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BREWERY REOPENS FOR TOURS, TASTINGS



JENNIE BLEVINS — ENTERPRISE-RECORD

Brewer Neil Chappelle adds hops to the kettle Wednesday at Sierra Nevada Brewing Co. in Chico.

By Jennie Blevins
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CHICO » After a 2-year hiatus because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Sierra Nevada Brewing Co. tours and beer tastings are re-opening to the public once again starting today.

"It's been a long two years," said Byron Wetsch, brew tour support lead.

The restaurant closed down when the world shut down in 2020, and then reopened for curbside takeout in March 2020. The taproom reopened for in-person dining in May 2021.

The tour times are now scheduled Thursdays through Sundays at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Some of the staff who worked in the brewery and also in food and beverage positions were transferred to jobs in repacking beer and placed in other areas.

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— Robin Gregory, director of communications for Sierra Nevada Brewing Co.

Some of those employees moved into permanent roles in other areas.

The Sierra Nevada staff took the closure as an opportunity to revamp the brewery space.

"We remodeled the brew-house bar which used to be a tasting room. A wall was removed there and we turned the bar into a regular bar," said Robin Gregory, director of communications. "We also remod-

eled the gift shop and redid the mezzanine upstairs."

The food menu was also revamped and there are new beers in the Sierra Nevada family of beers.

Prior to the pandemic, the brewery did not offer online beer sales. During the pandemic there was a turn to online beer sales.

"We turned this into a platform for testing and to sell lim-

ited-release beers, which can't be found in stores. Also, the non-alcoholic Hop Splash drink was introduced," said Gregory.

The staff is jazzed about the reopening.

"We are very excited to welcome people back into the brewery for our tour program," Gregory said. "We revamped the space and made some changes to the tour program and we can't wait to share it with our guests."

The tour cost is \$8 per person, which includes the tour and a welcome beer upon arrival and a tasting at the end, according to Gregory.

For more information, visit www.sierranevada.com. Click on the online shop to order beer and other merchandise or sign up for emails in order to be contacted about new beer releases.

GOVERNMENT

County counsel announces retirement

Staff reports

OROVILLE » Bruce Alpert has been Butte County's legal counsel for almost 22 years and, as of April 30, will be retiring.

The county announced Alpert's retirement via a press release issued Wednesday that provided a brief breakdown of his career with the county.

Alpert joined the county in September 2000 and is ranked as the longest-serving county counsel in California. His job has consisted of providing legal advice to the Butte County Board of Supervisors, the chief administrative officer and other department heads.

"Not only has Alpert guided the county through legal issues following multiple large scale emergencies, he has also served as the lead county negotiator on multiple lawsuits, including the Camp Fire lawsuit against PG&E resulting in a \$252 million dollar settlement for the county, as well as a lawsuit against (the Department of Water Resources) regarding road damage during the spillway incident resulting in a \$12 million dollar settlement," the release said.

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CAL FIRE-BUTTE COUNTY

Mobile home fire kills one in Forbestown

Staff reports

FORBESTOWN » A fire destroyed a mobile home late Tuesday night and killed one person.

A press release from Cal Fire-Butte County Fire provided limited information on the event.

According to the release, the fire was called in at 11:05 p.m. Tuesday at which point the firefighters arrived to find the mobile home fully engulfed in flames.

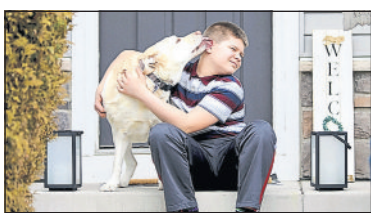
The fire was threatening the surrounding homes and the firefighters proceeded to put the fire out. A nearby resident told firefighters that someone may have been inside the building at the time of the blaze.

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HEALTH

Diabetes and COVID-19: Looking at a connection

Scientists are looking into a potential connection between the two diseases amid some intriguing cases. PAGE A4



COLLEGE BASKETBALL

'Elite' Chico State men's team enters as 6th seed

NCAA Division II Elite 8 games begin Tuesday in Indiana; Chico State set to play No. 3 Augusta in round one. PAGE B1

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Water levels

Current: 743.16 feet elevation

Full capacity: 900 feet elevation.

Source: Department of Water Resources and CA Data Exchange. Updated March 16, 2022.

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One Way Out Tour
SUNDAY, MARCH 20

BLACK VIOLIN
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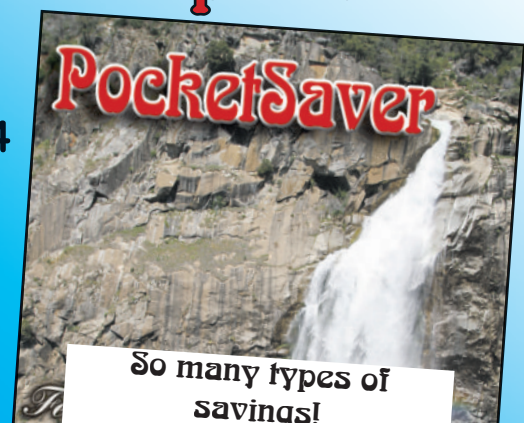
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