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Plumas-Sierra County Fair Triumphantly Returns, Breaks Records

By DUNCAN A. KENNEDY

QUINCY – Despite soaring temperatures and two years of hiatus dulling hype at county fairs nationwide, the Plumas-Sierra County Fair returned to Quincy in the final days of July to much fanfare and stunning numerical success. The last such county fair was held August 7th through 11th, 2019.

Even after (or perhaps because of) the two years of delay, the fair saw attendance not only meet pre-pandemic levels, but in fact exceed them. According to Fair Manager John Steffanic, attendance was up from 2019 on every day except Saturday, averaging around 4,000 people per day. Crunching and aggregating the attendance numbers across all four days and accounting for people who attended on multiple days, paid fair attendance was around 9,000 people. Including unpaid attendees who came on Free Admission Day (Thursday), total fair attendance was in the vicinity of 12,000 - 13,000 people – not bad, given that only twenty-two thousand live in Plumas and Sierra Counties.

Steffanic and other fair staff members also noted another area where the Plumas-Sierra County Fair exceeded relative to others – entries. Many county and even state fairs suffered badly in this category due to the pandemic, with most fairs seeing barely half their pre-pandemic entry numbers. Here, however, entries were down by only 35 percent – a full 15 percent better than the average. Entries were most

noticeably diminished in the livestock and floriculture categories, while visual arts stayed roughly static and home arts increased slightly. Already, the fair’s staff and board members are mulling over ways to increase competition in next year’s fair, sure to be a topic at the next board meeting.



Jake Jacobson performing Saturday evening for an enthusiastic crowd at the fair grandstand. Jacobson's first extended play, "Lovin' and Leavin'," was released for purchase on June 30th.

The Jake Jacobson concert was a massive success despite some hiccups in promotion, with a lowball count of 400 – 600 people attending in the fair grandstand and deafening the surrounding area with their applause. Wold Amusements ran the carnival again, bringing some interesting new fair rides that were unavailable during the fair’s traditional dates and no doubt helping thousands of people get their adrenaline fix for the year. Street acts were also very popular; some of the best-received were the Powerhouse tap dance group, the salsa steel drum band, and the ever-popular hometown Quircus act. Some of these

acts are very likely to be hired again for next year’s fair, and already rumors are flying about who could draw people to the grandstand if another Saturday night concert was held then.

One of the biggest highlights of the fair for local youth is the livestock shows and the Plumas-Sierra

Junior Livestock Auction, held Sunday morning in the SPI Pavilion. This year, 103 animals sold at auction for a combined total of \$354,380 – 18 head of beef, 50 pigs, 15



Nathan Smeltzer's 48-pound champion Turkey tom "Terry" poses for the camera. Terry sold Sunday morning for \$50 per pound at auction.

sheep, 16 goats, two turkeys and a single pen of meat rabbits. The asking prices were frequently accompanied by bonuses tacked onto the sale price to directly benefit the exhibitors.

Plumas Bank, Bret Cook, and Potter Handy Law all pitched in additional money for every exhibitor from Indian Valley, Willo Viera tacked 25 cents onto the asking price for all sheep, and local surgeon Steen Jensen collaborated with board member Chris Kennedy to raise the minimum sale price for sheep to \$12 per pound and goats to \$14 per pound. There were also animals resold at auction by the initial buyers to raise funds for a charitable cause; an animal resold by Steve and Joanie Utterback from Lincoln raised money for the Barbara Martinetti Memorial Scholarship, while Cal Sierra Title resold one of their purchases to benefit a Loyalton FFA member who lost her animal during the fair.

The sale of champions started off the auction, with impressive premiums garnered for each one.

Grand Champion Lamb: Justus Emsoff (Sierra Valley 4-H) sold his 130-lb lamb to Sierra Valley Feed of Sierraville for \$15/lb.

Reserve Champion Lamb: Mia Johnson (American Valley 4-H) sold her 133-lb

lamb to PM Supplies for \$17/lb.

Grand Champion Goat: Aurora Osburn (Sierra Valley 4-H) sold her 70-lb goat to Robert Church of Sattley for \$22/lb.

Reserve Champion Goat: Ryker Osburn (Sierra Valley 4-H) sold his 71-lb goat to Joy Engineering of Portola for \$17/lb.

Grand Champion Beef: Daisy Neer (Indian Valley 4-H) sold her 1,266-lb steer to Select Environmental Services of Rocklin for \$10/lb.

Reserve Champion Beef: Jhett Neer (Indian Valley 4-H) sold his 1,298-lb steer to Wilburn Construction for \$7.25/lb.

Grand Champion Swine: Alexxis Gunnier (Loyalton FFA) sold her 267-lb hog to Leonhardt Ranch of Quincy for \$9/lb.

Reserve Champion Swine: Jaycee Pew (Indian Valley 4-H) sold her 287-lb hog to Select Environmental Services for \$13/lb.

Grand Champion Turkey: Nathan Smeltzer (Loyalton FFA) sold his 48-lb turkey

tom to Joy Engineering for an impressive \$50/lb.

Reserve Champion Turkey: Zoey Taylor (Echo 4-H) sold her 38-lb turkey tom to Brian West for \$25/lb.

Champion Pen of Rabbits: Katarina Wellise (Treasure Mountain 4-H) sold her rabbits to livestock manager Ron Wilson for a flat rate of \$1,400. Wilson resold the pen for fair improvements.

Overall, the county fair is considered to have been a rousing success after two years of hardship for Plumas County in particular. Attendance increased despite (or perhaps because of) the two years of cancellation, entries dropped by notably less than at most fairs, and generosity in the community seems at a recent high given the results of the auction. With the fair now over, the fair’s staff and board members will be switching gears to prepare for the upcoming Plumas Homegrown Americana Festival from September 2nd through 4th, but planning for next year’s fair is already on the minds of both staff and community members. Will 2023 be even bigger and better? That’s a story for next year.



Small TNF Fires Quickly Extinguished Amid Slower Start to Fire Season

By STEPHEN KULIEKE



USFS "hotshots" in action against the Boca Fire on Sunday, August 1. Photo courtesy of the TNF

Quick action by firefighters helped keep two recent small fires—the Austin Fire and Boca Fire— from spreading further in the Tahoe National Forest (TNF) near Jackson Meadows and Boca Reservoir.

Sparked by lightning on July 30, the Austin Fire burned in “heavy dead and down slash with some single tree torching” one mile southwest of Jackson Meadows in USFS’ Sierraville Ranger District, just south of the Sierra County line in Nevada County.

According to a TNF Facebook posting, the Austin Fire was held to three-quarters of an acre by USFS firefighters on the ground, including those with TNF Sierraville Engine 361 and TNF Truckee Engine 371, supported by helicopter-bucket aerial resources. In the posting, TNF thanked the caller on Grouse Ridge who called 911 to report the fire and thanked the public for maintaining their distance from fire suppression equipment—also expressing gratitude that no personal drones were flown that would have halted aerial firefighting operations.

At 5:45 a.m. on August 1, Shelley Purser at the TNF Babbitt Peak Lookout spotted a smoke column in the Russell Valley area northwest of Boca Reservoir in the Truckee Ranger District in Nevada County and called it into TNF Dispatch. The early morning detection of the half-acre Boca Fire “allowed the engines crews and hotshots to rapidly complete a hose lay and handline” around the half-acre Boca Fire before winds and temperatures increased, noted the TNF Facebook posting.

“Highlighting these small fires [allows us] to give props to firefighters who are working really hard,” TNF Public Information Officer Adam Collins-Torruella told The Mountain Messenger. “And as we post about catching these fires while they’re still small, the community can get an idea of how we’re preventing larger [fire] incidents,” he added.

Unlike the Austin Fire, the Boca Fire was human-caused, the result of an “escaped, illegal campfire” in viola-

tion of U.S. Forest Service (USFS) restrictions currently in effect. Due to ongoing drought and warming conditions, Stage 1 fire restrictions were implemented July 20 throughout the Tahoe National Forest. Under the order, campfires and charcoal briquette fires are allowed only in established fire rings within USFS-designated campgrounds and day-use sites, but not outside of those areas. (Go to: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/tahoe/>.)

Those whose illegal campfire outside of approved areas ignited the Boca Fire were cited for violating the order and are facing penalties of up to \$5,000, six months imprisonment, or both, said TNF’s Collins-Torruella. The Messenger will be following the upcoming U.S. District Court case.

Despite serious and damaging fires in Mariposa and Siskiyou counties, California’s 2022 wildfire season thus far has not been as catastrophic as in recent years—although we are now entering the months of most extreme fire risk.

As of August 1, CAL FIRE and USFS have reported 4,927 fires destroying 147,034 acres. Last year at this time, 5,945 fires in the state had decimated 517,530 acres.

The impact already last year was reflected in The Mountain Messenger’s coverage of the state’s 2021 wildfire season. The Messenger’s July 29, 2021 issue reported on how the end of July saw “little relief” from wildfires—with Alpine County’s

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Sourdough Jack Sez...



Dang, if I saw smoke when I prowled around on Grouse Ridge, there weren't none of those new-fangled devices to use for reportin' smoke. So, not everythin' is bad about having one of Dick Tracey's phones.



Wildfire Fuel Reduction Work Beginning on State Route 49

New Vegetation Removal Contract to Reduce Fuel Loads in Nevada and Butte Counties

Caltrans Press Release of August 3, 2022

NEVADA COUNTY – Caltrans is alerting State Route 49 (SR-49) motorists of the start of a new wildfire fuel reduction contract to address overgrown vegetation at various locations in Nevada County between Lime Kiln Road and McKnight Way.

Beginning Wednesday, August 3, construction crews will start staging equipment along SR-49 near Lime Kiln Road to start vegetation removal at various locations along the north and south sides of the highway. Fuel reduction activities are expected to occur along the 6-mile stretch of highway weekdays between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Most work will occur in shoulder areas with minimal disruptions to traffic. Short traffic holds may be required intermittently during large tree removal operations.

The \$2.8 million wildfire fuel reduction contract will assist vegetation removal efforts along SR-49 in Nevada County and State Route 32 in Butte County. P31 Enterprises of Oroville is the prime contractor for the project, which is expected to be completed in summer 2023.

Katie's Sigthtings

Taken with permission from northyubanaturalist.blogspot.com

KATIE O'HARA KELLY

Butterflies & Moths!



We came across this pair of of Common Sheep Moths mating in the Lakes Basin this week, around 7,500' in elevation! I've never seen these beautiful moths before, and their coloring was exquisite! They were fairly large, with a wingspan of about 3". We watched them for a good 5 minutes and they were still mating when we left! Here's what butterfliesandmoths.org has posted about them.

"Adults emerge in early morning and mate in late morning. Females lay eggs in rings on plant stems. Eggs overwinter and hatch in April and May. Young caterpillars feed together in groups and when they are older they feed alone. Fully-grown caterpillars pupate in loose cocoons in the leaf litter or in burrows in soft soil, and adults emerge from July-September. At high elevations and northern latitudes, 2 years are needed to complete development. The cocoons overwinter and in the spring the adults emerge and start the cycle again. Caterpillar Hosts: Mountain lilac (Ceanothus), mountain-mahogany (Cercocarpus montanus), bitter cherry (Prunus emarginata), bitterbrush (Purshia tridentata), snowberry (Symphoricarpos), currant (Ribes), wild rose (Rosa), willow (Salix) and others. Adult Food: Adults do not feed. Habitat: From sea level to at least 8400 feet in a variety of habitats including chaparral, pine and redwood forests, oak woodlands, and riparian areas."

Another local moth that I've seen in the past is the large Ceanothus Silk Moth. These gorgeous adult moths are large, with a wingspan of 3.5"-5"! As adults, their primary purpose is to reproduce, and do not feed. After mating and laying eggs the adults soon die. Again, here's what butterfliesandmoths.org has posted about them.



Life History: Females glue eggs singly or in clumps on leaves of the host plant. The eggs hatch in 9-14 days and the caterpillars eat leaves. The cocoon is spun in the outer part of the host plant and is attached to a twig by only one-half its length. Caterpillar Hosts: A wide range of plants including buckbrush (Ceanothus), manzanita (Arctostaphylos), gooseberry (Ribes), madrone (Arbutus menziesii), willows (Salix), alder (Alnus), and mountain mahogany (Cercocarpus betuloides). Adult Food: Adults do not feed. Habitat: A wide variety of habitats including coastal areas, chaparral, and conifer forests."



Field Crescent - Phycoides pulchella montana & Hoffman's Checkerspot - Chlosyne hoffmanni

There are many butterflies flitting around the Lakes Basin. They differ from moths in many ways. Here are the basic differences:

Butterfly vs. Moth

- wings usually open at rest - wings usually closed at rest
- usually diurnal - usually nocturnal
- usually brightly colored - usually dully colored
- usually have clubbed antennae - usually have "feathered" antennae

Adult butterflies spend most of their time searching for mates, laying eggs, feeding and resting. Males either search for mates or perch and wait for females to fly by. If another male comes near a perched male, they will often engage in an upward spiraling flight, after which the "intruder" usually leaves. If a female flies by, of the same species, the perched male will force the female to the ground to mate. Another method of perching is known as "hill-topping".

Wikipedia states: "Males of many butterfly species may be found flying up to and staying on a hilltop - for days on end if necessary. Females, desirous of mating, fly up the hill. Males dash around the top, competing for the best part of the area - usually the very top; as the male with the best territory at the top of the hill would have the best chance of mating with the occasional female, who knows the "top male" must be strong and thus genetically fit. Studies have shown that even slight elevation differences on flat terrain can trigger hill-topping behavior. Flowering or tall trees may induce hill-topping behavior."



California Sister - Adelpha californica & California Tortoiseshell - Nymphalis californica

Wikipedia also states, "Butterflies have "complete" life cycles, with four different stages: egg, caterpillar (larva), chrysalis (pupa), and adult. The entire life cycle, from the deposition of the egg to the emergence of the adult, usually takes about a month for most butterflies.

Letters to the Editor

Unknown Heroes

I have a degree in Microbiology from a world-renowned drinking institution, Chico State. I graduated, then realized there was so much to know. Those pioneering microbiologists I learned about had made an astounding difference in our world. A few of these guys were Edward Jenner, Ignaz Semmelweis, Louis Pasteur, John Snow, Robert Koch, Paul Ehrlich, Alexander Fleming, Howard Florey, Ernst Chain, and Jonas Salk. There were no women because society felt women were not capable of doing anything except baking bread. That would change. Society had been wrong for thousands of years.

Because of those scientists, we don't have to worry about our children predeceasing us. Near my home is a cemetery where there is a family plot. Five children had died before their parents. That takes your breath away. I cannot imagine. Those children may have died of scarlet fever, a carbuncle, smallpox, mastoiditis, diarrhea, tetanus, or any other number of infectious diseases no one thinks about today.

That's all science. Yup, when you look at your children think of those scientists because some of them were ridiculed and disbelieved but they were right and you may owe your existence to them. And now we have an entire political movement that has lost its connection to reality and does not want science taught in our schools. They would prefer religion.

By the way, when I went to Chico State, all the California State Colleges and the University of California system were essentially tuition free. Got lots of doctors, engineers, teachers, etc. from that. But Ronald Reagan kinda ruined it.

Infectious disease free,
Don McKechnie
Sierraville, CA and Sparks, NV

Fires

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Tamarack Fire scorching nearly 69,000 acres with 59% containment and the Beckwourth Complex Fire more than 105,000 acres with 98% containment. The paper's following week issue on August 5, 2021 reported on the devastating Dixie Fire in Plumas and Butte counties exceeding a quarter-million acres, on its way to becoming California's largest single fire ever at nearly a million acres.

California's largest fire of 2022 thus far—the McKinney Fire in the Klamath National Forest in Siskiyou County—started on July 29 and as of August 3 has burned nearly 58,000 acres with zero containment. Four fatalities have been reported from the fire.

The state's second largest fire this season, the Oak Fire, began July 22 in Mariposa County 30 miles west of Yosemite National Park and has burned more than 19,000 acres destroying nearly 200 structures. At press time, containment stood at 81%.

The other widely reported 2022 wildfire, the Washburn Fire that began on July 7 and burned nearly 5,000 acres threatening Yosemite National Park's renowned Mariposa Grove of giant sequoias, is 97% contained. On August 3, the Mariposa Grove was reopened to the public with none of the beloved trees lost to the fire.

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Poetry Corner

First Fig

By Edna St. Vincent Millay

My candle burns at both ends;
It will not last the night;
ah, my foes, and oh, my friends—
It gives a lovely light!

About this poem: Published in her 1920 collection *A Few Figs From Thistles*, a work drawing controversy for its exploration of female sexuality and feminism. In 1975, during "The Woman" episode of *The Walton's*, a female poet visiting the college attended by *John Boy* recites the poem.

About this poet: Millay, born in Rockland, Maine, in 1892, moved to Greenwich Village in New York City after graduating from Vassar in 1917. Here, the red-headed beauty, was, in her words, "very, very poor and very, very merry" while living an openly bisexual lifestyle. In 1923 she was awarded a Pulitzer Prize for her poem, "The Ballad of the Harp-Weaver". A renowned social figure and feminist in New York City during the Roaring Twenties, an automobile accident in 1936 seriously damaged her spine and left her a partial invalid, dependent upon morphine and alcohol until her death from a fall down the stairs at Steepletop, the bucolic estate outside of Austerlitz, New York, where she resided for the last 25 years of her life, in 1950.



Cape Cod

By GEORGE SANTAYANA

The low sandy beach and the thin scrub pine,
The wide reach of bay and the long sky line,—
O, I am far from home!
The salt, salt smell of the thick sea air,
And the smooth round stones that the ebbtides wear,—
When will the good ship come?
The wretched stumps all charred and burned,
And the deep soft rut where the cartwheel turned,—
Why is the world so old?
The lapping wave, and the broad gray sky
Where the cawing crows and the slow gulls fly,—
Where are the dead untold?
The thin, slant willows by the flooded bog,
The huge stranded hulk and the floating log,—
Sorrow with life began!
And among the dark pines, and along the flat shore,
O the wind, and the wind, for evermore!
What will become of man?

This poem is in the public domain. Published in Poem-a-Day on July 31, 2022, by the Academy of American Poets.

About this poem: "Cape Cod" first appeared in Santayana's *Sonnets and Other Verses* (Stone & Kimball, 1894). As Santayana recounts in *Persons and Places: The Middle Span* (Charles Scribner's Sons, 1945), the poem originated in a fishing trip with friends to Cape Cod, during which he "never held a rod in [his] hand, and never meant to." He explains, "I wrote some lines on Cape Cod, of which the poet William Vaughn Moody said that there for once I had been inspired. But that inspiration came only by the way, as on returning we skirted a beach in the gathering twilight. Cape Cod in general has the most cheerful associations in my mind." The scholar Newton Phelps Stallknecht later wrote about the poem in *George Santayana* (University of Minnesota Press, 1971) that "language, rhythm, and imagery yield fully to the sense of forlorn exile that is throughout. The scene becomes a haunting symbol of loneliness, an end of the world, whose beauty lives in its very desolation."

About this poet: George Santayana, born Jorge Agustín Nicolás Ruiz de Santayana y Borrás on December 16, 1863 in Madrid, was a philosopher, critic, poet, and novelist. He was the author of many books, including *The Sense of Beauty: Being the Outlines of Aesthetic Theory* (Charles Scribner's Sons, 1896) and *Lucretius*, *Dante*, and *Goethe* (Harvard University, 1910). He died on September 26, 1952.



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On the Shelf

By PAUL GUFFIN

What Is a Library? (continued)

Picking up where we left off last week, at the start of the 19th century, there were virtually no public libraries such as we understand libraries to be today: provided from public funds and freely accessible to everyone. Only one important library in Britain, Chetham’s Library in Manchester, was fully and freely accessible to the public. There was, however, a whole network of libraries on a private or institutional basis. There were also subscription libraries, often starting out as book clubs, which charged high annual fees or required members to purchase shares in the library. Such libraries tended to focus on specific subject areas, such as biography, history, philosophy, theology, travel, etc, rather than works of fiction. Access was often restricted to members. One of these was the Library Company of Philadelphia, started in 1731 by Benjamin Franklin. From this, subscription libraries gained popularity across the colonies, and, by the 1750s, a dozen more subscription libraries had appeared in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and South Carolina.

Another form of library also appeared, the circulating library. They came about due to the increasing production and demand for fiction, promoted by commercial markets. They often charged subscription fees, and offered serious subject matter as well as popular novels. They were first and foremost, a business venture, profiting from lending books to the public for a fee.

The first national libraries had their origins in the royal collections of the sovereign or some other supreme body of the state. The idea (though not acted on at the time) goes back at least to 1556, when Welsh mathematician John Dee presented Queen Mary I of England a plan for the preservation of old books, manuscripts, and records — and the founding of a national library. The first true national library was founded in 1793 as part of the British Museum, which itself was a new kind of institution — national, belonging neither to the church nor the king, freely open to the public, and aiming to collect everything. In 1757, King George II granted the library the right to a copy of every book published in the country, thereby ensuring that the library would expand indefinitely. In 1856, Anthony Panizzi became Principal Librarian at the British Library, and oversaw its modernization, including its expansion of 540,000 volumes, making it the largest library in the world at the time. He also undertook the creation of a new catalog, based on the “Ninety-One Cataloguing Rules” (1841) which he devised with his assistants. Those rules served as the basis for all subsequent catalog rules of the 19th and 20th centuries CE, and are the origins of the International Standard Bibliographic Description (ISBD), first published in 2007, and providing a bibliographic description in a standard, human-readable form, especially for use in a bibliography or library catalog.

In the new nation of the United States, James Madison proposed instituting a congressional library in 1783. The Library of Congress was established on April 24, 1800, in the same legislation that transferred the seat of the federal government from Philadelphia to the new capital city of Washington. Part of the legislation appropriated \$5,000 “... for the purchase of such books as may be necessary for the use of Congress...and for fitting up a suitable apartment for containing them...” Books were ordered from London, and the collection consisting of 740 books and 3 maps, was housed in the new Capitol. Over time, that library has grown to over 171 million items, making it one of the largest libraries in the world today. In the Library’s own words, its “...collections are universal, not limited by subject, format, or national boundary, and include research materials from all parts of the world and in more than 470 languages”.

By the mid-19th century CE, England could claim 274 subscription libraries and Scotland another 266. However, the foundation of today’s public library system in Britain was the Public Libraries Act of 1850, which gave local boroughs the power to establish free public libraries. The act passed through Parliament, as most parliamentary members felt that public libraries would provide facilities for self-improvement through books and reading for all classes, and that the greater levels of education attained would result in lower crime rates. Thus, the act allowed all cities with populations exceeding 10,000 to levy taxes for the support of public libraries. In November, 1850, “The Royal Museum & Public Library” in Salford, Greater Manchester, opened as the first unconditionally free public library in England. The library in Campfield, Manchester, opening in 1852, was the first to operate a free lending library without subscription.

(To be continued.)



In Other (old) Literary News This Week

Daniel Defoe is charged with seditious libel and put in a pillory after publishing a satirical political pamphlet, but is pelted with flowers instead of rotten fruit (July 31, 1703) • **Robert Frost**’s “The Road Not Taken” (which you are probably misreading) is published in The Atlantic Monthly (August 1, 1915) • **Barbara Pym** appears as a guest on (the surprisingly literary) Desert Island Discs (August 1, 1978) • **George R.R. Martin** publishes the first novel in what would become a fairly popular series; it’s called A Game of Thrones (August 1, 1996) • **Guy de Maupassant** writes to **Gustave Flaubert**, complaining about the monotony of his life and his boring new job. Flaubert is not impressed (August 3, 1878) • **Nathaniel Hawthorne** and **Herman Melville** meet for the first time on a picnic expedition to Monument Mountain, and a beautiful friendship is born (August 5, 1850)

Source: lithub.com.

Where Two Rivers Meet

A Race to the Edge

By H. A. SILLIMAN

PART 9: THE CHASE IS ON

The most drama that Two Rivers usually sees comes in the form of floods and forest fires. A few months ago, the lower reaches of town had been evacuated because an old mining impound dam upriver sprung a bunch of leaks and threatened to collapse. Until Thursday noon, the latest crisis had been RiversFest’s major sponsor dropping out and the sudden search for a new race course. But now, the disaster was growing tentacles by the hour. After leaving the crime scene at Mack Boyd’s house, I immediately went to the sheriff’s command trailer at The Peter & Paul Church. I briefed a deputy on all that I had come upon. He was very interested in the lime green mountain bike that was in the Mustang because one just like it had been reported as stolen a few hours earlier.

“Maybe he thought that having the bike would make him blend in—one of the race crowd,” the deputy conjectured, and then asked, “Was that Gavin guy around?”

“No, only the man who looked like his brother, Jesse.” Reporting that suddenly had me wondering, where was Gavin in all this. Surely, he hadn’t been involved in kidnapping. My thoughts about the golf pro were interrupted by a commotion outside. Town folks were starting to arrive with bottled water, heeding Sally’s calls to bring what they had. As they usually do during a crisis, folks from all over jumped into action. This was typical Two Rivers’ community spirit, essential when people live a long drive down a winding road: Chip in, get things done—and quickly.

These Good Samaritans now learned that Mack Boyd was missing. The news stunned all. Even though Mack had tarnished his reputation by the graveyard stunt, the newspaper publisher was still one of our own—Coach’s kid, as folks still called him, son of the high school’s beloved, late football coach. People wanted to organize a search party. The group numbered about two dozen and included the Rev. Gagnon, Jeremy from the café, the Norbert Brothers and sister, Vera, plus high school kids. Carole Chukar roared up in her yellow-and-black Willy’s jeep. Richie Wyder rode shotgun.

The people milling about reminded me of the crowd scene from Shirley Jackson’s story, The Lottery. The set of jaws, the cast of eyes, the frowns—folks were tense, their voices rising. By then, it was four o’clock, and being summer, enough daylight left to make some stab at a search. Deputy Jack arrived from Mack’s house and addressed the crowd. “I know you all want to do something—but we don’t have any information to work with other than a black Ford Mustang may be involved. You can help by telling everyone to be on the lookout and call us immediately if they see it. No matter what, don’t contact the driver.” He handed out the earlier Wanted Poster containing Jesse’s photo.

Seeing a chance for an adventure that would make great news copy, I asked Carole if I could join her. “Jump in and hang on!” she laughed, and the jeep roared out of the parking lot and up Gooseneck Mine Road.

As we headed out of town, I was of course struck by the irony that here was young Richie Wyder searching for the fugitive brother of the man who helped wreck his family. His mom running off with golf pro Gavin must have hurt on top of everything else he’d faced lately, so perhaps, he’d figured he could help settle the score by finding Jesse. Because he wore a Giants baseball cap clamped down on his head and sunglasses, I couldn’t see his eyes, but his mouth was a tight line. I asked him about Marnie and her children.

“They’re baking gingerbread cookies for the RiversFest contest right now,” he reported. “I was helping. We have to find Mack. I know folks think he’s odd, but he’s nice. He gave me a job delivering papers. He’s really patient with Jazmine and Jake. He reads to them at night!”

I admired the boy’s loyalty. Here was a child whose life has been thrown over by bad-acting adults, yet he retained the ability to find good in others. Of course Marnie set a great example, first taking him in after the father died and his mother skipped town. Then, amazingly, with the help of the attorney Paul Bartley, she discovered that Richie was her son given up for adoption years before. I had been itching to write that story and was worried this was why LuLu Chan was sniffing around again.

As Marnie had just officially opened The Golden Gables Inn for RiversFest, I also asked how business was going.

“We were able to get four rooms ready to rent, and they filled up.” His face lit up and he smiled. “I get up early and make muffins and coffee for them. It’s sure fun talking to folks from out of town. There’s a big world out there!”

By now, the jeep was barreling down Mountbank Creek Road, and Carole would veer off down the lanes leading to summer tract cabins to look for the Mustang. Before we got to the abandoned lumber mill at Canton Flat, my cell phone rang. Babe was calling and said I needed to get down to Red Eagle right away.

“Betty Norbert just called again. She’s just heard that Gavin Stallard has been found tied and gagged. His brother, Jesse did it. Gavin’s got quite the story to tell. Mack could be in real danger!”

NEXT WEEK—PART 10: THE KNOT THICKENS

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



Here Back East

By LENNY ACKERMAN

Camp with the Kids

My adult children and grandson were waiting for me curbside at Bangor Airport. They had all arranged to gather at LaGuardia to fly up together for their exclusive week with Dad at camp. My son-in-law Peter was on his cell catching up with business as my daughters waved me over. After quick hugs and hellos, everyone piled in the Bronco, anxious to get to camp—but not before our planned stop for lunch at Governors, a family restaurant which is part of a chain exclusive to Maine.

A family week together at camp has become an annual event for the past several years. When we are all under one roof again it is immediately like old times, though we have had our separate homes for years now. Shared meals and campfire stories of times past and plans for times to come reconnect us and deepen bonds.

I planned to take everyone to Sucker Lake for fishing and a cookout. Kara and Peter opted out for yoga and conference calls. Brooke and Billy drove with me in the Bronco over the snowmobile path to the entrance of the lake area. A bumpy ride but the Bronco handled it as advertised. Greg met us there with a portable battery-operated motor for the rowboat moored at the shore. The motor was silent so the quiet of the lake was maintained as we traveled the short distance to a small island for a barbeque. Greg started his campfire while I waded into the water for a few casts. Billy tried his hand at wading and casting alongside me and I noticed he was more confident in his technique this year.

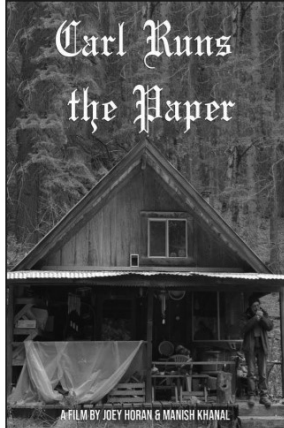
Lunch was a typical Lenny picnic menu: hamburgers with mustard and relish. The appetizers and dessert were catching a bass, so after a few bites I rushed everyone into the rowboat to find a spot where the fish were waiting for us.

We maneuvered over to promising-looking cove and before long Brooke and Billy caught several mid-size fish. Dad landed a few but the exercise was to have the kids experience the lake and its surroundings. There were no camps along the lake shore, no signs of anyone else. Just pure wilderness. Truly a heavenly place!

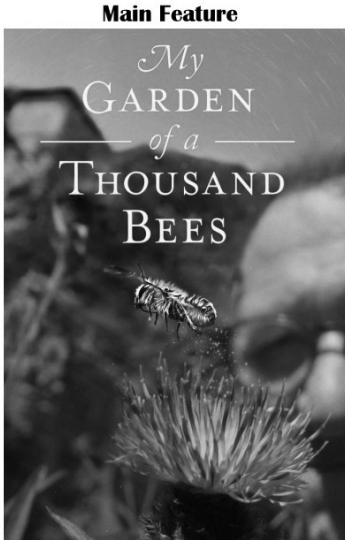
The YUBA THEATRE

MOVIE NIGHT 2022

Coming Friday Aug 12@7:30pm



“Carl Runs The Paper”
A short film by Joey Horan
& Manish Khanal
Public Forum with
filmmakers after the show



212 Main Street, Downieville
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The Short film "Carl Runs the Paper" is coming to The Yuba Theatre on Friday Aug. 12 @7:30 before our Main Feature screening of "My Garden of a Thousand Bees". There will be a forum with the filmmakers after the show.

Directors, Joey Horan and Manish Khanal, are both filmmakers and journalists based in the Bay Area.

Director's Statement

As young reporters, we entered journalism at a precarious time. Shuttering local newsrooms, fake news, a reckoning with the traditional ideas of objective and unbiased reporting — these forces cast shadows over an industry that we chose to invest and believe in. But it was the promise of local news that shone through these shadows, the belief that journalism wasn’t just about information, but also about community and connection.

In this sense, we shared a community of interest with Carl Butz, the 73-year-old protagonist of "Carl Runs the Paper" and the newfound editor of The Mountain Messenger, California’s oldest weekly newspaper. What started as a process-driven documentary about how a small, local paper in a rural region gets to press, morphed into a character-driven film about Carl, a retired widower who saw the potential loss of the local paper as a crucial blow to his community’s sense of self and, in saving the paper, found a way to reenter public life after years of isolated grief.

As storytellers, we were drawn to the tension at the center of Carl’s story—the fight to keep the paper alive while mourning the loss of his wife, Cecilia Kuhn. This tension resonates throughout the town of Downieville, the county seat of the sparsely-populated Sierra County and the home of The Mountain Messenger. Whether it’s the town’s dwindling and aging population, the existential threat of catastrophic fires, or the cornerstone institutions that continue to close, loss hangs over Downieville. Yet, like Carl, the town’s residents persist and preserve their way of life out of pride and an insistence their community is worth fighting for.

Because Carl is driven both by the spirit of place (the Butz family history goes back to the early mining days of Nevada and Sierra Counties) and the spirit of his late wife, we challenged ourselves to find creative ways to incorporate Cecilia into the film. Cecilia, it turns out, provided us with a rich archive to pull from — she was the drummer for the all-female punk rock band, Frightwig, a force in the San Francisco punk scene in the 1980s. The sound of Frightwig and Cecilia’s ...

See Director's Statement

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Sheriff's Log

By Jen Henneke

Monday, July 26

03:31 - In Loyalton, Eastern Plumas Health Care Ambulance (EPHCA) was summoned.
08:54 - In Pike City, there was an investigation.
09:21 - In Pike City, the investigation continued.
10:31 - In Loyalton, a civil service was completed for some individuals.
11:40 - In Verdi, an abandoned vehicle was handled by the CHP.
14:04 - In Sierra City, there was a non-injury hit and run. CHP and a deputy were able to find the suspect vehicle and driver.
14:42 - In Goodyears Bar, there was a report of gas theft from a work truck.
15:10 - In Loyalton, a civil standby was requested to retrieve some property.
17:10 - In Sierraville, there was a report of a medical alarm going off. Before responding units could arrive, it was determined to be an accidental alarm and the individual was okay.
17:58 - In Downieville, an ambulance was requested.
19:25 - In Loyalton, EPHCA was requested.
20:24 - In Loyalton, there were some fawns that were separated from their mother. An attempt to contact a F&W biologist was made.
Poor Bambis.
22:05 - In Downieville, a young person vandalized school property by driving a truck on the playing field. A deputy responded and will file a report. Yes, folks were allowed to park on the lawn last weekend. Doing brodies and breaking sprinkler heads, a very expensive lark for the parents of the miscreant.
22:36 - In Downieville, an ambulance was requested.
23:33 - In Downieville, a deputy was needed to remove an intoxicated individual from a property.

Tuesday, July 27

08:18 - In Downieville, there was a report of a reckless driver heading southbound on Hwy 49. CHP was unable to locate.
10:05 - In Verdi, there was a report of a possible domestic disturbance in a vehicle on the Interstate. CHP handled.
11:15 - In Verdi, there was a request for an ambulance.
11:49 - In Loyalton, EPHCA was needed.
12:48 - In Loyalton, a deputy helped a citizen get gas for a vehicle.
14:07 - In Downieville, there was a report of possible illegal dredging and defacing of the river bed. Information was provided to the F&W warden.
14:27 - In Verdi, there was a request for checks around a residence throughout the week.
14:50 - In Sierraville, there was a juvenile issue.
18:44 - In Sierra City, there was a request to locate some campers whose property was near the “Cable” fire burning in El Dorado County.
20:49 - In Loyalton, a deputy completed a probation check.

Wednesday, July 28

07:54 - In Sierraville, a wild bovine was running down the highway. CHP was notified to wrangle that cattle.
15:59 - In Graeagle, there was a report of a lost dog named Jasper. I hope Jasper makes it home safely!
19:48 - In Downieville, there was a service of civil papers,
20:10 - In Downieville, there was a request for a welfare check.

Thursday, July 29

08:09 - In Loyalton, a dog was attacking a deer in the middle of Loyalton. Sheriff Fisher was informed and a report will follow.
15:29 - In Loyalton, there was a report of a possible drunk driver in a newer Silver Ford Escape.
16:11 - In Truckee, there was a crash.
17:06 - In Sierra City, there was a vehicle versus deer incident. It was a bad week for the deer population.
18:05 - In Sierra City, there was a motorcycle accident. The patient was transported to the Renown medical facility in Reno.
21:49 - In Sierra City, there was a non-injury accident with another deer. The owner was not with the vehicle and CHP was handling the situation.

Friday, July 30

02:00 - In Verdi, a bear got stuck in a residents fencing and was possibly injured. The bear was able to free himself. F&W was informed of the issue and the deputy was unable to locate the bear.
08:06 - In Loyalton, there was a request for a welfare check on some campers. The party was found okay.
12:11 - In Downieville, there was a report of an explosion and a hissing noise coming from a house. It was determined that it was an air compressor hose popping off. I’ve had that happen to me before too and it scared me near to death. Glad all were well and safe!
16:17 - In Loyalton, a deputy assisted a citizen with a flat tire.
17:35 - In Sierraville, there was a two vehicle, head-on collision. A total of six were injured and transported to various hospitals. CHP was handling the accident.
18:15 - In Camptonville, there were some pesky illegal campers in another camper’s reserved spot. USFS was notified and the camp host was contacted to move the pesky illegal campers along.
20:03 - In Verdi, there was a report of shots being fired in the forest. The caller was concerned due to the fire danger. Per USFS, target shooting is not a restricted activity.
23:24 - In Sierraville, a deputy completed a citizen assist for two individuals needing a ride.
23:43 - In Loyalton, a welfare check was requested. The reporting party was able to contact the individual who was okay.

Saturday, July 31

11:42 - In Pike City, deputies performed a civil service.
12:11 - In Sierra City, there was a report of rowdy campers at Snag Lake. The call was transferred to USFS.
20:57 - In Sierra City, there was a request for an ambulance.
23:38 - In Loyalton, there was a medical alert alarming for an unknown reason.

Sunday, August 1

07:59 - In Downieville, people were seen jumping off the Durgan Bridge.
15:02 - In Downieville, someone got warned for having a dog at large.
17:50 - In Goodyears Bar, a 2005 Silver Land Rover was waiting for a tow from AAA. CHP asked SCSO to notify the party that there was no tow available.

Total Reported: 51

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2022
Sierra County Tire Amnesty Days through July 30 through August 8, 2022
Loyalton Transfer Station
July 30, 2022 through August 8, 2022
Sat, Sun, Mon 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
All other Transfer Stations
July 30, 2022 through August 7, 2022
Sat, Sun, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

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CRIMINAL CASE UPDATE JUNE – JULY 2022

By Sandra Groven, Sierra County District Attorney

People v. Jennifer Leigh Cox (22CR0024)

On June 10, 2022, Jennifer Leigh Cox of Loyalton, was convicted of violating Penal Code section 503, embezzlement, a misdemeanor. She was ordered to serve 2 days in jail, pay a fine of \$235.00, and pay restitution to Leonard’s Market in the amount of \$255.10

People v. Daniel Barajassolis (22CR0088)

On June 21, 2022, Daniel Barajassolis, of Nevada, was convicted of violating Vehicle Code section 14601.1 driving without a license, an infraction. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$664.00.

People v. Jose Angel Maturin Aguilar (22CR0013)

On June 21, 2022, Jose Angel Maturin Aguilar of Nevada, was convicted of violation Penal Code section 243€ (1), battery on a former spouse, a misdemeanor. He was placed on 1 year probation, ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$700, and have no contact with the victim.

People v. Christopher Sean Dorsey (22CR0016)

On July 6, 2022, Christopher Sean Dorsey was convicted of violating Vehicle Code section 23152, driving under the influence. He was placed on 3 years probation, ordered to spend 48 hours in jail, pay a fine of \$1,860.00 and take a DUI class.

People v. Thomas Joseph Remington (19CR4080)

On July 19, 2022, Thomas Joseph Remington of Portola, was convicted of violating Vehicle Code section 23125(f) driving under the influence of a controlled substance. He was placed on 3 years probation, ordered to spend 172 days in jail, and pay a fine of \$390.00.

People v. Douglas Anthony Peterman (21CR0107)

On July 21, 2022, Douglas Anthony Peterman of Sierra City, was convicted of violating Vehicle Code section 23103.5, a wet reckless. He was placed on 1 year probation, ordered to spend 1 day in jail, pay a fine of \$1,409.00 and attend a DUI class.

People v. Rebecca Joy Cox (22CR0019)

On July 21, 2022, Rebecca Joy Cox of Loyalton, was convicted of violating Penal Code section 503, embezzlement, a misdemeanor. She was ordered to spend 10 days in jail, placed on 1 year probation, pay a fine of \$235.00, and pay restitution to Leonard’s Market in the amount of \$369.83.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS 2020 ROAD DAMAGE REPAIR FROM LOYALTON COMPLEX FIRE

Notice is given that the Sierra County Department of Public Works is soliciting sealed bids for the Sierra County 2020 Road Damage repair from Loyalton Complex Fire. The work to be performed includes but is not limited to provision of all equipment, materials and labor necessary for the complete damage repair to existing roadway. Work includes:

Provide all construction surveying and Job site management, Roadway excavation, Regrade road surface, place 2" (0.167") aggregate surface course layer and compact to 95%. Replace existing cattle guard and Stop sign. Clean and remove all construction debris from all construction site in accordance with the approved plans. A General Class A contractor's license or other applicable specialty license is required. All documents relating to this project can be downloaded from the Sierra County Website at www.sierracounty.ca.gov or transmitted electronically at no charge. Documents may be obtained at the office of the Department of Public Works, P.O. Box 98 Downieville, CA 95936 (Telephone: 530-289-3201) and may be seen at said office. There is a \$50.00 non-refundable charge for each physical set of documents and an additional charge of \$10.00 if bid documents are mailed.

The complete bid package must be printed, completed and submitted per bidding instructions for consideration. Bidders who obtain the plans electronically are responsible to contact the Department of Public Works to request addition to the plan holders list. Addition to the plan holders list assures notification of addenda or RFI for this project.

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. local time on August 17, 2022 at the Office of the Sierra County Clerk-Recorder, Sierra County Courthouse, located at 100 Courthouse Square, P.O. Drawer D, Downieville, CA 95936. Dated: August 3, 2020

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PEACE

Director's Statement

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drumming permeate the film, literally providing the beat to Carl’s story.

We were often inspired by Carl’s late-in-life transformation and the joy and humor with which he greeted challenges. It is our hope "Carl Runs the Paper" inspires people to believe in second, third, or fourth acts, to stand up for their local institutions, to see the sacrifice, hard work, and dedication that goes into local journalism, and to imagine how they can take on an active role in community life.

At the Firehouse

By VICTORIA TENNEY

ALLEGHANY: July 25th - Firefighters trained in Pike City.

DOWNEVILLE: July 25th - Responded for a person who was ill and airlifted to SNMH; responded for an injured person who chose to self-transport. July 26th - Responded for a person who was ill and transported to SNMH; the ambulance responded to Sierra City for a motorcycle down and an injured person was airlifted to the hospital in Reno. July 28th - EMS Training. July 30th - The ambulance responded to Sierra City for a person who was ill and transported to the hospital in Truckee; the ambulance responded to Sierra City for a person who was ill and chose to self-transport.

LOYALTON: Saturday, 7/30/22, 11:38PM, medical alarm activation, west of Loyalton

PIKE CITY: July 25th - Firefighters trained.

SIERRA CITY: July 26th - Responded for a motorcycle down, an injured person was airlifted to the hospital in Reno. July 30th - Responded for an ill person who was transported to the hospital in Truckee; responded for an ill person who chose to self-transport.

SIERRA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #1(CALPINE, SATTLEY, & SIERRAVILLE): July 25th - Responded to a medical call in Sierraville. July 28th - Wildland Fire training in Sierraville. July 29th - Responded to a multi-vehicle accident on Hwy. 89, south of Sierraville.



TACO TUESDAY

5pm-7pm
at the ELKS LODGE
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FULL BAR

MENU

Regular Taco..... \$2.00
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Regular Nacho..... \$2.00
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Taco Salad..... \$9.00
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Served with Spanish rice, beans, nachos, and your choice of 1 large soft taco or 2 regular tacos
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SECOND and FOURTH Saturday Every Month

SIERRA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Sierra County Board of Supervisors shall conduct the following public hearings on Tuesday, August 16, 2022, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Loyalton Social Hall, Loyalton City Park, Loyalton, CA. Interested persons may attend and/or provide written comment.

APPROPRIATION LIMITS

Public hearing on setting Appropriation Limits for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year for the County of Sierra.

Public hearing on setting Appropriation Limits for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year for the County Service Areas 2, 3 and 5A (Sierra Brooks Water).

FINAL BUDGET

Public hearing on approving the 2022-2023 Final Budget for the County of Sierra.

Public hearing on approving the 2022-2023 Final Budget for the County Service Areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 4B 5, 5A (Sierra Brooks Water).

Members of the public may provide public comment during the hearing and may submit written comments on this matter by U.S. Mail or email at clerk-recorder@sierracounty.ca.gov.

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

By Phone: 1-323-892-2486
Access Code: 639 108 146#

By PC: <https://tinyurl.com/081622BOS>

The proposed budget documents for the County and the County Service Areas are available for review to members of the public online at <https://www.sierracounty.ca.gov/176/Budget-Audit-Reports> or by contacting the County Clerk by phone at (530) 289-3295 or by email at clerk-recorder@sierracounty.ca.gov.

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Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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

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

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

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

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

File No. 2022-0000162

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

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

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

REFILE WITH CHANGE

The following registrant is doing business as: THE CANDY SHOPPE
Full name of registrant: Victoria Ax
Registrants Address: 432 Red Cedar Way, Chester, CA 96020
Business Address: 262 Main Street, Suite 3, Chester, CA 96020
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 141, Chester, CA 96020
Phone: 530-258-6130
This business is being conducted by: an Individual
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 08/3/2012
Statement expires on: 7/12/2027
/s/ Victoria Ax
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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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Full name of registrant: Chase California Real Estate, Inc.
Registrants Address: P.O. Box 10470, 190 Highway 50, Zephyr Cove, NV 89448
State CA AI#: 2969734
Business Address: 452 Peninsula Drive, Lake Almanor, CA 96137
Mailing Address: P.O.Box 10470, 190 Highway 50, Zephyr Cove, NV 89448
Phone: 775-588-6130
This business is being conducted by: A Corporation
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: NA
Statement expires on: 7/12/2027
/s/ Susan Lowe, President & Secretary
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: July 12th, 2022 FILE NO.: 2022-0000172
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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as:
INDIAN VALLEY BUTCHERS, LLC
Full name of registrant: Jared Morris
Registrants Address: 954 Stampfli Lane, Greenville, CA 95947
State CA AI#: 202250716867
Business Address: 954 Stampfli Lane, Greenville, CA 95947
Mailing Address: P.O.Box 214, Taylorsville, CA 95983
Phone: 530-282-1221
This business is being conducted by: a Limited Liability Company
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 7/14/2022
Statement expires on: 7/14/2027
/s/ Jared Morris
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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: CANYON RANCH RV
Full name of registrant: Chris Meyers
Registrants Address: 29524 Hwy 89, Canyon Dam, CA 95923
Business Address: 29524 Hwy 89, Canyon Dam, CA 95923
Mailing Address: 2448 North Valley Road, Greenville, CA 95947
This business is being conducted by: an Individual
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 7/15/2022
Statement expires on: 7/15/2027
/s/ Chris Meyers
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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: JR RENTALS
Full name of registrants: Jana Rose Daw
Business Address: 165 Taylor Avenue, Portola CA 96122
Business Mailing Address: P.O. Box 24, Portola CA 96122
Phone: (530) 249-0466
Registrants Address: 285 Joy Way, Portola CA 96122
This Business is being conducted by: an Individual
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name above on 07/22/2022
Statement expires on 07/22/2027
/s/ Jana R. Daw
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: July 22, 2022 File NO.: 2022-0000184
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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as:
BAIL BONDS SUSANVILLE
HIGH SIERRA BAIL BONDS
QUINCY BAIL BONDS
Full name of registrants: Cherry L. Shipp & Robert W. Shipp
Registrants Addresses: 2391 East Main Street, Quincy, CA 95971
Business Address: 2391 East Main Street, Quincy, CA 95971
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1426, Quincy, CA 95971
Phone: (530) 283-4044 & (530) 283-3903
This business is being conducted by: a Married Couple
Original FBN Number: 2020-0000216
Original Filing Date: 11/12/2020
Statement expires on: 11/12/2025
/s/ Cherry L. Shipp & Robert Ship
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: July 19th, 2022 FILE NO: 2020-0000216
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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as:
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Full name of registrant: Christina Dehaven
Registrants Address: 56 Crestview Drive, Quincy, CA 95971
Phone: (541) 620-2134
Business Address: 56 Crestview Drive, Quincy, CA 95971
Mailing Address: 56 Crestview Drive, Quincy, CA 95971
This business is being conducted by: an Individual
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 7/1/2022
Statement expires on: 7/21/2027
/s/ Christina Dehaven
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: July 21st, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000183
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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: : HONDA FINANCIAL SERVICES
Full name of registrant: American Honda Finance Corporation
Registrants Address: 1919 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, CA 90501
State: CA AI#: 951492
Business Address: 1919 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, CA 90501
Mailing Address: 11919 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, CA 9050
Phone Number: 310-972-2261
This business is being conducted by: a Limited Liability Company
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 7/8/2022
Statement expires on: 7/8/2027
/s/ Chris Meyers
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The Mountain Messenger Local Calendar

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12 Step Meeting - Downieville, Tuesdays, 5:00 P.M. in the Library at 320 Commercial St.
Open AA Meetings—Pike City, Thursdays, 5:30 P.M. at the Pike City Fire House on Ridge Road.
AlAnon Meetings—Downieville, Tuesdays, noon, in the back room of the Masonic Hall.
Alleghany County Water District—Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month, 6 P.M. at the Firehouse. 105 Plaza Court. alleghanywater.org.
Alleghany Volunteer Fundraising District—Meets 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6 P.M.
Calpine Community Fire Association—Meets 1st Tuesday of each month, 6:30 P.M. at the Calpine Community Center. For information, call (530) 320-0764.
Calpine Elks—Bingo Second & Fourth Saturday from 12-4 p.m. at Calpine Elks Lodge (72182 Hwy 70, west of Portola, next to the Chalet View).
Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department Training—Thursday evenings, 6 P.M. at the Mill Street Fire Station.
Downieville Lions Club—Meets 3rd Monday of each month, 6:00 P.M. at the Masonic Hall. For more information, all (530) 289-3632.
Downieville Fire Protection District Board—Meets 3rd Wednesday of each month, 3:30 P.M. at the Community Hall.
Downieville Fire Protection District—EMS Training 4th Thursday of each month, 6 P.M. at the Community Hall; Fire Personnel Training for New & Ongoing Fire Fighters 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month, 5:30 P.M. at Station 1 (next to the Community Hall).
Golden Rays—Morning Yoga, Mondays and Wednesdays, 8 A.M. at the Downieville Community Hall. Bring a mask and a mat.
Gold Nugget Republican Women Federated—Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month from April through October, 11 A.M. Venue varies each month. For further information, please contact Colicia Palmer, President, at (916) 844-8723.
Pliocene Ridge Community Services District—3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30 P.M. Alternates between Alleghany and Pike. plioceneridge.org Pike City and Alleghany Fire Departments train Mondays, 6 P.M. Volunteer Firefighters needed, training and gear provided. Send an email to: plioceneridge@gmail.com for more info.
Plumas-Sierra Cattlewomen—For info contact Flinda France, (530) 258-6522
Sierra County Fire Safe Council—Meets on the last Thursday of each month at 10 A.M. Next meeting on June 30 at the Sierraville School.
Sierra County Democrats—Meetings held last Sunday of each month. Call (530) 862-1475 for time and location.
Sierra County Fish & Wildlife Commission—Meets 4th Tuesday of each month, 5:30 P.M. (except December). Call for location (530) 993-6051
Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District—Meets 1st Wednesday of each month, 10 A.M. Call (530) 993-6051 for location.
Sheriff's Search and Rescue—2nd Saturday of each month, 10 A.M. at Sheriff's Office. Call (530) 289-2890 for information.
Tai-Chi—Sierra City, Mondays and Fridays 9:30 A.M. at the Community Hall. Dee Wallace, (530) 862-1332.

To rent the **Downieville Community Hall**, call (530) 289-5110 or Email: DownievilleCommunityHall@gmail.com.
To rent the **Sierra City Community Hall**, call (530) 862-1580 during the evening.
To rent the **Vinton Grange**, call (530) 993-4839.
To rent the **North San Juan Senior Center**, call (530) 415-9705

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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)



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California Hay Report - 7/29/2022

Compared to last week: Trade activity and demand were good. Retail hay prices were steady with limited supplies. Dairy and Export hay prices were steady with good demand. According to the NASS report on July 25, 2022, In Sutter County, wheat harvest was almost complete. In the Sacramento Valley, winter wheat harvest was ending. Fields were prepped for fall plantings. In Stanislaus County, hay and corn fields were sprayed for weeds. Corn for fodder was sprayed for armyworm. Alfalfa hay and silage were being harvested. In the San Joaquin Valley, cotton continued to bloom. Insect activity was moderate. Some cotton fields were being tilled. Across the Central Valley, some growers have stopped irrigating hay fields due to lack of water. In Tulare County, silage corn was in various stages of maturity. Alfalfa continued to be irrigated, cut, and baled. Bean fields continued to be treated for weeds and insects. The next available hay report will be August 05, 2022..

	Volume	California
	This Week	Last Reported
		(7/4/2022)

Tons of Hay:	10050	12900	32050
Tons of Straw:	950	3700	0
Bales of Hay:	4300	4200	0

North Inter-Mountain

Hay (Conventional)

	Qty.	Price Range	Use	Age
Alfalfa - Good/Premium (Trade/Per Bale)				
Small Sq. 3x4	400	17.00	F.O.B-Retail	New
Alfalfa - Fair/Good (Trade/Per Ton)				
Large Sq. 3x4	800	310.00	F.O.B.-Farm	New
Orchard Grass- Fair/Good (Trade/Per Bale)				
Small Sq. 3x4	300	18.00	F.O.B-Retail	New
Orchard Grass- Good (Trade/Per Bale)				
Small Sq. 3x4	300	17.00	F.O.B-Retail	New

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



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Gold USD/Troy Oz.	1695.17	1763.20	+4.01%	-2.74%
Silver USD/Troy Oz.	18.67	20.08	+7.63	-20.74%
Lumber USD/1000 BdFt.	631.60	493.20	-21.91%	-12.63%
Live Cattle USD/100 Lbs.	135.75	137.90	+1.56%	+11.16%
Milk USD/100 Lbs.	22.55	20.15	-10.57%	+25.70%
Wheat USD/Bushel	822.75	763.75	-7.17	+6.48%
Corn USD/Bushel	591.50	590.89	-0.10%	+8.27%
Coffee USD/Lbs	218.15	214.65	-1.60%	+22.20%
Aluminum USD/Ton	2425.00	2389.00	-1.48%	-6.98%
Nickel USD/Ton	20543	22435	+9.21%	+15.75%
Crude Oil USD/Barrel WTI	99.53	90.88	-8.69%	+33.34%
Propane USD/Gallon	1.14	1.10	-3.51%	+1.83%
CRB Index Index Points	306.53	301.14	-1.73%	+32.70%

The prices listed above are values from trades being made in
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Source: tradingeconomics.com

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Texaco Chilcoot	\$6.15	\$6.45	\$6.45
Sierra Energy 7/11 Portola	\$5.99	\$6.49	\$6.59
Chevron Graeagle	\$6.29	\$6.59	\$6.69
Mobil Quincy	\$5.94	\$6.24	\$6.34
Bassetts Station Bassetts	\$5.82	\$6.05	-
Whites's Station Loyalton	\$5.49	-	\$6.49
Sierraville Service Sierraville	\$5.72	\$6.02	\$6.04
Lost Nugget Camptonville	\$5.69	\$5.99	6.29
Penn Valley Gas Penn Valley	\$5.59	\$5.79	\$6.59
Nevada City Gas Nevada City (Cash Only)	\$4.99	\$5.39	\$6.09
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ARCO Grass Valley	\$5.04	\$5.44	\$6.79
Chevron Truckee	\$6.49	\$6.79	\$6.99
76 Colfax	\$6.09	\$6.59	\$6.69

Sources: gasbuddy.com and phone calls to stations.

Elements

Night Sky: The Perseids are back! Well... sort of.

Usually bringing one of the most vivid annual meteor showers visible in Earth’s night sky, commonly delivering 50-100 “shooting stars” per hour at its height, the Perseids will peak Aug. 12 and 13. There’s just one problem: the full Moon.

“Sadly, this year’s Perseids peak will see the worst possible circumstances for spotters,” said NASA astronomer Bill Cooke, who leads the Meteoroid Environment Office at NASA’s Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama. “Most of us in North America would normally see 50 or 60 meteors per hour,” he said, “but this year, during the normal peak, the full Moon will reduce that to 10-20 per hour at best.” The Moon is so much brighter than anything else in the night sky, and it will wash out all but the very brightest Perseids as they streak through our atmosphere and burn up far overhead.

As the full Moon subsides, the Perseids will begin to wane Aug. 21-22 and cease completely by Sept. 1. They’re the debris remnants of Comet Swift-Tuttle, a lumbering “snowball” composed of ice, rock, and dust, which orbits our Sun every 133 years. The comet itself was last visible to us in 1992 and won’t pass our way again until 2125.

How far back sightings of the Perseids actually go remains a matter of some contention, Cooke said. The comet itself wasn’t identified until 1862, but the meteor shower was seen over medieval Europe. The annual event came to be known as “the Tears of St. Lawrence,” named for the last of seven Roman church deacons martyred by the emperor Valerian in August of the year 258.

So, this is probably not the best year to make a special trip in order to see the Perseids, but, if you find yourself outside between midnight and dawn on Aug. 13, don’t forget to look up anyway. Because you never know – you might just catch one of the bright Perseid meteors that defies the glare of the Moon. Also, the occasional early Perseid can streak across the sky as much as a week beforehand.

by Rick Smith

https://blogs.nasa.gov/Watch_the_Skies/2022/08/01/perseids-meteor-shower-on-the-way/



A shower of Perseid meteors lights up the sky in 2009 in this NASA time-lapse image. (NASA/JPL)

Last Week’s Weather

Courtesy of the Grubstake Saloon

Date	Hi	FE	Lo	FE	Precip.	Snow
Jul. 26	92	-5	62	+4	-	-
Jul. 27	94	-2	58	0	-	-
Jul. 28	97	M	58	+1	-	-
Jul. 29	100	-3	59	+7	-	-
Jul. 30	96	-7	66	+7	-	-
Jul. 31	91	-9	62	+4	-	-
Aug. 1	79	-16	54	-6	-	-

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

Seasonal Precipitation

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

Road/Trail/River Conditions

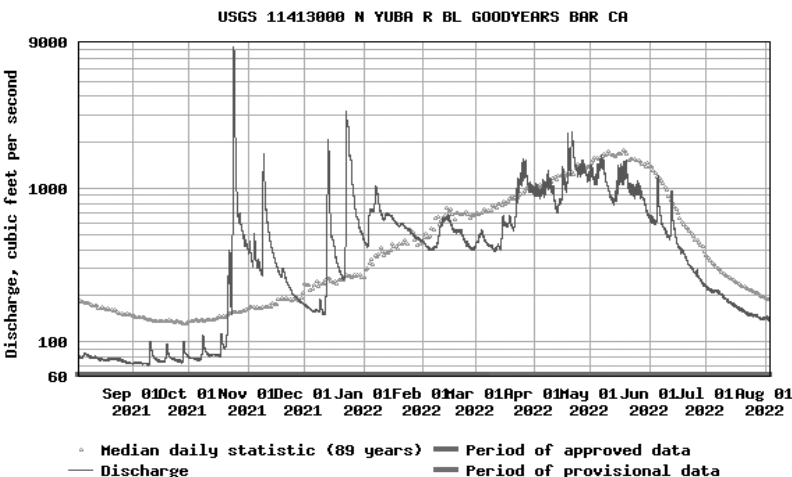
According to Caltrans at 6 AM on August 4, traffic controls will be in place on SR-49 due to maintenance work between Sierra City and Bassetts through 4 PM today; on SR-89, 1-way controlled traffic will be in place through Friday, August 5, between Sierraville and Sattley; in Plumas County, motorists will be subject to delays of up to 30 minutes due to construction on SR-70 throughout the day and night from 3.8 miles east of Tobin to 1.2 miles west of Belden plus from 5.6 - 6.6 miles east of Belden.

All trails are open for hikers, bikers, and horseback riders.

The volume of water flowing in the rivers and creeks of the region continue to drop. However, while volumes remain significantly below the historic norm for this period of the year, they remain at levels roughly twice as high as were seen in 2021.

Water Flow on the North Yuba River

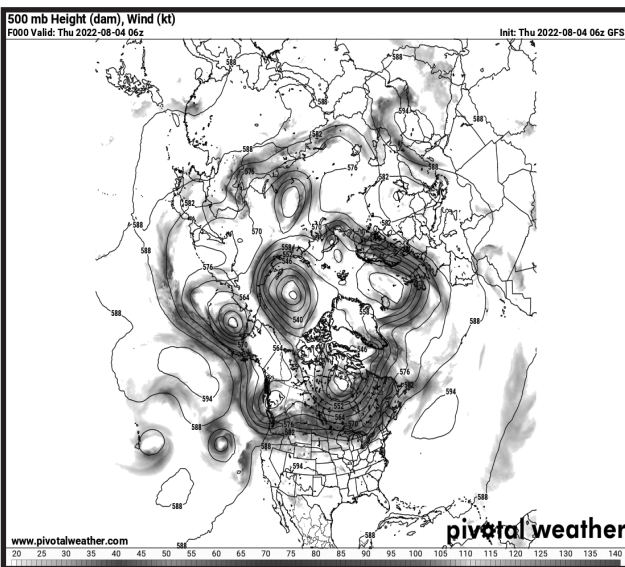
August 3, 2021 - August 3, 2022



7-Day Local Forecast

Towns	Info	Thu. 8/4	Fri. 8/5	Sat. 8/6	Sun. 8/7	Mon. 8/8	Tue. 8/9	Wed. 8/10
<i>Downieville</i>	High/Low (°F)	M/59	93/61	93/57	90/59	93/60	92/58	89/57
	Cloudiness (%)	26%	34%	14%	16%	26%	28%	19%
	Wind (mph)	SW 6 mph	SW 7 mph	SW 7 mph	SW 3 mph	SW 6 mph	SW 6 mph	SW 6 mph
	Humidity (%)	43%	44%	48%	42%	48%	51%	40%
	Chance of Precip.	4%	4%	1%	1%	1%	3%	3%
<i>Loyalton</i>	High/Low (°F)	M/54	88/55	82/49	85/51	88/53	86/52	83/50
	Cloudiness (%)	41%	63%	13%	24%	36%	43%	33%
	Wind (mph)	W 8 mph	SW-W 9 mph	SW-W 7 mph	E-W 6 mph	S-SW 7 mph	SW 8 mph	SW 8 mph
	Humidity (%)	58%	63%	57%	51%	54%	59%	54%
	Chance of Precip.	8%	16%	3%	4%	6%	6%	4%
<i>Quincy</i>	High/Low (°F)	M/57	99/57	94/51	90/52	94/54	92/53	89/51
	Cloudiness (%)	26%	31%	13%	16%	28%	28%	18%
	Wind (mph)	NW-SW 6 mph	SW 8 mph	SW 5 mph	SW 5 mph	SW 5 mph	S-SW 7 mph	SW 6 mph
	Humidity (%)	50%	48%	52%	47%	49%	52%	46%
	Chance of Precip.	4%	4%	1%	3%	0%	3%	1%

Source: < <https://www.weather.gov/wrh/wxtable> > [National Weather Service WFO STO 03:42 AM PDT Thursday, August 4, 2022] M=Missing



Jet Streams: August 4

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

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

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: X equals C

GYN ZJT IFEMHDZ FJG RG GYN ZTU
IFJCQD'G GRMN GYN GHUN GF
GRCM GF LNFLCN. YN YRQ GFF
URDT LENKKHDZ XFDXNEDK.

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Last Week's Answers

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

CryptoQuip

We can no longer rely on that old rocket to lift off the ground. It's not thrust-worthy.

ITCHED UTAH ADO PIZZA
MOHAVE ROMO LEV EMAIL
PAIDACHEVYPRICE CACTI
JTS SKI SINGINGONKIA
SEES GNU ANDRAS
HELPMEHONDIA SEAS HISS
AER TIEUP COMICAL
SPECTRA TESLAOKLAHOMA
ALTER ILE ANN NONET
FEAROFMISSINGAUDI
EATS GEM ANC UPTI CHER
ALIST THEBUICKSTOPSHERE
JUNKYARDDODGE ENABLED
ANSELMO NOEND TIL
RATE IMUS JEEPTHRILLS
LEANTO SIR SEAL
LINCOLNVERBS OWL NUI
OMAHA HOLDDOWNTHEFORD
LATIN ATLLA LOE ENTREE
AXONS TEA YOKE YODELS

ACROSS

- Capital of Kenya
- Cleared up some space
- Link up
- Brought into harmony
- Sign of a warm welcome
- Meara of comedy
- Start of a riddle
- Cock-a-doodle- —
- Safecracker, informally
- Vinyl albums, for short
- Chose, as on a survey
- Batman player West
- Peter of "Casablanca"
- Stare in disbelief
- Baby's cry
- Riddle, part 2
- Filmdom, in France
- Stephen of "Utopia"
- Old Russ. state
- Spring flower
- Downhiller's gear holder
- Humane U.S. org.
- Riddle, part 3
- Routine-bound
- Tic-tac-toe winning row
- Waikiki souvenir
- Rejoinder to "Not so!"
- Capital of Qatar
- In Minnesota or Montana
- Extra NHL periods
- Riddle, part 4
- Supersecret govt. group
- Tetley tidbit
- Quite a long time
- Fine violin, informally
- Stage design
- New Year in Hanoi
- Election turnaround
- Riddle, part 5
- Allow entry
- "Ha! I was right!"
- Thailand, formerly
- Pal, in Caen
- Magnon
- French WWII battle city
- End of the riddle
- "Wolf" cable channel
- Followers: Suffix
- "You beat me"
- Gum globs
- Facility with hot tubs
- Gamble
- Subpoena, e.g.
- Go fast, quaintly
- Riddle's answer
- Atoll unit
- Trip in a "stretch" car
- Stacked messily
- It may grow on a rock
- Reduces to a fine mist
- Capable of being stretched out
- Rural refusal
- Sports-related: Abbr.
- Suffix with Seattle
- "Walk This Way" rap trio
- Aware of

DOWN

- Looks upon
- Suffix with cyan-
- Lawn-Boy products
- Orbital point farthest from Earth
- C-H linkup
- Suffix with butyl
- Jogged
- Hobbit's foe
- Brunch staple
- Abbr. on a new car's sticker
- Face part
- Being displayed
- Pertaining to
- Require
- Novice
- Chicago-to-Memphis dir.
- Frightened
- Fails to
- Plains tribe
- vez (again, in Spain)
- Teri of "Tootsie"
- Disney mermaid name
- Old hat
- Etchers' liquids
- Jacob's twin

42 Bake-off entry

- That, in Oviedo
- Small iPod
- Big name in waffles
- Jewish deli treat
- Rugged cliff
- Zero
- Way in or out
- Most awful
- New York county whose seat is Oswego
- Syllables of rebuke
- Lunar stage
- kwon do
- Hilton rival
- Texter's "Catch ya later"
- Not finish later than
- Three Lives"
- pot (sinus clearer)
- Roof feature
- "Yeah, understood"
- Turned in
- Spanish men
- Some NCOs
- Hit the horn
- who's present
- Append
- Snaky letters
- Be snaky
- Mishmash
- 76" cager Ming
- "Witness" actor Lukas
- Novelist Tan
- Dits' partners, in Morse code
- Biofuel option
- Birdbrain
- Fieri lecture
- Antipasto morsels
- Carry
- Annoying sorts
- Pistons' org.
- Be fishy?
- Coin of Cali
- Fitzgerald of song
- Phenom
- Tehran's land
- French article
- Spanish for "I love"
- Kippur
- Lanka
- Plum center
- Half of VI
- Pipe fitting
- Visualize

High Life in the Sierras - Part 2

Truckee, Cal., Sept. 29, 1874
By Electa L. DeWolf

Before us in their rugged grandeur loom the ragged uneven cliffs of the **SIERRA BUTTES**, with the patches of snow still to be seen high up in the crevices and ravines, I could not fail to mark the aptness of the name with which these mountains have been christened. Sierra-a-aw. Nevada - snowy. The mighty throes of nature which gave birth to the Buttes, set all these rocks on edge like palisades. These rocks have a slaty structure and a bluish color, so perpendicular and so smooth that they are difficult to climb; some of these high bluffs have never yet been scaled. They stand here as eternal guardians of the glittering wealth stored beneath ehem, frowning down upon the marauders who are busy with pick and shovel breaking into their holds and stealing away their treasures.

At the foot of the Buttes lies Sierra City, a pretty little village of perhaps four hundred inhabitants, with its white houses and green blinds, nestled in the little flat, with mountains to the right of it, mountains to the left of it, mountains to the front of it. But we only halted here for a few moments, our destination was a few miles further on.

After the monotony of sage brush, pine and fir forests, it is refreshing to find ourselves in a land where the oak and maples grow; where fruit trees bend beneath their luscious loads, and the front yards are gorgeous with flowers. The exhilarating topic of the mountain breezes gives way to the soft balmy atmosphere of a Southern climate. We follow down the canyon of the Yuba. The mountain walls rise abruptly thousands of feet to their summit. The road is blasted out of the solid palisaded rocks, and is very narrow. In riding over this narrow grade I think you would almost fancy that the hair on your head tood up as straight as the rocks. A muddy stream from the quartz mills coming into the river just below the town, changes its

clear waters to a turbid river, and all the way down are marks of placer mining - flats bearing incongruous names. Mooney's Flat is a fair specimen of a deserted mining camp, of which nothing now remains but the deserted cabins, empty sluice boxes, and piles of boulders, from the size of a gravel to those of a ton's weight. Union Flat, six miles from Sierra City, was our destination.

These wild plums grown on low bushe from two to four feet in height, and the mountain sides for miles are gay with the scarlet fruit. When fully ripe these plums have a flavor much like our wild plums at home, but before they are fully ripe they are very bitter and sour. During the afternoon and the following morning we gathered probably one thousand pounds, and considered ourselves very fortunate that the rattlesnakes did not molest us, although we were trespassing on their own territory. On our return to Sierra City, Mr. Parsons kindly took two of the other ladies and myself to visit the **SIERRA BUTTES QUARTZ MILLS**.

How should I describe this journey upward to the clouds? It would be impossible to build a road up the almost perpendicular walls of this canyon, and so the road weaves back and forth, rising by steps, but easy grade until at length we found ourselves, 1,100 feet above the town, so that we could look dow almost perpendicularly upon it, about three-fourths of a mile away, while we had gone at least three miles to reach there. We were cordially greeted by the gentlemanly superintendent of the mines, and under his escort visited the three mills run by this mine. The three mills run eighty-six stamps, and water power is used exclusively. The largest mill, which runs forty-eight stamps, has an immense overshot waterwheel, sixty-five feet in diameter, the largest water-wheel in the State. The water is brought fourteen miles

in flues, from little lakes high up under the Buttes.

The Sierra Buttes mines and quartz mills are, however, second to none in the States. There are about ten miles of underground tunneling, and at present a force of two hundred and forty men is employed. From \$30,000 to \$40,000 worth of gold is taken out of this mine every month, with a clear profit of from \$10,000 to \$12,000. This mine was opened by Woods and Elingsworth, in 1851. The quartz was packed down the mountain and worked by arasatras. Some thirty or forty of these arasatros are now run in the ravine leading down from the millis, working over the tailings from the quartz mills. The capacity of one quartz mill is several hundred times greater than one of these arasatros. The original firm sold out in 1856 to the Ries brothers, who in turn disposed of the property to an English company for a consideration of \$750,000. The mine has paid from the start and no assessments have ever been levied on its stockholders.

After going the rounds we were cordially invited to remain for supper, and were entertained by Superintendent Harland, in his bachelor quarter with true English hospitality.

We made the descent of that fearful hill after dark, and I think we all breathed easier to find ourselves safe at the bottom, and we soon joined the rest of the party, who were awaiting our return. We made the journey home in a little less than two days, halting occasionally to gather thimble berries and chinquepins, or to coax the mountain trout to nibble at our baited hooks, fancying ourselves emigrants, gypsies, or Washoes, and laughing at care, and came home reluctantly to breakfast, dine and sup indoors, and sleep, shut in by four walls. Such is summer life in California.

#2 and #3 Tallest Giant Sequoias Found – and Lost?

By Tressa Gibbard, Sugar Pine Foundation

The ground was already crunchy, and the air was dry in early June 2021 when an elite team of big tree hunters convened to check out some exceptionally tall giant sequoias tucked away in an unassuming corner of Sequoia National Park.

The group consisted of Michael Taylor, Steve Sillett, and some of their closest friends and colleagues: Sillett's wife and forest research partner Marie Antoine; Zane Moore, a PhD candidate in Plant Biology at the University of California, Davis who met Taylor as a teenager and has chased big trees ever since; John Montague of the League and a leading discoverer of exceedingly large diameter redwoods; Ken Fisher, the self-made billionaire founder of Fisher Investments who, as a forestry enthusiast, has befriended and assisted Taylor and Sillett in the field and behind the scenes for many years; and Fisher's lifelong pal Ross Williams.

The reason for the gathering was partly social but overwhelmingly purposeful because everyone was excited by the prospect of finally measuring some unbelievably tall LiDAR tree "hits" that Moore and Taylor had identified about three years prior.

LiDAR, which stands for "light detection and ranging," is a method of using lasers to create 3D maps of anything in the world – including forests full of trees.

In an interesting twist, it was young Moore who first learned how to use LiDAR data collected by land management agencies to virtually scan for tall trees. He immediately shared everything he knew with Taylor. Knowing his friend's obsession with finding the tallest trees in the world and his ability to master and harness all things technological to this end, Moore foresaw that Taylor would grasp the power of LiDAR and run with it.

As Moore puts it, "Michael has become far more skilled

at manipulating LiDAR data than anyone else." Which is why, when Moore found some suspiciously tall trees in Sequoia National Park through a rudimentary LiDAR work-up in the course of his PhD research, he gave Taylor the LiDAR data for closer analysis. In 2018, Taylor processed the data and found five trees that looked huge indeed.

"95 m (311.7 ft) is the upper echelon for giant sequoia; it's a threshold that's hard to beat," explained Taylor, whose LiDAR work nevertheless pointed to a few 95 m trees in an unusual landscape position

The tallest known living giant sequoia measured 96.5 m when Sillett climbed it in 2016. Aside from this tree, nothing over 95 m had been found in decades of climbing and carefully searching through the tallest giant sequoias.

Yet the LiDAR seemed to show a mega tall grove of giant sequoia pushing 95 m that had somehow been completely overlooked. It also showed a few very tall trees nearby.

For a while, Taylor and Moore did not tell the ever-excitable Sillett about the monster sequoias lurking in obscurity because they enjoyed the idea of surprising him with the news once they had taken good laser measurements of the trees, but conditions and schedules did not allow them to make the trek down to Sequoia National Park right away. When they finally did tell Sillett about the prospective monarchs, he was absolutely amazed.

"We'd been all through those woods for the past 20 years and thought we'd measured everything. I couldn't believe we missed something like this," Sillett said, who then added, "But of course that is the advantage of LiDAR, because it sees the spots that you otherwise would miss. That this grove was completely unknown to any of us was the most exciting part!"

When COVID-19 struck, it kept the men from traveling to

measure the trees. By spring of 2021, the trio was itching to find out if the trees could possibly be as tall as the LiDAR foretold. Taylor and Sillett wanted to share the joy of exploring a brand-new grove of giant sequoias with their fellow big tree lovers so they arranged with Fisher, Montague, Moore, and the others to meet up in Sequoia National Park.

When the whole crew of tree experts convened in Sequoia National Park, they were elated to be together on an exciting new mission yet appalled by the state of the forest.

"The area was clearly in distress," Taylor said.

Many of the giant sequoia sported brown needles and looked very poor. According to Sillett, this is rare. Even worse, he said, was the fact that, "There were actually standing giant sequoias of considerable size, including some very big ones, that were completely dead." The park service had been studying this unusual and alarming situation and had discovered that a beetle that normally affects incense cedar was attacking the giant sequoia.

Drought and disease had even more severely ravaged formerly stately and impressive sugar, Jeffrey, and ponderosa pines interspersed among the giant sequoia. Extremely hot, dry conditions had stressed even the tallest and previously strongest pines, and bark beetles had swept through and quickly finished off the weakened trees.

This is part one of a two-part article from the Sugar Pine Foundation's monthly newsletter. In part two, we will learn more about the actual discovery of this grove and its possible unfortunate end.



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4 Families Will Unite in Wedding Ponta-Fischer

Invitations have been mailed for the wedding of Miss Marcella Marie Fischer to Melvin John Ponta, Sunday, August 17, at high noon, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. She was born in Grass Valley and he in Sacramento, but both spent practically all their lives here, attending Downieville schools, Placer Junior College and Sacramento State College. Both have contracts to teach in Arcade District of Sacramento, next term, although he has taken his physical examination for armed service and may be called to that duty this fall.

The wedding has unusual interest besides the popularity of the young couple, as it unites descendants of four early-day families who were well known for their participation in activities of this area. Miss Fischer's great grandfather, Louis Fischer, came to Sierra City in the early 70s. Her grandfather, Alvin Fischer, came in 1876, married Miss Marguerite Pauli and lived in Sierra City until 1898, where her father, Marcellus P., was born, the family moving to Nevada City when he was two and a half years old. He later returned to make his home at Downieville and now at Goodyears Bar.

On her mother's side, Miss Fischer's grandfather, Paul Bachel's, and wife, Gertrude, came to Goodyears Bar in 1872, where her mother, Ida Mary, was born, and married Fischer June 16, 1929.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Ponta, Sr. "John" Giovanni Ponta, his grandfather, came here in the 1880s, remained five years, then went to Italy and

returned with his bride, Teresa Balbi, and they spent their life on the Ponta ranch at the north side of Downieville, where Andrew was born. On Melvin's maternal side, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Joseph Seitz, came from Germany in 1855 to Poker Flat, then to Downieville in 1862 where his grandmother Anna, was born in 1867. She married Emil Loeffler in 1894; whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Loeffler, came to Logansville in 1874. The young man's mother, Irma, was born in Sierra City, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Loeffler.

In a way, this is the second union of two families. Miss Fischer's great-great uncle married Gusto Loeffler, a sister of Albert, and Ponta's great-great aunt.

Romance for the young couple began seven years ago, when both were attending Downieville High School. He made outstanding progress in the Boy Scouts and won the Eagle rank with bronze palm.

Father Virgil Gabrielli will conduct the wedding service. The bride has chosen for her attendants, her sister, Mrs. Walter Holland of Sacramento and Miss Wilma Butz of Sacramento as bridesmaids; and her niece, Julia Lea Holland, as flower girl.

Andrew J. Ponta, Jr., will be best man for his brother, and ushers will be Peter A. Lavezzola and Albert E. Johnson of Downieville and Carleton V. Hansen of Rio Vista.

A reception will be held following the ceremony at the home of the bride in Goodyears

Bar.

Hay Crops Below Average

Ranchers in this area are again busily engaged in harvesting their hay crops after rain storms soaked the hay a week ago delaying operations. The crops are reported to be below average because of adverse cold weather earlier this year.

Warm weather prevailed for the week ending Tuesday, with a high temperature of 88 degrees and a low of 47.

Mail Sack Recovered Lost Two Months

A mail sack that went into North Yuba River June 9 when Reynold Mottini driver, and the truck went over the bank, was recovered Monday about 9 miles below Downieville having been carried 16 miles.

Roland Reed saw what he thought was a mail sack in the river while fishing. He reported it to Sheriff W. Dewey Johnson, who brought it to the post office. While it showed evidence of hard usage in its 16-mile trip, it was still intact. It carried third-class mail and parcel post, including a pair of bronzed baby shoes on a stand, a number of Caterpillar filters, some small children's shoes and play suits, and a small roll of technical movie film and record on Plymouth automobile engineering for Downieville Motors, which was about the only addressee that is traceable, as sand and water obliterated most of the other addresses.

A first-class mail sack was recovered the night the truck went into the river, and search was made for others without success. The frame in the river is about all that is left of the pickup truck, even the engine being carried away by the force

of the stream.

Mrs. Tony G. Costa, postmaster, informed the department so an inspector might investigate, and will endeavor to deliver anything that can be salvaged, and the addressee known.

Sierraville Two Arrests for Trout Over Limits

SIERRAVILLE Aug. 5 – Bernard R. Glisczinski Reno grocery store operator, arrested July 27 by Game Warden John W. Wentzel, charged with passion of 52 trout, failed to appear for trial in the court of Alden N. Johnson, justice of the peace, and his posted bail of \$60 was declared forfeited. Glisczinski was arrested at Haypress, west of Webber Lake, while fishing, with the 52 trout in his possession.

Robert E. Gray of Reno, charged with possession of 18 trout, posted bail of \$25 in Johnson's court August 2. He was arrested by Game Wardens Ed Powell and Wentzel at Haypress, and his trial is set for the afternoon of August 6.

Goodyears Bar Goodyear Descendants On Local Visit

Mrs. and Mrs. Lewis Pepper and son, Charles, and daughter, Mrs. Hazel Evans of Bolinas, visited Monday with Mrs. M.P. Fischer. Mrs. Pepper is a distant cousin of Miles Goodyears. Her grandmother was Lavina Goodyears, and she has a son named Miles, who lives in San Francisco – all namesakes of the man for whom this place was named. Mrs. Pepper has a portrait of Mary Goodyears, a daughter of Miles, which she is going to donate to the local historical society. They were

going on to Oregon Hill, where they will visit Pepper's father, another pioneer of the Mother Lode country.

Ellis Kennedy of Bakersfield visited friends here last week and spent a day at the Wright Ranch, which was formerly owned by his parents. He is the eldest of the Kennedy family that was raised at Goodyears Bar.

Sierra City Another Sweet Tooth Bites The Dust – Bear, That Is

SIERRA CITY, Aug. 13 – Another sweet-toothed bear met his Waterloo Wednesday evening, when James Shreve caught him robbing his honey hives, located near Butcher Ranch road. This is the third bear Shreve has killed in the past two months. They have destroyed many of his hives.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Siebrecht took a group of enthusiastic boys to their Primrose Mine Sunday morning. They included: their son, Alan; Lanny Rickard, "Snooky" Figone, Donnie Johnson and Bill Knight. They plan to return Friday afternoon.

Brother's Grave at Packer

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin C. Berger of Nevada City were here last week. They spent most of their time at Packer Lake, where he tended the grave of his brother, Victor who was buried near there 48 years ago. The boy, who was 14 years old at the time drowned in Packer Lake. Berger is a cousin of Mrs. Vernon Hansen.

Queen Hatshepsut Was One of World's Brilliant Women

Susan B. Anthony, the great feminist and woman's rights advocate, was an Alice-sit-by-the-fire compared to Queen Hatshepsut who reigned over

Egypt more than three thousand years ago.

For almost 30 years, while she ruled Egypt unofficially, Hatshepsut plotted and intrigued against the male members of her family, until she succeeded in getting the people to name her "Pharaoh."

She immediately afterward issued a royal command that she be addressed not as "queen," but as "king" and always as "his majesty."

She was a vigorous, brilliant, and strong-minded woman who came forth on state occasions clad in the garments of a man. She wore the short kilt and sandals and the great war-helmet of the Pharaoh's and even attached to her chin the Pharaoh's long false beard.

Statues and paintings found in the ruins of the magnificent temple that she had ordered to be built near Thebes, show her in this strange attire.

Thutmose III, whom she had deposed, did not get to rule Egypt again until the day Hatshepsut died.

Miss Anthony, who dedicated her life to the cause of woman's rights during the 19th century, was of a somewhat more conservative nature when it came to both personal pronouns and personal attire, probably because of her Quaker background.

As a result, primarily of her efforts, an estimated 48 million American women will have the right to vote in the coming presidential election. But only about half that number is expected to take advantage of the hard-won privilege.