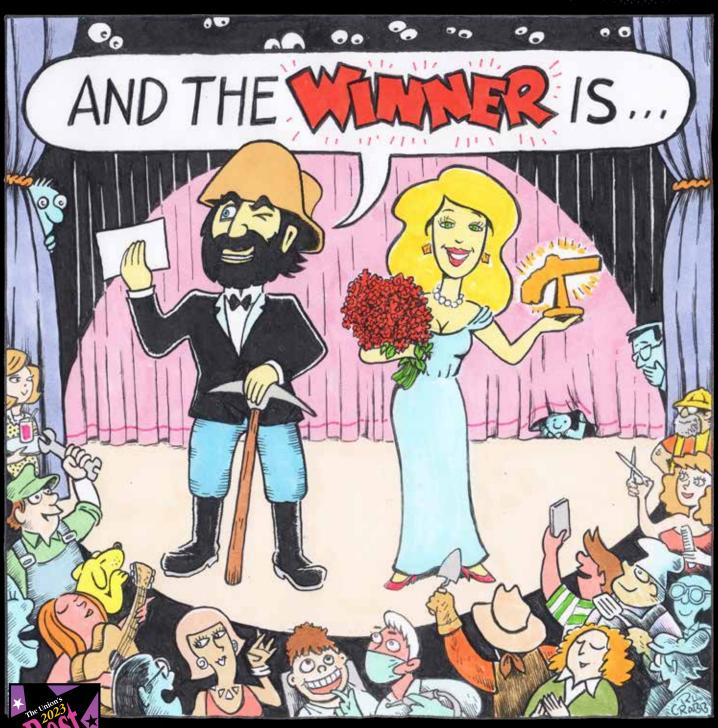
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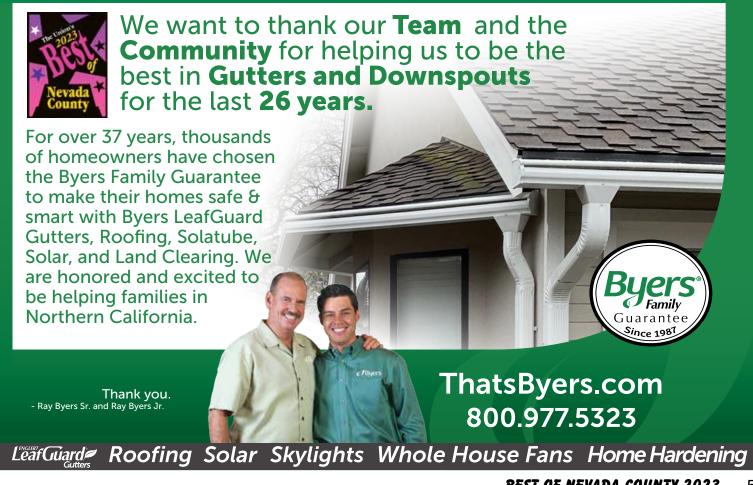


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wenty-five years ago, *The Union* started this contest to highlight our community's favorite people, places, and businesses. At the time, we had no idea how popular the contest would become and that it would last for 25 years and only gain in popularity! A testament to that is how many of you took the time to vote. Though this year marked several changes to the Best of voting process, just under 9,500 people turned out to vote—almost a thousand more than the previous year! We thank you for your participation because that is what makes this a highly sought-after honor by local businesses and a true accounting of our community's favorites.

Every year we are humbled by the passion that our readers have for their choices of businesses, people, places, and events, and undertake the responsibility of sharing YOUR "best of" picks with great pride. We go to great lengths to ensure that your votes are counted fairly; taking days to eliminate fraudulent votes. Voting integrity is very important to us, on whatever level voting occurs. There were some upsets this year; with some new favorites emerging. Congratulations to all of the new winners!

This year, we have added a few new subcategories to the ballot: your favorite place to take out-of-town guests and the best place to watch the game. So be sure to refer to the winners and runner ups of these new categories when in search of your next local adventure or when you want

to cheer on your favorite team.

Alongside this publication, the Best of online directory is on *The Union's* website and will remain up throughout the year. So next time you are curious about the best local businesses but don't have a print magazine on hand, go to "Best of 2023" on theunion.com.

We would like to thank our readers, winners, runner ups, other contenders, and advertisers for making the Best of Nevada County possible for the past twenty-five years. This is our most popular publication and it would not be possible without all of you helping to make it happen.

On the cover and throughout the publication, you may notice some familiar characters by *The Union*'s cartoonist, R.L. Crabb. Crabb has worked with our newspaper since 1994, and recently celebrated his own career anniversary, "40 Years of Ink." Thank you Crabb for your years of dedication to local news, providing it in an engaging and hilarious medium that our readership loves.

We hope you enjoy this year's Best of Nevada County, and that you continue to enjoy the true gold that Nevada County has to offer.

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JERRY WEIDLER

Jerry Weidler is the living embodiment of the Nevada County Sheriff's Search and Rescue (NCSSAR) Team motto, "24/7/365... so that others may live."

In 2023 alone, Jerry committed more than 1,848 hours of volunteer time to NCSSAR and responded to 94 search and rescue incidents. During the past 5 years, Jerry has committed more than 7,800 volunteer hours and responded to 368 search and rescue incidents.

Jerry Weidler's service to Nevada County began at the age of 12 when, as an Explorer Scout, he began volunteering for the Sheriff's Office. Three years later, at 15, Jerry joined NCSSAR, and he has been an active member of the team ever since. Jerry currently serves as unit leader of NCSSAR, and under his leadership, the team has come to be widely regarded as one of the premier search and rescue teams in California.

Nevada County Sheriff's Search & Rescue, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization comprising more than 100 volunteer members who support the Sheriff's Office by providing aid to individuals who are lost and/or require rescue in Nevada County. When circumstances demand, NCSSAR members also deploy to provide "mutual aid" to other counties throughout California.

"Callouts" often occur at the most inconvenient times—in the middle of the night, during snowstorms and fires, and even on Christmas Day. This past Christmas, Jerry, along with five volunteers and a Sheriff's deputy, facilitated a rescue by snowcat in eastern Nevada County. While most searches are resolved quickly and successfully, some require volunteer team members to be away from their families and jobs for multiple days.

All members of NCSSAR are first and foremost "ground pounders" who navigate through heavy brush, over rugged hills, and along rivers to find and rescue missing subjects.

However, sometimes, search conditions require specialized skills. To accommodate the diverse terrain (mountains and rivers) and conditions we experience in Nevada County, NCSSAR also has a variety of "specialty teams," including incident command, evacuations, K9, tracking, evidence, motorcycle, and e-bike, dive, technical ropes, Nordic (ski), and more. Throughout his service to the county, Jerry has qualified and worked across nearly every specialty team.

As NCSSAR's unit leader, Jerry is a constant and reassuring presence. . .and a source of inspiration. In his annual holiday letter to NCSSAR team members, Jerry—in describing his teammates—articulated the very qualities that make him so deserving of recognition as Nevada County Citizen of the Year.



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"As a search and rescue team, you are the beacon of hope for those who are lost, injured, or in distress. Your unwavering commitment to locating and rescuing individuals is a testament to your compassion and the value you place on every human life.

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We need more "beacons of hope" like Jerry Weidler, and we hope that his 40 years of sacrifice and selfless service to the residents of Nevada County will not go unnoticed.

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THIRD PLACE

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THIRD PLACE

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The Auto Shop

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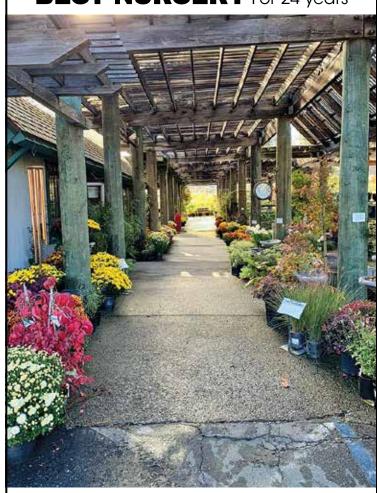
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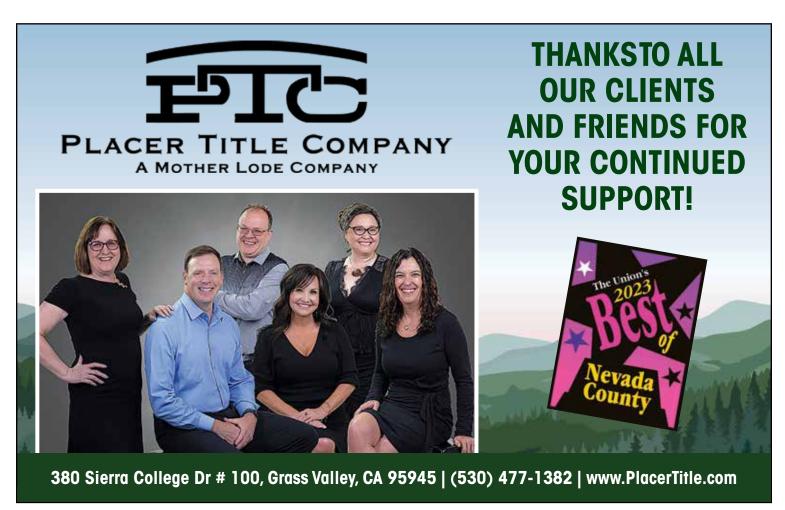
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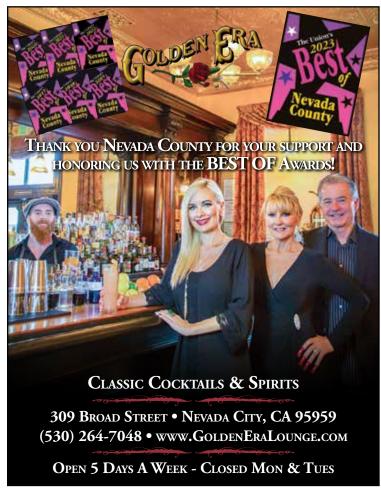
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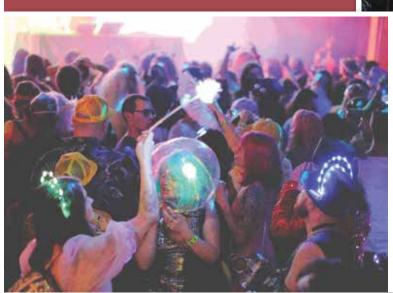
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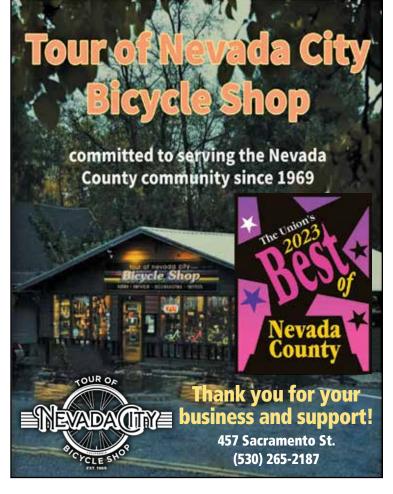
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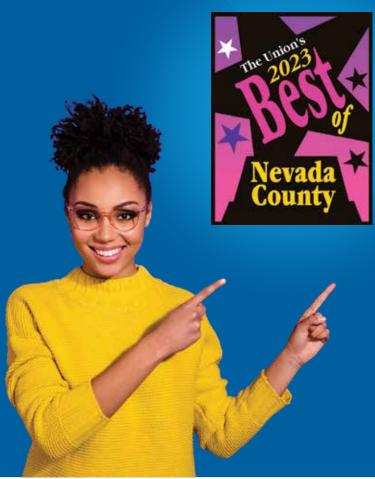




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We'd like to express just how much we appreciate your continued support as we navigate these difficult times of shelter overpopulation. Sammie's Friends does not euthanize for space. We strive daily to provide the animals in our care the best life possible and work diligently keeping our values and vision in mind.



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This success story wouldn't be complete without expressing gratitude to the community and loyal customers who have consistently supported SmarterBroadband. Your vote of confidence has fueled their passion to deliver exceptional

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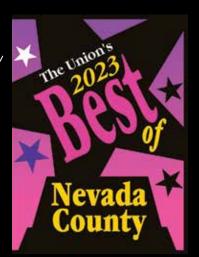


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