

Keri and I couldn't be more proud to be the publishers of this newspaper as it celebrates its sesquicentennial, 150 years of continuous publication – laying claim to being one of the oldest newspapers in California and also one of the oldest (if not the oldest), businesses still operating in Plumas County.

In our 42 years with the paper, we've seen our share of changes, both in our business, within our industry and certainly in the community.

Looking through many of the hardbound back issues of the Bulletin while doing research for this special section, I was again reminded of how fascinating it is to literally see the evolution of the printing industry on those early newspaper pages and how they compare to today's product.

It took me back to the days when Keri and I were dating in high school. I would come by the paper's office on Bucks Lake Road and watch the linotype operators set one line of type at a time cast from a melting pot of hot lead and then marvel as the sheet-fed press printed four pages, one side at a time, eventually creating an 8-page paper after it was hand folded.

As it turned out, Keri's father, Ev Bey, didn't overlook my interest early on in the business. Convincing us to give up what we thought would be our respective careers we both worked at banks — he offered us both a job in the early 1970s. As it turned out, we learned about newspapering from one of the best in the industry. In every aspect, Ev was truly a great newspaperman and I was fortunate to have him as my mentor.

When we started in 1974, the paper had just converted to cold



Mike Taborski, Publisher

type. The first computer the paper used to set news stories and display ads was called a Unisetter and we paid a whopping \$25,000 for it. It was built by a company called Compugraphic who were the early pioneers with typesetting computers for our industry — hence the hefty price.

Keri and I along with a handful of others still working with us today, Kevin Mallory, Tom Forney, Eva Small, Patsy Dingle, Randy Stratton, Cobey Brown and Carrie Curran still reminisce about how fun and challenging it was in those early days to learn the nuances of all the new equipment we were bringing online.

Once all the typesetting and photos were done, we would paste it all together using razor blades to cut the columns of type with melted wax as its adhesive. We'd print that finished paper on a Goss Community offset press that had an 8-page capacity at the time.

At the time, we didn't think that creating a finished newspaper page was a slow and tedious process compared to the hot type era, but compared to today's technology, it really was painfully slow. In the mid 1980s, we began making the transition to desktop publishing using Apple computers and various software programs.

Today there are no more darkrooms and razor blades. We electronically send the finished pages to what we call our prepress department where the page images are etched onto aluminum plates. These plates are used on our Goss Community press that we have expanded over the years. It is now capable of printing full color and up to a 28-page section at a time.

But through this evolution and remembering all the changes we've made also reminded me that newspapers are more than just ink on paper.

The one thing that hasn't changed over the past 150 years is the important role newspapers play in their community. They are the lifeblood of their town. The newspaper becomes the permanent record as it accurately covers local news and events while providing a lively forum for a healthy discussion of issues. That was something that really stood out as I perused the paper's pages year after year.

Some consider newspapers a public institution and understandably so. When you bring us something you want to see in the paper, you are telling us it's important and that it's news. And since we are the official local news source for this region, if it's fit to print — and 99 percent of the time it is — we include it.

However, newspapers are also a business with a bottom line and depend solely on its many advertisers and readers to exist. To each of you we owe our sincerest thanks for believing in us and for making it possible for the towns in Plumas and Lassen counties to have their own newspaper. To that end, you also make it possible for us to employ 85 really talented individuals, many of whom Keri and I are proud to say have worked with us for the better part of their lives — and ours.

It's their unselfish dedication and hard work, often in the face of challenging deadlines and long hours, that brings you these award-winning newspapers each and every week. Words alone can't convey how much we respect and appreciate each and every one of them.

The newspaper's future, you ask? When radio came along, many said it would be the end of print. Television was a community newspaper's next enemy. Now it's the Internet and social media.

I continue to serve on the board of directors of the California Newspaper Publishers Association. We meet regularly to discuss newspaper issues and practices and to share innovative ideas to ensure newspapers are relevant in today's evolving climate.

As the media landscape continues to change we'll continue to change and adapt as well. I am convinced that community newspapers have a bright future in continuing to be a marketplace for goods and services while chronicling the town's growth and protecting the First Amendment and the people's right to know.

At the risk of repeating myself, Keri and I again want to thank you, our readers and advertisers and our employees for your part in making the Feather River Bulletin's first 150 years possible.

We have no doubt there will be yet another special edition celebrating the Bulletin's 200th anniversary, but for now we'll relish this moment, this milestone, this achievement.

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It all began with the Plumas National in 1866

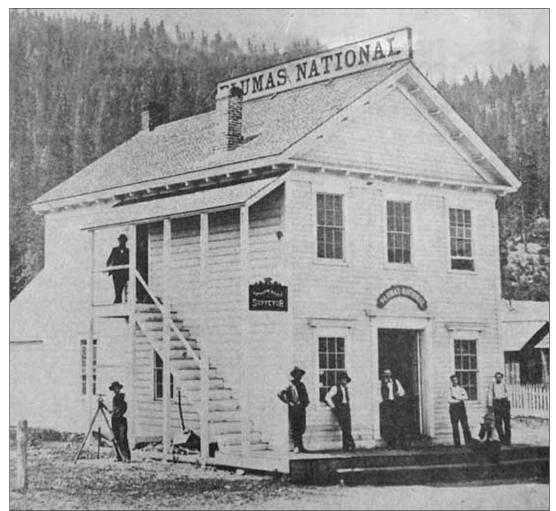
P lumas County has been well served over the decades by a significant number of newspapers, all doing their job chronicling the rich history of the Feather River Country.

The first newspaper to publish in Plumas County was the Mountain Messenger, now located in Downieville. It was originally named The Trumpet, a semi-weekly published in Gibsonville that began Nov. 19, 1853.

Since then a score of newspapers such as the Union Argus, Standard, Star, Independent, Gazette and National have faded from the competitive scene, leaving a single publishing operation today that produces the six weekly community newspapers covering all of Plumas and Lassen counties.

In Quincy: The Plumas National, published by the Union Party of Plumas County, was established Aug. 11, 1866, and continues today as the Feather River Bulletin after several mergers and just four name changes.

In 1892, the Plumas National-Bulletin emerged when it combined with the Greenville Bulletin after that paper moved to Quincy and was renamed the Plumas County Bulletin. The Feather River Bulletin became the new name for the Plumas-National Bulletin in May 1931.



The Plumas National first published Aug. 11, 1866, and continues today as the Feather River Bulletin after several mergers and four name changes. The Union Party of Plumas County published the Plumas National originally, the first of 25 publishers in the 150-year history of the newspaper. The newspaper building was located at the northeast corner of Harbison and West Main streets. File photo

In Greenville: Newspaper publishing in Greenville dates back to Sept. 20, 1880, when the first edition of the Greenville Bulletin came off the presses. Publication continued until the fall of 1891 when the whole plant was moved to Quincy and the paper was renamed the Plumas County Bulletin.

The Plumas Star was started in Greenville in April 1905, and published until June 1910. In the spring of 1912, the Greenville News hit the street with its final edition dated Jan. 18, 1918.

Nov. 20, 1930, marked the first edition of the Indian Valley Record, which was sold to the then owners of the Feather River Bulletin on Oct. 1, 1957.

In Chester: The Chester Progressive, serving the greater Lake Almanor Basin, first began publishing on June 20, 1946. It too eventually sold to the then owners of the Feather River Bulletin.

In Portola: Portola's first newspaper, the Gazette, began publishing May 12, 1910, and suspended publication in 1912. The Sentinel followed it in 1916, and ceased operation a few years later. The Portola Reporter began publishing a weekly newspaper in May 1927 and was sold to Feather Publishing Co. in 1975. The paper continues to serve the greater Mohawk and Sierra Valley areas today.

A list of newspapers published in Plumas County since 1853:

1853-55: The Trumpet, published in Gibsonville and then relocated in 1855 to Downieville and renamed the Mountain Messenger — still publishing weekly

1855: The Old Mountaineer; Plumas Democrat; Fillmore Banner, all in Quincy

1857-60: Plumas Argus, Quincy

1859-64: Plumas Standard, relocated from Quincy to Downieville in 1864

1861-69: Quincy Union; moved to LaPorte in 1868 and changed name to LaPorte Union

1866: Plumas National, Quincy

1880-92: Greenville Bulletin; moved to Quincy and renamed Plumas County Bulletin

1892-1931: Plumas National and Plumas County Bulletin merged

1892-1945: Plumas Independent; sold to Feather River Bulletin in 1945

1905-10: Plumas Star, Greenville 1910-12: Portola Gazette

1912: Portola Headlight, published three issues after Gazette folded

1912-1918: Greenville News

1916-17: Portola Sentinel

1927-present: Portola Reporter

1930-present: Indian Valley Record, Greenville

1931-present: Feather River Bulletin (Plumas National Bulletin renamed)

1946-present: Chester Progressive

1963: Plumas Bantam Bugle, Chester

1963: KQCY Times, Quincy

1968-77: Graeagle Pow Wow

1974: Feather River Life

1974: Plumas Lantern, Quincy (published two months)

1977-82: Green Mountain Gazette

1982: Peach Press, Quincy

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150 years — 25 publishers Three families dominate

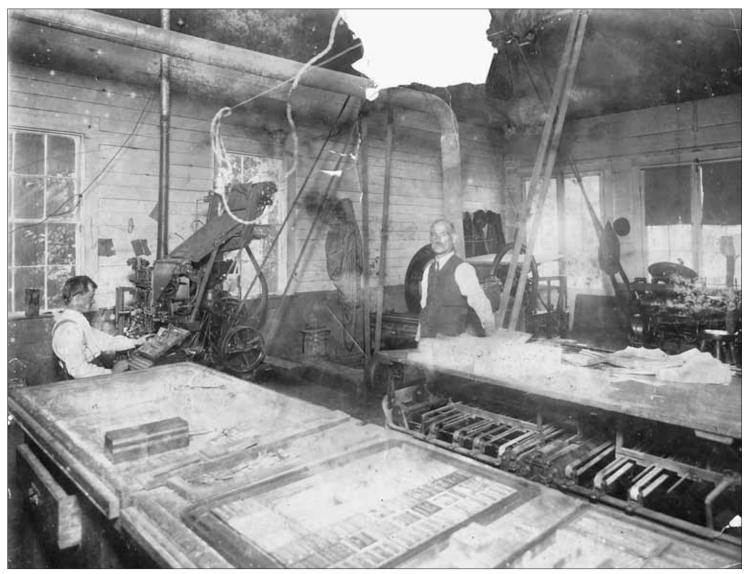
() uring its 150 years of continuous publication, the Feather River Bulletin and its predecessors have had 25 publishers. Three families dominated the ownership for 93 of those years with the last 48 years under the watchful eyes of the Bey-Taborski family.

The current publishers, Michael and Keri Taborski, joined Feather Publishing Co. in 1974, six years after Keri's parents, Everett and Faye Bey, bought the publishing company in 1968. When they retired in 1983 they turned the reins of the family-held corporation over to their daughter and son-in-law.

The Hail family owned the paper – then the

Plumas National Bulletin - for nearly 26 years, from1892-1918, with Felix Grundy Hail serving as publisher for 21 of those years. Grundy was succeeded by his son, Herbert, for the next four years. Mrs. M. A. Hail, matron of the family, was at the post for the family's final nine months of ownership. The Alden family

owned the paper from 1946 to 1968. There was a three-year period following Rodney Alden's death in 1965 when the paper was operated in a partnership involving Harvey Broyles and Dan Lee. Mrs. Margaret Alden repossessed the paper in 1968 and operated it for nine months before selling to the Beys.



An interior shot of the Plumas National Bulletin, one of the predecessors to the Feather River Bulletin. The newspaper is now printed on a Goss press with color capacity. Photo courtesy of the Plumas County Museum

The Plumas **National-Bulletin** emerged in 1892 when the Plumas National merged with the Greenville Bulletin. The Hail family owned the newspaper from 1892-1918. The National-Bulletin office was located on West Main Street, across from the Plumas House (old Quincy hotel) approximately where the county's planning and building departments are now housed. File photo



Publishers at a glance

The newspaper publishers, starting with the first edition of the Plumas National on August 11, 1866

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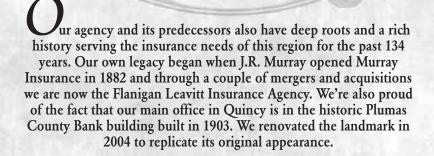
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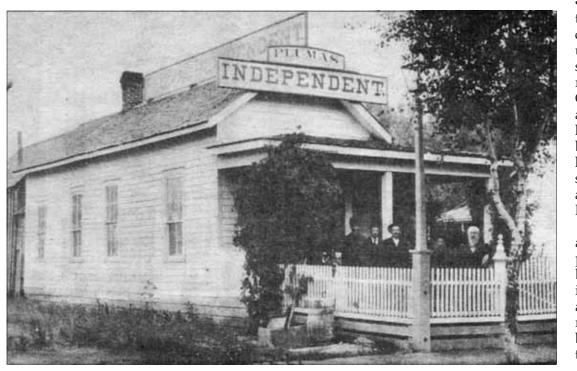
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Inside the offices of the Plumas Independent, which published from 1892-1945. Andrew "Doc" Hall, former owner of the Globe Saloon, began publishing the newspaper as a Republican newspaper. When Doc Hall was elected sheriff, his son, Arthur A. Hall, took over. Photo courtesy of the Plumas County Museum

The Plumas Independent published from 1892-1945, but sold to the Feather River Bulletin in 1945. At one time there was a host of newspapers published in Plumas County, but now there are just four weekly newspapers all published by Feather Publishing. File photo



A look back through the ads

Newspaper advertising is one of the main resources every conscientious shopper uses when looking to save money or find the right product or service. On any given week the ads in this newspaper help balance the family budget by offering hundreds of dollars in savings with coupons and specials offered by local businesses.

That's why newspaper advertising — past and present — continues to be one of the most important investments a business owner can make if they want to be successful and if they want their business to grow. And that advertising revenue is also the

lifeblood of every

newspaper. Advertisers make it possible for the newspaper staff to cover the things in your community that are important to you and your family such as schools, youth sports and programs, county government, courts, law enforcement, healthcare, service clubs, births, deaths, engagements, weddings, honor rolls, festivals and so much more.

This is a sampling of ads from the Bulletin's early years.

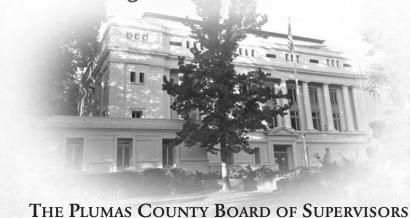








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"Keri and I couldn't be more proud to be the publishers of this newspaper as it celebrates 150 years of continuous publication. We want to thank our readers for their support."

> Mike Taborski Publisher



Everett and Faye Bey, left, purchased the company that owned the Feather River Bulletin, the Indian Valley Record and the **Chester Progressive.** At the time of the purchase, in 1968, they inherited seven employees. In the early 1970s, the company became Feather Publishing Company, Inc., a Bey-Taborski family-held corporation. Bey retired as the publisher in 1983 and his daughter and son-in-law, Keri and Michael Taborski, who ioined the team in 1974. now oversee the operations of six newspapers in two counties, with more than 80 employees. (Faye Bey passed away in 1993 and Everett in 2001). File photo Circa 1991

All in the family — leadership passed to next generation

I n 1968, Everett and Faye Bey purchased the company that owned the Feather River Bulletin in Quincy, the Indian Valley Record in Greenville and the Chester Progressive. At the time of the purchase, they inherited seven employees who handled the news, advertising sales, circulation and printing for all three newspapers.

In the early 1970s, the publishing company became Feather Publishing Company, Inc., a Bey-Taborski family-held corporation. Bey retired as the publisher in 1983 and his daughter and son-in-law, Keri and Michael Taborski, who joined the team in 1974, assumed full responsibility. The two continue as the publishers, overseeing the day-to-day operations of the

newspaper/publishing enterprise. This newspaper group is one of the few remaining locally owned newspapers.

In 1975, Feather Publishing purchased the Portola Reporter.

In 1978 they made the move into neighboring Lassen County with the upstart Lassen County Times hitting the streets in the greater Susanville area followed by the debut of the Westwood PinePress in 1980.

The company also publishes several publications that continue to make a significant contribution to the niche markets they serve including a comprehensive Visitors Guide for each county and a local telephone directory, The Plumas-Lassen Connection, serving the entire region blended with landlines and cell numbers.

Being in the communications business and recognizing its role as the news leader for Plumas and Lassen counties, Feather Publishing also maintains Internet sites for each county: plumasnews.com and lassennews.com. In addition to its dissemination of time-sensitive breaking news stories as it happens, other selected articles from that week's newspapers are also posted on each of these sites. The company's

The company's headquarters in Quincy is home to some of the most modern printing and laser typesetting equipment in northern California. The papers are printed on a seven-unit Goss Community web press. The commercial printing division produces its products on several specialized sheet-fed presses to accommodate virtually all of your printing needs.

Currently, Feather Publishing also prints three neighboring newspapers: the Mountain Messenger in Downieville, believed to be the oldest newspaper still in continuous operation in California; the Sierra Booster in Loyalton and the Virginia City (Nevada) News.

Paralleling the growth of the communities they serve over the past nearly five decades under its present ownership, a recent count listed 85 individuals contributing their talents as valued and trusted employees of Feather Publishing Co. That represents an annual payroll pumped into the local economy of nearly \$1.7 million, making the firm one of the larger private employers in the two counties.

Combined, these employees have well over 600 years of newspaper and publishing experience, with the biggest percentage of those years garnered while working for Feather Publishing Co. That kind of commitment shows how much they each care about the people and things that affect this community.

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From fluff to editor

My first day on the job at Feather Publishing was March 1, 1993, and I promptly quit two days later. But happily, the man who hired me – editor Dave Moller – wouldn't accept my decision. He said, "Give it another week." During that time, my first byline appeared in the newspaper and I was hooked.

Dave hired me originally as a part-time reporter covering the lighter news. A coworker who covered the crime beat nicknamed me "Fluff," which I promptly lived up to when I covered Quincy High alum Mitzi Cox competing in the Miss Nevada Pageant. She won and I captured a great front-page picture of her with crown, sash and roses waving to the crowd.

That's when we shot in black-and-white film and picked our photos from negative strips using a magnifier. Film was expensive, and time consuming to develop, so we had to carefully frame shots and use the correct settings. It was so different from what we are able to do now – take dozens of shots with our digital cameras and even our smart phones.

A couple of weeks after I began working at the newspaper, veteran reporter Jane Braxton Little stepped away from Feather Publishing to focus on her freelance work, and I took over her full-time position covering local government.



Debra Moore Editor 1997-2006 2016 - present

At 35, I had found my true calling, or, as Moller would tell me one day as I stood watching the newspaper roll off the press, "Some people have ink in their veins and other's don't - you do!" I once wrote a column about how I didn't care if it were a Monday or a Saturday because I enjoyed my work so much, which prompted Publisher Mike Taborski to remark that it probably wasn't necessary to pay me in that case.

In 1997 Mike moved me into the editor position, a job that I held for nearly 10 years, until I moved to Redding at the end of 2006. Like many before me, I would return.

During my first tenure at the newspaper, I watched my girls go from grade school to high school and off to college. And so did our readers. My oldest, now a psychologist, tells her peers what it was like to grow up in a small town, especially when your mother chronicles your

life in her weekly column. "I'd be standing in the grocery store and people I didn't even know would ask me about my wisdom teeth," she recalled.

It was the perfect job to weave motherhood and work; I covered middle school trips to Death Valley and high school trips to Ashland, turning them into feature stories. The job had flexibility; but it was rarely just 8 to 5.

It's the best job to learn a little something about everything from school finance to water rights. It's a job that lets you enter someone else's life for a few hours or a day like taking a spin down the Feather River Canyon in the Indianapolis 500 pace car or donning a fire suit and joining volunteers in a training exercise. It's the perfect job for someone who craves variety. It's also the best job to meet people, which ultimately led me to marriage and relocating to Redding where I worked for the Record Searchlight and freelanced.

Four years ago I returned. My tenants had vacated my Quincy home resulting in a major renovation; my youngest daughter and her husband decided they wanted to return to the area to raise a family; and Publisher Mike Taborski needed some part-time help in Portola. Two weeks later that turned into full-time when the other reporter left her

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On behalf of everyone at



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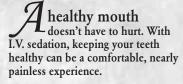
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EDITOR, from page 7

position. Sound familiar? Then he brought me back to the Quincy office to cover local government, and then, coming full circle, back to the editor's chair.

In some ways, nothing has changed — the annual events, the weekly deadlines, the thrill of watching the newspaper roll off the press — but in others everything has changed. When I was at the helm 10 years ago, there was no Facebook and the Internet was just becoming more of a part of my daily duties.

Now, there is rarely a fax as in the old days, but rather hundreds of emails that I wade through containing press releases, photos, letters to the editors, requests for information, etc. And with readers now accustomed to a 24/7 news cycle, there is more pressure to post breaking news as it happens.

But still, what matters most is the newspaper that publishes every Wednesday. It's still amazing to me that each week we begin with nothing and days later produce a tangible product that holds a unique place in our

community.

Thirty years ago, my then husband and I were Bav Area residents visiting Plumas County. We were sitting on the patio at Moon's reading the local newspaper, when I opened to the pages that featured the individual senior photos of the Quincy High School class of 1986. What newspaper did that? Certainly not the San Francisco Chronicle or the Contra Costa Times that we were used to reading.

Our daughter, Kristin, was just 1 at the time, but I wanted her to grow up in a place where a newspaper did that. That moment sealed my decision to move. Little did I know then, that one day I would be part of the company that produced those pages for the graduating seniors. Kristin's photo appeared in 2003, followed by her sister Carly, in 2005. I suspect that I will see my grandson Carter's photo in 2032, followed by his brother Camden in 2034.

It's highly unlikely that I will be overseeing those pages, but who knows, this is a place that has proved difficult to leave. J just issued my retirement notice after almost 41 years in community journalism and I can tell you that being editor of the Feather River Bulletin was one of the best periods of my professional and personal life.

I served the Beys, Taborskis and the community from 1981-85 and enjoyed it so much that I jumped at the chance to return in 1992. I would have stayed, but Mike Taborski "persuaded" me to go to the Susanville paper in 1994. I kid Mike here because he remains the best professional friend I've ever had. He handled the money, I handled the

hen I took a job as a reporter with the Indian Valley Record, I was a wise-ass academic with no journalism experience. Ev Bey soon set me straight. Under his tutelage, I learned everything from pyramid style to investigative techniques. I always hoped he was as amused as I was by our Genghis Kahn — Jane Fonda political extremes. I was one of several feisty women reporters. When the bridal supplement rolled

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Jane Braxton Little Substitute editor

around that first spring we turned it into a women's supplement,

issues are fascinating in many ways — some of the ads evoke very different eras — and I

usually learn something. One thing that strikes me as I thumb through the pages is how much some things stay the same. While I see some of the same issues surface and resurface, what most captivates me is a sense of continuity.

I find this reassuring. To be able to locate than Quincy. Walking to work in the mornings with the pines dusted with snow and the clouds moving around the mountains was vacation-type stuff and I got to see the Sierra's beauty every day.

Another thing was the people I worked with at the Bulletin, many of whom are still there. There is a reason for that. The Bulletin's employees are not subject to a bean counter's whims. Those who produce are rewarded and when it gets tough, everybody tightens their belts, together.

There is also a tight link to the community the people who work for the Bulletin have that I

writing stories about single mothers and wives who kept their birth names. Then there was the Feather Publishing Co. hunk-of-the-month calendar. April featured Wayne Dakan, 75.

I worked with several fine editors: Don Rogers and Dave Moller. And I had the pleasure of training a third: Debra Moore.

Feather Publishing Co. gave me the tools to launch a career as a freelance journalist,

yourself inside something larger, something greater if you will, provides a feeling of solace.

Placing myself in the larger narrative of life in Plumas County over the last 150 years helps take my mind off of today's problems.

In future times, when someone wants to know what life was like in Plumas County circa 2016, we will have documented it. As one longtime haven't seen at the myriad of other daily and weekly newspapers I've worked at in four different states. Conversely, the community really does rely on the Bulletin for its grass-roots information and as a way to bring some semblance of sanity to the constant rumor mill that churns in all towns, big and small.

With the proclivity for young people to get their news off the Internet, I'm not sure what the Bulletin will look like on its 200th birthday. Something tells me it will still be around in one form or another because you know what? Unique sells.

writing for national publications about science and the environment. My experience there instilled a deep respect for community journalism and the importance of accurate, penetrating reporting at the most local level. I still think community journalism is the most challenging beat out there.

Congratulations to the Feather River Bulletin for bringing community news to Plumas County for 150 years.

newspaperman once said of community newspapers, "We authenticate our people's place in history."

I like to think of someone leafing through today's papers 50 or 100 years from now. I hope he or she will chuckle at what appears outdated and, more importantly, find the same reassurance that I feel in the record of people persevering.



In our far-flung county, folks in one community are not always aware of, or even interested in, what goes on in other communities. The editor, however, reads everything and, thus, gets a broad perspective of the unique qualities of each community, but also



Delaine Fragnoli *Editor* 2007 - 2012



he Feather River Bulletin changed my life. Mike and Keri Taborski took a big chance in 1985 on a broken-down firefighter who couldn't even type. I learned to report, write, paste-up, pretty much everything there is to do in a newsroom. I learned about deadlines, resourcefulness, the institutions, the issues and a great community. Along the way, I even learned to type while having about as much fun as a person could holding a job. Talk to people and write up their stories? That ain't work. That's a life. A newspaper life.

My real education came later, after I'd left the paper to jump out of airplanes for the Forest Service and promptly tore up my knee for good. Mike took another big

T he five years I spent as a reporter and editor for Feather Publishing were extremely gratifying. It was a perfect ending to a 30-year journalism career.

work for Mike and Keri Taborski and the Feather Publishing staff. I worked at larger newspapers during my career, but never at one that was as tied to the community as this one.

Feather Publishing's readers care about their paper. That became evident to me in the first weeks on the job in April of 2011. Almost every story I wrote generated some kind of feedback whether it was a phone call, email or a letter to the editor. I wasn't used to that kind of relationship with readers. They were always quick to tell me when I did a good job, and just as ready to let me



Don Rogers Editor 1986-1989

chance, hiring me as editor. We covered the gamut of life and news: local politics, crimes, crashes, schools, kids, fairs, floods, fires, business, Jane Braxton Little's exceptional series on a religious cult that had taken up residence in Indian Valley, and her

hilarious April Fool's spoof about rabid condors killing cattle and closing all the roads out of the county. Incredibly, a too-large portion of the readership believed that last one. This is how authoritatively she wrote. Hey, I'd have believed her too if she hadn't let me in on the joke.

Our son was born in Quincy during this time. His mother would leave a bassinet with the baby inside on the editor's desk while she ran errands. That baby grew into a young man who went into newspapers himself shortly after college. He's a little smarter than his dad, though. He started in advertising, which pays better. We both have Mike and Keri and the Feather River Bulletin to thank. Or blame, depending on the day.

Happy 150th to the Feather River Bulletin!

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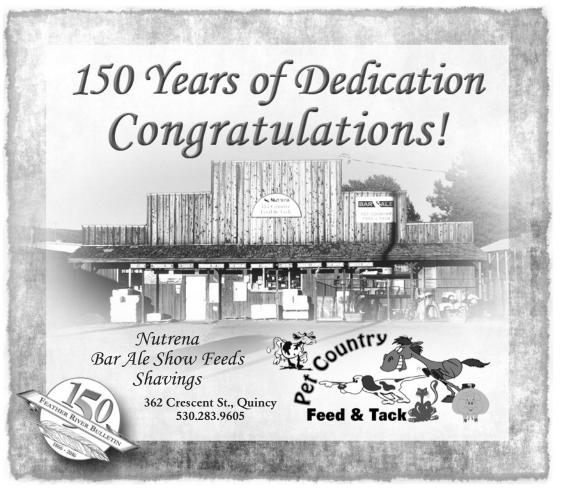
know if they thought I blew it. I loved it. Even the criticism. To a reporter and editor, feedback is what we live for. It lets us know that our job really matters.

This newspaper is an important part of our community. I realize that even more now that I am reading it every Wednesday instead of helping to produce it. I can't wait to retrieve it from the mailbox. It's the

highlight of my week. When I was editor I felt I was entrusted to be the caretaker of a priceless resource. I think all of the previous editors felt the same way. It's a pretty humbling responsibility.

Over the last decade, the newspaper business has fallen on hard times. Daily papers that have been around for more than a hundred years have folded, leaving a gigantic void in their respective communities. I don't see that happening to this newspaper. It's simply too important to all of us who call Plumas County home.

This has been the paper of record in Plumas County for 150 years. And I expect it will be here 150 years from now. Congratulations to the Feather Publishing staff and the readers who regularly contribute to the content. I love my hometown newspaper.



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Readers share what the newspaper has meant to them

I've read a lot of newspapers in my time and I can tell you the Feather River Bulletin is right there at the top for being one of the best. Mike and Keri Taborski and their staff do a great job covering the news in this community.

I enjoy the articles and the editorials; Debra Moore and Delaine Fragnoli are both fantastic writers. The new kid on the block, Jake Johnson, is also doing a great job covering sports. For a young man, he is doing such a good job. I also look forward to the Sheriff's Blotter, often it is like reading cartoons.

Keri does a terrific job recounting the history of this area with her Remember When column. Letters to the Editor are always entertaining and often informative and I find myself often agreeing with what Trent Saxton writes.

I enjoy reading the Feather River Bulletin every week. Compared to the daily papers I get, I find the Bulletin's pages a little wider and easier to navigate.

Thanks to all of you for producing a great newspaper that keeps us informed about our community and the people who live here. And, wow! 150 years, that's truly incredible. Congratulations.

Bob Baitinger Quincy

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Wow! Congratulations – 150 years!

Feather River College was established when a petition for annexation to the Peralta Community District was signed by 67 percent of the registered voters in Plumas County. The boundaries of the Unified School District became the Peralta Community District effective for all purposes July 1, 1968. Veteran Educator, Dr. Dale Wren was selected as President.

With the establishment of the college, there has been a close relationship with the Feather River Bulletin, Indian Valley Record, Portola Reporter and Chester Progressive. In 1968 the newspaper assisted the college effort in the recruitment of students, course offerings in the extended day-evening classes at the four high schools in Plumas County: Chester, Greenville, Portola and Quincy. Also by agreement of the Feather River Advisory Boards Actions.

During the summer of 1969, a temporary campus was created at the Plumas County Fairgrounds. A lease agreement was signed to operate using designated facilities through March 1971. The late Tulsa Scott was Fair Manager at the time.

Information regarding the temporary campus site, curriculum, classes, programs and services was enhanced through newspaper advertising, flyers, meetings, radio and other media. This effort was countywide.

Feather Publishing co-owners Ev and Faye Bey were strong supporters of having a two-year community college in Plumas County. This support has continued to this day with current owners/publishers, Michael and Keri Taborski, plus staff who have been assisting with countywide coverage of news and actions of the Feather River College Board of Trustees. In addition, other activities, community services, workshops and the College Inter-collegiate Programs are reported. This support has been ongoing.

Wishing Feather Publishing continued success. Joseph Brennan Dr. Brennan served as the College, Dean of Student Personnel Services 1969-1981 and President,

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1981-1989.

I want to congratulate Mike and Keri Taborski and their wonderful crew for the Bulletin's 150th anniversary.

Forty-four years ago I was fortunate to be transferred to a new job in Quincy with Bank of America.

My first visit was to Ev Bey, the publisher of the Feather River Bulletin for a subscription. I felt that was the best place to get acquainted and get a feel for my new town. I was right. Without missing a single one, 2,288 issues (and counting) of the Feather River Bulletin have been one of the highlights of our good life here.

You should be proud of all the past and present staff of writers, photographers, pressmen, designers, researchers, historians, poets and everyone else involved in both the operation and final product. Your detailed coverage of the many athletic activities from little league to college in our wide area is amazing. Much of the humor in the Sheriff's Blotter is hilarious. The My Turn column is always interesting.

Thoughtful and informative editorials tend to keep us informed of our local politicians' activities and behavior. Detailed lists and coverage of our many entertaining and festive activities is excellent.

Good promotion for deals and for buying local is found in the advertising. We have bought a home, several automobiles and an assortment of other good things from the advertisers in your paper.

I also know and appreciate that many of your staff are active and helpful in a number of our local organizations and clubs.

A million thanks to all of you, past and present, for 150 years of keeping us enlightened and entertained and for making our town a better place to live and work. *Ted and Betty Hoskins Quincy*

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As a newcomer to Quincy in 1981, the Bulletin became a source of information, a guide to county happenings and a way to learn a bit about the people and businesses in my new home. I found out how to sign my 3-year-old up for swim lessons at Pioneer Pool, who the folks were opening a new shop on Main Street, and the myriad other things that make up life in a small town.

In 2013, I retired and moved from Plumas County. There was no way I was giving up my subscription to the Bulletin. What had started out as a resource for this "flat-lander," had become over those 32 years, a tie to the forever friends I had made, and through the paper's photos, an unforgettable reminder of the beauty of Plumas County. Now from my home in Arizona, I eagerly await the arrival of the Bulletin each week and though the number of names and faces I recognize dwindles month by month, the spirit of the place where I raised my family and spent my working years is evident in every article and photograph. Thank you, Feather River Bulletin, for taking me back "home" once a week. Karleen Huffman Arizona

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"You have to take newspaper articles with a grain of salt" is an old axiom shared by most serious historians and researchers. That said, without newspapers, most historical research, at least local and regional, would pretty much come to a complete stop.

That "grain of salt" mainly refers to the political and/or personal bent newspaper publishers and editors were free to express in their columns, particularly during the 19th and early 20th centuries. By keeping in mind the potential for personal bias, an astute researcher can still winnow out some extremely interesting and useful information from newspapers.

Beyond their obvious value in finding out births, deaths and marriages, they are important for ascertaining the timeframe that a business was operating, usually through ads. Many local businesses ran weekly ads in the newspaper, and as today, the paper wouldn't run the ad without payment, so if the ad disappeared, the business probably had folded.

The paper is also a treasure trove for local events ranging from celebrations to public works projects to large financial endeavors and, of course, to more lurid things such as murders, rapes, suicides, robberies and so on.

Again, in almost all of these, a discerning researcher can usually detect editorial comment, which may or may not color the reporting. In any case, if it were not for these articles, we might not know anything of these events, particularly after the passing of many years.

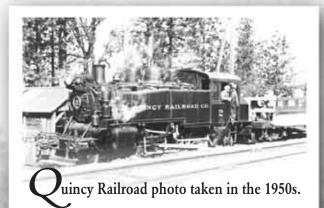
Newspapers can also be regarded as a public diary of sorts. While researchers and historians are thrilled with diaries and journals that cover important events, the sad truth is that most diaries are very nondescript and rarely contain information of any real historical value.

Added to that, since most people did not and

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do not keep daily diaries, the newspaper acts as a surrogate diary for all of us, chronicling a variety of events with detail and regularity that the average person fails to do.

For historians, the information in newspapers can lead them to new perspectives, augment other information sources and provide a sense of local flavor and sentiment of the times. Any community that still harbors and has access to its local newspapers for historical research is a lucky community.

At the Plumas County Museum, we are very grateful for the "morgue" of past papers kept by Feather Publishing, as well as for the microfilmed copies at the Plumas County Library. Without these sources, much of what we know of local history might well be lost to the past.

Along with the "grain of salt," researchers can occasionally find a "dash of pepper" to spice things

up. Scott Lawson Director Plumas County Museum

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Plumas Arts has long valued the service offered to us, and the rest of our communities, by Feather Publishing.

Our nonprofit arts organization has benefited greatly from the generous coverage about the events and services we produce and provide. With the kind consideration offered to us and other art groups our local arts scene has become a significant component of the "good news" that our local papers work so hard to bring to residents and visitors each week.

Feather Publishing

provides us with more exposure to more people than any other publicity media we employ. Our gratitude is heartfelt. We hope there will be another 150 years to celebrate! **RoxanneValladao** Executive Director Plumas Arts & Town Hall Theatre



Every week, "the paper" is delivered by the mailman. We don't have to go stand in front of a line of newspaper vending machines and decide which one has the most interesting picture, headlines or sale ads.

We know what we're getting; the latest news made by local county government, sports pictures of our kids and grandkids, memories of those we knew and lost, exciting information about new little bundles of joy our friends and family have.

We get an entertaining sheriff's blotter that we send to our military family members to share with fellow sailors and soldiers. We know who has a new business and who is celebrating 40 years. We can decide which events we want to attend; which yard sale has the best treasures to hit first, and we can keep the dearest clippings in a little box for someone to find somewhere down the road.

Kathy Williams Plumas County Clerk Recorder

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Growing up in Quincy in the '80s, the ongoing joke was that the only place busier than the lumber mill was the rumor mill. Rumors flourished, and no one was immune to them. In a time before Facebook, the original social media was the barbershop, the post office, the grocery store and anywhere in public where two people might get their chance to help "spread the word."

Information was often stretched further and further from the truth. What originated as a simple happening would quickly turn into a catastrophe (the likes of which this town has never seen!).

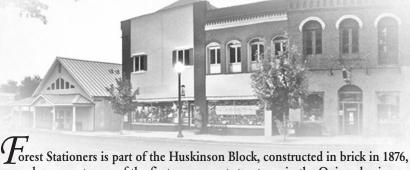
Rumors proliferated, but were squashed each Wednesday morning when everyone picked up a copy of "the paper." The true story, accurate, reliable and trustworthy, was always laid out in newsprint. There were no more rumors once a story went to press here in Plumas County. The paper was the definitive word on what was happening.

Plumas County residents relied on the word of the newspaper to navigate life in rural Sierra Nevada. During the never-ending winter of '92 and '93, for example, we all counted on the paper to let us know where resources could be found (and for much needed firewood, as well).

When I got the opportunity to write for the paper in 2012, I jumped on it. I was honored to be a part of that long-standing tradition of excellence in reporting. What I learned during my time at the paper is that it is still the authority on what is happening in Plumas County. No other source, be it social media, club newsletters, or good ol' fashion gossip, has as an authoritative voice as the paper.

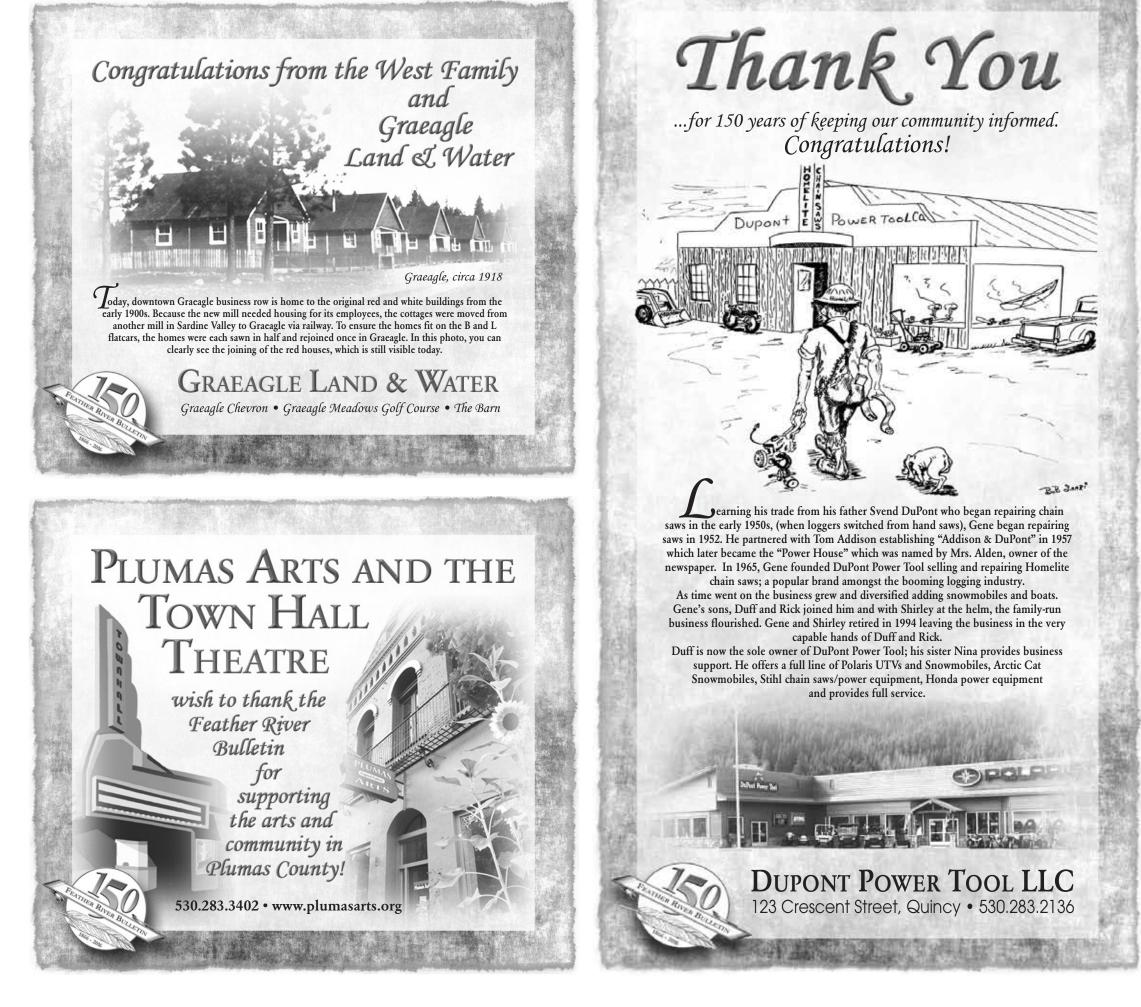
Happy 150th anniversary Feather River Bulletin. You've only gotten better with time. James Wilson Quincy "The newspaper is a greater treasure to the people than uncounted millions of gold." Henry Ward Beecher

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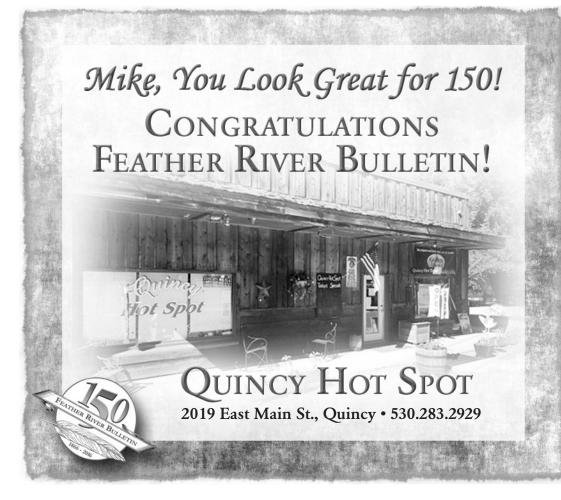
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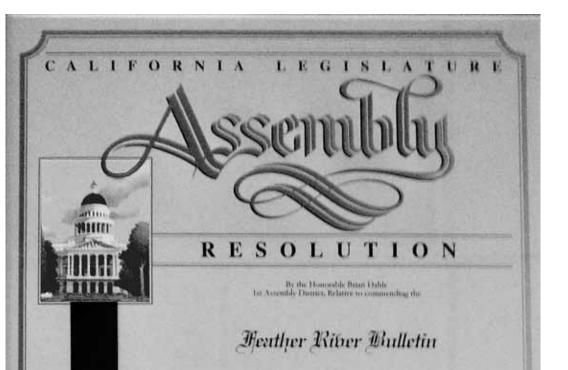


Supervisor Lori Simpson presents a resolution to Mike Taborski honoring one of the six newspapers that he and wife Keri publish, the Feather River Bulletin, which celebrates 150 years of continuous publication Aug. 11. The Plumas County Board of Supervisors unanimously passed the resolution during its Aug. 2 meeting. Photo by Debra Moore



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Dated this 11th day of August, 2016

The 150th anniversary of the Feather River Bulletin receives recognition from Assemblyman Brian Dahle. Dahle, a former Lassen County supervisor, is familiar with the family of six weekly newspapers that Feather Publishing produces, which includes not only the Bulletin, but the Lassen County Times.

Feather River Bulletin THANKS FOR PUBLISHING THE NEWS!



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A look back at 1866

Trivia and historical notes from 150 years ago

Compiled by Keri Taborski

President of the United States — Andrew Johnson, a Democrat from Tennessee, was the 17th President of the United States, serving from 1865-1869, becoming president after President Abraham Lincoln was

Governor of California

assassinated.

- Frederick Low was the 9th Governor of California, serving 1863-1867. Born in Maine, he was at one time a banker in Marysville, California. Hallmarks of his administration were the establishment of Yosemite National Park and the University of California education system.

Noteable

At the time, there were 36 states in the Union, depicted by 36 stars on the United States flag.

The first voter registration in California took place in 1866 and included only men over 21 years of age.

California had been a state for 16 years by this time, entering into the Union on Sept. 9, 1850.

Plumas County was formed 12 years earlier in 1854.

Aug. 11, 1866, the date of the first Plumas National-Bulletin publication, was on a Saturday. 1866 was the Year of the Tiger in Chinese New Year mythology.

Notable people born in 1866: Anne Sullivan – educator born April 14 in Massachusetts.

Butch Cassidy — (born Robert Leroy Parker) bankrobber and outlaw born April 13 in Utah.

Beatrix Potter children's author born July 29 in London, England.

H. G. Wells – author/novelist born Sept. 21 in Kent, United Kingdom.

Timeline of 1866: January – The second United States capitol dome is completed on the capitol building in Washington, D.C. after seven years of work and it still survives to date.

February — The first robbery committed by outlaw Jesse James and his gang occurred in Liberty, Missouri.

March – The United States Congress passes the Civil Rights Act of 1866, legislation to protect the rights of U.S. African-American citizens. President of the United States Andrew Johnson vetoes the bill; however, the U.S. Congress overrides the bill later in April. April – The ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Animal Cruelty) is founded in New York City, New York.

May — The United Sates Congress approves the minting of a nickel five-cent coin, eliminating the half-dime coin in circulation.

July – The United States Congressional Metric Act of 1866 becomes law and legalizes the use of the metric system for weights and measures in the United States.

August — The National Union Convention is held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with hopes to reconcile the Radical Republicans in Congress with the policies of the Democratic President Andrew Johnson.

August — The Plumas National-Bulletin is published for the first time.

October — James Beckwith, credited with the discovery of Beckwourth Pass through the Sierra Nevada mountains between Reno and Portola during the California Gold Rush era, died Oct. 29. We Appreciate the Feather River Bulletin and Congratulate You on 150 Years!

The Plumas County Veterans Service office also enjoys a long history in this community, having been established May 7, 1945.

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Current Location and Staffing The Veterans Service Office is located on the second deck of the Public Health

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The office staff is fully accredited with the California Department of Veteran Affairs, VFW, American Legion and National.

In April of 1996, through the generosity of AMVETS, the office initiated van transportation service for our veterans to scheduled appointments at the Veterans Medical Center in Reno, Nevada. This service is made possible in part by a pool of local citizens (all of whom are veterans) who have agreed to volunteer their time to drive. Currently our drivers consist of Bob Nunn, Bill Whitcher, John Gallagher and Mike Seekins. The VA Van Coordinator is Veteran Service Representative Kyle Short (a veteran from the Gulf War in Iraq).

In 2013 Target Access was established with the Department of Veterans Affairs, bringing the office into computer access to veterans' records. Currently the office has gone paperless. Claims, etc., are now completed electronically and this is happening nationwide to try to help expedite processing.

In 2008, staffing of the office was reduced from three full-time employees to one full time VSO. Several General Fund Departments were hit with staff reductions over the years 2007-2009 due to financial difficulties at the state level and the recession that hit the state. In 2013 the staffing consisted of Veteran Service Officer Jimmy LaPlante, Vietnam/Gulf War veteran. In 2014/2015, with support from the Plumas County Board of Supervisors providing AB 171, County Veterans Service Officer funding support letters were sent to the Honorable Jacqui Irvin, California State Assembly, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA, which increased funding to the Veterans Service Office. With this new state-wide funding, and coordination and support from the Plumas County Mental Health Department, we received additional state and MHSA funding. This additional funding provided Veterans Services with a new Toyota van that is used in our outreach program throughout Plumas County, and afforded Veterans Services the opportunity to hire a full-time Veterans Service Representative (Kyle Short, Gulf War Veteran, Iraq) in 2015 as our VA Van Coordinator and Kyle also received his accreditation with California Department of Veterans Affairs to represent veterans in filing disability claims, etc. In 2016 Veterans Services was able to hire part-time Veteran Services Representative Richard Dolezal (Gulf War Veteran Iraq/Afghanistan) and Richard received his accreditation with the California Department of Veterans Affairs to represent veterans in filing disability claims, etc., and he is Plumas County Veterans Outreach Coordinator in reaching out to veterans throughout Plumas County.

The first veterans benefits on record in America were established by the Pilgrims of Plymouth Colony in 1636, which provided that any soldier injured in the defense of the colony shall be maintained competently by the colony during his life. Other colonies followed suit, and by the time the United States was welded into a single nation in 1776, the concept of benefits for veterans was well established. (Taken from the DVA Handbook for Veterans Benefits Counselors, 1984 edition).

Over the years the Congress of the United States has passed an abundance of veterans' legislation entitling veterans and their survivors to many benefits. These federal programs are administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Some of the major programs include: Compensation, Disability Pension, Vocational Rehabilitation, Educational Assistance, Home Loan Guarantee Program, Hospitalization, Domiciliary Care, Outpatient and Inpatient Medical Care, Dependents Education Assistance, special housing for qualified disabled veterans, burial benefits and headstones/markers, and disabled veterans life insurance.

Remember we are assisting men and women who have unselfishly fought for this great nation and we must treat them with the utmost compassion and respect. We must be patient, tolerant and understanding.

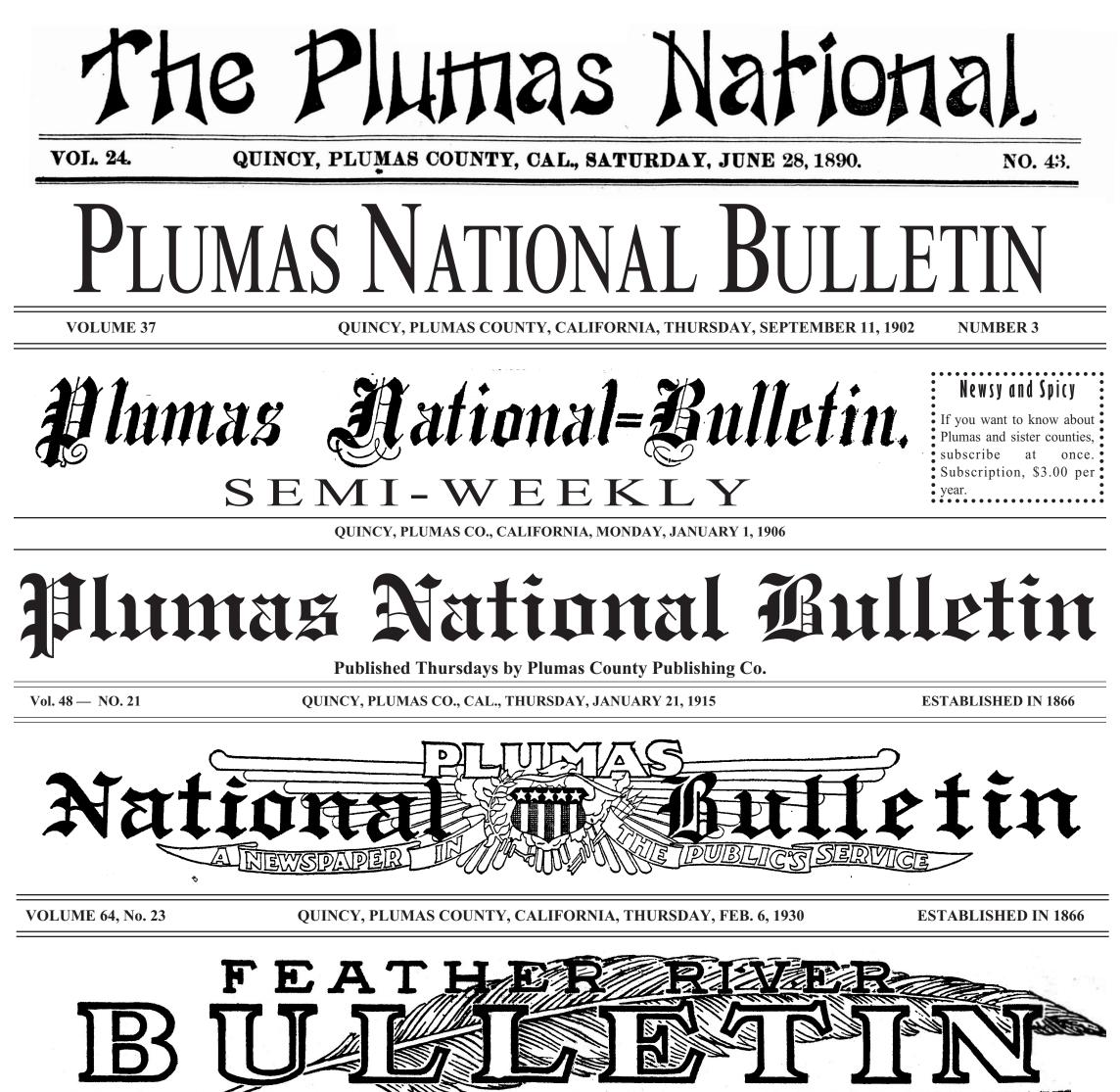
Introduction to Veterans Services

HISTORY AND FUNCTION OF THE COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

County Veterans Service Offices are established by local governments to assist veterans, their surviving spouses and dependents, in applying for veterans' benefits through federal, state and local agencies. Many of these offices were established after WWI.

There are currently over 57 County Veterans Service Offices in the State of California.

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Voice of The Feather River Wonderland"

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QUINCY, Plumas County, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY, Jan. 5, 1933.

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The flag has evolved over the years — 23 different looks

A newspaper's stylized name seen on the top of the front-page is known as its "flag." During the 150 years of what is now known as the Feather River Bulletin, the Quincy newspaper and its predecessors had 23 different versions of typestyles and ornate flags.

The original 1866 flag for the Plumas National included the line: "The Right is always Expedient."

Other notable changes include a Chinese-looking typeface used in 1891-92.

When the National was combined with the Bulletin, the flag was changed to a condensed Bodoni typeface in all capital letters.

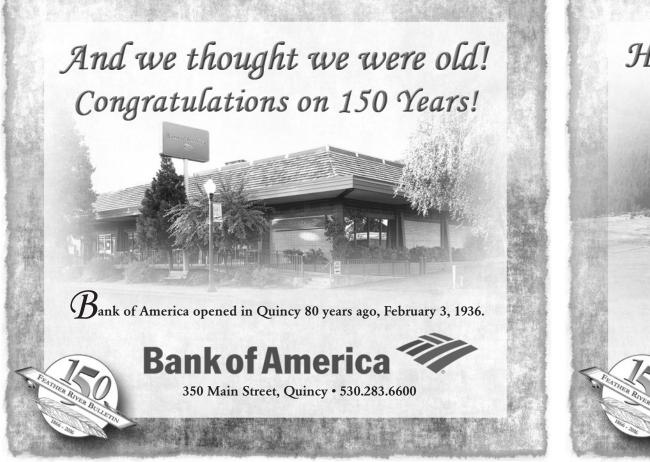
Although historically the county newspapers were all weekly publications, beginning in 1900 and continuing through 1910, the paper's flag denotes that it began publishing as a semi-weekly. In 1923 an ornate patriotic flag was introduced with an eagle and a shield with the motto, "Always leading ... Never Trailing."

In 1931, publisher M.F. "Pop" Small renamed the paper The Feather River Bulletin. He explained to its readers the name change was to take advantage of the area becoming well known as the Feather River Country. The new flag included the motto: "The Voice of the Feather River Wonderland."

Interestingly, just one issue, on Nov. 12, 1942, displayed an all-new modern design topped with a feather. Following that issue in late 1942, Small deleted the Feather River Wonderland motto and the reference to its predecessor National Bulletin in the flag and, instead, humorously emphasized the word Bull with a bold underline under just that portion of the name Bulletin.

In 1945 Plumas Independent was added to the flag when the Bulletin bought out its long-time competitive rival. Plumas Independent was deleted from the Bulletin's flag in 1949.

Today's more modern looking flag features pictures and graphics that are used to promote major events taking place in the region alternating with scenic photos capturing the beauty of the landscape and its changing seasons.



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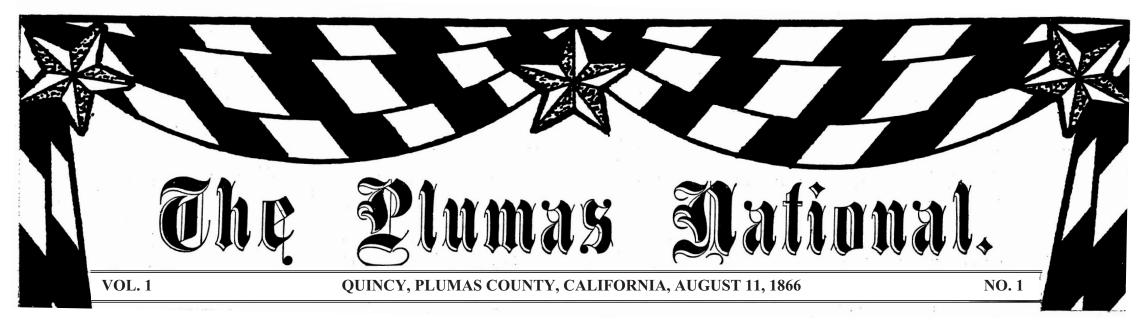
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The Feather River Bulletin has been providing the local area with news, photos and opinions for the past 150 years.

We thought it would be interesting to share something of our past and the tradition of gathering news for the area's residents.

Our first issue of the Plumas National, where "The Right is always Expedient," was published Aug. 11, 1866.

The news of the day was primarily national, borrowed from other publications produced in the the East or San Francisco. The local newspaper, for many, was their only source of news of world events. It was also a valuable source of entertainment since new books were scarce and local libraries nonexistent. Unlike today – where

local news is the focal point

of Feather Publishing's six weekly newspapers – national news or stories or poetry filled the front page. These included such stirring articles as "The Bridal Wine Cup," and "Mr. Nasby has a Pleasant Dream, the Philadelphia Convention Being the Subject Thereof."

On the inside pages, early editors made note of local news – socials, accidents, births, deaths and other news. Mining news, which

featured trips by the editor to one of the area's numerous mines, also appeared frequently.

One editor detailed each trip, from the journey – which was by horseback, buggy or on foot - to sharing meals with the various tour guides, with detailed information about the size of the mine and the

amount of gold found. In the early days, headlines were also different.

They generally appeared in one- or two-line formats, set in bold, but in the same size type as the copy.

In the early days, type was set by hand, one lead letter at a time.

Very early newspapers did not contain pictures.

A rare piece of artwork appeared in an

advertisement. The advertisements

themselves told something about our early days. What businesses existed,

what they sold and how communities grew and faded over the years.

It's our intent to share a little of the area's past through some of the headlines of the day as well as samples of some of the ads that appeared.





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Money in all races to be divided as follows: First horse, 60 per cent; second, 30 per cent; third, 10 per cent, unless when otherwise specified. All races free for all, unless otherwise designated.

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THE CONTEMPLATED TUNNEL THROUGH THE BIG BEND OF THE NORTH FORK SATURDAY, OCT. 1880

THE OUINCY AMATEUR DRAMATIC ASSOCIATION WILL OPEN THE TOWN HALL SATURDAY, FEB. 12, 1881

THE FAIR AT BECKWORTH WAS A GRAND SUCCESS SATURDAY, SEPT. 30, 1881

PROF. CROWHURST LECTURED ON TEMPERANCE TO A GOOD-SIZED AUDIENCE SATURDAY, JAN. 27, 1883

A CUTTING SCRAPE OCCURRED AT TAYLORSVILLE ON TUESDAY MORNING SATURDAY, NOV. 14 1885

CHRISTMAS EVE ENTERTAINMENT AT PIONEER SCHOOL-HOUSE A SUCCESS SATURDAY, JAN. 1886

THE CHALLENGE SAWMILL ON LAPORTE ROAD DESTROYED BY FIRE SATURDAY, OCT. 22, 1887

SIERRA CITY QUARANTINED — **13 CASES OF SMALLPOX** SATURDAY, JAN. 7, 1888

RAILROAD ROUTE SUGGESTED BETWEEN INDIAN AND HONEY LAKE VALLEYS SATURDAY APRIL 6, 1889



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THE FIRM OF THOMPSON AND KELLOGG CEASES TO EXIST AFTER FORTY YEARS THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 1900

RAILWAY PREPARING TO MAKE MANY IMPROVEMENTS THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 1901

THE BUTTE AND PLUMAS RAILWAY ABOUT TO BE BUILT THURSDAY, NOV. 6, 1902

A FIRE DEMON — ATTEMPTS : DESTRUCTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY AT JOHNSVILLE THURSDAY. DEC. 6, 1903

ACCIDENT AT JAMISON MINE JOHN PACE KILLED THURSDAY, JAN. 28,1904

SIERRA VALLEY PEOPLE FAVOR IRRIGATION THURSDAY, JAN. 30, 1903

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY IN SAN FRANCISCO (EARTH QUAKE) THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 1906

RECOUNT OF VOTER IN THE CONTEST OF SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAS BEGUN MONDAY, JAN. 7, 1907

WESTERN PACIFIC TO BE COMPLETED IN 12 MONTHS MONDAY, MARCH 16, 1908





Photos by Mike Taborski

Mark Jennings, left, and Andrew Stites inspect the newspaper as it comes off the press. They oversee the printing of not only Feather Publishing's six newspapers, but the Mountain Messenger and the Sierra Booster, as well as other special publications.

Eva Small, a 34-year employee, who manages the graphics department, puts the finishing touches on the front page of the Portola Reporter, one Feather Publishing's six weekly newspapers.

How to get your stories and ads in the newspaper

How To: A user guide to help make your experience with Feather Publishing's publications as easy and effective as possible

Feather Publishing Co., Inc. publishes six community weekly newspapers: the Lassen County Times is published every Tuesday and the other five: the Chester Progressive, the Feather River Bulletin, the Indian Valley Record, the Portola Reporter and the Westwood Pinepress are published every Wednesday. Each of these award-winning papers is independently edited for its own community. The regional sections carry news of countywide interest. The classified section runs in all six papers. Combined, the six papers reach more than 50,000 readers in Plumas and Lassen counties.

How to contact the newspaper: You can call or visit the offices below or send us an email:

Feather River Bulletin: 287 Lawrence St., Quincy. Call 283-0800 Fax: 283-3952 Chester Progressive: 135 Main St., Chester. Call 258-3115 Fax: 258-2365

Portola Reporter: 96 E. Sierra St., Portola. Call 832-4646 Fax: 832-5319

Indian Valley Record: Call 283-0800 or 258-3115. Fax: 283-3952

Lassen Co. Times: 100 Grand Ave., Susanville. Call 257-5321, Fax 257-0408

Westwood PinePress Call 257-5321 Fax: 257-0408 mail@plumasnews.com mail@lassennews.com

How to subscribe: Call any of our offices, email or visit our websites to subscribe to the newspaper of your choice.

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Classified deadlines are Monday at 9:30 a.m.; classified display ad deadline is Thursday at 4 p.m.

How to place a display ad: Our well-trained and friendly advertising specialists and our graphics department will help you create an effective ad and/or campaign tailored to fit your budget and your goals. Call, email or come by one of offices. Deadlines are Thursday at 4 p.m.

How to place public notice (legal) ads Any of our offices can help you. Rates are based on length with a minimum charge of \$35. Fictitious name statements are \$35 for four insertions.

How to submit an obituary:

We publish death notices with some restrictions free of charge or offer paid obituaries that start at \$80 for up to 350 words and may include a photo for an additional \$10 processing fee. Contact one of our offices or email typesetting@plumasnews.com or typesetting@lassennews.com.

How to submit a letter to the editor: To express an opinion, submit your letter in writing, via email or on our website. Include your name, address and phone number. Letters longer then 250 words will not get published.

How to submit news information: To announce activities or events, mail, fax or email a news release or fact sheet about the announcement to your local editor. It should include the who, what, when, where and why, and a name and phone number of the contact person.

How to submit marriage, engagements or birth announcements:

Mail, email or bring into any one of our offices a typed or neatly written article that includes all of the information and any photograph you may want included. No photos for birth announcements.

How to submit news/feature ideas: We strongly encourage our readers to submit news and feature story ideas about their friends, family and community. Simply contact the

newsroom at any office or use our websites.

How to purchase a photo reprint: You can order a photo reprint of any of our staff-originated pictures online at photos@plumasnews.com or photos@lassennews.com.

How to place a printing order:

Call our Print Shop in Quincy and we'll help you with any forms you need such as business cards, menus, letterhead, envelopes, computer forms and more.

How to purchase end rolls of newsprint:

Need a tablecloth for a party? A drop cloth for painting? Packaging for dishes? A large sign? Our end rolls of newsprint might just be the ticket and can be purchased at any office.

How to visit our websites:

News briefs, classified ads, public (legal) notices, visitor's information and more can be seen by visiting: plumasnews.com or lassennews.com.

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A special thank you to all of our employees for your many years of unselfish dedication and commitment. The responsibility and care you demonstrate every week chronicling the people, the lifestyles and the changes in this community are exemplary. To say we're proud to be associated with so many talented people — past and present — would simply be an understatement. — Mike and Keri Taborski











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Kim Romano Portola 5 years



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Susanville

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Dennis Neves Susanville 3 years

Mark Lillard

Quincy

7 years

Makenzie Davis Susanville 3 years

Rushelle Meadows

Susanville

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Sam McElwain Quincy 2 years

Tony Yorba

Quincy 1 year



Elizabeth Knox Quincy 2 years

Erika Giusti

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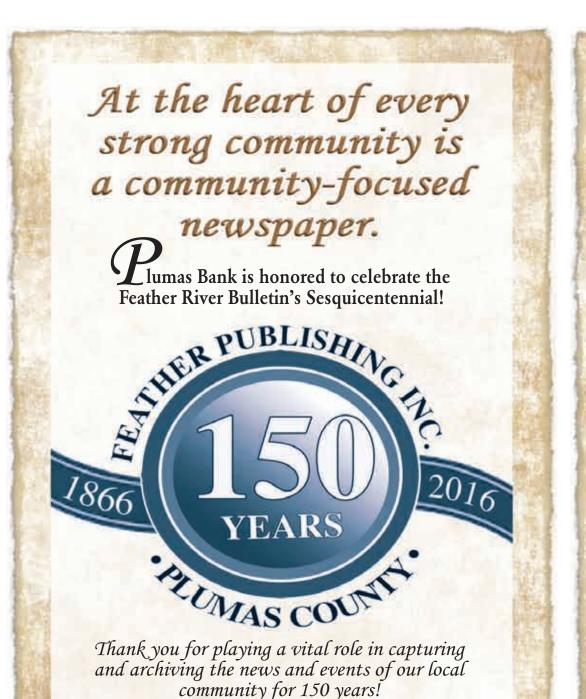


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on events.

he first listing found for Quincy Lumber and Supply Comany was in the 1913 "Contractors in Business" according to the Quincy Library archives. Their last location was at 293 Lawrence Street, Quincy. The company closed in 2009. Quincy Paint, established in January of 2013, now resides in this historical building.

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