006

- Publication will be in: Sierra Booster
 - Publication to be arranged
- Petitioner: Emily S. Valle requests that:
 - Decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate
 - Emily S. Valle administer with will annexed
 - Full authority be granted to administer under the Independent Administration of Estates Act
 - Bond not be required for the reasons stated in item 3e.
- Decedent died on October 30, 2021 at Truckee, California
 - (1) A resident of the county named above.
 - Street address: 17 Zollinger Street, Loyalton, California, 96118
 - Character and estimated value of the property of the estate:

(1) Personal property	\$5,000.00
(2) Annual gross income from Real property	-
Personal property	-
(3) Subtotal	\$5,000.00
(4) Gross fair market value of real property	\$250,000.00
(5) (Less) Encumbrances	\$35,000.00
(6) Net value of real property	\$215,000.00
(7) Total	\$220,000.00
 - All beneficiaries are adults and have waived bond, the will does not require a bond
 - Copy of decedent's will dated: 02/07/2013 are affixed as Attachment 3f(2). The will and all codicils are self-proving (Prob. Code § 6124 does not apply).
 - Appointment of personal representative
 - Appointment of executor or administrator with will annexed:
 - No executor is named in the will.
 - Appointment of administrator:
 - Petitioner is related to the decedent as Daughter of Decedent's Finacee/Divisee
 - Proposed personal representative is a
 - resident of California
 - resident of the United States
 - Decedent's will does not preclude administration of this estate under the Independent Administration of Estates
 - Decedent was survived by
 - no spouse as follow:
 - divorced or never married
 - no registered domestic partner
 - no child
 - no issue of predeceased child.
 - Decedent was not survived by a stepchild or foster child or children who would have been adopted by decedent but for a legal barrier.
 - Decedent was survived by issue of deceased parents, all of whom are listed in item 8.
 - Decedent had no predeceased spouse.
 - Listed [below] are the names, relationships to decedent, ages, and addresses, so far as known to or reasonably ascertainable by petitioner, of (1) all persons mentioned in decedent's will or any codicil, whether living or deceased; (2) all persons named or checked in items 2, 5, 6, and 7; and (3) all beneficiaries of a trust named in decedent's will or any codicil in which trustee and personal representative are the same person.

<u>Name and relationship to decedent /Age/ Address</u>	
Susan A. Sterling - Decedent's Finacee	/Adult/ 14 Zollinger Street, Loyalton, California 96118
Michelle Rothes - Decedent's sister by adoption	/Adult/ 2411 Carrelton Drive, Champaign, Illinois 61821
Sasha Rothes - Decedent's sister by adoption	/Adult/ 14500 Johnson Road, Red Bluff, California 96080
Matt Valle - Friend	/Adult/ 16959 Glenshire Drive, Truckee, California 96161
Carleen Garrison (a/k/a Carleen Holland)	/Adult/ P.O. Box 89, Oakland, Oregon 97462
Linda Lauer - Friend	/Adult/ 2411 Carrelton Drive, Champaign, Illinois 61821
Truckee Meadows Habitat for Humanity - no relation	/NA / 530 Greenbrae Drive, Sparks, Nevada 89431

/s/ Elaine Andrews, Attorney Date: 02/07/2022
I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of California that the foregoing is true and correct
/s/ Emily S. Valle Date 02/07/2022

LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: TAHOE PHOTO BOOTH RENTALS

Full name of registrants: Daniel Hane
Registrants' Address: 1033 Tomahawk Trail#1, Incline Village, NV 89451
Business' location: 1033 Tomahawk Trail#1, Incline Village, NV 89451
Business' Mailing Address: P.O. Box 4391, Incline Village, NV 89450
Phone number: (775) 225-6800

This business is being conducted by: An Individual
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 4/14/2022
Statement expires on: 4/14/2027
/s/ Daniel Hane

This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: April 19th, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000106

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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant has abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name of: CHESTER QUALITY CAR WASH

Full name of registrants: Peggy L. Galpine
Registrants' Address: 435 Second Avenue, Chester CA 96020
Business' location: 640 Main St., Chester CA 96020
Business' Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1657, Chester CA 96020
Phone number: (520) 258-7787

This business is being conducted by: An Individual
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 6/22/2020
Statement expires on: 6/22/2025
/s/ Peggy Lou Galpine

This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: May 5th, 2022 FILE NO: 2020-0000128

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20/20 Hindsight

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

At the Firehouse

By VICTORIA TENNEY

ALLEGHANY: May 2nd - Firefighters trained in Pike City.

DOWNIEVILLE: May 2nd - Responded for a transfer from WSMC to SNMH. May 4th - Responded for a Medical Urgent Care incident; the ambulance responded to Sierra City for an ill person, who was airlifted to the hospital in Reno; COVID-19 testing at the Community Hall. May 5th - Responded for a public assist; firefighters trained. May 6th - Responded for a public assist. May 7th - The ambulance responded to Sierra City for an ill person; responded for a public assist. May 8th - Responded for a Medical Urgent Care incident.

LOYALTON: May 3rd - 5:00 PM, older male lethargic, west of Loyalton. May 4th - 2:20 PM, older male with difficulty breathing, west of Loyalton; 6:24 PM, lift assist, west of Loyalton. May 5th 8:33PM, adult male with heart problems, Sierra Brooks. May 7th - older male with pneumonia, west of Loyalton.

PIKE CITY: May 2nd - Firefighters trained.

SIERRA CITY: May 4th - Responded for a person who was ill, and was airlifted to the hospital in Reno. May 7th - Responded to an ill person.

SIERRA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #1 (CALPINE, SATTLEY, & SIERRAVILLE): May 2nd - Responded for a fire at the Sattley Transfer Station; responded to a fire in Sierraville. May 5th - Firefighters trained. May 6th - Responded to a medical call in Sierraville.

Legals Notices

SUPERIOR COURT of CALIFORNIA COUNTY of SIERRA

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: 22CL0011

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

1. Petitioner: Katelyn Lisa Borquez filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

a: Present name: Katelyn Lisa Borquez to
Proposed name: Katelyn Lisa Cozart

2. **THE COURT ORDERS** that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING

a. Date: Jun 10, 2022 Time: 10:00 AM
b: Location: 100 Courthouse Square, Downieville, CA

3. A copy of the Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Mountain Messenger

/s/ Charles Ervin, Judge of the Superior Court Date: April 15, 2022

Printed in The Mountain Messenger on April 28, May 5, 12, & 19 of 2022

SUPERIOR COURT of CALIFORNIA COUNTY of PLUMAS

520 Main Street, Room 104, Quincy, CA 95971

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: CU22-00071

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

1. Petitioner: Alyson Gene Wolfson-Ceresola filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

a. Present name: Alyson Gene Wolfson-Ceresola to
Proposed name: Alyson Gene Ceresola
b. Present name: Izzabella Tanner Wolfson to
Proposed Name: Izzabella Gene Ceresola

2. **THE COURT ORDERS** that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING

a. Date: Jun 13, 2022 Time: 9:30 AM
b: Location: same as noted above

3. A copy of the Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Mountain Messenger

/s/ Douglas Prouty, Judge of the Superior Court Date: April 22, 2022

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LAKE ALMANOR MILE HIGH 100 BIKE RIDE SET FOR JUNE 18TH!

Plumas County's premier cycling event is back! The 39th Mile High 100 bike ride will return Saturday, June 18, 2022, sponsored by the Almanor Recreation and Park District in Chester, CA. All proceeds benefit District programs and events, as well as capital improvement projects, with an emphasis on recreation, parks and trails.

Three routes will showcase the beauty and tranquility of Lake Almanor with amazing views of Lassen Peak. Distances are 33 miles, 56 miles and 108 miles and all routes include fully-stocked rest stops, rider support, catered lunch and beverages (including a complimentary post-ride beer from Lassen Ale Works). All riders will also receive a commemorative T-shirt.

Registration is open now at www.bikereg.com/mile-high-100. Riders are encouraged to sign up now, as prices will increase on May 15th. For more information, email milehighcentury@gmail.com or call (530) 258-2562.

Food Assistance

Food Bank / Commodities Contacts

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

Local News

An Item of Interest

When the editor of this paper was covering the visit of Dr. Kermit Jones to Downieville late last month, he walked away from the gazebo and somehow managed to leave his iPadPro behind. However, he didn't discover this egregious error until the following morning while loading his backpack in preparation for traveling to Sierra Valley for another story.

Quickly rushing back to the Gazebo, his suspicions were confirmed. The device was nowhere to be found. After cursing himself thoroughly, he thought, maybe, just maybe, someone had found the computer and turned it over to the Sheriff.

So, before leaving town he drove over to Courthouse Square and rang the Sheriff's Office's buzzer. As soon as he had explained the situation, the deputy opened the door, told him to come in, and walked off to their Lost & Found bin.

A moment later, he returned with an iPad in hand and asked the editor to supply the passcode. This done, the forgetful editor asked who he should thank and reward for finding the machine. The deputy didn't know, saying whoever had found the iPad had taken it to the Post Office and the day's postmistress (Mindy Strine) had brought the device to the Sheriff's Office.

It's sure nice to live in a place where such events take place!

Cold Rush Café Grand Opening May 12-15th

DOWNIEVILLE – Downieville's iconic Cold Rush Café (<https://www.coldrushcafe.com/>) is holding its Grand Opening from May 12-15th to celebrate its new ownership. Four local friends came together to form a partnership, which they call Empire Creek Provisions, which focuses on keeping year-round businesses alive in their remote community in Sierra County, which largely is supported by seasonal tourism. Located in the historic "gold" building that once housed the 1950s-era Quartz Café in the quaint mountain town—200 Main Street, Downieville, CA—Cold Rush Café is one of the first sights for visitors as they drive eastbound along Highway 49 & the Scenic Yuba River Byway as they enter the pioneer town of Downieville, CA. This gourmet coffee shop, cafe, and ice cream parlor is just steps away from the confluence of the emerald green waters of the Downie and North Yuba Rivers where families stop to picnic, swim, spend their family vacation, mountain

bike, or simply relax along the sandy shores and shaded banks.

Cold Rush has been operating under a "soft opening" in April and May of 2022 to prepare for the summer season, but is excited to relaunch the café and introduce new hours and new menu items for breakfast and lunch including a variety of bakery items, organic grab-and-go goods, and bagels with a variety spreads. This summer, Cold Rush plans on opening their Build-Your-Own (BYO) Sandwich Bar for lunch options. "We're excited to welcome guests year round, seven days a week, and to carry as many fresh and organic ingredients as possible. We aim to carry on the tradition of Cold Rush Cafe before that. A community hub, a gathering place to connect, socialize and make memories." said Sonya Ziegler Meline, investor in Cold Rush Cafe.

New items to look out for include loose leaf New Zealand Sunny Slopes Tea, a refreshing fruit tisane option made of dried fruits including kiwi and strawberry. Also enjoy the decadent avocado toast which includes Dave's Killer Bread, everything

bagel seasoning, olive oil drizzle, and organic arugula. Many classic menu items are also available for long standing customers to enjoy, including favorites such as the White Chocolate Lavender Latte, Espresso Milkshake, and the organic chocolate mochas.

The crew at Cold Rush is also excited to introduce their signature blended drinks they call Rushies in varieties that include green tea, espresso, mocha, chai, and the local's favorite, the dirty chai which includes two shots of espresso with a spiced chai tea. All Rushies and drinks are offered with a variety of alternative milks including oat, almond, hemp, and more.

Café Moto is the premier roaster Cold Rush utilizes for their coffee and espresso beverages. They are a California-based family owned supplier of fairtrade, solar-power roasted, and organic coffee and tea since 1990. Many Cafe Moto sources include women-owned co-ops – and their brew ratio of 16:1 percolates rich flavor & fragrant aroma for their diverse products.

The Cold Rush ice cream bar stocks 12 different flavors from a variety of premium

brands to satiate summertime cravings and has a plethora of titillating toppings and sauces to make your treat extra sweet! A signature topping includes golden star sprinkles to honor the gold rush history of Sierra County.

Some things to look forward to at this weekend's opening event include free mini ice cream cones, coffee drinks, tea, and discounted food items as well as a raffle for a "Coffee-a-day for a Month" giveaway and other baskets.

Customers are also encouraged to join the Rush Club by asking Cold Rush baristas for a Rush Club Card – Buy 10 drinks and get the 11th free. "We hope to welcome our community to join in the fun. It's a low key way to celebrate a small business in our community! I hope to see everyone come down and grab a gourmet coffee, a frosty treat, or swing by for a friendly chat this weekend, or any day of the week!" said general manager, Max Ryan.

PEACE

Cancer Awareness Walk and High Tea

The Cancer Awareness Walk (CAW) and High Tea held on Sunday, May 8, in Downieville was both a huge success in itself and a continuation of a decade-plus long tradition of raising funds for western Sierra County cancer patients.

Thanks for the outcome of the event go to the staff and CSF students (Mia, Lily, Abby, Landon, Dylan and Nick) of Downieville School, to Sabrina's at The Forks and Autumn's Butter Me Up Bakery for organizing and hosting the event as well as the wonderful community support of the event. Together we are strong!

For those of you who missed the event, donations may still be made to the CAW fund by mailing a check made out to SFMR and mailed to either Lynn Fillo, PO Box 376, Sierra City 96125 or dropped off at the school's front office.

For further information regarding the distribution and use of the CAW funds, please contact Lynn Fillo at above address or at slfillo77@gmail.com.

Volunteers Needed

Downieville Clean-Up Day, Saturday May 14th, from 8am – 12pm.

Meet at Gold Rush Park

A list of small projects will be posted at Visitor's Center

Come help Downieville get ready for our tourist season

Coffee and donuts provided at 8am

All are welcome to participate, no ages restrictions

Sponsored and organized by the Downieville Improvement Group (DIG).

Questions or for more info please contact Mike (michael.taylor@downievillerriverinn.com)

Call for 2022 Sweetheart of the Mountains Contestants

A unique opportunity for the young ladies of Plumas and Sierra Counties has returned. The PSCF Foundation and the Plumas Sierra County Fair are extending an invitation to those girls from Plumas and Sierra Counties, between the ages of 16 and 20 to apply to compete in the 2022 Sweetheart of the Mountains Scholarship Competition. Since its revival, the competition has generated nearly \$25,000 in scholarships for those who have competed for the title.

With roots going back over 50 years, the Sweetheart of the Mountains has evolved from a beauty pageant to the current scholarship program. After a year break due to the Dixie Fire, organizers decided it would be appropriate to center the title more on a demonstration of the competitor's ability to communicate and what she stands for than on a live performance involving a talent display and live responses to questions. This year's applicants will be asked to write an essay on the topic of "Why are small county fairs critical to the communities they serve?" They must also complete an application and be interviewed by the selection committee. The fundraising portion of the competition has also been eliminated this year.

The 2022 Sweetheart of the Mountains will be announced at the 2022 Plumas County Picnic; Saturday, June 11. The winner will receive a \$500 scholarship and a First Runner Up will receive \$250. Recipients will still be required to carry out the duties of the position, including greeting visitors at the 2022 Plumas Sierra County Fair, and representing the fair at various events.

The current title holder is Zaya White who is attending college remotely from her home in Beckwourth. First Runner Up Chyanne Morrison is attending college in Idaho.

The deadline for returning applications is **May 13, 2022.**

Applications can be found in each of the high schools. They are also available at www.plumas-sierracountyfair.net, and the Fair office.

Nisenan Mural Community Celebration on May 22



On Sunday, May 22, from 3 pm - 6 pm, the community is invited to join members of the Nevada City Rancheria Nisenan Tribal Community to admire and celebrate the new mural created by Nisenan artists at 309 Neal Street in downtown Grass Valley.

With food and beverages made available by the new El Barrio Mexican Market, music by local artists, and talks by Tribal Spokesperson Shelly Covert, Tribal member Jennifer Plunkett, muralist Nikila Badua, youth assistant Naomi Alani, and mural curator Haven Caravelli, the public will learn more about the story behind the mural. Included will be local Indigenous history and the Nisenan's recent addition to the California State Native American Heritage Commission list, an important acknowledgment for the tribe, and a big step forward in their ongoing fight for restoration of the federal recognition taken away from them by Congressional action in 1964.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SIERRA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF PARKING REGULATIONS IN VERDI AMENDING PART 11, CHAPTER 12, SECTION 080, SUBSECTION(B)

ORDINANCE 1110

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SIERRA ORDAINS as follows:

Ordinance Section One: Part 11, Chapter 12, Section 080(B) of the Sierra County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

B. Parking of any vehicles, trailers, or other storage of equipment shall be prohibited along the entire length of both sides of Dog Valley Road (County Road S-261) from its intersection with the California border thence westerly to a point that is fifty (50) feet west of its intersection with Sunrise Basin/Creek Road (County Road 485), excluding therefrom, the encroachment onto the small, three-vehicle parking area and informational display owned and operated by the USDA-United States Forest Service located directly across from the intersection of Dog Valley Road (County Road S-261) and the Sunrise Basin/Creek (County Road 485).

Ordinance Section Two: This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its passage. Before the expiration of fifteen (15) days after passage of this ordinance, it shall be published once with the names of the members of the Board of Supervisors voting for and against the ordinance in The Mountain Messenger, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Sierra, State of California.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors held on the 19th day of April 2022, and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sierra, State of California on the 3rd day of May, 2022, by the following roll call vote, to-wit:

Ayes: Supervisors Adams, Huebner, LeBlanc, Dryden, and Roen; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None

COUNTY OF SIERRA

/s/ Paul Roen

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

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Regional News

Commentary: Balanced Approach to Water Needed for Farms, Fish

By Justin Fredrickson, *Ag Alert*, California Farm Bureau, May 4, 2022

SACRAMENTO - Project operators recently explained unprecedented emergency plans for cold-water temperature management to support endangered salmon below Shasta Dam, the federal Central Valley Project's largest reservoir. Based on what they told the California State Water Resources Control Board, the effort is pulling out all stops imaginable.

The goal is to get at least a few nests of Central Valley winter-run chinook salmon eggs to hatch, while still leaving something in the reservoir at the end of this summer, should dry conditions continue next year. But conditions this year are so abnormally dry, and feasible flows below the dam will be so low, it's not clear what will happen.

Amid blast furnace heat during the peak of summer, this process seeks to maintain water temperatures as cold as a beer in the ice chest of an angler casting his lure from the shore.

Such cooling is possible in most years, thanks to the elaborate machinations of armies of planners, project operators and biologists. Carefully managed releases of very cold water from rain and melting snow, generally provided courtesy of Mother Nature, are critical drivers. But in bone-dry droughts, such as the historic one we are now experiencing, this whole enterprise becomes much more difficult.

To date, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation has zeroed out all deliveries to agricultural water service contractors on the west sides of the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys. For the second year in a row, farmers have only groundwater, scarce and ultra-expensive transfer water or the option of fallowing annual crops to get their nut and fruit trees through the season.

Sacramento River Settlement Contractors water-rights holders face an 18% water allocation, a direct consequence of this year's anticipated temperature management operations out of Shasta Dam. As a result, 375,000 acres out of 450,000 acres in the Settlement Contractors' service area are expected to go unplanted. Zero water will be left for normal transfers out of the region to help other users in the state.

State Water Project contractors will get just 5% of water deliveries. Senior San Joaquin River Exchange contractors may get 75% of their historic water rights on the San Joaquin River. This will leave those relying on water allocations from the Friant-Kern Canal—which supplies farming counties of Fresno, Madera, Tulare and Kern—with an allocation of less than 15%.

The state water board is again readying summer water-rights curtailments for even some of the most senior users throughout the extended Sacramento-

San Joaquin Delta watershed. That's happening as emergency barriers are back in place to keep saltwater from the San Francisco Bay from pushing upstream and threatening the health of the delta.

There are potentially promising things we can do for the salmon to make things better, including steps that are included in an announced set of proposed voluntary water agreements. Under the Newsom administration's \$2.6 billion plan to improve water quality for salmon and native fish, this involves dedicating additional water for rivers, improving habitat and nutrients instream, investing in scientific studies and improving collaboration.

Rivers are to be reconnected to areas of managed seasonal floodplains and, eventually, some of these fish populations may regain access to mountain stream habitats they once used. But with droughts in California intensifying, it leaves one to wonder.

The commercial fishing industry in California is a shadow of what it once was, and it appears some would like to see California agriculture similarly impacted. Even if every farm in California dried up, we could still see our very best management efforts frustrated as salmon remain vulnerable to extreme weather patterns, voracious non-native predators in rivers and changes in marine

ecosystems off the California coast.

Growing food to feed people takes water—lots of it. That is a fact anywhere in the world. And, undeniably, fish and rivers need water too.

We must steward the resources that we have, and do so in a way that is judicious, realistic, effective and smart. But still the questions come: What can we do differently or better? Can it work? And at what cost?

As California farmers see their livelihoods—and our food supply—hit incredibly hard this summer, many are no doubt asking these questions.

With another season of hotter, drier, more extreme conditions poised to squeeze our economy and state, there's a lot for all Californians—and consumers of California agricultural products nationwide to ponder.

Justin Fredrickson is a water and environmental policy analyst for the California Farm Bureau. He may be contacted at jef@cjbfb.com. His article is presented here courtesy of the California Farm Bureau Federation's Ag Alert publication. The Mountain Messenger is republishing this article as an item of regional interest since the State Water Project and associated fisheries debate are downstream of us too.

Soaring Soon - Condors to be Reintroduced to Northern California

By Juliet Grable, *Redwoods* (Spring-Summer 2020)

HOOPA - Condors once commanded the skies from British Columbia to Baja California until the 19th and 20th centuries, when the giant vultures fell victims to shooting, egg collecting, habitat degradation, and the intentional lacing of carcasses with poison to reduce predator numbers. Poisoning from ingestion of lead ammunition in carcasses was also a major contributor to the decline. The federally endangered bird had dwindled to just 22 individuals in 1982. Since 1992, when the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) began reintroducing captive-bred condors to the wild, the agency and its partners have grown the population to more than 518 birds, with 337 of them flying free.

Before too long, visitors to Redwood National and State Parks may spy the condors, which have been missing from the area for more than 100 years.

Overlapping portions of the park is the ancestral territory of the Yurok Tribe, which is leading the effort to reintroduce the California condor to the Pacific Northwest. The National Park Service and USFWS are partners in the project. The condor figures prominently in the Yurok Tribe's World Renewal ceremonies, where Yuroks pray and fast to balance the world.

"It's our understanding of the world that if any component is missing, the system is unbalanced; it's unable to right itself," said Tiana Williams-Claussen, Director of the Yurok Tribe Wildlife Department. "That's actually why we're here as Yurok people, to help manage the landscape in a balanced way."

In 2003, a task force of Yurok elders determined that the California condor was the single most important terrestrial species to return to ancestral territory, in large part because of the tribe's cultural connection to the bird.

"He's a good indicator for ecosystem health, which is why a lot of our initial work was geared toward developing habitat assessments and contaminant analyses," Williams-Claussen said. "[We wanted] to make sure that if we were to bring Condor home, we had a safe place to bring him home to."

Dave Roemer, Deputy Superintendent of Redwood National Park, said the region has "all the right ingredients" for condors: wind, slopes and ridges to create lift, nesting trees, and abundant food. Condors are scavengers, feeding exclusively on large animal carcasses, from whales and sea lions to deer and elk.

The reintroduction project aligns with the park's mission, he added. "Bringing [condors] back is going to mean something, not just for the narrower goal of

the environment before being released.

The condor's biggest challenge is poisoning from ingesting lead ammunition, Brickey said. When a lead bullet hits a deer or other mammal, it scatters into hundreds of pieces, some large, some microscopic. After hunters gut a carcass in the wild, they often leave the remains, which condors and other wild animals eat.

Although California has banned lead ammunition for hunting, not all individuals



Photo by E. Larucea

This photo was taken last month during a local family's spring holiday hike in the Pinnacles National Park, a safe area for condors located about a day's drive (300 odd miles) to the southwest of Calpine.

endangered species recovery, but for the broader goal of tribal sovereignty."

Amedee Brickey, Assistant Regional Director for USFWS Pacific Southwest Region's Migratory Birds & State Programs, said the project fulfills her agency's goal of returning species to their historical ranges. A National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review, required under the Endangered Species Act, is in the final stages. USFWS is helping guide the policy review, working with industry stakeholders, securing funding for the review, and obtaining captive-bred birds.

Condors are heavy at 15-21 pounds, which is one reason the Bald Hills region, with its strong upward currents of warm air, has been identified as a favorable release site. If all goes well with the NEPA review, Yurok Tribe biologists will erect an enclosure this winter and welcome the first juveniles, which will have been raised in one of several participating breeding programs. They will spend a few months in the enclosure acclimating to

will follow set rules without understanding why they were created, said Chris West, Yurok Tribe Condor Restoration Program Manager. "It's critical to empower hunters and shooters with trustworthy and accurate information about how lead ammunition can harm wildlife," he said. "They also need information on the effectiveness of new technologies, like non-lead ammunition. Hunters and shooters must be embraced as partners and the stewards of wildlife as the majority of them are."

Toxicosis, the resulting disease from lead ingestion, remains the leading cause of mortality among condors in the reintroduced populations, Brickey explained. However, lead levels within turkey vultures in the Redwood National and State Parks region are lower than in areas where condors are already regaining a foothold.

All of the partners are optimistic about the project's success—and they are eager to see the birds soar above the giant trees once again.

"Anybody who sees Condor in the sky uses words like 'magnificent,'" said Williams-Claussen. "He's the sort of guy who really reaches the heart when you see him."

This article was first published in the Spring-Summer 2020 edition of Redwoods magazine, a publication by the non-profit Save The Redwoods League. The Mountain Messenger has republished this article because it is an article of local interest. The success of this program may prompt similar efforts in the Sierra-Cascade regions in the future.

Local Elections

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Miller is retiring from office and leaving behind an open seat for a three-woman race. Former Grass Valley Mayor Lisa Swarthout and Patti Ingram Spencer, and local bakery owner Valentina Masterz are currently running to take Miller's place. Spencer's family edited The Union for three generations and her husband, John Spencer, has previously served as a Supervisor; she is endorsed by Supervisor Miller and U.S. Representative Doug LaMalfa. Swarthout cites her strong leadership record as Mayor of Grass Valley and is endorsed by Sheriff Moon and Nevada City Councilwoman Erin Minett. Masterz, the outsider candidate, is an Eastern European immigrant turned baker and natural foods proprietor whose motivations for running could not be found during the research for this article.

The District Four Supervisor race, in contrast, does have an incumbent running. Chair of the Board Sue Hoek is running for re-election to a second term as Supervisor, touting her role in projects such as completing the Bridgeport Bridge and opening low-income housing for seniors in Penn Valley, despite the stresses of the COVID-19 pandemic. Her opponent, Calvin Clark, was a major proponent of the recall effort against the entire Board of Supervisors in early 2022, and was the mastermind behind a similar recall effort against Supervisor Elizabeth Martin in 2001.

The last competitive race

Assembly Candidate Belle Starr Sandwith Shares Her Thoughts

By Duncan A. Kennedy

On April 29th, as part of a countywide tour held by the Sierra County Democrats in conjunction with Dr. Kermit Jones's congressional campaign, your correspondent was able to interview Belle Starr Sandwith, Democratic challenger for Assembly District 1 (AD1). The following is a synopsis of the answers given to questions posed to the candidate:

Tell us a bit about yourself – what's your life story?

Sandwith was born in Kansas but moved to California early in life when her father found employment in Napa County. Soon afterward, her mother began working for CalTrans in Nevada County, so she grew up in the Donner Pass area. Sandwith attended College of the Redwoods as a basketball player, then transferred to the University of Nevada, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Public Health Administration. After that, she worked as a traveling chef for NASCAR racers before returning to her Lost Sierra roots and moving to Sierra Brooks.

What inspired you to run for Assembly?

After the events of January 6th, 2021, Sandwith was "horrified"; this, coupled with a pandemic response that she found overwhelming and two bad wildfire seasons that left her "tired of being burned out of the Sierras," she yearned for change. Eventually, congressional candidate Max Steiner (challenging Doug LaMalfa in CA-01) recruited her as a potential candidate.

After the principal Democratic candidate in the AD-01 race dropped out, Sandwith decided to file election papers, and the rest is history.

What are your core campaign issues?

Sandwith hopes to obtain rural broadband funding to eventually establish a better emergency communications system for wildfire season and the economic benefits it would bring. She also hopes to acquire better funding for community colleges in the area, such as Shasta, Siskiyou, Lassen, Sierra, and Feather River.

Tell us your stances on each of these issues:

Inflation: Sandwith believes that inflation results from corporate greed and unfettered capitalism, saying that "nobody wants regulation until they want regulation." She thinks higher corporate taxes could solve this.

Drought and Ag: "Extreme weather is here, and we have to learn to live with it," says Sandwith on this issue. She adds that forest management is an integral part of how we need to adapt since "without healthy forests to catch and store water, there is none for agriculture."

Climate Change: Sandwith believes that, whether or not climate change is fully anthropogenic, "it's real, and we need to do something."

Renewable Energy: "Yes" was Sandwith's first response when asked; she says that solar and wind energy needs to become more widespread, and biomass cogeneration needs to be expanded and subsidized to deal with forest overgrowth. Additionally, Sandwith believes rooftop solar taxes are discouraging the installation of

energy-saving solar panels and they should be eliminated.

Healthcare: Sandwith is a believer in a single-payer universal healthcare system, where everyone – doctor and patient alike – are participants and where mental and physical healthcare are bundled together instead of marketed separately. Her quote on the topic is "private healthcare is killing us!"

Tax Rates: "Everyone always thinks taxes are too high," says Sandwith on this issue. She believes, however, that without taxes the government cannot provide essential services, pointing to the example of Verdi residents moving just across the border and saying, "Nevada doesn't provide anything, whereas California provides fantastic government services." Sandwith does acknowledge that large portions of tax revenues are misspent and hopes to address this if elected.

How long have you been involved with the Lost Sierra?

"Always. I grew up on Donner Summit; can't get much more rural than that," Sandwith said regarding her background.

How do you intend to represent AD1's interests in Sacramento?

Sandwith hopes to increase funding for proper forest management and increased firefighter pay to prevent tragedies like last year's Dixie Fire. She will also continue to advocate for rural broadband construction, but fire is her main issue.

Do you have any ideas for how this area can recover from wildfires?

"I will listen to people smarter than myself," says Sandwith regarding specific policy actions and solutions. She cited Elizabeth Bettancourt as an information and policy advice resource whose help she hopes to recruit.

Any political pet projects you'd like to accomplish?

Sandwith's "political fever dream" is to improve mental healthcare services across the state, especially for troubled youth and the homeless. She cites the closure of state mental hospitals as one of the principal causes of the current homelessness crisis. She hopes that building back to a similar standard of mental healthcare will dull one of the most significant factors behind that issue.

What routes can be taken to diversify our local economy, and what can you do to help?

"This district needs change," says Sandwith, citing current GDP figures and tourism numbers. She believes that forest health work will be invaluable in helping to create new opportunities locally and so would improving funding of education and job training programs.

Would you agree to attend candidate forums and debates locally?

"Yes."

Assembly District One consists of all or parts of Alpine, Amador, El Dorado, Placer, Nevada, Sierra, Plumas, Lassen, Shasta, Modoc and Siskiyou counties. The statewide blanket primary election will be on June 7th, 2022.

Sierra County Democrats Support Democracy

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is the municipal-level Nevada City Council election, where the top two vote-getters out of a field of four candidates will win the two available seats on the council. Incumbent Mayor and Councilman Duane Strawser is stepping down, but fellow incumbent Erin Minett is running for re-election. Her opponents are retired teacher Ken Merdinger, publisher and software developer Lou Ceci, and Golden Shoulders singer-songwriter Adam Kline.

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 Phone number: (530) 412-1509
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: THE RED FEATHER STUDIO
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 Registrant' Address: 380 Ponderosa Ave, Portola, CA 96122
 Business' location: 380 Ponderosa Ave, Portola, CA 96122
 Phone number: (916) 671-4584
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 The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 04/28/2022
 Statement expires on: 04/28/2027
 /s/ Michael Rowden
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The Mountain Messenger Local Calendar

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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.
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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, 5:30 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 & Watershed Council—Meets quarterly, 10 A.M. to noon. Location to be announced at www.scfswc.com.
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.
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Sierraville Maintenance Station	994-3410
Downieville School	289-3473
Downieville Volunteer Fire Department	289-3333
Health & Human Services Dvl	289-3711
Loyalton	993-6700
High Sierra Family Resource Center	993-1110
Loyalton Elementary School	993-4482
Loyalton City Hall	993-6750
Loyalton Cop Shop	993-4479
Loyalton High School	993-4454
Loyalton Volunteer Fire Department	993-6751
Mental Health Services, Loyalton	993-6700
PG&E report outages	800-743-5002
Plumas Ace Hardware, Portola	832-5208
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Holiday Market Chester	\$5.89	\$6.10	\$6.09
Chevron Graeagle	\$5.79	\$6.19	\$6.19
FuelGood Westwood	\$5.99	\$6.39	\$6.39
Sierra Energy 7/11 Portola	\$5.95	\$6.35	\$6.39
Chevron Hallelujah Junction	\$5.48	\$5.78	\$6.18
Mobil Quincy	\$5.89	\$6.19	\$6.09
Chevron Quincy	\$5.99	\$6.29	\$6.19
Whites's Station Loyaltton	\$5.89	-	\$6.39
Sierraville Service Sierraville	\$5.96	\$6.16	\$6.35
Lost Nugget Camptonville	\$5.81	\$6.21	\$6.21
76 Penn Valley	\$5.95	\$6.35	\$6.65
Nevada City Gas Nevada City	\$5.49	\$5.79	\$5.99
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- Electronic Arts (EA) - \$120.49 (+7.966%)
- Duke Realty Corp (DRE) - \$53.46 (+7.826%)
- Baker Hughes Co (BKR) - \$32.49 (+5.419%)

Top Losers

- DISH Network Corp (DISH) - \$17.46 (-19.724%)
- Signature Bank (SBNY) - \$194.50 (-10.784%)
- Enphase Energy Inc (ENPH) - \$137.55 (-9.298%)

NASDAQ Market Movers - 5/11

Top Gainers

- Electronic Arts (EA) - \$120.49 (+7.966%)
- Exelon Corp (EXC) - \$47.62 (+1.839%)
- Booking Holdings Inc (BKNG) - \$2,072.15 (+1.329%)

Top Losers

- Lucid Group Inc (LCID) - \$13.86 (-13.103%)
- Mercadolibre Inc (MELI) - \$679.88 (-12.236%)
- CrowdStrike Holdings Inc (CRWD) - \$137.40 (-0.092%)

California Hay Report - 5/6/2022

Compared to last week: Trade activity and demand were good. Retail hay prices were steady. Dairy and Export hay prices were steady with good demand. According to the NASS report on May 1, 2022 in the Sacramento Valley, alfalfa was being cut. Winter wheat crop was in the nearly full heading stage with many fields turning color. Rice fields were being flooded in anticipation of planting. The chopping of wheat in the Central Valley was in full swing. In the San Joaquin Valley, cotton was making excellent progress with high plant population. In Tulare County, alfalfa was being cut for silage and green chop. Small grains continued maturing in fields. Corn planting continued, with plants germinating. Cotton fields were still being prepped and planted. Winter grain fields that have been harvested for silage or hay were being fertilized, tilled, and planted with corn or cotton.

Direct Hay Weighted Average Report

Volume - California

	This Week	Last Reported (4/25/2022)	Last Year
Tons of Hay:	8225	10450	4125
Bales of Hay:	3200	5000	0

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Hay (Conventional)

	Qty.	Price Range	Freight/Use	Age
Orchard Grass - Good/Premium (Trade/Per Bale)				
Small Sq. 3 Tie	100	18.00	FOB-Retail	Old
Small Sq. 3 Tie	100	20.00	Delvrd-Retail	Old

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

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Silver USD/Troy Oz.	23.014	21.55	-6.1%	-20.3%
Lumber USD/1000 BdFt.	1010.00	1007.50	-0.2%	-37.4%
Live Cattle USD/100 Lbs.	134.825	133.50	-1.0%	+12.6%
Milk USD/100 Lbs.	24.72	24.89	+0.7%	+30.5%
Wheat USD/Bushel	1084.75	1112.00	+3.3%	+47.3%
Corn USD/Bushel	803.75	800.75	+0.9%	+48.8%
Lithium USD/Ton	69790.25	68063.14	-1.1%	+414.0%
Aluminum USD/Ton	2986.00	2778.00	-5.9%	+12.9%
Nickel USD/Ton	30890.00	28309.00	-8.4%	+58.1%
Crude Oil USD/Barrel WTI	108.37	105.60	-2.0%	+59.8%
Propane USD/Gallon	1.28	1.25	-0.8%	+55.0%
CRB Index Index Points	334.58	324.65	-3.0%	+46.9%

From the Woods — John Hodge, Part 1

I was born in Grass Valley and have lived here all of my life. My great-great-grandfather, Samuel Hodge, brought his family to America from Cornwall, England and settled in Pennsylvania. Samuel's son, Thomas Hodge, came out to Grass Valley, California, in 1852 at the age of 14, and made substantial money in the mining industry.

He went back to Pennsylvania and brought Samuel and the rest of his family back to Grass Valley and they built the old Hodge Stone House at 305

I worked in the timber industry all of my working life, mainly as a timber faller. I worked for Robinson Timber for about 28 years. I quit Robinson and went to work for Gene West for a few years, then I worked for Renee Godon & Sons. When Renee Godon went out of business I went to work for Frank Dial Logging. We were working in Southern California for quite some time, only coming home every 2 and a 1/2 or 3 weeks, and in 2004 I decided I wanted to work closer to home, where I could come home every

and they were sending someone out for a story, but Jim had told so many stories in the past that you didn't know whether to believe him or not. We took it with a grain of salt, and I went ahead and fell the tree. I no sooner got it on the ground than the Union photographer showed up. So he had all five or six of us guys stand shoulder to shoulder on the stump and took a picture.

Some of the biggest production days we had were at Hell Hole, where we were putting out 120,000 board feet, day after day. At Hell Hole we would get into a lot of Red Fir and get six 32-foot logs out of one tree. Bud West and I were working together, and Gene West was running the job at the time. One day Gene told me, "Okay, it is your turn to pick your strip." So that night after work I went down to where we would be cutting. There was a creek there and when you get close to a creek you will find a lot of trees that are hollow.

I started boring into the trees on one end and they were hollow. Farther down I bored into a strip of trees that were bigger, and they weren't hollow. So the next day I chose the strip with the bigger trees and Bud had to cut the other strip with the hollow trees. At lunch time Bud came up and said, "Funniest damn thing. There must have been a whole bunch of termites around all of my trees, 'cause they were all hollow."

I had a log at the Nevada County Fair one year that they used to count the rings so they could determine what was going on at a specific time of the tree's life. The rings were so close together that they couldn't tell the exact age of the tree, but as close as they could figure it dated back to the time of the Mayflower in the 1600s.



Mill Street in 1854. The walls of the house are two feet thick, and the second-story ceiling had six or eight inches of sand for insulation. They started a brewery next door to the Stone House where Thomas made the XXX Beer. On the other side of the brewery was the old Miner's Foundry.

Thomas Hodge died in Nevada County in 1907. In later years the brewery became an apartment building, which burned down sometime between 2008 and 2014. In 1921 my grandfather built a house to the left of the Stone House, and in 1934 my father, John J. Hodge Sr., built a house between my grandfather's house and the Stone House. Grass Valley Librarian Alma Popp lived next door to my grandfather's house when I was a little kid, and the house of Lola Montez was across the street. I was raised on Mill Street, and in 1962 I bought a house in Grass Valley, where I have lived ever since.

weekend. I changed jobs and went to work for Loggers Unlimited, who contracted with PG&E to trim and remove hazard trees around power lines. I worked for Loggers Unlimited for 10 years. I was a supervisor for the last several years, but I still worked alongside my crew until I retired in 2014 at the age of 71.

The largest tree, by diameter, that I ever fell was a Sugar Pine that was about 11 feet or so in diameter. We had to put notches in the tree in order for it to fit between the bunks on the logging truck. This tree was cut in the Hell Hole area around 1972 or 1973. We were in that area for about five years falling trees for Robinson Timber. The tallest tree I fell was a Doug Fir at Sailor Point that was about 290 feet tall. Jack Knuckey, who worked for the Forest Service, measured that tree. Old Jim West came and told us not to cut that tree yet because he had contacted The Union newspaper

Webber Lake Guests

In 2018, thanks to the wonderful efforts of the Truckee Donner Land Trust, Corri Jimenez (current Vice-President of the Sierra County Historical Society and expert in historic preservation) and others, Sierra County became home to another building listed on the National Register of Historic Places - the Webber Lake Hotel constructed in 1860.

Once a key stop on Henness Pass Road, the hotel was constructed by Dr. David Gould Webber, who also constructed the original county courthouse earlier in 1854 (this beautiful structure burned down in 1947). Webber Lake has been a recreational haven for decades, and many people have visited the Webber Lake Hotel, including quite a few well-known characters.

The Truckee Donner Land Trust states that actress Lola Montez (1821-1861) was once a guest at the hotel. However, I do not find this claim accurate (Ms. Jimenez also questioned the veracity of this statement as well in her historic structures report). I invite my readers to refer to my article from March of this year entitled "The Elusive Lola Montez." Frankly, I believe it is impossible Lola Montez stayed at the Webber Lake Hotel, as she left California in 1856, spent some time in Britain, and soon after returned to the East Coast, where by 1860, she was withering away from the effects of tertiary syphilis. She died the following year in New York City. Considering the Webber Lake Hotel was built in 1860, a stay from Lola Montez seems implausible - though she quite likely passed by the lake on her earlier journey to nearby Independence Lake in 1853.

Alonzo "Old Block" Delano (1806-1874), a friend of Lola Montez and a contemporary of Mark Twain and Bret Harte, is said to have stayed at the Webber Lake Hotel, as well as his friend Charles Nahl (1818-1878), a well-known painter and illustrator. Delano had

made a well-documented visit to the area in 1861, visiting Independence Lake. Another artist who is said to have stayed at the hotel was famous landscape painter Thomas Hill (1829-1908). John Ross Browne (1821-1875), a writer who also influenced Mark Twain and Bret Harte, also stayed at the hotel.

A documented guest of the Webber Lake Hotel was Clara Barton (1821-1912), who in the words of author Elizabeth Brown Pryor, traveled from San Francisco "forty miles a day on foot and horseback to Webber Lake. There she and her friends hunted and fished, supped on venison and wild honey." Barton stated she reveled in a "sky as clear and blue as indigo could have made it" and later acknowledged her "memories of the little camp up among the pines [grew] sweeter every month."

In his book *Nine Miles In: Living 25 Years at Webber Lake*, Doug Garton describes visits from modern well-known figures during his tenure as caretaker of the grounds at Webber Lake. Garton's father-in-law was special effects artist Augie Lohman (1911-1989), who was nominated at the 33rd Academy Awards for Best Special Effects for the film *The Last Voyage*. One special guest at the lake was radio and television personality Art Linkletter (1912-2010). Garton wrote that Linkletter and his cohorts were "really curious about the place and asked many questions. It was an unsuspected, surprising moment that came out of the blue and one to remember. We were pleased with his visit and proud to show him the paradise where we lived. We talked for about an hour and then they went on their way. What a nice man!"

Another visitor was Carl Switzer (1929-1957) who played Alfalfa in the TV series *Our Gang*. Garton wrote that Switzer "visited with all of us for quite some time and enjoyed our old buildings, photos, and hearing about Webber Lake history."

Garton stated his friend David Kelley (born 1928), a former member of the State Assembly and State Senate, was a regular guest at the lake as well. Actress Patty Duke (1946-2016) was another visitor to Webber Lake with her husband Michael Tell (the group also dined at the Calpine Lodge in Calpine after their visit to the lake).

Famous golfer George Archer (1939-2005) was another regular visitor to Webber Lake. Garton wrote that for over five years, Archer "was one of the 50 members in our fly fishing catch and release program. It was zero limit, strictly barbless hooks. I could see why he was such a good golfer. He would go out in his float tube and sometimes put in 10 hours of fishing time on the lake, all 6 feet 7 inches of him! He didn't have a campsite but came in for a day of fishing from his home in Incline Village, Lake Tahoe. George made a film - part of it at Lake Tahoe - and the rest at Webber Lake. The film explained our fishery. The interesting thing I learned about George didn't happen until after he died. I knew he had cancer and a short time to live. He came to the lake two weeks prior to his death. Before he left he came over to talk to [my wife] and me, turned in his key to the gate, and thanked both of us. He died a short time later."

Now that Webber Lake is open back to the public, who knows which future guests may show up to visit this stellar location!

I am always open to feedback and suggestions for my history articles. If you have a comment or a subject to propose, please email me at corypeterman3@gmail.com, thanks!



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Costa Family At 90th Birthday in Nevada City
(From Grass Valley Union)
Mother's Day had a special meaning this year for Mrs. Louise M. Pianezzi of Nevada City.

It was her 90th birthday and the occasion was marked by a family reunion held at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Fay M. Stevenson. More than 40 were present.

"Grandma" was pleasantly surprised to receive many presents, cards and letters, including congratulatory messages from Governor Earl Warren, Mayor Clifford E. Rishell of Oakland and Laurel Parlor of Native Daughters of the Golden West.

Mrs. Pianezzi was born in Downieville, May 11, 1862. She was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio J. Costa. The Costas had settled in the community in 1857; their four sons and families have figured prominently in the history of Downieville and its business enterprises continuously since 1878.

As the bride of Joseph M. Pianezzi, she lived for some years in Sierra County before moving to Nevada City in 1899. Her husband died in 1927, their son, Anthony, in 1933, and their daughter, Evelyn "Eva," Mrs. William Tripplett, in 1947.

The two surviving children, Mrs. Anne M. James of Grass Valley and Ray Pianezzi of Sacramento, were present, as were six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Antonio J. Costa, her sole surviving brother, who is 83, attended from Downieville.

Family members at the reunion included:

From Nevada City — Mr. and Mrs. F.M. Stevenson, Donna and Gary; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Schance, Clair and Helen;

From Grass Valley — Mrs. Anne M. James;

From Downieville — Mr. and Mrs. Antonio J. Costa; Mr. and Mrs. Tony G. Costa, Jr., and Michael; Mr. and Mrs. George R. Costa, Carol, Enid and Donald; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Brett and Karen; Mrs. Louise C. Dubuque; Mrs. Amelia C. Sullivan; Miss Anna R. Costa; Norman L. Costa;

From Sacramento — Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pianezzi and Anne Louise; Mr. and Mrs. Carl G. Murphy, Tom, Carole, Don and Jimmy; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Slaughter; and Anthony White;

From Oakland — Mr. and Mrs. D.J. Murphy;

Other relatives unable to attend included: J. Tilden, Mrs. Emma Folsom, Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. J.F. Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Costa, Dr. and Mrs. Irvin Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Dubuque and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Smith.

Pickets on School Job

For the first time in its history, according to old-timers, there is a picket line in Downieville. William E. Frye of Grass Valley, contractor for the local \$200,000 school project, announced Monday that the Carpenters and Joiners Union established a picket line on the local job that morning, in conjunction with the strike that started a couple of weeks ago in the four Bay counties, but was expanded to include the 42 northern counties of the state.

Frye said that because of the picket line, structural steel workers would not come from Sacramento for their work on

the school.

Frye said the Wage Stabilization Board recommended an increase of 15 cents an hour in wages, bringing it up to \$2.54. He said he was willing to pay that amount, but if he did, would be subject to a \$5,000 fine, as representatives of Associated General Contractors and representatives of the union are negotiating, the union asking for \$2.60 an hour plus 7 1/2 cents welfare fund payment, and any resumption of work pending negotiation would subject one to penalty.

Work on Downieville school began a couple of years ago. Several elements, including a short working season due to winter weather, finances, material shortage and water drainage, have deferred the work so only the foundation is built. Meanwhile, students are being taught in makeshift classrooms.

Sierraville Saw Mill Opens Season

SIERRAVILLE, May 13 — The melodious sound of the mill opened the season's activities for Sierraville Lumber Company. The mill has been completely overhauled by employees since March. The decked logs at the pond will run the mill for a month, when it is believed the ground will be sufficiently dry to haul logs from the mountains.

Holstrom Lumber Company began cutting logs decked at its mill Monday, putting a number of men to work. Giulio Pasquetti, logging contractor, is falling trees at the Fonda place, owned by Paul Kofford, and will haul them to the mill.

Christian to Practice Law in Loyalton

Winslow Christian, deputy attorney general, returned

Tuesday to San Francisco after spending a couple of days in Sierra County. He stated that after conferring with several Sierrans, he decided to establish an office July 1, in Loyalton for the practice of law. Alfred R. Lowey of Downieville, district attorney, is now the only practicing attorney in the county.

Following graduation from Stanford University, Christian taught law at Rangoon University in Burma for a year. For the past two years he has been a deputy attorney general. Mrs. Christian, also a graduate of Stanford, is editor of the Monthly Review of the Federal Reserve Bank in San Francisco. They plan arrangements for residence in Loyalton.

Mrs. Fales Cremated Sunday

Mrs. Hazel Jewel Fales was burned to death, practically cremated, when her Manzanita Inn, about five miles northeast of Sierra City, was destroyed by fire Sunday morning. She and her husband, Ernest, spent the winter in Nevada City. They had come up the past two weekends to prepare their resort for summer patronage, and were accompanied Saturday by Edward S. Gladding, who is about 75 years old, and came to spend the weekend.

Report of the disaster was that they had retired about 10 p.m. Mrs. Fales became conscious of the fire about 3:45 a.m., waking her husband and Gladding. The fire was thought to have started from the fireplace in the downstairs living room, under the Fales' bedroom, as all other fuel was turned off.

As they could not descend through smoke and fire, Fales opened a window at the head of the stairs so his wife could get

out, and he went to get Gladding out, finding the latter could get from his room to a roof and to the ground. Fales went back to the window he had opened, found his wife gone, and surmised she had gotten out. He got out but did not find her outside. Using a ladder, he looked in windows, but could not see her, and no outcry was heard.

Flames spread rapidly in the knotty pine and cedar varnished building. The fire had not reached the office, and Fales broke through the front door and phoned Deputy Sheriff Chester P. Butz at Downieville. Butz, Coroner Philip R. Newberg and Sheriff W. Dewey Johnson responded, arriving about 5:45. By that time, with rapid burning and lack of water, the place was practically levelled to the ground.

Apparently, Mrs. Fales returned to her bedroom. She was said to have had a heart affection and may have had an attack, been suffocated or asphyxiated, and unable to make an outcry. As the fire subsided, her body was seen on the springs of her bed. Even with application of water, it was some time before Butz and Undersheriff James F. Hill were able to remove the charred remains.

Mrs. Fales was born in Beaver Creek, Arizona, 45 years ago. She was formerly in Vallejo; operated the California Inn in Nevada City, and was said to still own a couple of houses there. She and her husband bought Manzanita Inn about two and a half years ago from Nicholas M. Jankowski. They added to the place, which had 12 rooms. It was reported that it was partially insured. Loss was estimated about \$20,000. The rustic

resort was attractively located near Highway 49. The garage a separate building, did not burn, and their automobile and a very few personal belongings there were saved.

News About Town

Richard Barrington and Chauncey Goodrich, Sierraville lumber operators, and Hal Wright of Loyalton, were here briefly Friday, returning from a visit to Marysville, where they asked the State Highway Department to lift the 5000-pound load limit on trucks in Sierra Valley. They felt their application would soon be successful.

Word has been received that Frank B. Delaney has again been confined to a Boise, Idaho, hospital, but able to sit up. He had expected to be here last week to prepare for opening his rainbow trout lake near Yuba Pass summit.

Mrs. Mary Hansen broke her ankle Sunday while helping to clean up the cemetery at Sierra City. Robert Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hansen brought her to Downieville for medical attention by Dr. Carl C. Sutton.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott C. Hope and son, Greg, have moved from the home of her mother, Mrs. Margaret E. Lambert, to the former Henry Raymond house near the courthouse, now owned by Mrs. W. Dewey Johnson.

Sierra City Postmaster, Richmond "Dee" Atkeson returned Wednesday from Oakland where he has been visiting his parents. He brought with him, Miss Phyllis Aguire who will spend the summer at Sardine Lake where she is employed by Mr. and Mrs. George Browning. She spent the winter in San Francisco with her parents.