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## U.S. Forest Service Announces New 10 Year Strategy to Confront the Wildfire Crisis

On Tuesday, January 18, the U.S. Agriculture Secretary, Tom Vilsack, and U.S. Forest Service Chief, Randy Moore, announced a 10-year strategy to confront the country's wildfire crisis. The strategy, "outlines the need to significantly increase fuels and forest health treatments to address the escalating crisis of wildfire danger that threatens millions of acres and numerous communities across the United States."

Funding sources for the plan's \$50 billion price tag have yet to be fully identified. However, the plan calls for the utilization of nearly \$3 billion provided in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to "reduce hazardous fuels and restore America's forests and grasslands, along with investments in fire-adapted communities and post fire reforestation."

If fully implemented, the plan will reduce the threat of wildfires by prioritizing treatment of up to 250,000 acres of forest and rangelands that are at high risk for fires, with fire-prone communities in California among the highest priority areas. The strategy also calls for the U.S. Forest Service to treat up to an additional 20 million acres on national forests and grasslands and support treatment of an additional 30 million acres of other federal, state, tribal, private, and family lands through collaborative efforts with state, local and tribal governments.

To see the full strategy memo "for Protecting Communities and Improving Resilience in America's Forests" readers can consult <[www.fs.usda.gov/sites/default/files/Confronting-Wildfire-Crisis.pdf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/sites/default/files/Confronting-Wildfire-Crisis.pdf)> and to view the plan itself go to <[www.fs.usda.gov/sites/default/files/Wildfire-Crisis-Implementation-Plan.pdf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/sites/default/files/Wildfire-Crisis-Implementation-Plan.pdf)>.

With this background material, we now print in-full, a letter released along with the 10-Year Plan by the Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture.

### The Wildfire Crisis

By Deb Haaland, Secretary of the Interior and Thomas J. Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture

Wildfires have been growing in size and severity, placing homes, communities, infrastructure and natural resources at grave and growing risk. Climate change is causing hotter, drier and longer wildfire seasons. In addition, dangerous excess fuel loads have built up due to past fire exclusion practices and insufficient investment in risk reduction and resilience, particularly with rapid growth of homes and structures in the wildland-urban interface. The result has been an extraordinary increase in catastrophic wildfires, with devastating consequences on human health, the economy, community well-being, and the environment.

In times of crisis, Americans have always joined together, rising to every challenge. Now as we face the challenge of catastrophic wildfires, the land management agencies at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) are redoubling our efforts to work with partners to restore ecosystem health and resilience, vastly expanding our collective capacity to reduce hazardous fuels, accomplish natural resource restoration, invest in fire-adapted communities, and address the growing need for post-fire recovery and reforestation, all driven by sound science and collaborative decision-making.

As the primary Federal organizations responsible for managing the Nation's Federal forests and rangelands, USDA and DOI have worked collaboratively for many years to manage our lands together as one landscape — especially to address catastrophic wildfire risks that recognize no agency bound-

aries. These lands include the USDA Forest Service's National Forest System lands and lands administered by the four DOI land management agencies — the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), and the National Park Service (NPS).

In particular, our agencies, in collaboration with Tribal Nation, state, local partners and non-governmental partners, jointly prepared the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy which articulated our shared goals of (1) restoring fire-adapted ecosystems on a landscape scale; (2) building fire-adapted human communities; and (3) responding safely and effectively to wildland fire. In Executive Order (E.O.) 14008, "Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad" President Biden challenged us to double-down on our collaborative efforts to make our nation more resilient in the face of ever-worsening wildfires, droughts, floods, extreme heat and other risks to lives and livelihoods that are exacerbated by climate change.

In response to this imperative, the USDA is today releasing the enclosed Forest Service 10-year Strategy which builds on the vision and goals of the Cohesive Strategy and adds cutting-edge Forest Service science undertaken and developed in recent years, which will help target Federal resources towards areas that are the most important to protect communities at risk, based on historic fire behavior.

Restoration efforts will also safeguard and enhance important ecosystem services benefits, such as filtering

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## Sierra Democrats Hold Town Hall Meeting via Zoom

By Carl Butz

DOWNIEVILLE — We are happy to see a new round of elections coming our way this year, maybe the politicians will help to keep the newspaper solvent in 2022. But, besides our pecuniary self-interest, we have always enjoyed elections for their own sake.

We enjoy seeing open competition between ideas about how to make our society better. Moreover, the alternatives to elections - monarchies or dictatorships - are anathema to us.

But we will also warrant, elections can be like horse races (at least as long as district lines aren't drawn to make the contest's outcome known in advance) and there's pleasure in seeing how each horse is doing out of the gate, through the back stretch, into the final turn, and across the finish line.

Anyway, this past Sunday afternoon, the Sierra Democrats held a Town Hall meeting via Zoom and gave attendees a chance to see, hear, and talk to candidates for current races.

Ron Galperin, with 8-years of experience being the Los Angeles Controller and running for the open (elected in 2013, State Controller Betty Yee has "termed out) seat of State Controller, opened the session. If elected to a job responsible for acting as the state's accountant, auditing public funds spent by state agencies, and superintending local government, Galperin see's himself serving as the people's elected watchdog, overseeing and rooting out waste in the state's quarter of a trillion dollar budget, just as he has been doing in L.A.

Galperin is also committed to bringing the 21st century information technology he has been able to implement for his office in L.A. to the state. This includes on-line dashboards allowing the public to track spending of public funds, mapping the location of spending by community, creating workforce equity indices, and utilizing artificial intelligence to better address wildfires.

When asked how our local area is being served by state programs, he responded by saying he would use his auditing powers to make sure we are getting our "fair share" of the resources being distributed to the population.

Asked if this means the quantity of land itself, not just the population there-On, should be factored into decisions about where state money should be invested, he appreciated the information provided by the meeting's attendees about how much state and federal support for rural counties has been withdrawn in recent decades. He also could see the usefulness of geographic mapping of public spending and taxes paid by square mile.

As for the question raised about what he could do to stop the CPUC's recent moves to cut-back on support

for investing in solar power, he told us, he had "not looked into this". But, he added, he wants to have a Planet Earth for his kids and, given climate change, he would be very interested in pursuing investigations leading to upgrades of the electric power system.

All in all, Galperin's energetic passion for innovation and social equity made a very good impression on this newspaper. We look forward to comparing his performance to the others in the race for State Controller (according to Ballotpedia): Malia Cohen, member of the California State Board of Equalization from the 2nd district and former President of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors (2018-2019); Yvonne Yiu, mayor of Monterey Park (2020-present); Lanhee Chen, Stanford University professor.

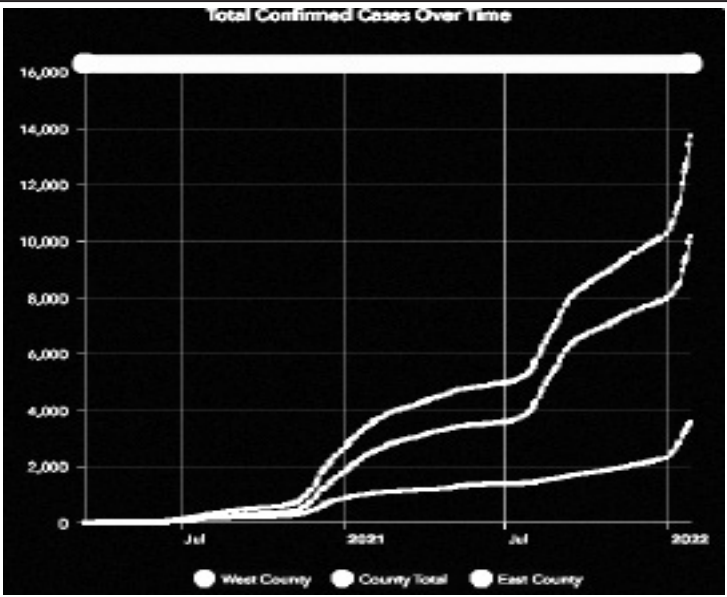
Kermit Jones, candidate for Representative of California's Congressional District 3, began his presentation to the Town Hall by giving his audience a glimpse of his background.

Born in Michigan and raised on his family's farm, he was imbued him by his parents with the idea he could only escape the punishment of his skin color through being as well educated as possible. Thus, he graduated from Georgia Institute of Technology in 1997, Duke University School of Law in 2005, Duke University School of Medicine in 2005, and a Master of Public Administration degree from Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs in 2012.

Jones also served in the U.S. Navy as a flight surgeon from 2005 to 2009, doing two tours of duty in Iraq in the process. In 2012 he became a White House Fellow for President Obama, working with the Secretary of Health & Human Services to improve quality of care for our veterans. In the years since this experience, Jones has been practicing internal medicine for Kaiser Permanente in Roseville.

It is no surprise, therefore, the state of medical care in the U.S. is the major reason he is running for office. "Without health, you're not free," he said, adding "we need a person in Congress to represent those who need dental care, hearing assistance, and the drugs they can't afford" within our current system. As such, he is a strong advocate of universal healthcare. In his plan, released on December 17, 2021, a public option health insurance plan available to all Americans will include catastrophic coverage (e.g. emergency room and hospitalization coverage), free annual screening, and no copay for annual checkups. The plan will cap deductibles at 2.5% of income, premiums at 5% of income, and out-of-pocket drug costs at no more than 8% of gross family income below \$200,000.

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Source: <[www.mynevadacounty.com/2924/Coronavirus](http://www.mynevadacounty.com/2924/Coronavirus)> as posted January 25, 2022 at 1:49 PM  
The lines drawn for Cumulative Cases are, from top to bottom, for Total, West County, and East County.

## Omicron Sparks Unprecedented Rate of Growth in COVID Cases

By Carl Butz

DOWNIEVILLE — As the above graphic indicates, the Omicron variant of COVID-19 drove the cumulative case count in Nevada County up sharply during the latter half of January. Between January 14 and January 25 the total cumulative number of cases shot up from 11,349 to 13,713, a startling 20.1 percent increase in less than two weeks. Moreover, the 35 active hospitalizations recorded on January 25 was the highest mark seen by the county since the onset of the pandemic.

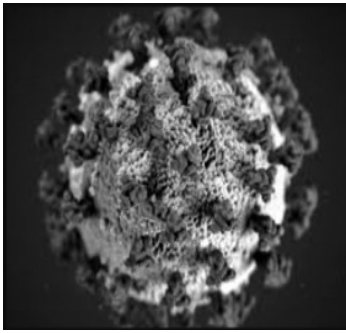
As for Plumas County, the 99 active hospitalizations reported on January 24 (as we go to press the last dashboard data to be posted), is almost an order of magnitude greater than any previous mark for this statistic within Plumas County.

In Sierra County, only one hospitalization was reported over the past couple of weeks. However, the cumulative case count jumped from 478 to 534 between January

14 and January 25, a 19.2 percent gain. On a positive note, the total number of deaths within the county, four, has not changed since it reached this mark in early December.

Meanwhile, with no new reports appearing on the Lassen County dashboard since January 19, the data from the period between January 13 and January 19 shows a similar pattern to the situation in Sierra County, a sharp rise in new cases without a commensurate increase in hospitalizations or deaths.

Ominously, however, a new variant of Omicron, called BA.2 is raising concerns. First identified in the United Kingdom in early December, it has spread most rapidly in Denmark, where it now accounts for half of all new cases. It has also been found in the Middle East and Asia. Currently, there are less than 100 cases of this highly contagious variant of the Omicron virus within the U.S.



## All Sierra County Schools Reopened on Jan. 24 for In-Person Learning Following COVID-19 Closures

SIERRA CITY — All elementary and high school students in Sierra County were in class on Monday, Jan. 24 after schools were closed this past week for in-person learning due to the highly contagious Omicron variant of the coronavirus.

Following the Monday, Jan. 17 Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, Downieville schools closed on the 18th with the high school shuttered the rest of the week through the 21st. The Downieville elementary school was closed for one day, the 18th, reopening on the 19th.

Loyalton high school and elementary schools were closed from Friday the 14th through Friday the 21st.

All students and staff are required to wear "safe covering" masks for protection against COVID-19 while schools are in session, said a representative of the Si-

erra County Office of Education (SCOE) and the Sierra-Plumas Joint Unified School District (SPJUSD). The policy enforcing masking indoors in county schools was approved Jan. 11 by the SCOE and the SPJUSD Governing Board.

### Sourdough Jack Sez...



Easy to claim you're going to do something about the making the forests safe, but I won't believe it still I see it. What about you?



# Katie's Sightings

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KATIE O'HARA KELLY



The Sierra Buttes as seen on January 14th, 2022

Yesterday, my friend Nancy and I decided to go up to the Lakes Basin for a hike, we hadn't been there in more than a month! Luckily Highway 49 was bare and ice free. The roads in the Lakes Basin were packed with several feet of snow and groomed, so we could easily walk on them. We decided to hike up to Upper Sardine Lake, a round trip of about 5.5 miles. It was SUPER windy and pretty darn cold so it wasn't surprising that we didn't see any other hikers all day! The last uphill mile of the hike was an icy slip-and-slide, but luckily we made it to Upper Sardine Lake without injury!



The Sierra Buttes on January 21, 2022

Because of the cold and wind, the contrasty light, as well as the need to watch where I was stepping the whole way, I didn't take many photos. But the close-up view of the Buttes was gorgeous from the frozen lake, with snow being blown into the air by the tremendous wind! It was an invigorating gorgeous day back in our home away from home! We're so glad that there was several feet of snow on the ground from the beginning to the end of our hike! For the last few years, we've been able to hike up to Upper Sardine Lake in January with just a few inches to NO snow on the ground!

### Damp Earth Art

This week we had sunny days in the 50's, cold nights in the 30's, and some very WINDY days! Our local snow has become hard and cement-like, and is gradually evaporating/ melting away. I'm really hoping for more rain and snow in the near future. Please join me in my continuing hope for precipitation! Perhaps our collective efforts may help it happen. I'm going to keep posting rain inspired writings, art, etc. on my blog at dampearthart.blogspot.com. Any submissions would be greatly appreciated.



Local Succulents in the North Yuba Country

What else is inhabiting the damp rocky slopes in our neighborhood, besides the ferns, lichen, and moss?

### 20/20 Hindsight

In accordance with general newspaper practice, *The Mountain Messenger* corrects factual errors appearing in its columns. Errors spotted by readers may be reported to the paper's staff either by calling 530-289-3262 or by sending an email to <info@themountainmessenger.org>.



For vaccination information, visit one of the following:

- 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>

# Letters to the Editor

### Jane Was Special

So sad to hear about Jane's passing. Many years ago as I passed the bench in front of the store I stopped and asked her what her name was, she said Jane, I said good I'll remember that I'll think of Tarzan and Jane , she asked my name I said Larry immediately she replied good I'll think of the three stooges! We remained friends from then on. Pat loved talking politics with her while sitting on the bench. We have met many people on that bench and made many friends. Jane was special and will be missed

Larry Hudson  
Chicago Park & Downieville, CA

### Thanks for the Memories

I read with interest the section from the Mountain Messenger of January 17 and 24 of 1952. I well remember being snowed in during that winter and the snow was so deep that we could walk out from the second story porches directly onto the snow. And I also remember hiking down to the field across from Herrington's where we watched as the rotary plow came up from Downieville and cut one lane open on the highway. The rotary plow was moving very slowly but we were cheering and very happy to see it because we knew that trucks would soon follow with much needed food, medications, and dare I say it, whiskey for the adults. Us kids enjoyed all that snow because we did not have to go to school and we had lots of time with our sleds, toboggans and skis, and of course a snowball fight or two. Thanks for the memories.

Alec I. "Ike" Ostrom  
Auburn, CA



A typical working group of volunteers clearing the brush at White Sulphur Springs Ranch.

## VOLUNTEERS PUT UP SOME BIG NUMBERS AT WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS RANCH

### By John Lullo

The heart and soul of any effective non-profit organization are the volunteers that make it work.

In the twelve months of 2021 the volunteers of the Mohawk Valley Stewardship Council (MVSC) put in an amazing 5782 hours of time helping to restore the historic property in Plumas County. That's almost 16 hours for every day of the year. The hours are broken down in 4 different categories; administration, house, grounds and events. They are reported each month and relentlessly collected by Linda Cooley of Portola.

The MVSC started to accumulate the numbers because showing the degree of this kind of support has a positive effect on potential grantors. Grants are a significant source of income, indeed, the initial grant from Cal Trans helped launch the project back in 2010.

Besides putting in the hours, MVSC volunteers drove a total of over 15,000 miles in 2021.

There are over 100 volunteers putting in these big hours and big miles. They form the core of a group that works hard in pursuit of a common goal ... to restore White Sulphur Springs Ranch for use by the community.

This includes the historic ranch house, the bath house, the amphitheater and the swimming pool. In spite of two years of pandemic, which severely limited fund raising capabilities, the restoration is clearly on the road to completion.

If you would like to become a part of this hardworking and socially active group call Judy Porep-Lullo at 530-836-0254.

If you can contribute financially to help propel the project forward, go to <[www.WhiteSulphurSpringsRanch.com](http://www.WhiteSulphurSpringsRanch.com)>.

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# Poetry Corner

## Recurrence

By Dorothy Parker

We shall have our little day.  
Take my hand and travel still  
Round and round the little way,  
Up and down the little hill.

It is good to love again;  
Scan the renovated skies,  
Dip and drive the idling pen,  
Sweetly tint the paling lies.

Trace the dripping, piercèd heart,  
Speak the fair, insistent verse,  
Vow to God, and slip apart,  
Little better, little worse.

Would we need not know before  
How shall end this prettiness;  
One of us must love the more,  
One of us shall love the less.

Thus it is, and so it goes;  
We shall have our day, my dear.  
Where, unwilling, dies the rose  
Buds the new, another year.

This poem is in the public domain. Published in Poem-a-Day on January 23, 2022, by the Academy of American Poets.

About this poem: “Recurrence” first appeared in Enough Rope (Horace Liveright, 1926)

About this poet: Dorothy Parker (née Rothschild; August 22, 1893 – June 7, 1967) was an American poet, writer, critic, and satirist based in New York; she was best known for her wit, wisecracks, and eye for 20th-century urban foibles. Parker, during her time writing theater criticism for *Vanity Fair*, became a founding member of the Algonquin Round Table, a group of poets and wisecrackers boasting national publication. Her works have been republished in many collections, including *Enough Rope* (Horace Liveright, 1926), *Sunset Gun* (Boni & Liveright, 1928), and *Death and Taxes* (Viking, 1931). She died on June 7, 1967.



## Snow Blues (Blews)

### By Francis Bony

'Twas in the winter of '37,  
When the wind did blow and the snow did fall.  
The huge big flakes came down from heaven,  
And we no longer could see old Sol.

The trees were decked in tufts of white,  
The branches were bent by the weight of the snow.  
The sheds were sagging with all their might,  
While the men with their shovels did heave and ho!

The drifts of snow were piled sky high,  
By the wintry winds that howled all night.  
Not even a fence post to guide us by,  
And we hardly expected to all survive.

In spite of the snow and the dark gloomy weather,  
Our hearts are light with thoughts of spring.  
We're all gathered 'round the fireplace together,  
Enjoying ourselves where Winter is King!

This poem is property of the extended family of the author; republished with permission from and courtesy of the Kennedy family.

About this poem: “Snow Blues (Blews)”, written about the winter of 1937-38 in Sierra Valley at the Bony Ranch just north of Sierraville. Recently rediscovered in a family scrapbook with a date of October 27th, 1939 on it.

About this poet: Francesca Bony (née Guidici; April 20, 1893 - June 11, 1981) was a lifelong resident of Sierra Valley, ranch wife and bank teller at the now-defunct Sierra Valley Bank in Loyalton. Her husband, Marcel Bony, was a founding member of the Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative and early member of the Plumas-Sierra County Fair Board; they lived on the Bony Ranch, located at the north end of Battelle Street in Sierraville. She died in 1982, and is still fondly remembered by many living relatives from the Martinetti, Guidici, Harnach, Bradley and Kennedy families of Sierra Valley.

# PEACE

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## On the Shelf

By PAUL GUFFIN

### What’s New on the Shelf

Well, the following items aren’t actually on the shelves yet; we’re waiting for a shipment of card pockets to arrive. But, hopefully soon, this influx of new items will be ready for your reading pleasure:

#### Fiction Books

Four Souls, by Louise Erdrich  
The Number Devil: A Mathematical Adventure, by Hans Magnus Enzensberger (juvenile)  
This Side of Paradise, by F. Scott Fitzgerald  
One Hundred Years of Solitude, by Gabriel García Márquez  
The Midnight Library, by Matt Haig  
The Snows of Kilimanjaro and Other Stories, by Ernest Hemingway (short stories)  
True at First Light, by Ernest Hemingway  
The Spider and the Fly, by Mary Howitt (easy reader)(2003 Caldecott Honor Book)  
Brave New World, by Aldous Huxley  
The Orphan Master’s Son, by Adam Johnson (2013 Pulitzer Prize)  
A Shorter Finnegans Wake, by James Joyce  
The Bean Trees, by Barbara Kingsolver  
Of Human Bondage, by W. Somerset Maugham  
The Refugees, by Viet Thanh Nguyen  
A Spy in the House of Love & House of Incest, by Anaïs Nin  
Little Birds, by Anaïs Nin (short stories)  
In the Skin of a Lion, by Michael Ondaatje  
Lullaby, by Chuck Palahniuk  
A Single Shard, by Linda Sue Park (juvenile)(2002 Newberry Medal Winner)  
Cry, the Beloved Country, by Alan Paton  
Empire Falls, by Richard Russo (2002 Pulitzer Prize)  
In a Dark, Dark Room and Other Scary Stories, by Alvin Schwartz (easy reader)  
All the Little Live Things, by Wallace Stegner

#### Non-fiction Books

The Zookeeper’s Wife, by Diane Ackerman  
In the Trail of the Wind: American Indian Poems and Ritual Orations, by John Bierhorst (poetry)  
Landing Signals: An Anthology of Sacramento Poets, by Douglas Blazek, et al (ed.) (poetry)  
Leonardo: Beautiful Dreamer, by Robert Byrd (juvenile)  
Grayson, by Lynne Cox  
Selected Poems of Robert Frost, by Robert Frost (poetry)  
Listen to the Warm, by Rod McKuen (poetry)  
Sourdough Sky: A Pictorial History of Flights and Flyers in the Bush Country, by Stephen E. Mills & James W. Phillips  
Born Naked, by Farley Mowat (autobiography)  
The Dog Who Wouldn’t Be, by Farley Mowat  
Woman in the Mists, by Farley Mowat (biography)  
A Woman Speaks, by Anaïs Nin  
Linotte: The Early Diary of Anaïs Nin, 1914-1920, by Anaïs Nin (biography)  
Big Numbers and Pictures That Show Just How Big They Are, by Edward Packard (juvenile)  
Sashiko: Easy & Elegant Designs for Decorative Machine Embroidery, by Mark Parker  
Cadillac Desert: The American West and Its Disappearing Water, by Marc Reisner  
Between Pacific Tides, by Edward F. Ricketts & Jack Calvin  
The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat and Other Clinical Tales, by Oliver Sacks  
Tallow de Luna / Moon Shoots, by Elba Rosario Sanchez (poetry)  
How Much Is a Million? & If You Made a Million, by David M. Schwartz (juvenile)  
The Grapes of Math, by Greg Tang (juvenile)  
Selected Poems, by William Carlos Williams (poetry)



## Sports

By TESSA JACKSON

Well, I got the exciting games I asked for this past weekend! All four NFL games broadcast during Saturday and Sunday were won on the last play of the game. The first three were walk-off field goals and, in arguably the most exciting playoff game ever, the Kansas City Chiefs and the Buffalo Bills went into overtime.

The biggest surprise of the week was the San Francisco 49ers taking out the No. 1 seeded Green Bay Packers. No one saw that coming. It was a very cold and snowy game and I did hear one announcer say at the beginning of the game that it could come down to special teams. He turned out to be absolutely right.

The Packers scored a quick touchdown on the first drive of the game, but after that it was a game of sacks, interceptions, and fourth down stops. The 49ers blocked a field goal attempt at the end of the first half to keep the score 7-0 in favor of the Packers. Then, with Green Bay ahead by the score of 10-3 and less than five minutes to go in the fourth quarter, the 49er’s Jordan Willis went straight over the hiker to block a Green Bay punt from deep in their own territory. When the ball finally came down, Talanoa Hufanga on the punt return team picked up the ball and ran a few short yards into GreenBay’s endzone for a touchdown to tie up the game. After the Packers went three-and-out on their next possession, the 49ers got the ball back at their 29 with 3:20 left, drove into field-goal range on Green Bay’s 38 yard line, and then ran down the clock to set up a clutch, 45-yard field goad by Robbie Gould to win the game as the clock expired.

Both of the number one seeds, the Packers and the Tennessee Titans, were taken out; which makes me think that having the week off is not the reward it is supposed to be. Maybe it’s better to keep your momentum going.


My sister-in-law, Amy, is a 49er fan and we were discussing who we thought the 49ers would want to face between the Los Angeles Rams and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. It was an easy choice, the 49ers always seem to play the Rams well.

Apparently the Los Angeles Rams agree because I read yesterday how they are restricting ticket sales for the NFC championship game to Southern California residents only. I might get mad at them if I was a fan, but I also don’t blame them, they need all the help they can get to beat that 49ers defense!

In addition to National Conference championship game between the Rams and the 49ers, taking place on Sunday at 3:30, we also have the American Conference championship being decided between the Kansas City Chiefs and the Cincinnati Bengals at noon (PST) on Sunday.

I’m going to be rooting for the Bengals, my brother Paul’s favorite team, who, before this season, hadn’t won a playoff game since 1991 and who have never won the Super Bowl. They are the biggest underdog of the pack, currently at +750 (so if you bet 100, you would win 750.) The odds for the other teams so far are 49ers +390, Rams +181, and Chiefs +107.

I’m certainly looking forward to some more exciting games.



### Sierra Safe

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## Pray for MORE RAIN & SNOW!

### Nearly 24-Hour Power Outage Hits 600 County PG&E Customers

In an event harkening back to the outages earlier this month, 600 Sierra County PG&E customers—mostly in Sierra City and the surrounding region as well as approximately 10 in Downieville--were without power for a nearly 24-hour period earlier this week.

The outage began at 5:18 p.m. on Jan. 25 when a large tree fell through power lines. Because of the difficulty of access, crews relied on snow-cats and snowshoes to reach the downed lines for repairs, according to a spokesperson for PG&E’s Sierra Division.

Electric power was restored to customers shortly after 3 p.m. on Jan. 26, quieting the many humming generators across the county relied upon during the outage.

## Here Back East

By LENNY ACKERMAN

### Anniversary

It was nearly two years ago that Carl Butz and I first had a conversation about his acquisition of The Mountain Messenger newspaper. I had called him mainly to offer my congratulations, as he had just rescued the paper from closure and in doing so made national news, which is how it came to my attention. We quickly hit it off, and it was that phone call that led not only to a weekly column for me, but to an unexpected and rewarding cross-country friendship.

During that initial call, I told Carl about my late wife, who passed away in 2017, and how I had continued writing letters to her as a way to deal with my grief. I learned Carl, too, lost his wife in 2017. A phone call about a newspaper became something more, as we bonded over our mutual loss and loneliness. He suggested channeling the letter writing into a weekly column. The idea was to put down in 250 words or less, my impressions of life from where I was living at various times of year — Maine and East Hampton in the summer, Palm Beach and New York City in the winter. So, under the heading “Here Back East,” my first contribution to the Mountain Messenger, “Open Remotely,” was published on May 7th, 2020.

Two years and 65 columns later, I look back on what has happened during that span of time, to me personally and in the wider world. I tried to put so much of it into words on a page as I experienced it — maybe I was being ambitious, but it was always from the heart. There have been concerns expressed, from friends and colleagues who thought I might say too much in these columns and possibly harm my business — I am an attorney and discretion is paramount. But my political columns were few — about the January 6th insurrection and the Inauguration Day reading by the poet Amanda Gorman. Most of the topics are purposeful and personal — what I think about events at the time and how they affect me, my family and friends. And I write a lot about fishing — writing about it is the next best thing to doing it.

There is no denying we live in difficult times — the never-ending pandemic, inflation, wildfires. So much of it leaves us unsure about what is ahead. Yet we must look to the future and not without hope. The pandemic will become endemic, like a seasonal flu. Interest rate hikes will quash the inflationary bubble. Technology and proper forest management will quell the flames out west. With a positive view and an appetite for understanding and love we will get through it. We are not the first generation to think we are living through the worst, and we won’t be the last.

I will be visiting the Sierras this summer to fish, as I will fish East Grand Lake in Maine. My new partner in life, my sweetheart Patti, will join me. There is much to look forward to and to write about. My best to Carl and my friends in Downieville. See you soon.



## Western Sierra Medical Clinic

*Serving the Sierra County Community Since 1975*

**Primary Care, Immediate Care  
and Dental Services**

**209 Nevada Street, Downieville  
(530) 289-3298**

- *All ages welcome*
- *Veterans welcome!*
- *Medicare, Medi-Cal, Uninsured, Commercial Insurance, Sliding Fee available for qualified patients. Insurance counseling available.*
- *Primary care, same day immediate care, physicals and annual wellness exams*
- *Immunizations/vaccinations*
- *Illness, colds, flus*
- *Minor injuries, sprains and strains, cuts, burns, allergies*

Primary and immediate care Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. by appointment or walk-in. Telehealth appointments available on Fridays.

On call medical provider available after hours and on weekends by calling the number above.

Preventive and Repair Dental by appointment or walk-in (Thursdays 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

Emergencies call 911.

## SURPLUS EQUIPMENT SALE

Sierra County Fire Protection District #1 has approved the surplus of the following items located in Sierraville, CA:

1. A 1983 Chevrolet 4x4 one ton utility truck to be sold “as is, where is” for a minimum bid of \$500.00 (with known deficiencies: exhaust leak, coolant leak, occasionally overheats and needs a fuel sending unit).
2. A hose washer and stainless-steel hose dryer to be sold “as a set, where is, as is” for a minimum of \$200.00. Interested parties must submit bids via email or mail to the District Clerk no later than 11:00 A.M. on Monday, January 17, 2022. Bids must include the amount of the bid, name, and contact information including telephone number.

Clerk Phone: (530) 604-4013

Email: sierracountyfire1@gmail.com

Mail: PO Box 255, Sierraville, CA 96126



# Sheriff's Log

By Jen Henneke

**Monday, January 17 -**  
10:52 - In Loyalton, a request for a juvenile welfare check. The juvenile was found to be okay.  
13:13 - In Sierra City, a request for an agency assist with a CalTrans worker broke down and needed assistance returning to the CalTrans yard.  
15:08 - In Downieville, a car alarm was sounding.  
15:40 - In Sierraville, a black cow wandered on the road.  
22:18 - In Loyalton, an accidental 911 caller.  
**Tuesday, January 18 -**  
11:38 - In Loyalton, there was a juvenile issue.  
18:38 - In Pike, an individual with an inoperative phone line attempted to contact AT&T but the work request could not be located.  
21:45 - In Camptonville, a 911 request for medical assistance for an injured male. No transportation was required.  
**Wednesday, January 19 -**  
08:16 - In Loyalton, a vehicle was abandoned on private property. Owner of the vehicle to have the vehicle removed.  
09:20 - In Downieville, the Downieville School was performing fire alarm testing.  
13:32 - In Alleghany, a 911 request for an ambulance to assist an elderly male with breathing issues.  
15:22 - In Downieville, a report of possible fraud. Caller wanted to inform the Sheriff’s Office.  
16:40 - In Sierraville, a traffic hazard was reported and removed.  
16:44 - In Calpine, someone was possibly stalking someone else.  
21:09 - In Loyalton, a caller wanted the Sheriff’s Office to speak with a drunk person. Does that help said drunk person to sober up by speaking with the Sheriff’s Office?  
**Thursday, January 20 -**  
00:14 - In Sierra City, there was a 911 hang up with water on the line. Don’t know if that means water could be heard or the call got wet.  
22:07 - In Sierra City, the Sierra City Fire helped someone get up.  
22:24 - In Calpine, an ambulance was requested for an elderly female having issues breathing.  
**Friday, January 21 -**  
13:02 - In Loyalton, a 911 call regarding concern over a child’s bike laying behind a snow pile.  
16:55 - In Downieville, a large boulder was in the roadway. CalTrans was notified to remove the boulder.  
17:24 - In Loyalton, Eastern Plumas Health Care Ambulance assisted someone up.  
17:41 - In Goodyears Bar, a subject was possibly unconscious. The subject was okay. Maybe the subject was napping.  
17:46 - In Goodyears Bar, a possible medical emergency was reported. The deputies arrived and found the individual to be safe and sound.  
18:53 - In Downieville, another boulder was in the roadway. CalTrans was again notified to remove the new boulder.  
21:14 - In Sierraville, a family fight broke out. The Sheriff’s Office contacted the individual but the individual did not want any assistance.  
22:33 - In Sierra City, someone got arrested for grand theft and domestic abuse.  
**Saturday, January 22 -**  
09:03 - In Goodyears Bar, there was a traffic hazard on the road to the Ramshorn Transfer Station.  
14:51 - In Sierraville, an occupied vehicle was blocking traffic. CHP was notified.  
18:18 - In Verdi, a request for assistance locating an overdue family member that was in the Stampede area. A day search and rescue was going to be attempted until the reporting party called to cancel the search and rescue due to being in contact with the overdue family member.  
21:36 - In Downieville, a dog got out and the owners were contacted to go retrieve their dog.  
**Sunday, January 23 -**  
10:39 - In Sierraville, someone was arrested for drug trafficking and the other person driving was arrested for being under the influence. A search warrant was executed for the driver’s residence.

Total Reported: 31

## Town Hall

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People who are not comfortable with this coverage would remain free to purchase private insurance, but he believes this sentiment will ebb once the benefits of universal coverage have been clearly established.

However, his campaign is not exclusively centered upon this issue. He also has plans to expand broadband services for rural areas, to implement federal fire insurance, and for developing workforce opportunities needed by both the younger and older members of our society.

Frankly, we were extremely impressed by this Kermit Jones. Not a professional politician and an intelligently impassioned supporter of social justice, we look forward to see how his campaign plays out in the run-up to the June primaries.

As it stands currently, Ker-

mit Jones will be facing two conservative opponents, Scott Jones, the Sheriff for Sacramento County since 2010, and Kevin Kiley, an attorney and former educator, who has been serving in the California State Assembly since 2016.

As for Scott Jones, he ran for Congress against incumbent Democrat Ami Bera in the November 2016 general election and lost narrowly, pulling in 49 percent of the vote compared to Bera's 51 percent, a margin of 4,802 votes. To get the feel for the thrust of his upcoming campaign, here's a slice of the tweet he posted in the wake of announcing his candidacy for the 2022 election: “I will fight for law and order in America, stand up against the ‘Defund the Police’ movement and secure our border. It’s time to put the safety of America and Americans first

## \*\*\*LEGAL NOTICE\*\*\*

### Pines to Mines Trail Project Public Scoping

#### TAHOE NATIONAL FOREST YUBA RIVER, TRUCKEE, AND SIERRAVILLE RANGER DISTRICTS NEVADA COUNTY, CA

The Forest Service is seeking comments during a 30-day public scoping period on the Pines to Mines Trail Project. The project proposes development of a multi-use native surface trail system connecting Nevada City, CA to Truckee, CA. The proposed trail system would be approximately 68 miles in length and would include all, or parts, of existing Forest Service network trails, as well as some new trail construction. The purpose of the Pines to Mines Trail project is to connect the community of Nevada City to the community of Truckee with a multi-use, recreational trail. Providing recreation opportunities is one of the Forest Service’s major missions in California (SNFPA ROD, 2004). Residents, community organizations, and local businesses have expressed a need to expand public access to trails and open space, support economic development, improve sustainable recreation opportunities, and connect the western and eastern portions of Nevada County with a multi-use trail. Actions are needed to help achieve these shared goals. The proposal will serve to promote safe and sustainable recreation opportunities on public lands while continuing to meet our responsibilities to protect and preserve public resources.

The Project is located between Nevada City, CA and Truckee, CA within Nevada County, along the Highway 20 corridor and north of Interstate I-80 . The detailed scoping letter, draft proposed action, and maps for this project are available at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61221>. Proposed actions include: Constructing approximately 16-18 miles of new, native surface, single-track trail from Eagle Lakes to Donner Summit connecting the existing Grouse Ridge and Hole in the Ground trails; Designating all, or portions of, approximately 50 miles of identified existing Forest Service System trails as part of the new Pines to Mines Recreational Trail system including Donner Lake Rim (15E75), Grouse Ridge (13E28), Hole in the Ground (14E25), Pioneer (09E11), and Spaulding Lake (12E40); and Designating the allowable uses of the proposed Pines to Mines Recreational Trails system. Forest Plan direction and Agency regulations, along with different use scenarios and public input, will be assessed to determine the allowable uses. Potential uses include hiking/walking, running, mountain biking (including pedal-assist Class 1 E-Bike<sup>1</sup>), and equestrian riding.

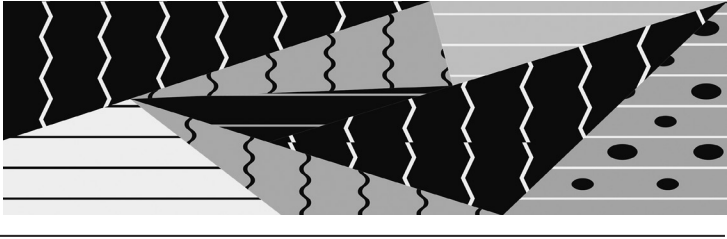
Tahoe National Forest is seeking public input on this proposal. If you have information you believe the Forest Service may not be aware of or have issues (points of dispute, debate or disagreement) regarding potential effects of the proposed action, please submit those comments in writing to: Eli Ilano, Forest Supervisor, C/O Alonzo Henderson, Yuba River Ranger District, 631 Coyote Street, Nevada City, CA 95959-2250 or FAX (530) 478-6109. The Tahoe National Forest office business hours for hand-delivered written comments are: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf) or Word (.doc) to: [comments-pacificsouthwest-tahoe-yuba-river@usda.gov](mailto:comments-pacificsouthwest-tahoe-yuba-river@usda.gov)

The Responsible Official intends to use an Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze potential environmental impacts. As such, this project will be subject to 36 CFR 218 Project-level Predecisional Administrative Review Process (Parts A and B). Individuals and entities who submit timely, specific written comments regarding this proposed project during any designated opportunity for public comment (including this 30-day period) may file an objection. The opportunity to comment for the purpose of obtaining eligibility to file an objection under 36 CFR 218 ends 30 days following the date of publication of this legal notice in the newspaper of record, Grass Valley’s The Union. For objection eligibility each individual or entity submitting comments must either sign the comment or verify identity upon request. Comments received, including the names and addresses of those who comment will be considered part of the public record on this proposal and will be available for public inspection

While the scoping process is open during the planning of this project, we would like comments to be received within 30 days after the publication date of this legal notice to allow time for issues to be addressed. For more information, contact John Brokaw, Yuba River Ranger District Environmental Coordinator and Project Interdisciplinary Team Leader; (530) 265-4531 or at [john.brokaw@usda.gov](mailto:john.brokaw@usda.gov).

<sup>1</sup> Class 1 E-Bike - is defined as a low-speed pedal-assisted electric bicycle equipped with a motor (750 watts or less) that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.

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again.”

Kevin Kiley, at 36-years of age, is the youngest of the three candidates and, according to an Associated Press (AP) report issued in August of 2021, "He’s a conservative who often flirts with the fringes of the GOP."

The AP’s story continued, saying, "He is vaccinated against COVID-19 and says the virus is not a hoax, but if elected governor has pledged to overturn Newsom’s emergency declaration and all of the rules mandating vaccines and masks that come with it."

As it happened, in his run for the Governorship in last year's recall effort, with a campaign concentrating on his efforts to overthrow Newsom's strategies for fighting COVID, he placed sixth in statewide results with 3.5 percent of the votes cast in a losing cause.

So, the current primary race for California's Congressional District 3 promises to be very interesting. There is no incumbent and only the top two candidates, regardless of party, will be running for office after the primary takes place in June. Will the Republicans, Scott Jones and Kevin Kiley, split the vote in a so-called "rural" district stretching from Plumas County to Inyo County and allow a Democrat, Kermit Jones, to be in the hunt for a job in D.C.? If so, will Scott Jones beat Kevin Kiley and we have a Jones battling a Jones for a place in Congress?

Rest assured, we'll be watching this race closely while placing no bets.

# At the Firehouse

By VICTORIA TENNEY

**ALLEGHANY:** January 17th — Firefighters trained. January 19th Responded for a person who was ill, and was transported to SNMH. January 20th — PRCS D meeting.

**DOWNIEVILLE:** January 17th — Responded for a Medical Urgent Care incidents. January 18th — Responded for two Medical Urgent Care incidents; Responded for an injured person, who was treated & released. January 19th — COVID-19 testing at the Community Hall; Downieville Fire Association meeting; Responded for eight Medical Urgent Care incidents. January 20th — Firefighters trained. January 21st Responded for a Medical Urgent Care incidents; responded for a person who was unresponsive - cancelled. January 22nd — Responded for a person who was ill, and transported to SNMH; responded for a Medical Urgent Care incident. January 23rd — Responded for two Medical Urgent Care incidents.

**LOYALTON:** No 911 calls for the week of 1/17/22 to 1/23/22.

**PIKE CITY:** January 19th — Mutual aid response for a person who was ill in Alleghany. After "standing - by" at the Firehouse, the response was cancelled. January 20th — PRCS D meeting in Alleghany.

**SIERRA CITY:** January 18th — Responded for a public assist. January 20th — Responded for a public assist. January 22nd — Responded to drown a trash fire at the Sierra City Transfer Station.

**SIERRA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT: (CALPINE, SATTLEY, & SIERRAVILLE):** January 20th — Firefighters attended Rope Rescue training; Responded for a Medical emergency in Calpine.



## Wildfire Crisis

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clean water, sequestering carbon, protecting old and mature forests, and providing wildlife habitat, all while protecting and providing a variety of other ecologic, economic, social, and cultural values.

As a next step, USDA and DOI will work together to target high-risk areas for priority wildfire mitigation attention, including as we implement the historic Bipartisan Infrastructure Law that is providing an essential down payment on many elements of this work. We are also coordinating across the Administration through the President’s Wildfire Resilience Interagency Working Group (IWG), co-led by USDA, DOI and the Office of Management and Budget and reporting to the cabinet-level National Climate Task Force, to bring an all-of-government response to this challenge.

Coordination across the Federal family creates new opportunities for problem-solving and allows Federal agencies to work with Tribes, states, local communities, private landowners, and other partners to bring additional resources to the table to address wildfire risks, increase resilience and protect people, communities, and natural resources. Additional collaboration will occur through the Wildland Fire Mitigation and Management Commission established by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (P.L. 117-58), co-chaired by USDA, DOI and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Throughout all of these joint efforts, we have and will

continue to prioritize a commitment to consultation with Tribes and will engage Tribes to incorporate tribal capacity, expertise, and Indigenous and traditional ecological knowledge. The Tribal Homelands Initiative established in our recent Joint Secretarial Order No. 3403, on “Fulfilling the Trust Responsibility to Indian Tribes in the Stewardship of Federal Lands and Waters,” related MOUs and direction from President Biden will guide our work.

We are committed to ensuring that equity and inclusion of historically underserved communities is embedded in this work, including through implementing the principles and direction set forth by E.O. 13985, “On Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government” and efforts related to Justice40.

We must act decisively to improve the health and resilience of our forests and rangelands and protect people and communities at risk. Through collaborative efforts and by working with Tribes, States, local communities, private and family landowners, and public and private sector partners across jurisdictional boundaries, we can restore fire-adapted ecosystems across shared landscapes and meaningfully change the trajectory of wildfire risk to people, communities, and natural resources.

We look forward to working together and with our partners to implement this important work.

### 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	
Chilcoat-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	



# Help Wanted

## DRIVERS WANTED

Golden Rays Public Transportation is looking for two part-time drivers to start driving right away. Must pass a drug test, be fingerprinted, provide your DMV driving record, and have a valid Driver’s License.

If you need any further information, you can call Joyce White @ (530) 289-3250. Mail your resumé to Golden Rays, P.O. Box 532, Downieville, CA 95936

## Job Opportunity:

Downieville School  
Secretary 5 hours Daily  
Secretary 2 hours Daily (may be combined)

For more information visit [www.edjoin.com](http://www.edjoin.com) for applications or call (530) 993-1660 x 151

## Seeking

Saw Mill Production Supervisor  
Eastern Sierra County  
Text Resumé to  
Saw Machine Integrators LLC  
(610) 587-5948

## SEEKING IMMEDIATE VOLUNTEERS FOR GRAND JURY SERVICE

The Superior Court of California, County of Sierra needs citizen volunteers to serve immediately on the Sierra County Grand Jury. The service may extend through December 31, 2022. A shorter term may be available for those who are able to serve from now until mid-2022.

In order to meet the minimum qualifications for service on the Grand Jury, applicants must be United States citizens who are 18 years of age or older and must reside in Sierra County for a minimum of one year immediately prior to becoming a grand juror. Service on the Grand Jury requires an investment of time, usually 6-12 hours per month. For convenience to the grand jurors, remote appearance technology will be available for correspondence and meetings. COVID-19 protocols will be followed as necessary and appropriate during grand jury sessions.

Please contact the Grand Jury Coordinator directly at (530) 289-2930 for further 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](http://sierracounty.ca.gov/jobs) for full description and qualifications. Completed applications and resumé’s will be accepted until the position is filled.

Please submit via email to [jbehlke@sierracounty.ca.gov](mailto:jbehlke@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

## LEGAL NOTICE \*\* LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: THE ELEGANT FARMER  
Full name of registrants: Joseph Barnes & Lynn Wimer  
Business location: 525 Main St.,Chester CA 96020  
Mailing address: 1117 Peninsula Dr., Lake Alamanor CA 96137  
Phone number: (925) 787-5776  
This business is being conducted by: a General Partnership  
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 12/20/2021  
/s/ Lynn Wimer  
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder, on: December 20, 2021 FILE NO: 2021-0000299  
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## LEGAL NOTICE \*\* LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: QUINCY HOME MEDICAL SERVICES  
Full name of registrant: Brian Walmer  
Business location: 211 Lawrence St., Quincy CA 95971  
Mailing address: PO Box 1310, Quincy CA 95971  
Phone number: (530) 927-7087  
This business is being conducted by: a Limited Liability Company  
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 1/5/2022  
/s/ Brian Walmer  
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder, on: January 5, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000004  
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## LEGAL NOTICE \*\* LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: MURPH  
Full name of registrants: Duane Murphy  
Business location: 461 Lassen St., Chester CA 96020  
Mailing address: P.O. Box 2095, Chester CA 96020  
Phone number: (530) 816-0523  
This business is being conducted by: An Individual  
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 8/24/2021  
/s/ Duane Murphy  
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder, on: August 24, 2021 FILE NO: 2021-0000215  
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For Sale  
7.5 HP 24” Ariens Snowblower  
Electric Start — \$300 obo  
Don Russell, DVL  
(530) 289-0332



## PLUMAS-SIERRA CATTLEWOMEN SCHOLARSHIPS

The Plumas-Sierra Cattlewomen are again happy to offer scholarships to this year's graduating seniors and to last year’s recipients who are continuing their studies and again meeting the qualifications. The amount of the scholarships will be determined by the number of applicants, proceeds from the previous year's sale of tickets for our Brand Quilt, and the generous support of our communities.

Eligibility Requirements:

- The applicant must have been a resident of Plumas or Sierra County for one year.
- If the applicant is from a farm or ranch family, he or she may enroll in any course of study at a college or vocational school.
- If the applicant is from a non-farm or ranch family, he or she must enroll in agriculturally related programs.
- Application packets further outlining qualifications are available now at your high school or at our website: [plumassierracattlewomen.org](http://plumassierracattlewomen.org)

Contact information:

Kathleen Goicoechea (775) 530-8544  
PO Box 883  
Loyalton, CA 96118  
[dkgoicoechea@psln.com](mailto:dkgoicoechea@psln.com)  
  
Karen Rickman (530) 400-7737  
PO Box 2403  
Portola, CA 96122  
[abitofbeach@gmail.com](mailto:abitofbeach@gmail.com)



## LEGAL NOTICE \*\* LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2022001827  
The following person(s) is doing business as:  
Scratch, 225 S. Lake Avenue, Suite 250, Pasadena, CA 91101  
Scratch Financial, Inc., 225 S Lake Avenue, Suite 250, Pasadena, CA 91101; C4016777; DE  
This business is conducted by a Corporation.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/15/21.  
/s/ Caleb Morse, COO, Scratch Financial, Inc.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Sierra County on 01/13/2022.  
Heather Foster, Sierra County Clerk-Recorder  
CNS-3545792#  
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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 332, 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: 11/10/2022  
/s/ Kirsteb Working  
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder, on: January 12, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000010  
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## LEGAL NOTICE \*\* LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: THOMPSON TRACTOR & SNOW REMOVAL  
Full name of registrants: Stanley P. Thompson & Debra L. Thompson  
Business location: 2070 Blackbird Way, Clio CA 96106  
Mailing address: P.O. Box 332, Graeagle CA 96103  
Phone number: (530) 836-7252  
This business is being conducted by: a Married Couple  
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 11/12/2021  
/s/ Stanley P. Thompson  
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder, on: January 12, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000012  
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## LEGAL NOTICE \*\* LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: RICO’S MEXICAN FOOD, LLC  
Full name of registrants: Francisco J. Carillo  
Business location: 222 E. Sierra Ave., Portola CA 96122  
Mailing address: P.O. Box 198, Portola CA 96122  
Phone number: (530) 832-4017  
This business is being conducted by: an LLC  
The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 12/1/2011  
/s/ Francisco J. Carillo  
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder, on: January 3, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000001  
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# The Mountain Messenger Local Calendar sponsored by The Buttes Resort

**12 Step Meetings**—Downieville, Tuesdays, 5:15 P.M. at 320 Commercial Street.

**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](http://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

**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.

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**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.

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Mental Health Services, Loyalton	993-6700
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Plumas Ace Hardware, Portola	832-5208
Plumas County Clerk-Recorder	283-6218
Plumas County Sheriff's Office (Front Desk)	283-6375
Sierra County Sheriff's Office—non-emergency	289-3700
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Sierra Hardware, Downieville	289-3582
Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital	274-6000
Sierra Valley Home Center, Loyalton	993-4331
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- Top Gainers

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3. Broadcom Inc. (AVGO) \$557.12 +4.302%
- Top Decliners

1. Discover Inc. (DISCA) \$24.40 -9.159%

2. Automatic Data Processing (ADP) \$197.47 -8.954%

3. Discovery Inc. (DISCK) \$23.88 -8.925%

## NASDAQ Market Movers - 1/26

- Top Gainers

1. Broadcom Inc. (AVGO) \$557.12 +4.302%

2. Microsoft Corp. (MSFT) \$296.71 +2.849%

3. KLA Corp. (KLAC) \$380.70 +2.834%
- Top Losers

1. Pinduoduo Inc. (PDD) \$54.08 -9.109%

2. Automatic Data Processing (ADP) \$197.47 -8.954%


3. Lucid Group Inc. (LCID) \$33.41 -5.781%

## COMMODITY PRICES

	Jan. 12 USD	Jan. 19 USD	Weekly Change	YTD Change
Gold USD/Troy Oz.	1841.54	1815.96	-1.4%	0.6%
Silver USD/Troy Oz.	23.12	23.30	-3.3%	2.2%
Lumber USD/1000 BdFt.	1200.00	1008.70	18.2%	-13.8%
Live Cattle USD/100 Lbs.	136.45	138.05	-0.4%	-1.0%
Crude Oil USD/Barrel WTI	86.18	86.68	0.6%	13.4%
Propane USD/Gallon	1.15	1.16	0.9%	11.5%
CRB Index Index Points	265.79	264.49	-0.5%	6.4%

LESA – Low Elevation Spray Application

LEPA – Low Energy Precision Application



LESA

Goal: maximize the efficiency of irrigation systems by limiting water losses to evaporation and wind drift while also reducing energy needed for pumping.

Water is applied very close (~1 ft) to the soil surface through suspended sprinklers/spray heads

potential for slight water losses from wind drift and evaporation

Low operating pressure significantly reduces energy needed for pumping

LEPA

Goal: maximize the efficiency of irrigation system by limiting water losses to evaporation and wind drift while also reducing energy needed for pumping.

Water is applied directly onto the soil surface at very low pressure by sprinklers or bubblers that operate at or just above ground level.

Low operating pressure (~6-10 psi) significantly reduces energy needed for pumping.

1/17/2022

McGinley & Associates

During the last meeting of the Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District's (SVGMD) Board of Directors, held on January 17 in Beckwourth, the group approved the Grounwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for submission to California's Dept. of Water Resources (DWR). This product, the result of several months worth of work by consultants who compiled massive amounts of information concerning the geology of the aquifer and the history of water use in the

Sierra Valley. They also were advised by an independent Technical Advisory Committee composed of hydrologic experts plus many local stakeholders. In the process, they also reached out for and received public comments concerning the final draft of the GSP.

With the GSP finally on its way to DWR for approval, Dwight Smith of McGinley and Associates, the fellow who has been working on the SVGMD's Meter Replacement Program, presented a

an idea for a Groundwater Management Action (GMA) designed to help improve surface water management. Specifically, he suggested the Board move forward this summer by sponsoring a pilot scale project for testing the performance of Low Elevation Spray Applications (LESAs) and Low Energy Precision Applications (LEPAs).

The "proof of concept" study would entail recruiting an alfalfa grower to irrigate one portion of their land as usual while retrofitting another

er pivot system with either a LESA or LEPA. Thus, at the end of the growing season it would be possible to measure the impact of the technology upon both crop yields and the amount of energy consumed. Smith estimated the cost of retrofitting an entire pivot would range from \$12,000 to \$15,000 and could be paid for by reallocating existing funds.

By consensus, the SVGMD Board asked Smith to see if any growers might volunteer to participate.



# Elements

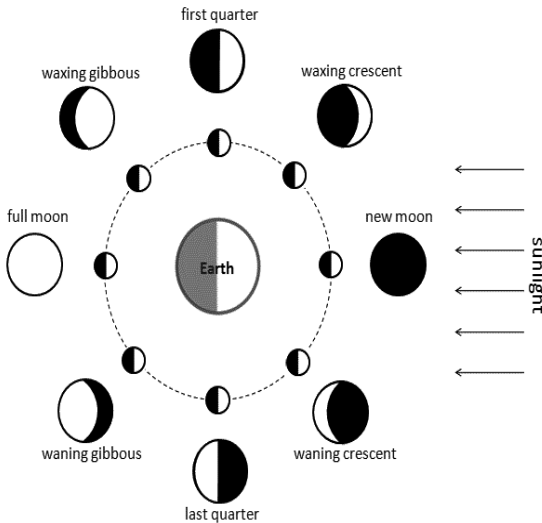
## Night Sky: Moon in the Morning

There is a beautiful waning crescent moon this morning and will continue to wan over the next few days, while getting lower in the eastern sky. People often ask me “Why is the moon up during the day?” The short answer is that we just notice the moon more during the night due to its bright reflection of sunlight off the lunar surface.

The long answer is the moon is visible at different times during our 24 hour day because the moon is orbiting around the Earth. Although both the Moon and Sun appear to rise in the east and set in the west due to Earth’s rotation like a top, the phase of the moon (how much is lit up) depends on the position of the moon in relation to the Sun and Earth. The diagram sums up each phase and position of the moon.

So there are times during the daylight hours when the moon’s 28 day orbit places it so we can see some sunlight reflect back to us.

Keep Looking Up! — Collin O'Mara-Green



## Sun & Moon

Date:		Thu. 1-27	Fri. 1-28	Sat. 1-29	Sun. 1-30	Mon. 1-31	Tue. 2-1	Wed. 2-2
Sun	Rise:	7:13 am	7:12 am	7:12 am	7:11 am	7:10 am	7:09 am	7:08 am
	Set:	5:15 pm	5:17 pm	5:18 pm	5:19 pm	5:20 pm	5:21 pm	5:22 pm
Moon	Rise:	2:48 am	4:03 am	5:15 am	6:19 am	7:12 am	7:55 am	8:30 am
	Set:	12:36 pm	1:24 pm	2:23 pm	3:32 pm	4:47 pm	6:04 pm	7:17 pm
Illumination		27.2%	17.1%	8.9%	3.1%	0.4%	0.8%	4.0%

Source: <https://www.timeanddate.com/> using Calpine as a reference point.

## Local Road/Trail/River Conditions

24-hour per day, one-way controlled traffic remains in place at various locations west of the Plumas/Butte county line to Quincy and from the north junction of CA-70 to 1.5 miles north of CA-147 (in the latter case through June 24, 2022) due to fire rehabilitation activities. Motorists are subject to delays of up to 60 minutes from 6:30 AM to 5 PM on Mondays through Friday.

Maintenance activities from Calpine Summit (Sierra County) to the Sierra/Plumas County line are also presenting travelers with one-way traffic control 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

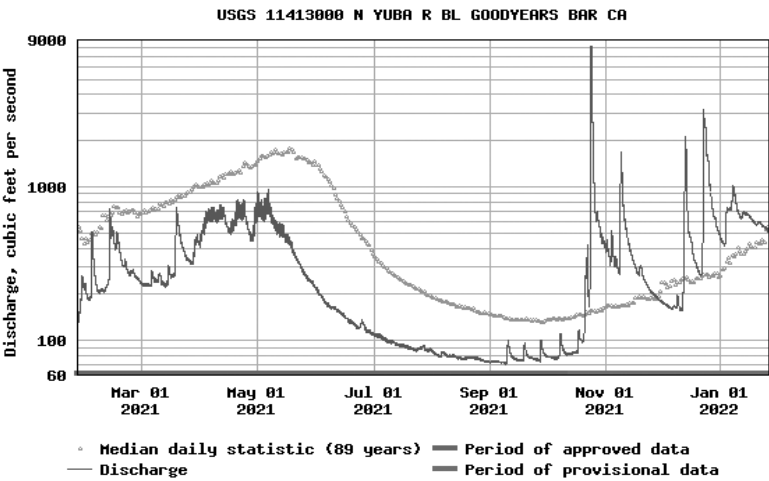
No traffic restrictions are being reported by Caltrans along CA-49.

Local trails remain icy at higher elevations and subject to muddy conditions on slopes below 4,000'.

The rivers and streams continue to run clear at levels close to historic norms.

## Water Flow on the North Yuba River

January 26, 2021 - January 26, 2022



## Last Week’s Weather

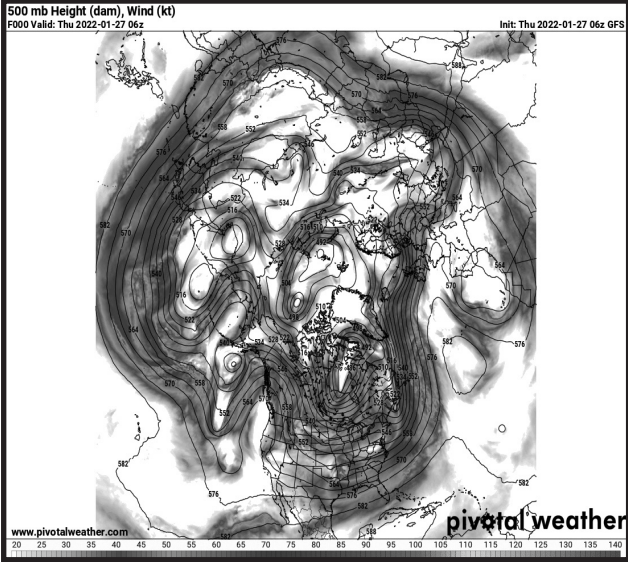
Courtesy of the Grubstake Saloon

Date	Hi	FE	Lo	FE	Precip.	Snow
Jan. 18	47	-9	27	-4	-	-
Jan. 19	58	+4	27	-4	-	-
Jan. 20	49	-6	27	-5	-	-
Jan. 21	54	-5	35	+4	-	-
Jan. 22	56	+6	31	0	-	-
Jan. 23	63	+11	26	-5	-	-
Jan. 24	56	0	27	-5	-	-
Forecast Error (FE) is found by subtracting the forecast for each day's high and low temperature from the day's recorded value.						
Seasonal Precipitation						
July 1 to date						45.81
To-date last year						15.38
Yearly average						65.28

## 7-Day Local Forecast

Towns	Info	Thu. 1-27	Fri. 1-28	Sat. 1-29	Sun. 1-30	Mon. 1-31	Tue. 2-1	Wed. 2-2
Downieville	High/Low (°F)	M/29	55/28	56/32	56/28	54/30	50/25	46/22
	Cloudiness (%)	4%	30%	33%	30%	6%	5%	13%
	Wind (mph)	NE 12 mph	NE 4 mph	NE-NW 10 mph	SW 3 mph	S-W 7 mph	NE 16 mph	NE 11 mph
	Humidity (%)	39%	51%	56%	60%	69%	57%	50%
	Chance of Precip.	0%	0%	0%	6%	6%	0%	1%
Loyalton	High/Low (°F)	M/14	42/14	43/16	43/16	47/22	43/15	33/11
	Cloudiness (%)	9%	28%	30%	25%	21%	11%	10%
	Wind (mph)	NE 7 mph	NW-E 4 mph	E-NE 1 mph	SW-W 4 mph	W-NW 4 mph	NE 9 mph	E-NE 7 mph
	Humidity (%)	68%	67%	66%	60%	68%	64%	59%
	Chance of Precip.	0%	0%	0%	3%	8%	1%	0%
Quincy	High/Low (°F)	M/20	51/19	50/21	51/20	52/25	48/20	43/18
	Cloudiness (%)	4%	31%	24%	30%	5%	3%	10%
	Wind (mph)	E 9 mph	NE 3 mph	NE-N 1 mph	E-SW 3 mph	NW 6 mph	NE 13 mph	NE 8 mph
	Humidity (%)	67%	67%	40%	71%	77%	68%	30%
	Chance of Precip.	0%	0%	0%	5%	5%	0%	0%

Source: < https://www.weather.gov/wrh/wxtable> [National Weather Service WFO STO 03:03AM PST Wednesday Jan. 27, 2022] M=Missing



## Jet Streams: January 27

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

# Game Corner

1			6			9		
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

## CryptoQuip

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

Clue: **K** equals **G**

KXW TCVOFWTJ IF GFDI FXI IQT

SFBYXGHBK HBYF KPIQTD TJ FB

DTSFB CHGGHFBG:

PB HBITO VDFSTGGFD.

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## Last Week's Answers

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

What might you nickname the smallest worker at a steel-making facility? "Runt of the Mill."

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From the Woods — Clay Allen, Part 2

The stories of Clay Allen's logging career in the Sierra Nevada alongside his trusty bulldozer and faithful dog Calamity continue in this week's "From the Woods".

I went back to my Cat, put Calamity in the truck. I figured she had stirred up enough trouble for one day, so I went and got on my Cat. I went back up on the hill and I was in the thorn brush and cherry brush, that high country stuff. I start pushing and I catch something out of the corner of my eye, and here is that doe with her fawn, up against this big rock cut on the edge of the unit I was working on. I thought, I will be a son of a bitch, that fawn had little chunks of hair pulled out of her. I thought this is pretty unusual for deer.

So I backed up and made another push and I noticed this gray flash out of the corner of my brush rake, I am lucky I didn't squish it. It was another fawn. It took off from the corner of my brush rake and ran right over to its mother. It knew its mother was there, and so then that doe had both of her fawns and she just took off with them. I think that morning when I pulled in there I startled them, and she told the second fawn to stay put. I think that was one of the most unusual days.

Up above Camptonville, I had the same thing happen. I saw this doe head up the hill when I got to the job. You know you rip in a pattern, you contour rip three-foot-deep grooves, and the one I did the day before, there was a little fawn in it. It was still all pink and didn't have a lot of fur on it, and it was still laying in there. When I pulled up there the mother stashed it there. You know, she just makes a noise and they just drop; they lay down and stay still until the mother comes back for them.

Calamity was always looking for stuff around the Cat. She would get into some hornets—she would bring the whole nest up with her when she jumped up on the Cat. Black hornets,

yellow hornets, it didn't matter. The ones in the paper nests are the bad ones, the nasty ones.

She had a real bad heart murmur and her heart would stop and she would fall down and get back up again. When the vet had to put her to sleep, I think it was hard for him also. He said that she one of his favorite dogs.

Her favorite spot was on a stump but she would sit in pitch and she had pitch everywhere. She even got to where she couldn't pee, she had so much pitch on her. Her favorite thing was to catch little lizards. When she rode on the Cat, she put her front paws on the tool box. When she would go to jump off the Cat, she would always stop and look at me as though to ask permission first. Even though she was all amped up, she would always look at me. I had to teach her that, because she would bail off the Cat without me knowing it, and I was afraid I would run her over. Yep, she was my partner, my crew. She was just out there a long time with me. She lived to be 17 years old.

They are logging the trees now that were planted when I first started piling brush. I have been doing this brushing for 35 years on the same Cat. The saplings they planted in 1982 are now logs. Lowell R. yanked me off running my skid Cat overnight and Lowell didn't tell me until the day before to be up at Snow Tent Springs, and that my brush Cat was up there. I never had piled brush and he just told me, "You'll learn."

The first couple of years was tough, real tough. He had to get rid of this heavy rake. The rake was heavy, so we got a lighter one. Lowell paid \$30,000 for the Cat and he found this brush rake in Georgetown for \$4,000. So, for \$34,000 this Cat has made a few million of dollars for them. When I first started working in the woods, I wore a 32/32 Levi, now I am a 38/30; we are just at that age, you know!

Calamity, what that dog went through. We were working outside of Volcanoville and we

had two different pickups. There was a spot called Wentworth Springs and we would pull over there every morning and get our water jugs filled up for the day, it was really nice spring water. I would let the dog out to go up on the hill to do her business, because she had already been in the truck a little over an hour.

I filled my water jugs and I just took off without her—I forgot her because she was up on the hill. I took off, and Bobby D. pulled in behind me and he started flashing his lights, because he saw that my dog was running to try and catch up with my pickup. I stopped and she come running down the hill and she was in the other lane on the far side. I opened up my door and told her,"Come on, Calamity." She stopped and looked at me as though to say "Look, you son of a bitch, you left me!"

I am glad she didn't come across the road, because this logging truck came out of nowhere, she reared up on her hind legs just before the truck got to her, and the bumper got her. If she hadn't reared up on her hind legs, the truck would have squished her and run right over her head. The truck just went by, and she was laying in the road.

We went over there and she had blood coming out of her nose, she got clobbered. Bobby D. told me to go on to the job and he would take care of her. Bobby D. yanked her collar off her when she got hit by that truck. I was really bummed out, I was bummed out because I had only had her about a year at that point. So, I took off to go up to work and I worked for the day.

I came home that night and I didn't stop where that happened, because Bobby said that he would bury her. So, I went on home. I came back the next day and I stopped to fill my water jugs—and Calamity is up there where we got the water!



Cory Peterman's Historical Corner

Arrastras (continued...)

Rather than writing about a new subject this week, I decided to continue on the subject of arrastras, many of which were constructed in Sierra County back in the day. Regarding the arrastra stone (which I wrote about in my last article) that can be seen to this day near the county courthouse, I found an additional article printed in the September 28, 1930 edition of *The Mountain Messenger* that states the following:

“Old Arrastra Brought Here as County Exhibit - A huge quartz grinding stone said to weigh two tons, part of an old arrastra that was used in early times at Chandlerville, an extinct mining camp near Howland Flat, was brought to Downieville Thursday by John Kerfoot. The stone, which has a square hole cut in the center, is 18 inches thick and 4 1/2 feet in diameter, being shaped like a solid wheel.

The bowl in which this huge stone was used to grind the ore will be brought here later and they will form part of an interesting exhibit which it is purposed to collect for this county.

This method of grinding ore was in common use during the early mining days, relics of which are still to be seen in the various old mining districts. This particular arrastra was probably in use in the '60s or '70s, when Chandlerville was a flourishing camp.

It became known that outside parties intended moving what

remains of the old arrastra to another county to be placed in a collection, so Supervisor A. J. Modglin, feeling that it should be kept in this county and preserved for exhibit purposes, got busy and made arrangements for its removal to the county seat.”

Of note, this article states that John Kerfoot (who then owned the Slate Castle Auto Camp at what is now the Lure Resort) was the man who brought the arrastra to Downieville, though historian James Sinnott stated that it was Roy Post who hauled the stone to town with his Chevy truck. Upon speaking to Roy's son John and other county natives recently, it can in fact be determined it was Roy who hauled the stone to Downieville (John has a photograph of the stone being loaded up into the truck). I am unable to figure out if John Kerfoot had any actual involvement with the removal of the stone to Downieville, despite being mentioned in the article.

The attached photograph (courtesy of the Bancroft Library at UC Berkeley) shows a 35-foot diameter arrastra that once operated at Kane Flat (also known as Hayes Flat) in Sierra City as part of the workings of the Sierra Buttes Mine. A scale model and descriptive plaque regarding this arrastra can be found in front of the Downieville Museum. This model was originally built in 1954 by the boys in the shop class led by teacher and principal James Sinnott at Downieville High



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Downieville Resident is Expert Ski Maker

To all but the older residents it will be interesting to learn that Downieville is the home of one of the most expert ski or “snowshoe” makers in the mountains. But it took the heavy snowfall of this season to reveal this fact to the newer residents.

Everybody in town knows Mike Sinnott, but not everybody knew he was an expert ski maker. This fact was made known when snow conditions here made skiing possible and orders for skis began pouring in. Although he has not made many skis in recent years, Mike had not forgotten how. He still possessed his grooving plane and some of the other tools, and began turning out skis that looked just like the ones that the sporting goods houses sell for fancy prices.

He takes two pieces of sawed Oregon pine 1 ½ by 4 inches by 9 feet long, and after working out a groove in the under side he starts the shaping process, planing with the grain. After the desired shape is acquired, the ends are then steamed for four hours to make them pliable so they can be curved upward. They are then placed in a bender of his own make and the proper curve given them.

After the toe straps and heel blocks are in place a coat of tar is applied to the bottom of the skis. When this is dry, they are painted and soon are ready for the customer.

Sinnott came by his unique trade very naturally. He was born at Howland Flat in northern Sierra County where his folks were pioneers. Howland Flat is in the snow belt and in those days 15 feet of snow was not

uncommon. He started riding skis when he was 10 years old and later became a noted racer.

Ski racing was a popular sport in that section then. Much like horse racing, groups or “squads” of riders as they were called, rode for one man, a backer, who furnished the skis and had his own particular brand of “dope” which was applied to the bottom of the skis to make them slide readily. The racers used 12-foot skis, while the ordinary traveling ski is 9 feet in length.

One of these backers who entered riders in the races was Johnnie Madden of Gibsonville, who was noted for his fine ski making. Also, he had worked out a formula for making ski dope that was conceded to be better than anybody else's. So, Madden had little difficulty getting skimen to ride for him. He picked Sinnott for one of his best riders and while the latter is too modest to tell of his experiences and victories, it is known that he was one of the swiftest riders in that section.

In telling of the races held in those days, Sinnott said the riders would go so fast past a given point that they became little more than a blur. Colored kerchiefs were tied about their heads to distinguish them, he said. It was not unusual for these riders to go 1800 feet in 14 seconds, Sinnott said. The purses were divided at these events between the racers and their backer, who put up the entrance fee. The races were held for the most part at Gibsonville, La Porte and Howland Flat and were largely attended by the mountain people.

While Sinnott now makes an ordinary pair of skis in two days, it required a week to make

the long racers, which took infinite care and patience. His father before him also was a ski maker, so the son came by the art naturally.

Although he is very modest in telling of his own exploits, many of the older residents here remember when Mike Sinnott was one of the fleetest of ski riders, one of the surest and most expert. In his little workshop at his home on Commercial Street he is never happier than when fashioning a pair of skis for someone. All the knowledge and experience of many years go into his work and he takes as much pride in turning out a beautiful pair of skis as a sculptor would in creating a work of art. One of the most beautifully made pairs of skis ever seen here is that recently completed by Sinnott for his son James, who is a high school teacher at Sierraville. James had difficulty in getting over the Pass recently so dad set about making him a pair of skis that would carry him over Yuba Pass as they carried his father across the mountains many years before from Howland Flat to Downieville.

Hibernating Policeman Found to Be All Right

L.C. Clark, who has some mining claims near the Ten Mile bridge on the Middle Fork and who is spending the winter in his little dark cabin, five or six miles from his nearest neighbor, was found to be all right last weekend when a relief party was sent to look after him.

Urgent requests from Clark's relatives in the bay district for information regarding his welfare resulted in Charlie Mozzi and August Poggi making the trip on skis. They found Clark in good spirits, and he

said he wouldn't have missed the experience of being snowed in for anything.

Clark's cabin was almost completely covered by this deep snow, there being only a small space cleared in front of the door. Although there was no wood in sight, he claimed to have 50 cords under the snow.

The interior of the cabin is dark and uninviting and there was no sign of life when the boys arrived about 11 o'clock. They were fully prepared to find Clark a stiffened corpse in his bunk. But upon calling several times the old man finally answered and admitted them. He was still in bed, not knowing another day was nearly gone. In his dark igloo he is living the life of an Eskimo in the winter time in almost perpetual darkness.

Clark is a former San Francisco policeman, and he appears to seek solitude as a reaction to his long years spent on the crowded streets of a large city.

On the way to dig old man Clark out of the snow, Charlie Mozzi and August Poggi reached the Lavezzola Ranch and they stepped out of their snowshoes and went in to see Pete. While approaching the door the porch suddenly flew up and struck Charlie in the eye, and he doesn't know yet just how it was done. Anyway, he had the black eye to prove it. Looked like a horse had stepped on it.

But it took more than a black eye to stop Charlie, and the pair proceeded on their errand of mercy. That is a way with mountain people – whether carrying the mail or going on a mission to relieve suffering, they allow nothing to stop them;

their own personal discomforts do not deter them.

Philosophy of Life - By Acton M. Cleveland

Did it ever occur to you that a man's life is full of crosses and temptations? He comes into the world without his consent and goes out of it against his will, and the trip between is exceedingly rocky. The rule of contraries is one of the features of the trip.

When he is little the big girls kiss him. When he is big, the little girls kiss him. If he is poor, he is a bad manager, if he is rich, he is dishonest. If he needs credit, he can't get it; if he is prosperous everyone wants to do him a favor. If he is in politics, it is for graft; if he is out of politics, he is no good to his country. If he doesn't give to charity, he is a stingy cuss; if he does, it's for show. If he is actively religious, he is a hypocrite; if he takes no interest in it, he is a hardened sinner. If he gives affection, he is a soft specimen; if he cares for no one he is cold blooded. If he dies young, there was a great future before him; if he lived to an old age, he misses his calling. If you save money, you're a grouch. If you spend it, you're a loafer. If you get it, you're a grafter. If you can't get it, you're a bum. So, after all, what's the use!

Airship Victim is Niece of Sinnott

Miss Nita McGrath of Berkeley, who met a tragic death together with seven others when the large passenger plane was destroyed last week while on its way from San Francisco to Los Angeles, was a niece of M. J. Sinnott of this place.

Mrs. McGrath is Mr. Sinnott's sister, and Miss McGrath who

School, and was used as part of the Sierra County exhibit in the California State Fair of 1956.

In the early days, the Sierra Buttes mine was said to have nearly twenty functioning arrastras, powered by mules. John Trompetto (1830-1919), an immigrant to Sierra City from the Piemonte region of Italy, built several arrastras in the town. His obituary states “Early in life he learned the marble cutter's trade, and for years was a designer and maker of drinking fountains and marble statuaries in many of the largest cities in Italy... In May 1869 he sailed for California, and in 1871, he went to Sierra City. Shortly afterward he purchased an arrastra in the Buttes Ravine from Ike Martinetti, and built five more during the same year, working the tailings from the Sierra Buttes mills in these arrastras.”

Today, the only remaining structure of the great Sierra Buttes Mine is the headquarters building, now a private residence, which locals may know as the “Hayes Home.” The magnificent 40-stamp mill, bandstand for the Sierra Buttes Brass Band, and numerous other structures which composed this site in the late 1800s and early 1900s are long gone.

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