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Sierra County Masking Requirement Ends February 16, 2022, Aligns with California's Masking Guidance

From: Sierra County Health and Human Services

LOYALTON — February 11, 2022: Sierra County's universal face covering requirement in public settings and workplaces that started with the surge from the Delta variant of the virus that causes COVID-19 will end on February 16, 2022 and will align with the state of California's guidance on masking.

At the beginning of the pandemic, we had few options to slow the spread of COVID-19 and prevent our healthcare system from becoming overwhelmed. Today's situation is very different. Although the virus has changed, with Omicron causing less severe disease than previous variants, our preventive measures have also improved. There are now highly effective, safe vaccines for everyone ages five and older, offering protection from severe disease, hospitalization, and death, as well as effective antiviral medications and monoclonal antibody treatments.

The state of California's updated masking guidance takes effect on February 16. Universal masking shall remain required in only specified settings, including public transit, K-12 schools, childcare, healthcare, correctional, shelter, and long-term care settings. Only unvaccinated persons are required to mask in all indoor public settings. Fully vaccinated individuals are recommended to continue indoor masking when the risk may be high.

Moving away from mandatory indoor masking for all is an early step toward recognition that the virus that causes COVID-19 is not going away, and we must learn to live with it. Learning to live with COVID-19 will involve fewer government mandates and more government recommendations. These recommendations will continue to be provided to support members of the public in making individual decisions based on their own personal circumstances and risk tolerance. People with a lower risk tolerance, perhaps because of underlying medical conditions or age can choose to take additional precautions, such as wearing masks.

Vaccines remain the most effective protection against severe disease from COVID-19. All unvaccinated residents 5 and older are strongly encouraged to be vaccinated as soon as possible. Everybody 5 and older can make an appointment by going to My Turn — California COVID-19 Vaccine Scheduling & Notifications, or by contacting the Health Department at (530) 993-6700 for assistance.

For more information, please go to: <http://sierracounty.ca.gov/COVID-19>. Email: COVID19@sierracounty.ca.gov.



The Amusing Delusion Spawning the Great Yuba Pass Chili Cook-Off

By Don Russell

The national confusion about the production of the nation's premier building material in the early 1990s was indirectly responsible for the ongoing local festivity known as the Great Yuba Pass Chili Cookoff. Do-gooders of every persuasion, scientists, back-to-the-neanderthals, resentful lawyers unable to find honest livings all heaped their convictions onto the Forest Service. That agency, having blown off Seattle federal Judge Bill Dwyer's demand for a plan to consider the well being of the Spotted Owl, was consequently slapped upside the head by being put out of the harvesting business in the Pacific Northwest.

Rather than doing the demanded plan, the Forest Service chose to spread the pain all over the west coast, severely curtailed logging, pretending Judge Dwyer demanded it.

Sierra County, once heavily invested in the logging business, immediately felt the pain. Outrage, always a ready commodity, ran amok with its companions mistrust and hate. So the town of Loyalton organized its first Timberfest celebration, beginning the tradition of using large trucks as protest vehicles. There was the usual truck parade, logging show, street fair and a barely noticed rib cookoff.

That part of the festivities appealed to the fat and lazy. Manhandling chainsaws is work, but putting heat and sauce onto ribs is a respected participation that requires little sweat.

As we dimly recall that contest, there were bottles involved, and an absurdly good time was had by all. There were special awards for the ribs themselves, the sauce, probably the temperature, so everybody was satisfied and happy.

But society's problems weren't going to be saved by ribs. Loyalton mill owner "Red" Emmerson was sure to save the town, showing how much loyalty and support Loyalton had offered. After all, Emmerson owned a couple million acres of California land that had been well and conservatively managed by Southern Pacific railroad before it was sold to Sierra Pacific Industries. This was our first experience of Loyalton's faith in a Savior.

Judging by recent voting records, that conviction has not been diminished. And faith is all it remains: Emmerson rewarded Loyalton by closing down the mill. More recent proposed saviors have delivered similar cures.

But libertarian democracy in action survives. Those slothful rib cooks decided the good idea should continue, and so the Chili Cook Off was born. Its dates varied from year to year until the aging process confused the participants, so the first Saturday of March was adopted.

Poetry Out Loud Awards Received, Katie Epps Moves Forward to Statewide Competition

By Paul Guffin



Left to right: Poetry Out Loud participants Dylan Martinelli, Abigail Sainsbury, Katie Epps, and Downieville High School English teacher Niecea Freeman

The Sierra County Poetry Out Loud County Finals are now complete, and the county has a champion to compete in the state finals competition. This is the fourth year that Sierra County has participated in the event. Begun in 2005, Poetry Out Loud is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts, administered statewide by the California Arts Council, and locally by the Sierra County Arts Council. Sierra County began its participation during the 2018-2019 school year.

Poetry Out Loud involves high school students in the memorization and recitation of poetry. Through their efforts, they master speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about literary history and contemporary life. In the lead-up to this year's competition, as Sierra County students chose which poems they would memorize and recite, they were encouraged to spend time getting to know the poet and the world of the poet, to spend time with the poem looking at all of its details (title, length, meter, punctuation, word selection, literary and historical references, pronunciation, etc.), and then to decide how they would become the voice of the poet, speaking through the poem.

When planning for this year's competition began, it was thought that all levels of Poetry Out Loud (county, state, and national) would be able to go back to an in-person format. It was only after students had committed themselves to the competition that decisions were made at every level to continue with the virtual format that had been used over the previous two years. Therefore, for the county competition, the students were required to submit recitation videos of two poems, selected from an anthology of over 1,100 poems on the poetryoutloud.org website. The videos were individually viewed by three criteria judges and an accuracy judge, whose scores



Left to right: Criteria Judges Peggy Daigle, Tessa Jackson, Carl Butz, and Sierra County Arts Council Executive Director BJ Jordan

were then tabulated to determine the results of the competition. Those results and the accompanying rewards (\$250 for first place, \$150 for second place, and \$100 for third place) were announced at a Poetry Out Loud ceremony at Downieville High School on February 15.

The County Champion is Katie Epps, who recited "Life in a Love", by Robert Browning, and "And I wonder where you are", by Tanaya Winder. Finishing in second place was Abigail Sainsbury, who recited "A Song: Lying is an occupation", by Laetitia Pilkington, and "Caged Bird", by Maya Angelou. The third-place finisher was Dylan Martinelli, who recited "Acquainted with the Night", by Robert Frost, and "We Lived Happily During the War", by Ilya Kaminsky.

Katie Epps, as County Champion, will now prepare to represent us in the state competition, which will also be held virtually. For this competition, she must memorize and recite three poems, and is facing a deadline of March 7 for her virtual submissions. Additionally, she is invited to submit a written poem of her own creation, as part of the Poetry Ourselves competition. This poem will be judged solely on its written submission, not as a recitation.

Of course, without the dedicated effort of several people, this local program would not be possible. BJ Jordan, Executive Director of the Sierra County Arts Council, serves as the partnership link with the California Arts Council, facilitates guidance for the program, and provides the cash awards. Niecea Freeman, Downieville High School English teacher, was the one who provided encouragement, direction, See **Poetry Out Loud** Continued on Page 2

Supervisors Comment on State's "Pathways to 30x30" Initiative

By Carl Butz

DOWNIEVILLE — On December 15, 2021 the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) released a draft "Pathways to 30x30" document identifying strategies to achieve California's conservation goal outlined in Governor Newsom's executive order on California's commitment to conserve 30 percent of its lands and waters by 2030 in order to address biodiversity and climate change issues currently being faced around the world.

This week, on Tuesday, February 15, the Sierra County Board of Supervisors sent a letter to Wade Crowfoot, Secretary for the CNRA, containing several comments upon the initiative:

#1 The state is currently failing to maintain lands and facilities under its ownership, and the 30x30 strategy should focus on clearing the backlog of deferred maintenance and improving conservation values on state owned lands, prior to the state making any new acquisitions of land.

#2 Trespassing and environmental crimes on public lands is a priority concern in our rural landscape. Illegal cannabis cultivation is a major conservation challenge, impacting our waterways, wildlife and forests, plus a threat to public safety. The Plan fails to address a major conservation hurdle, focus should be on supporting rural law enforcement and clean-up.

#3 The fact that the state is advocating for open space assurances is in stark contrast with the states hostility and defunding of the "open space subvention funding", the very basis for local government supporting Williamson Act contracts and Farmland Security Zone contracts (20-year minimum extending for additional twenty years annually). This program highlighted prime ag lands and ag lands of statewide importance and by elimination subventions to counties was a significant deterrent to continuing this critical open space program. Reinstate this valuable program.

#4 To improve intergovernmental partnerships, the State should honor its past promises to Sierra County, California's Payment-in-Lieu-of Taxes (PILT) program of 1949.

#5 Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs) are a missing element of the Plan. RCDs are the "Go-to hubs for local conservation." The state's 30x30 strategy must recognize, build, and prioritize support for RCDs for their decades of successful partnerships and conservation success. Specifically, the Sierra Valley RCD that serves Sierra County has facilitated millions of dollars in conservation work to reduce invasive species and promote watershed health. Currently the Sierra Valley RCD is over-seeing a project to address deferred maintenance and fire risk on state owned lands!

#6 The Sierra County Board of Supervisors fears

Plan's approach to fund preservation - when what we need is an investment to manage forests and reduce fire fuels to create more resilient communities and forested landscapes.

#7 - Improving nature-based solutions by cutting the "green tape." Project after project in Sierra County has been delayed and costs increased due to environmental hurdles.

#8 - Supporting working landscapes NOW and in the future in the 30x30 Plan. The Plan arbitrarily removes agricultural conservation easements.

#9 - The Plan distorts the conservation that has taken place in California. Lands coded under GAP Status 1, 2, and 3 should all be included in the Plan's 30x30 objective.

#10 - The Plan mentions increasing voluntary conservation easements, however, as the Plan reads, only future easements will be credited to the 30x30 vision, and historic easements are discredited.

"In conclusion, we feel the Plan does not recognize Sierra County's contribution to the 30x30 target. Additionally, we are concerned with future additional lands taken off the tax rolls, expansion of deferred maintenance on public lands that increase our Sierra County's fire risk under climate change, threatening our communities and rural economies."



Photo by Anna Adamczak

SIERRAVILLE — Yesterday, February 16, shortly after 3 pm, a barn at the Pasquetti Ranch on the western edge of Sierraville was lost to flames despite the best efforts of fire fighters from the Sierra County Fire Protection District #1. As we go to press, the cause of the fire remains unknown.

Sourdough Jack Sez...



With a nose like mine, I'm sure glad to hear about the government dropping their calls for everyone to wear a mask.

Katie's Sightings

Taken with permission from northyubanaturalist.blogspot.com

KATIE O'HARA KELLY

River Birds and a Northern River Otter



Here in California, Common Goldeneyes are the only ducks that regularly spend the winter on rivers and lakes above the foothills of the western Sierra. They, like most waterfowl, have several ways to survive the cold of winter, including dense layers of insulating feathers, counter-current blood flow to reduce heat loss through their feet and legs, behavioral modifications to reduce exposure to the elements, and the ability to carry large fat reserves.

They are diving ducks and eat fish, aquatic vertebrates, seeds, and tubers. When diving, they keep their wings pressed to their sides underwater, and swim with their webbed feet! This species can fly up to 40 mph, and the wind "whistles" through their wing feathers! They will spend the rest of the winter here. In the spring they will leave for their northern breeding grounds in prairie-pothole regions of Alaska and Canada.



There is one Great Blue Heron that lives here year-round. You'd think it would be hard for a Heron to stand in the cold river for any length of time. However, birds' feet don't get frostbitten or even close to freezing because there's not much fluid in the cells of their feet. Their feet are mainly made up of tendons and bones, and don't have much muscle or nerve tissue. Also, the two blood vessels that carry the blood from the bird's body to its feet and back, are right next to each other. The cooled blood returning to the bird's body is warmed by the body-warmed blood going to the

feet! Also, their circulation is so fast, their blood doesn't stay in their feet long enough to freeze! Wow!!

There are a few American Dippers that live here year-round. They are absolutely amazing birds! They dive underwater and swim with their wings to find aquatic insects and larvae to eat! They, like all birds, have an extra lens (nictitating membrane) over their eyes that works like goggles underwater. This lens is hinged at the inner side of the eye and sweeps horizontally across the cornea. They also have special muscles that close their nostrils underwater!



American Dippers are the only aquatic songbird in North America! Lately I've been hearing them sing some amazingly varied songs! It turns out that fall, early winter, and early spring are when they sing the most. They are quiet in spring and summer when raising their offspring. They have enlarged oil glands, which contain oil for waterproofing their feathers. They also have a thick coat of downy feathers, below their outer feathers, that keeps them warm in cold water.

One morning this week I spotted a Northern River Otter in the river! It was catching fish and eating them while I watched! At one point it swam to shore with a medium sized fish, got out of the river and proceeded to eat the fish!!! I've since read that they eat small fish in the river, and large fish are brought to shore. In the river they raise their heads vertically and chomp away at their catch. Makes me wonder if they're treading water with their legs while they're eating in the river, or if they're just floating! I watched this Otter for a good 15 minutes before my fingers froze and I had to leave!



Northern River Otters are not commonly seen in our river, because there are not a lot of them. They need a lot of food daily, and consequently need a large area in which to hunt. If food is scarce a female otter may travel 19 miles in one day, and a male may travel 37-56 miles! Usually they only travel 1.5-3 miles in a day.

River Otters are "at home" underwater. Their ears and nose are closed when they are submerged. They can swim at 6-8 mph, and can hold their breath for 8 minutes! They can dive to a depth of 68 feet, and can swim the length of a football field without surfacing! They have a layer of fat and a thick undercoat to keep themselves warm in cold water. Their outer fur is waterproofed by oil applied from their oil glands, and their underfur is very dense, averaging 373,000 hairs per square inch! WOW!

Northern River Otters are active year-round, and are most active at night, dawn, and dusk. Typically they become much more nocturnal in the spring, summer, and fall seasons, and more diurnal during winter. At night their whiskers help them detect prey! They are large, strong animals weighing 11-31lbs. They range in length from 35"-51", with their tails an additional 12"-20"! How lucky I was to watch these uncommon, amazing animals in their home!

To view the photos above in color, we highly encourage readers to visit Katie's blog (northyubanaturalist.blogspot.com). If you do, you'll see we didn't have room for all one of the wonderful pictures contained there.

For vaccination information, visit one of the following sites:

- **Lassen County:** <https://lassencares.org/home-1>
- **Plumas County:** <https://www.plumascounty.us/2761/COVID-19---Vaccine>
- **Nevada County:** <https://www.mynevadacounty.com/3183/Get-Vaccinated>
- **Sierra County:** <http://sierracounty.ca.gov/616/About-Vaccine-for-COVID-19>

Poetry Out Loud

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and support to students involved in the program. This year's Criteria Judges were Carl Butz, Peggy Daigle, and Tessa Jackson. Mindy Strine served as Accuracy Judge. The willingness and ability to do their judging remotely made the competition possible. To each and all of these, without whom this year's Poetry Out Loud would not have happened in Sierra County, we say a heart-felt, "Thank You!"

This year's competition presented several challenges. For a while, there was uncertainty as to whether the program would go on at all this year. Then, there was a somewhat last-minute shift from an in-person to virtual competition. And, due to the pandemic, there was special difficulty in presenting the program to students at both Downieville and Loyalton High Schools. All of this most likely played into the fact that only three Downieville High School students participated, with none from Loyalton High School. However, plans are already under way to increase participation in the next school year, with representatives from both schools. So, stay tuned — and keep reading, reciting, and writing poetry.

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We are seeking reporters who can file stories concerning items of local interest happening in Alleghany, Pike, Downieville, Sierra City, Calpine-Sattley, Sierraville, Loyalton, Vinton-Chilcoot, Verdi, Graeagle, Portola, Quincy, Taylorsville, Chester, Westwood, Susanville, Doyle, Nevada City, Grass Valley, and Truckee.

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San Francisco State Sierra Nevada Field Campus Announces Summer Classes

After being closed for the past two years due to the pandemic, the San Francisco State Sierra Nevada Field Campus will be offering classes and workshops once again starting in June. For details about the dates and costs for each session, interested persons can point their internet browser to <https://sierra.sfsu.edu>. At this site, you can also learn about the cost of accommodations (meals and tents) during your stay at this very special educational facility.

Accredited Classes Summer:

- BUS 699: Investing in a New World of Social / Environment / Governance
- BIOL 315: Conserving Biodiversity in the Northern Sierra Nevada
- ASTR 216: Practical Observational Astronomy in the Sierra Nevada
- BIOL 315: Insect Biology and Identification
- BIOL 315: Flora of the Northern Sierra Nevada
- BIOL 315: Spring Fungi of the Sierra Nevada
- BIOL 315: Ecology and Conservation of California Bats
- BIOL 315: Butterflies and Moths of the Sierra Nevada

Workshops Summer:

- Alpine Painting: Outdoor Landscape Painting
- Birding 101
- Birds of the Sierra Nevada
- Flora of the Northern Sierra Nevada
- Fly Fishing in the North Yuba Watershed
- Geology of the Haskell Peak - Sierra Buttes Area, Northern Sierra Nevada
- High-Country Writing Retreat
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- Monoprinting – Exploring Nature Through Shape and Texture
- Natural History of the Sierra Nevada
- Night Photography
- Pastels and Natural Light
- Perfecting Your Presentation: Fly Fishing in the North Yuba Watershed
- Play of Light and Shadows: Oil Painting in the Sierra
- Reptiles and Amphibians of the Sierra Nevada
- Rock, Wood, Water, Sky WORKSHOP FULL
- Sketching History in the Northern Sierra-WORKSHOP FULL
- Sound Analysis for Wildlife Conservation & Research
- The Natural Sound Recording Workshop
- The Way of Water in Your Watercolor Nature Journal
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- Trees & Shrubs of Northern Sierra Nevada
- Woodblocks: Design, Carve and Print in the Field

Poetry Corner

At the Grave of the Forgotten

In a churchyard old and still,
Where the breeze-touched branches thrill
To and fro,
Giant oak trees blend their shade
O'er a sunken grave-mound, made
Long ago.
No stone, crumbling at its head,
Bears the mossed name of the dead
Graven deep;
But a myriad blossoms' grace
Clothes with trembling light the place
Of his sleep.
Was a young man in his strength
Laid beneath this low mound's length,
Heeding naught?
Did a maiden's parents wail
As they saw her, pulseless, pale,
Hither brought?
Was it else one full of days,
Who had traveled darksome ways,
And was tired,
Who looked forth unto the end,
And saw Death come as a friend
Long desired?
Who it was that rests below
Not earth's wisest now may know,
Or can tell;
But these blossoms witness bear
They who laid the sleeper there
Loved him well.
In the dust that closed him o'er
Planted they the garden store
Deemed most sweet,
Till the fragrant gleam, outspread,
Swept in beauty from his head
To his feet.
Still, in early springtime's glow,
Guelder-roses cast their snow
O'er his rest;
Still sweet-williams breathe perfume
Where the peonies' crimson bloom
Drapes his breast.
Passing stranger, pity not
Him who lies here, all forgot,
'Neath this earth;
Some one loved him—more can fall
To no mortal. Love is all
Life is worth.

This poem is in the public domain.

About this poem: "At the Grave of One Forgotten" was published in Rosemary and Pansies (Gorham Press, 1909).

About this poet: Effie Waller Smith was born on January 6, 1879, in Pike County, Kentucky. She is the author of Rosemary and Pansies (Gorham Press, 1909), Rhymes from the Cumberland (Broadway Publishing, 1904), and Songs of the Month (Broadway Publishing, 1904).



Effie completed eighth grade at a local school, as her older siblings Alfred and Rosa had done, then attended Kentucky Normal School for Colored Persons in Frankfort, and from 1900 to 1902 trained to be a teacher, after which she is known to have taught school off and on for several years, in Kentucky and in Tennessee. That same year she married a man called Lyss Cockrell but the marriage did not last long, ending in her divorcing him. In 1908 she married again, to Deputy Sheriff Charles Smith, but this union was also short-lived. He was killed in 1911 while serving a warrant.

Some of her verse appeared in local papers, and she published her first collection, Songs of the Months, containing 110 poems, in 1904. In 1909 Effie Smith had published two further collections, Rhymes From the Cumberland and Rosemary and Pansies, and in 1917, her sonnet "Autumn Winds" was published in Harper's Magazine, but she appears to have stopped writing that year, when she was 38.

Effie Smith left Kentucky for Wisconsin in 1918. She died on January 2, 1960 and is buried in the city of Neenah, Wisconsin.

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the hub that supports Emergency Medical Services in Western Sierra County, is seeking a resident to join its board of directors. The group meets monthly in Downieville or via Zoom.



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On the Shelf

By PAUL GUFFIN

Zip Books Are Back

The Zip Book program of the Plumas County Library (of which the libraries in Alleghany, Downieville, Loyaltan, and Sierra City are stations) was on hold for several months due to unavailable funding. Now, it is back up and running, which is good news for all of our library patrons.

What, you may ask, is the Zip Book program? Well, it works like this. When you come into the library looking for a specific book (either print or audio), and we don't have it on our shelves, we check to see whether it is in the Plumas Library catalog. If it's not on their shelves either, then we have the option of requesting that Plumas Library purchase the book. If they do so, the book will be shipped directly to you, the patron, and, after you have finished reading the book (or listening to it), you then bring it to the Downieville Library. Of course, there are always rules and regulations; in the case of the Zip Book program, they are these:

- You must have a library card and your account must be in good standing.
- You may order regular print, large type, or audiobooks.
- You are allowed to order bestsellers of any type. Textbooks and study guides are subject to overview and may be denied.
- You may order four books a month, but a new Zip book may not be ordered until the old one is returned in good condition and to the station from which you ordered it, e.g., the Downieville Library. (If item is placed in the book drop, please include the Amazon packing slip or add a note stating that it is a Zip book. Otherwise we may assume it is a donation and it will not be marked as returned.)
- Items must be returned in good condition, and new editions returned with heavy damage will be charged damage fees and/or for a book replacement.
- Items are expected to be returned to the branch you ordered them from within two months of receiving the item.
- We will not do pre-orders. You cannot request a zip book before its release date.

Other Plumas Library Programs

Since we're on the topic, let's take a look at what other programs Plumas County Library offers to the good folk of Sierra County.

Overdrive: This is a program to download e-books, e-audiobooks, and e-magazines onto your laptop or portable device. To use the program, you must first download Libby, a mobile app designed specifically for public library users. It can be downloaded from the App Store, Google Play, or Microsoft. To get started, go to this link on the Plumas Library website: <https://plumascounty.us/DocumentCenter/View/25725/Libby-By-Overdrive?bidId=>. Oh, and of course, you must have a library card to use Overdrive.

Kanopy: Once again, with your handy dandy library card, you have access to this program, which brings you a large collection of award-winning films and documentaries. It is an on-demand streaming video platform, which allows you to watch up to three films a month for free (well, that's what the Plumas Library website says; for the past year or so, it has allowed me to watch five films a month).

Brainfuse HelpNow: Provides one-to-one live tutoring for all grades (including college) and subjects (available 1:00 PM to 10:00 PM), as well as expert help writing papers, various placement tests prep, and more.

Brainfuse JobNow/VetNow: Provides help to job seekers, veterans, and their families with everything from live job coaching, real-time interview practice, full-service resume lab, 24/7 access to local job resources, resume assistance, skill building, academic assistance, and more, as well as veteran specific personalized assistance from a VA navigator to learn more about eligibility for VA benefits and access to local and nationwide resources in education, employment, housing, and healthcare.

All these programs, and more, can be found and accessed on the Plumas County Library website: <https://plumascounty.us/546/Library>. So, come on into the Downieville Library and get a library card (if you don't already have one), and you'll be all set to go exploring some wonderful programs.



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Sports

By TESSA JACKSON

How about those Rams? Quarterback Matt Stafford proved he has what it takes by leading the Los Angeles Rams to victory against the Cincinnati Bengals in the Super Bowl last Sunday. He did throw a couple of interceptions, and the Rams defense had a couple of missteps (or a non-called pass interference) which gave the Bengals the lead in the third quarter. But then Stafford did what worked for him all season, he got the ball to wide receiver Cooper Kupp, who ended up with the game-winning touchdown to seal the win for the Rams. The underdog didn't do it for me this time, but it was an exciting game, and that's all I really ask for.

The Loyaltan High School Grizzlies Ski Team is going to compete in the state finals at Mammoth Mountain in March. How exciting is that? It looks like we have some pretty talented skiers and snowboarders over there. I look forward to bringing you more information on this in the coming weeks.

Only four more days left in the 2022 Winter Olympics. The U.S. has moved up to third in the medal count since last week. As of Tuesday night, we had 19 total medals including eight gold and seven silver. Norway is leading with an astonishing 26 medals including 12 gold. Here is the schedule for the last few days of competition. Notice the women's ice hockey team is taking on Canada in the Gold Medal Game on Thursday; I just realized it actually takes place on Wednesday night at 8pm, but I think most of these events have been recorded and you probably won't be watching many events live anyway due to the time difference.

Alpine Skiing

Women's Alpine Combined Slalom: Thursday, 2/17
Mixed Teams Parallel Big Final: Saturday, 2/19

Biathlon

Men's 15km Mass Start: Friday, 2/18
Women's 12.5km Mass Start: Saturday, 2/19

Bobsleigh

2-Woman Heat 4 Saturday, 2/19
4-Man Heat 4: Sunday, 2/20

Cross Country Skiing

Men's 50km Mass Start Free: Saturday, 2/19
Women's 30km Mass Start Free: Sunday, 2/20

Curling

Men's Bronze Medal Game: Friday, 2/18
Women's Semi-final: Friday, 2/18
Men's Gold Medal Game: Saturday, 2/19
Women's Bronze Medal Game: Saturday, 2/19
Women's Gold Medal Game: Sunday, 2/20

Figure Skating

Women's Single Skating, Free Skating: Thursday, 2/17
Pair Skating, Free Skating: Saturday, 2/19

Freestyle Skiing

Women's. Ski Cross Big Final: Thursday, 2/17
Women's Freeski Halfpipe Final Run: Friday, 2/18
Men's Ski Cross Big Final: Friday, 2/18
Men's Freeski Halfpipe Final Run: Saturday, 2/19

Ice Hockey

Women's Gold Medal Game, U.S. vs Canada: Thursday, 2/17
Men's Semifinals: Friday, 2/19
Men's Bronze Medal Game: Saturday, 2/19
Men's Gold Medal Game: Sunday, 2/20

Nordic Combined

Team Gundersen Large Hill/4x5km, Cross Country: Thursday, 2/17

Speed Skating

Women's 1000m: Thursday, 2/17
Men's 1000m: Friday, 2/18
Men's Mass Start Final: Saturday, 2/19
Women's Mass Start Final: Saturday, 2/19

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ELDA FAE BALL CASE NUMBER: 22PR001 FILED: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SIERRA on January 28, 2022

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both: Elda Fae Ball
2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Adrienne Garza in the Superior Court of California, County of Sierra County
3. The Petition for Probate requests that: Adrienne Garza be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
4. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
5. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
6. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
 - a. Date: 3/11/2022 Time: 10:00 a.m.
 - b. Address of court: 100 Courthouse Square, Suite 200, Downieville CA 95936
7. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
8. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
9. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
10. Attorney for petitioner: Kelley R. Carroll, 40200 Truckee Airport Road, Suite 1, Truckee CA 96161 (telephone) 530-587-2002; (email) carroll@portersimon.com

Here Back East

By LENNY ACKERMAN

Some Lessons of Covid

The lessons of Covid are many, and the sheer numbers are staggering—of lives lost, long-term health compromised, jobs disappeared, economies ruined. It all paints a tragic picture of our age. On a smaller scale, the effects of life under Covid are more personal, yet just as powerful. My interest is in the individual. How has Covid affected those close to me, both in terms of behavioral changes and mental health—often the same thing? The answers I get vary as much as the people of whom I ask the question, though there are underlying similarities. The common theme seems to be the reduced level of human interaction and the losses associated with that.

My recent conversations on the subject with friends have been revealing. There is talk about the emotional strain of coming out of the pandemic only to be faced with the prospect of new variants, preventing any chance of a return to “normal.” The issues run deeper than having to forego a long-anticipated trip, or planning celebrations with family members. Especially now that some of the travel restrictions have eased, people are getting around more. But there is a general uneasiness and the habits of quarantine and living under the threat of a new variant linger. One of my friends said she has watched more television in the last two years than in the rest of her 70 years combined. She expressed regret that she wasn't spending more time reading or painting or perhaps cleaning out old closets—something more active and productive. Motivation is sapped away by the endless protocols that have also protected us. Social lives have been scaled back, friendships sustained by video conference or phones, or not at all. Loneliness may be a pandemic on its own.

Last month I visited some of my oldest friends, a couple who live in New York City. The husband, a retired physician, is less active due to health issues than he was pre-pandemic but his wife of 50 plus years lamented about the lack of socializing. Her indoor tennis and card games were cancelled. Though she knows things have opened up a bit, she now spends more time cooking and cleaning, out of habit. People have gotten out of the routine of socializing. Face to face contact with friends and family has been curtailed and is only slowly making a comeback. While in the city, I noticed the restaurants were packed despite the close seating and the wet, chilly weather. Many restaurants have the enclosed, individual outdoor seating, constructed of plywood and decorated with artificial plants. There were mostly young people out and about, presumably all vaccinated—a New York requirement for indoor dining. I was pleased to be able to do my usual New York City routine: a haircut and shave at my barbershop on Lexington (everyone masked), followed by a stop at Hunter College bookstore for a slow circuit around the stacks (again, everyone masked). I vowed to keep up my old New York City routine as long as I can.

While in Manhattan, I had the opportunity to sit down with my 11-year-old grandson, Billy, to ask him about his thoughts, observations, reactions—and those of his friends—to the changes brought about by Covid over the last couple of years. “It is so, so different, Grandpa, learning at school instead of zoom class at home,” he said. “School is normal!” During quarantine, he continually complained about the lack of socializing and he spent a lot more time on his phone. Fortunately, his school recently reopened—with protocols in place—providing convenient cover for meetups with friends during lunch break and between classes. Playdates are happening more frequently now, except of course when a family member tests positive. Though he and his friends missed socializing during school shutdowns, he admitted that, “When school is closed, we can sleep in later,” pointing out one of the few positives. As attractive as it might seem to sleep late every morning, Billy said he would gladly get up early to go to school and be with his friends, rather than hanging out in bed the extra hour. Traveling to and from school on the bus is also an opportunity for socializing. Billy attends a private school on the West Side so he “commutes” from his home on the East Side. He uses the time to catch up with his friends and plan activities. School bus time was sorely missed by him during quarantine. Many of Billy's friends from last year's public school are being homeschooled since the parents found the school system's response to Covid so chaotic and disorganized. Private schools were open sooner and their closures have been more limited. It will be some time before we understand the long-term effects, if any, of the Covid disruptions on children, but my talk with Billy was a hopeful one, and a reminder of the resilience of youth.

Life during quarantine is a good time to reflect on family values and relationships. Confined to a limited space for months at a time, the closeness eventually reveals who we are as a family and what we really think of each other. But what about all those missed dinners and matches and classes and coffees with friends? What about the lost jobs? A recent article in the New York Times called upon readers to leave any regret behind for the missed opportunities caused by Covid. On the other hand, the book *The Myth of Closure* by Pauline Boss, explores the idea of “social bereavement” and how with certain losses, closure is unattainable. We grieve as a community over the changes wrought by the pandemic. Sometimes, the loss never ceases. Loss is never perfect. We all experience the phenomenon differently. For me, I deal with the issues of loss and closure by looking beyond and anticipating impact. We rely on science for the facts, and we look to our family and friends for support and understanding, so I stay in touch whichever way I can. Even a zoom call with a friend can make all the difference.



Sheriff's Log

By Jen Henneke

Monday, February 7

14:29 - In Loyalton, there was a report of theft.
15:03 - In Sierra City, a large rock was on the CA-49 near Big Falls. CalTrans was notified and responded.
16:14 - In Sierraville, a vehicle rolled over on CA-89 with injuries.
20:53 - In Loyalton, a person was making threats.

Tuesday, February 8

10:18 - In Downieville, someone was reportedly driving with an expired license. Slow day in the county.

Wednesday, February 9

12:25 - In Sierraville, someone was parking with problems and animals in the vehicle. The vehicle owner was located and warned. Don't know if they were warned about the animals or the parking.
15:40 - On Stampede Dam Road, a motorist was stranded. The responding deputy was able to assist the motorist by getting their vehicle out of the snow.
17:39 - In Downieville, some keys were found in a visitor center restroom.
18:51 - In Calpine, some requested an ambulance.
18:53 - In Loyalton, Eastern Plumas Health Care Ambulance was requested.
20:03 - In Loyalton, a medical alarm was activated.

Thursday, February 10

10:32 - In Camptonville, some vehicles were abandoned. Yes, vehicles with an "S". Sounds interesting to me too. Looks like another very slow day.

Friday, February 11

11:19 - In Verdi, petty theft was reported for documentation purposes only.
13:14 - In Sattley, a vehicle was over the embankment on CA-49.
17:50 - In Goodyears Bar, a welfare check was requested and the deputies found the individual to be safe and sound.
19:04 - In Sierra City, South of Yuba Pass a single vehicle accident occurred with no injuries. The owner of the vehicle will have a tow company remove their broken vehicle.

Saturday, February 12

00:03 - In Camptonville, CalTrans removed mountain debris from CA-49.
00:21 - In Sierra City, there was a 911 hang up with static on the line.
01:33 - In Verdi, a driver on I-80 was driving while intoxicated.
08:36 - In Sierra City, another 911 hang up with more static on the line.
08:55 - In Loyalton, Eastern Plumas Health Care Ambulance was requested.
11:51 - In Loyalton, Eastern Plumas Health Care Ambulance provided help getting up.
17:34 - In Loyalton, Eastern Plumas Health Care Ambulance was summoned once again.
17:53 - In Downieville, it was reported that an individual was driving a vehicle and shooting a gun out of the window. The deputy made contact and no crime was committed. Sounds a bit like the wild west.
18:10 - In Loyalton, a baby cow escaped. The owner of the calf was able to wrangle the escapee and return the baby to safety.

22:10 - In Sierra City, someone was arrested for domestic violence of their partner.

22:12 - In Loyalton, someone was driving recklessly on CA-49. CHP was notified.

23:24 - In Downieville, some suspicious individuals were walking in several folks' backyards. The deputies were unable to locate the individuals. Those were crazy people out that late on a cold night!!

Sunday, February 13

09:21 - In Loyalton, Eastern Plumas Health Care Ambulance was requested.

14:28 - In Sierra City, another 911 call with static on the line. This particular residence has a history of 911 calls with static on the line. They need to get that dang phone line fixed!

16:08 - There was a report of a possible fire off of Balls Canyon Road. The deputy was unable to locate a fire. The call was transferred to Minden Fire.

16:48 - In Sierraville, there were some large boulders blocking HWY 89.

Total Reported: 32



LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: MOUNTAIN PILATES
Full name of registrants: Elizabeth Cota & Doug Cota
Business location: 49 E. Sierra Ave., Portola, CA 96122
Business mailing address: 49 E. Sierra Ave., Portola, CA 96122
Phone number: (775) 200-8068
Registrant Address: 768 Wolf Ave., Portola, CA 06122
This business is being conducted by: a Married Couple
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 1/31/2022
/s/ Elizabeth Cota and Doug Cota
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder, on: January 31, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000030
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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: PROPERTY MAINTENANCE SERVICES
Full name of registrants: Brandon Moffet
Business location: 220 Spring Street, Quincy, CA 95971
Business mailing address: 220 Spring Street, Quincy, CA 95971
Phone number: (530) 616-0398
Registrant Address: 220 Spring Street, 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: 1/24/2022
/s/ Brandon Moffet
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder, on: January 24, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000021
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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Plumas Unified School District ("District"), acting by and through its Board of Trustees, hereinafter referred to as the DISTRICT will receive up to, but not later than **2:00 p.m.** on **Wednesday, March 2, 2022**, sealed bids for the award of a contract for the **Plumas Unified School District (PUSD) Building A & B Modernization Project at Chester Elementary School - Bid Package PU2022.5.6.A Rough/Finish Carpentry & Concrete**. Bids shall be received at the Plumas Unified School District office located at 50 Church Street, Quincy, CA 95971 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time and place. Responses must be sealed and clearly marked **"Building A & B Modernization Project at Chester Elementary School- Bid Package PU2022.5.6.A Rough/Finish Carpentry & Concrete"**. **Facsimile copies of the bid will not be accepted.**

Each bid must conform and be responsive to this Notice to Contractors, the Information for Bidders, and all other documents comprising the pertinent Contract Documents. All interested parties may obtain a copy of the bid package from the Plumas Unified School District office located at 50 Church Street, Quincy, CA 95971 or via email request to kevin@crmgroupca.com

The successful bidder shall commence work on or before **March 28, 2022**. All work shall be completed within **25 calendar days from Notice to Proceed**, and in conjunction with the Master Schedule. There will be a pre-bid walk at **Chester Elementary School, 158 Aspen St, Chester, CA, at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 21, 2022**.

In contracts involving expenditures in excess of \$25,000.00, the successful bidder shall file a payment and performance bond issued by an admitted Surety authorized to conduct business in California, in the form set forth in the Contract Documents. A payment bond may be required for contracts involving smaller expenditures at the option of the District.

All forms must be completed, signed, and returned with the bid. The contract award will be based on the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The lowest bid shall be the lowest total of the bid prices on the base contract. Minority, women, and disabled veteran contractors are encouraged to submit bids.

The contract is for a public work. Contractor and any subcontractor shall pay all workers on the project at least the general prevailing rate of per diem wages as determined by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations ("DIR") pursuant to Labor Code section 1770 et seq. Prevailing wage rates are available from the District or online at: <http://www.dir.ca.gov>.

No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal or awarded a contract for public work unless currently registered with the DIR pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5. This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the DIR.

All contractors and their employees are subject to COVID-19 testing and vaccine verification per PUSD Appendix B – Health and Safety Protocols. The document can be viewed here:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/5kxge925pncf5rq/PUSD%20Appendix%20B%20Public%20Health%20RTS%20QA%201_18_22.pdf?dl=0

All contractors will be **required** to obtain Department of Justice fingerprint clearance prior to beginning any work on-site.

Each bidder shall be a licensed contractor at the time of bid pursuant to the Business and Professions Code and such license(s) shall remain in active and good standing for the duration of the contract. The bidder shall be licensed in one or more the following classifications: **California General B license in good standing.**

Signed: D. Kevin Nolen, Construction Manager for
PLUMAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
50 Church St., Quincy, CA 95971

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

The following registrant is doing business as: SOUL SHIP HERBALS
Full name of registrants: Aurora Wellise
Business location: 113 S. Lincoln St., Sierraville, CA 96126
Phone number: (646) 591-3348
This business is being conducted by: an Individual
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 11/30/2020
/s/ Aurora Wellise
This statement was filed in the office of Heather Foster, Sierra County Clerk-Recorder, on: January 31, 2022 FILE NO: 2022001830
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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: CAMERON CUSTOM CLEANING
Full name of registrants: Cynthia D. Cameron
Business location: 2257 Sugar Pine Circle, Quincy CA 95971
Mailing address: P.O. Box 1386, Quincy CA 95971
Phone number: (530) 394-0212
This business is being conducted by: an Individual
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 1/1/2022
/s/ Cynthia Cameron
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder, on: January 25, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000026
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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: MILLIE'S ICE CREAM & COFFEE COMPANY
Full name of registrants: Margaret Smitten
Business location: 7512 Highway 89 House #121, Graeagle CA 96103
Mailing address: 304 Lundy Lane, Graeagle CA 96103
Phone number: (775) 426-9621
This business is being conducted by: a Limited Liability Company
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 1/24/2022
/s/ Margaret Smitten
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder, on: January 24, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000022
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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: LAKES BASIN CONSTRUCTION
Full name of registrants: James Lind
Business location: 518 Brady Dr., Sierra City CA 96125
Mailing address: P.O. Box 156, Sierra City CA 96125
Phone number: (415) 302-3661
This business is being conducted by: an Individual
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 8/27/2020
/s/ James Lind
This statement was filed in the office of Heather Foster, Sierra County Clerk-Recorder, on: January 26, 2022 FILE NO: 2022001829
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At the Firehouse

By VICTORIA TENNEY

ALLEGHANY: February 7th — Firefighters trained. February 12th — First Aid training in Pike City.

DOWNIEVILLE: February 7th — Responded for a Medical Urgent Care incident. February 8th — Responded for a public assist. February 9th — Responded for a Medical Urgent Care incident; COVID-19 testing at the Community Hall. February 10th — EMS Training; responded for a Medical Urgent Care incident. February 11th — Responded for a Medical Urgent Care incident. February 12th — Responded for a Medical Urgent Care incident; responded for an ill person, who was treated and released. February 13th — Responded for a person who was having chest pains, and transported to SNMH.

LOYALTON: Wednesday, 2/9/22 — at 6:56 PM, older male with stomach trouble and extremely weak, south of Loyalton; at 8:05 PM, older female fall, south of Loyalton. Saturday, 2/12/22 — at 8:55 AM, older female with difficulty breathing and balance, Sierra Brooks; at 11:48AM, lift assist, south of Loyalton; at 5:32PM, prolonged bloody nose, Sierra Brooks. Sunday, 2/13/22 — 9:19AM, older male feeling altered, Sierra Brooks. Monday, 2/14/22 — 1:39PM, lift assist, south of Loyalton.

PIKE CITY: February 7th — Firefighters trained. February 9th — City Community Support Foundation meeting. February 12th — First Aid training.

SIERRA CITY: February 9th — Firefighters trained at the Sand Shed. February 12th — Responded for a Helpline activation.

SIERRA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT: (CALPINE, SATTLEY, & SIERRAVILLE): February 7th — Responded for a vehicle roll-over on Hwy.89, south of Sierraville, with reported injury. February 9th — Responded to a medical emergency in Calpine. February 11th — Responded for a vehicle over the embankment on Hwy. 89, near the Yuba Pass.

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Signed: D. Kevin Nolen, Construction Manager for
PLUMAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
50 Church St., Quincy, CA 95971

LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: HIGH SIERRA GAS
Full name of registrants: Eric Brunn
Business location: 73769 South Delleker Road, Portola, CA 96122
Business mailing address: 73769 South Delleker Road, Portola, CA 96122
Phone number: (317) 818-5030
Registrant Address: Golden Bears Propane, LLC, 10201 NB Illinois St., Suite 200, Carmel, IN 46290
This business is being conducted by: a Limited Liability Partnership
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 7/15/2021
/s/ Bill Ruisinger, Chief Financial Officer
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder, on: February 8, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000036
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Help Wanted

Job Opportunities

Classroom Teacher-Social Science and Spanish
Loyalton High School - Full Time

Secretary - Downieville School -7 hours daily
(2 split positions)

Cafeteria Worker - Loyalton Elementary School
4 hours daily

Call (530) 993-1660 x 151 or

View website <https://www.edjoin.org> for more information.

Administrative Secretary Needed

The Sierra County Road Department is recruiting for an Administrative Secretary III. Full Time Position with Benefits Salary \$3,400.01-\$4,132.73 Monthly DOQ.

Please visit sierracounty.ca.gov/jobs for full description and qualifications. Completed applications and resumés will be accepted until the position is filled.

Please submit via email to jbehлке@sierracounty.ca.gov or mail to Sierra County Human Resources P.O. Box 513 Downieville, CA 95936

For more information, please call Judi Behlke at (530) 289-2879

Food Assistance

Food Bank / Commodities Contacts

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

PUBLIC NOTICE ** PUBLIC NOTICE AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner Flori Ruth Yarbrough filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: **Present name:** Flori Ruth Yarbrough-White. **Proposed name:** Flori Ruth Yarbrough.

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

Date: March 25, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom, Superior Court of California, County of Sierra, Department 1, 100 Courthouse Square, Downieville, CA 95936

/s/ Charles Ervin, Judge of the Superior Court

Date: February 7, 2022

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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: LAWLESS BOTANICS

Full name of registrants: Aurora Wellise

Business location: 113 S. Lincoln St., Sierraville, CA 96126

Business mailing address: P.O. Box 63, Sierraville, CA 96126

Phone number: (646) 591-3348

This business is being conducted by: an Individual

The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 1/1/2020

/s/ Aurora Wellise

This statement was filed in the office of Heather Foster, Sierra County Clerk-Recorder, on: January 31, 2022 FILE NO: 2022001831

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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: HEART ROOT YOGA

Full name of registrants: Kiana Bohm

Business location: 330 Bonta Street, Blairsden, CA 96103

Mailing address: P.O. Box 1922, Portola, CA 96122

Phone number: (530) 420-6585

This business is being conducted by: an Individual

The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 1/11/2022

/s/ Kiana Bohm

This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: January 11, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000011

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

The following registrant is doing business as: HEART ROOT YOGA

Full name of registrants: Monica M. Sanford

Business location: 330 Bonta St., Blairsden, CA 96103

Mailing address: P.O. Box 741, Graeagle, CA 96103

Phone number: (530) 470-3807

This business is being conducted by: an Individual

The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 8/23/2021

/s/ Monica Sanford

This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder, on: January 11, 2022 FILE NO: 2021-000021

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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: CONTROL FREAK

Full name of registrants: Millard Ralph

Business location: 320 Moody Meadow Rd., Chester, CA 96020

Mailing address: P.O. Box 326, Chester CA 96020

Phone number: (530) 941-3900

This business is being conducted by: an Individual

The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 1/3/2022

/s/ Millard Ralph

This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder, on: January 3, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000002

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https://www.dropbox.com/s/5kxge925pncf5rq/PUSD%20Appendix%20B%20Public%20Health%20RTS%20QA%201_18_22.pdf?dl=0

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Signed: D. Kevin Nolen, Construction Manager for PLUMAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
50 Church St., Quincy, CA 95971

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The following registrant is doing business as: SABRINA'S AT THE FORKS

Full name of registrants: Sabrina Smith

Business location: 308 Main Street, Downieville CA 95936

Mailing address: P.O. Box 84, Sierra City CA 96125

Phone number: (916) 730-2070

This business is being conducted by: an Individual

The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 10/1/2016

/s/ Sabrina Smith

This statement was filed in the office of Heather Foster, Sierra County Clerk-Recorder, on: January 21, 2022 FILE NO: 2022001828

Published in **The Mountain Messenger**: Feb. 3, 10, 17 & 24 of 2022

LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: MICHELLE RIDLEY COUNSELING SERVICE

Full name of registrants: Michelle Lynn Ridley, MS, ACGRMS

Business location: 95512 Chilcoot Avenue, Chilcoot CA 96105

Mailing address: P.O. Box 326, Chilcoot CA 96105

Phone number: (530) 249-7792

This business is being conducted by: an Individual

The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 1/3/2022

/s/ Margaret L. Ridley

This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder, on: January 21, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000019

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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: INDIAN VALLEY TIRE AND LUBE

Full name of registrants: Kirsteb Working

Business location: 16254 Highway 89, Crescent Mills, CA 95934

Mailing address: P.O. Box 605, Greenville, CA 96103

Phone number: (530) 260-7810

This business is being conducted by: an Individual

The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 1/10/2022

/s/ Kirsteb Working

This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder, on: January 10, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000010

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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is doing business as:

Scratch, 225 S Lake Avenue, Suite 250, Pasadena, CA 91101, County of Los Angeles.

Mailing Address: 225 S Lake Avenue, Suite 250, Pasadena, CA 91101

SCRATCH FINANCIAL, INC., 225 S Lake Avenue, Suite 250, Pasadena, CA 91101

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/15/2021

/s/ Caleb Morse, COO

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Plumas County on January 25, 2022.

Marcy DeMartile, County Clerk

By: Kari Capella, Deputy

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Open AA Meetings—Pike City, Thursdays, 5:30 P.M. at the Pike City Fire House on Ridge Road.

Closed AA Meetings—Sierra City. For information, call (530) 862-1193 or (530) 862 1332.

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, 5:30 P.M. at the Community Hall.

Downieville Fire Protection District—EMS Training 4th Thursday of each month, 6 P.M. at the Community Hall; Fire Personnel Training for New & Ongoing Fire Fighters 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month, 5:30 P.M. at Station 1 (next to the Community Hall).

Golden Rays—Morning Yoga, Mondays and Wednesdays, 8 A.M. at the Downieville Community Hall. Bring a mask and a mat.

Gold Nugget Republican Women Federated—Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month from April through October, 11 A.M. Venue varies each month. For further information, please contact Mary Ervin, President, at (916) 549-4905, or Candy Corcoran, Membership Chair, at (530) 993-4633.

Pliocene Ridge Community Services District—3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30 P.M. Alternates between Alleghany and Pike. plioceneridge.org Pike City and Alleghany Fire Departments train Mondays, 6 P.M. Volunteer Firefighters needed, training and gear provided. Send an email to: plioceneridge@gmail.com for more info.

Plumas-Sierra Cattlewomen—For info contact Flinda France, (530) 258-6522

Sierra County Fire Safe & Watershed Council—Meets quarterly, 10 A.M. to noon. Location to be announced at www.scfswc.com.

Sierra County Democrats—Meetings held last Sunday of each month. Call (530) 862-1475 for time and location.

Sierra County Fish & Wildlife Commission—Meets 4th Tuesday of each month, 5:30 P.M. (except December). Call for location (530) 993-6051

Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District—Meets 1st Wednesday of each month, 10 A.M. Call (530) 993-6051 for location.

Sheriff's Search and Rescue—2nd Saturday of each month, 10 A.M. at Sheriff's Office. Call (530) 289-2890 for information.

Tai-Chi—Sierra City, Mondays and Fridays 9:30 A.M. at the Community Hall. Dee Wallace, (530) 862-1332.

Western Sierra Residential Center—Board meeting, 2nd Tuesdays of each month, 10 A.M. at the Transportation Center (Tommy's parking lot), Downieville. (530) 289-3250

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.

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To rent the **North San Juan Senior Center**, call (530) 415-9705

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Downieville School	289-3473
Downieville Volunteer Fire Department	289-3333
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Loyalton	993-6700
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Loyalton City Hall	993-6750
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Plumas County Clerk-Recorder	283-6218
Plumas County Sheriff's Office (Front Desk)	283-6375
Sierra County Sheriff's Office—non-emergency	289-3700
Sierra County Clerk-Recorder	289-3295
Sierra Hardware, Downieville	289-3582
Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital	274-6000
Sierra Valley Home Center, Loyalton	993-4331
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Volume - California				
Tons of Hay:	This Week	Last Reported	Last Year	
			(1/31/2022)	
	4890	6400	5050	
Bales of Hay:	75	1500	0	
North Inter-Mountain				
Hay (Conventional)				
Forage Mix-Three Way - Good (Trade/Per Bale)				
	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use
Small Square 3 Tie	75	14.00	14.00	F.O.B.-Retail
Wheat - Good (Trade/Per Ton)				
	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use
Large Square 3x4	100	285.00	285.00	Delivered-Retail

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

COMMODITY PRICES

	Feb. 9 USD	Feb. 16 USD	Weekly Change	YTD Change
Gold USD/Troy Oz.	1832.18	1869.04	2.0%	3.6%
Silver USD/Troy Oz.	23.275	23.50	1.0%	3.1%
Lumber USD/1000 BdFt.	1204.90	1320.40	9.6%	12.9%
Live Cattle USD/100 Lbs.	142.80	143.125	0.2%	2.7%
Crude Oil USD/Barrel WTI	90.03	91.59	1.7%	19.8%
Propane USD/Gallon	1.25	1.27	1.6%	22.1%
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From the Woods — Clay Allen, Part 4

Clay Allen's story continues in this week's "From the Woods"

I was on this hillside and the tracks were completely off of the ground and the only thing that was on the ground was the tip of the rippers. The tracks were straight up in the air, the rippers were dug into the ground and the Cat was just sitting there with the tracks up in the air. It should have gone over backwards, and if it did I would have gone all the way to Highway 49, a mile away.

On the dozer control there is what you call "float," and when you do that it relieves all the pressure on your rake. What I did was slam it in float, and what it did was lower that Cat back down. That was close! Everything I am telling you was close. That whole Cat was sitting on the tip of the rippers on the canyon side just teetering and that was it.

I think my Grandpa has been with me all along. It was like he took his hand and just set that Cat back down. If it had gone over backwards, that was a steep hillside and you would have "endoed" and rolled and rolled and "endoed" and taken out a few trees. This Cat and I have had an adventure. It is a 1972 D7E. I've had it heading on 36 years.

Shirrtail Canyon

This is another such story. It happened on Shirrtail Canyon. I was on a skid trail and there was a big five-foot fir that Freddy P. had put up the hill. This is some real steep stuff, and I should not have been down there on this grapple D7E Cat that had no winch. The tree was a bit lower than the stump, at the lower end of the butt cut. I went and grabbed the top with my grapples and pulled it up on the skid trail, and then I went back to get the fourth cut, and I came up with this idea that I was going to straddle the fourth cut all the way down and grab the third cut and bring it up to the top of the fourth cut, and head up the hill with two logs.

Well, I got down to the bottom

of the fourth cut and I got down too far, and it never dawned on me what was going on. I got so far down on the tree that the diameter of the tree got bigger and both tracks came off the ground and I was straddling the whole tree. I slid the whole length of the tree at once and it was a big tree! If it would have only been a two-foot stump at the bottom, I would have slid all the way to the American River and it was about a 2,000-foot vertical drop below that stump. The American River looked like a shoestring down there, it was a long way down there. When I hit that stump, I was really moving!

Anyway, that Cat slid down the whole length of that fir and it was about a five-foot fir and I hit that stump and that Cat hit so hard it acted like it was going to go over the stump and straight down into that canyon. Somehow the stump stopped the Cat, and it was teetering back and forth on that stump. That was a D7E, and it was just teetering back and forth, and I looked down at that river and thought, this is bad news. So, I shut the Cat down and I tried to get off the Cat by tiptoeing, but every step I took the Cat would just rock a little more. It was on what they call the "angle of repose."

I finally got off the Cat to go get the D8. Joe S. saw me coming, and he didn't even bother asking me what happened. He just started coming with the D8, because he knew that I was in trouble. We skidded this whole tree out of the way and then he backed down there as far as he could (because you were running almost 40 percent grade). He hooked onto me with the bull line and brought me back up the hill. Joe S. bailed me out of most of these stories.

Two Lucky Guys

This next story should have killed two guys. I was setting chokers behind Joe S., down below Dutch Flat and Alta, above the Drum Forebay. Joe S. was running Cat—the one he was running might have been a

D8H, and he was backing down the hill and it was real steep. He was backing down to me and riding the brakes. You know a D8 is at least 50 tons, it's a big machine.

We had pulled out the butt cut on this tree and he was coming back down and I had the chokers set and I was almost up to my neck in limbs. It was a big fir, and I was in these fir limbs and all of a sudden the brakes gave out on that 8 and he is cooking down this hill at me and yelling, "Get out of there Clay!" but I couldn't. This stuff happens fast!

I would have been a dead man right there. Just before the Cat got to me, the brakes locked up on that Cat on their own—stopped the Cat just immediately! When it stopped I could touch the winch with my hands, it was right there on top of me! Joe says, "I don't know what happened Clay, the brakes just gave out!"

I got out of my situation and we went and got Pat K. with the D7, and he punched a trail down through this reproduction area to get to the D8. We were running a 1-1/8 inch bull line on the D7 and a 1-1/4 inch bull line on the D8. Pat was able to yank that D8 up the hill with Joe running it. Joe didn't want to move that Cat unless it was hooked to something in case it took off again. With that D7 we got that D8 all the way up to where it was almost flat and Joe locked the brakes up. They held!

We are in this reproduction on both sides of this D8, and Joe gets out of the seat of that D8 to unhook Pat's bull line, and Pat had released the pressure on the bull line so Joe could unhook it. All of a sudden the brakes released again on their own. It took off and it snapped the bull line on Pat's D7 Cat and this D8 starts cooking downhill again, and Joe is on this dozer arm. He has reproduction on both sides and he has nowhere to go. He couldn't go forward because he would have been into the tracks, he couldn't go sideways because of the reproduction.

Cory Peterman's Historical Corner

Black Pioneers of Sierra County - Part 2

The collection of the Bancroft Library at UC Berkeley is home to the David Brown papers, which date from 1853 to 1887. Included in this collection are papers relating to the Colored American Joint Stock Quartz Mining Company, which was formed in Sierra County and operated in 1865-66. David Davis Brown, a Black man who was reported to be a runaway slave from Virginia, lived in Downieville, and was secretary of the mining company, which included the other following Black members: Amanda Isom, Sylvia Campbell, Henry Mills, John Hall, Albert Callis, Philip Scott, Samuel Crosby, John Johnson, Richard James, Robert H. Isom, R. Riggs, William Cole, John W. King, and Samuel Barns.

One of these men, Albert G. Callis, was a member of "Major" William Downie's original party that travelled along what is now the North Yuba River. Like Brown, Callis was also said to be a runaway slave from Virginia. Downie wrote about the gold claims Callis acquired, stating they "proved particularly rich, and gold could be seen in considerable quantity by simply removing the dirt with the foot... we arrived at our camp on a Sunday, but although Albert kicked the dirt off in sundry places, and saw the yellow gold, he conscientiously covered the metal up again, as he would not remove it on the Sabbath. He came originally from Mathews County, Virginia, and I believe was a runaway slave.

He afterwards settled in Downieville, married and had quite a family, which he supported partly by working at his trade as a barber. I may state here that none of the drakes belonging to my company (I mean those of African blood), could have been induced to work Sunday, the effect no doubt of early training."

The Colored American Joint Stock Mining Company didn't last for long. Katie Willmarth Green writes "Eventually the

mining company was forced to sell off its holdings at public auction to pay delinquent assessments — not necessarily a reflection on their mining skills, as the newspapers are filled with similar hard luck stories that happened to the best of mining men. The men next spread out to Negro Canyon and elsewhere to prospect. David Brown tried his luck mining around Coyoteville with a single partner, as well."

Green states that Callis ran a barber shop on Main Street in Downieville for over two decades, and mined in Negro Canyon with seven white men, in a party that called themselves the Amigo Company. Along with his wife Catherine and their eight children, Callis lived at the eastern edge of Downieville upon leaving town towards Sierra City. The marriage between Albert Callis and Catherine Hughes, a Black woman originally from Boston, took place in Downieville in 1863.

Callis was one of very few Black men that married in Sierra County. Green writes "John Johnson, Robert Isom and Christopher Campbell also married and established families but virtually all the other black men were bachelors" and "most remained single for obvious reasons — few black women came and miscegenation laws prevented intermarriage with whites in California until 1948." Johnson also served as a barber in Downieville.

David Davis Brown lived on Durgan Flat in Downieville, but also jointly owned a ranch near Coyoteville. In his older years, he became the "Town Crier" of Downieville. According to *The Mountain Messenger*, Brown's job consisted of "walking around town ringing a bell and telling of a show or dance."

Ironically, as Green states, Brown wrote "a number of bitter lines to condemning 'foreigners', most especially the Chinese. In the pecking order of that small mountain society, the blacks were at least a peck

above the Asian out-group. 'They have put the wages down very low now. Chinamen work at anything and everything, washing, cooking, farming, mining, or anything else that you can mention, and they are the most expert thieves in the world, rob sluices, stages, travelers or anything that comes in his way. You speaking of hard times. I presume that times are very hard every where now, everyone complaining and men looking for work in every direction.'"

Of interest, both Albert G. Callis and David D. Brown both met a similar fate at the end of their lives. Callis, who had a long problem with alcohol, received many complaints about his erratic behavior, and the court ordered him to be evaluated by local physicians. He was found mentally unfit, and brought to the psychiatric hospital in Napa in 1888, where he died on July 29, 1891. Callis's widow moved to Marysville, and at the time of her death in 1929, had outlived all of her children, most of whom had moved to either Butte or Yuba County.

David D. Brown, at the age of 80, was also deemed by local doctors to be insane, and sent to the hospital in Napa. Brown deeded his property in Downieville to Jack Callis, one of Albert Callis's sons, and a local widow, Mrs. Jerome York. Katie Willmarth Green stated that Brown's small dilapidated house was destroyed, and "his lot was later mined by the Chinese so that the house, garden and orchard were obliterated in the ongoing insatiable quest for gold."

Though once a gathering spot for many Black miners in the 1800s, all that remains today at Negro Canyon is a dilapidated Depression-era mining cabin.

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Hansen Proposes Using Saw-Tooth Auger

With the difficulty of rotary snowplows to cope with recent heavy, ice-laden snowpacks in the various mountain areas, has revived interest in the possibility of increased efficiency of a saw-toothed augur for rotary snowplows. Sierra City's Vernon Hansen, who has worked with the State Highway maintenance crew about 19 years, has again submitted to highway officials his proposal to equip the rotary augurs with saw-like teeth. He said he made a model of his proposal and submitted it first about 14 years ago, but apparently nothing was done about it. He drew attention to the proposal again recently, following slow progress made by rotaries.

Hansen explains that it is similar to cutting a board with the smooth edge or tooth edge of a saw; that the present augur bores around holes in some solid snowpacks, but that the toothed augur would tear it out with resultant greater progress. He heard that a trial was made on Highway 50, with an augur to which cleats had been attached, with very beneficial results, and believes his saw-tooth idea would result in much greater efficiency. It appears that the idea is worthy of a trial. Why not? If it does not in itself prove an improvement, the trial might lead to some other equipment more efficient than that now used.

Autos Stalled in Deep Water

SIERRAVILLE, Feb. 4 — The warm rainstorms of last week that registered 2.31 inches of precipitation at the Ranger Station weather gauge settled the snow depth to 30 inches on

the level. The ground, being saturated, does not permit the water to drain, and Loyaltton-Sierraville road near the Payen ranch, five miles west of Loyaltton, being deep, has stalled automobiles when the water gets into the ignition system. There were 12 ½ inches of precipitation recorded at the Ranger Station weather gauge for the month of January, believed to be an all-time high.

The county road from Calpine to the Plumas County line was opened Sunday by a bulldozer tractor owned by Sierraville Lumber Company. The road has been closed for three weeks because of deep snow. Water from melting snow and recent rainstorms was running across Highway 89 running-board deep near Calpine making the route to the west side of the valley to Highway 24 near Beckworth almost impassable. Few autos are reported to have driven through the water without their ignition system in the engine being affected.

Miss Peggy Jane Copren, who is attending University of California at Berkeley, returned Friday to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Copren for a visit. Milton Holstrom, who has been visiting his parents, Mrs. and Mrs. R.C. Holstrom, returned Sunday to Sacramento Junior College to resume his studies.

Snow sportsmen in this area have one of the best skiing hills in the country two miles northwest of Sattley, near the Norman Theobald residence on Highway 89. The enthusiasts do not have a ski tow; however, they are more modern and ride in an automobile to the top of the ski hill on Highway 49

where the new government road takes off at the switch-back three miles above Sattley. All the brush is covered with snow on the hill, making an ideal ski slide. Many local enthusiasts enjoyed the slide Sunday. A storm that began early Monday morning deposited four inches of new snow and was still snowing at noon. Before the storm there was 30 inches of well packed snow here. Cattle are still walking over fences on well-crustered snow. Sacks containing barley and salt were seen being dropped from a two-motor airplane on top of the hill east of Don Powers ranch and also on the rise east of the Pasquale A. Torri ranch Monday of last week.

Town Experiences Isolation from Storm, Avalanches

SIERRA CITY, Feb. 19 — As no previous account of the deep snow in Sierra City has been given, and in order that we may go on record, these are the observations of the Ellsworth family that lives in the Holley House.

We still had drifts of old snow, some up to a foot deep in places, and some snow fell both Wednesday and Thursday, but Friday, January 11, the storm began in earnest, and snow piled up fast. There was no wind so far; the telephone lines went out first, and about 7:30 p.m. the power went off. A state pushplow had passed through off and on all day, so the mail, though under great difficulty, managed to go out close to schedule on its way to Sattley over the pass.

Bob Ellsworth helped his father to clear out to get the car onto the road so he could get to his job as night watchman at

Cal-Ida Mill. Even though the road had been plowed, chains were necessary, and Mike left about 8:30 p.m. Snow fell steadily all night, the last trip of the snowplow was about 3 a.m. Saturday, when we stirred ourselves out after daylight, the highway looked like a deep canal with about eight inches of snow in the bottom. The white silence, that only comes with a snowstorm, lay heavy in the canyon and we imagined we could hear the snowplow coming. It did not arrive, and the snow continued to fall. No one was especially uneasy, as at this time of year we could normally expect several feet of snow, and we were sure the plow would be along any time now.

Dee Atkeson and John Dyche came down to this end of town on snowshoes, to see if there might be a pair in Jim Lamb's place. The Lambs were away on a trip, and it was already hard to see their little house below the road. Ding Jenkins came along on his big horse, on his way up town; the snow came up to his feet in the stirrups but was soft and fluffy yet. We still shoveled paths so we would not be tied in when the road was open. The buildings with flat roofs, and especially the ones covered with anything but metal, where the snow could not slide off were taking a lot of weight. Willing workers were busy doing all they could to prevent any that could be helped from collapsing.

About 3 or 4 Sunday afternoon the wind began to blow, and by dark there was a real blizzard in progress, which did not slacken all night and well into the next day.

Snow Slide Hits School
Monday morning was the

worst day of the storm, and around 9 o'clock, residents in the vicinity of the schoolhouse heard a snapping and cracking above the sound of the wind and storm as the slide came in from up on the side of the Buttes, above the Sacred Mount Mine. Mrs. Mabel Cartwright had just gotten up and was ready to start a fire, when snow and broken limbs broke through the windows of her home and filled the rooms with snow.

None of the children had come to school that Monday morning, due to the violence of the storm, even Hugh Jones, the teacher, hadn't gone up for some reason. Allen Siebrecht went to get a book a little later and was the first to see the school had been damaged. Upon investigation later it was found that the front room, now being used for school, was filled with snow. All the desks were buried and the next partition gone and that room full of snow. It was some time after the storm was over before it was able to be uncovered and the full extent of the damage determined. No doubt had there been children in school that day they would all have been killed.

The slide took out and completely demolished the place known as the Nellie Wade's house, leaving the upper story over across the road in Mrs. Cartwright's garden spot. Uprooted and broken trees and parts of the house, furniture and all, were left in the highway and the space between the Jackson and Cartwright homes. The beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew A. Jackson, next to the schoolhouse, had windows broken out and the rooms filled with snow and furniture

smashed; the little garage had been pushed back the length of itself and twisted out of shape.

Everyone living in the side area soon moved to a place out of range for the duration of the storm. Mrs. Cartwright and Lydia were invited to stay at Sierra Buttes Inn; Mr. and Mrs. DeMamiel went to stay with the Dyches; Mr. and Mrs. Eric Ostrom spent a few days at the Hayes house on the flat with Mrs. Griffith. Mr. and Mrs. James Smith came over to their daughter's, Mrs. Norman Wade. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Thompson and children, went to stay with his mother, Mrs. Myrtle Thompson so she would not be alone.

About this time another slide came off the side of the Buttes, between Yuba River Inn and the schoolhouse. This caused no damage but filled the highway full of snow and trees. This was too much for the Adolf Siebrecht family, having a slide come on each side of them, so they spent the remainder of the bad weather with the Dick Lewis' at the Buckhorn. A report had come in that there was a rotary snowplow on the way up from Downieville. Chester Butz and Jim Lamb came in on skis; also, several others from where they were working on the road with equipment. Later Sheriff Dewey Johnson came in with Ed Powell, and brought several pair of snowshoes, which were very welcome. So far only those who had skis or snowshoes could get beyond their own doorsteps.

Finally in the night, came the faint sounds of a motor working; it must be at last, the rotary was nearing. Progress was very slow, but by dark the road was open in front of the Holley House.