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## Chiliin’

By Don Russell

DOWNIEVILLE — For a few years after the demise of our political system, the glue of aspirations molding our larger community together, the Great Yuba Pass Chili Cookoff will be remembered. It will briefly be recalled as a time when a bunch of folks could get together informally and casually, for no particularly good reason, except for the inherent fun of it.

But the GYPCCo has been going so long, a bunch of the originals are pushing up daisies. Somewhere there are records, and perhaps by next week we will have uncovered them, but the history is pushing 30 years.

The critical understanding of the event, now held annually on the first Saturday of March at Yuba Pass Sno-Park, is that there are no rules; we don’t need no stinking permit, this is a block party. This is probably because the reprobates who began the tradition were all liars and cheats, and pretending there were rules would have been a fool’s errand.

There are no rules, no entry fees nor paperwork. You enter by showing up. Judging usually begins around noon. Scavengers, such as snowmobilers and unemployed journalists usually flock around, expecting to be fed. There was a time when local politics featured politicians skilled at blaming “the other side,” be that the east or the west, for all the ills of local governance. Thus the choice of judges alternated between cooks from one side or the other. Politically, we are all more sophisticated nowadays, we all know Planning Director Tim Beals is personally responsible for all the ails of western civilization.

Parenthetically, we recall the time when judges were chosen from competing politicians, figuring that it is only fitting those worthies would necessarily piss off most people. The late judge Reg Littrell, offered a dollar bill underneath the tasting bowl, merely raised an eye and noted “It’s a little bit light, don’t you think?”

The then Sheriff—the honorable Lee Adams—didn’t need a bribe. Having never tasted chili that didn’t come from a can, he was a sucker for the late JJ Janzen’s Stagg chili with some course ground hamburger added. JJ won that first contest.

It took several years for chef Andy White, of White’s Sierra Station, to admit that chili verdi was indeed chili. After all those years of mocking the erstwhile Mountain Messenger editor Don Russell for the off-color foodstuffs he provided, Andy discovered green, and mopped the floor with it, winning some 700 times.

There are reportedly no rules. We suspect that is not correct: the one rule seems to be that Don Russell won’t win. Nevertheless, Russell, who taught Mexico how to cook the concoction, remains pure and above the fray. Still, he might be offering cocaine this year as a bribe.

Bribery is of course not only legal, but expected. Cooks might keep that in mind.

## State Senator Dahle Launches 2022 Governor Campaign

By Duncan A. Kennedy

REDDING — State Senator Brian Dahle (R-Bieber) announced a campaign for Governor of California on Tuesday during a press conference in Redding. The move had been anticipated for several days, with rumors swirling since the posting of a cryptic message two days earlier on the Senator’s social media accounts.

Dahle expressed regret and frustration with the supermajority Democratic Party leadership in Sacramento, citing their unwillingness to listen to the Republican minority in the state as the cause of their inability to find effective solutions to the key issues he is running his gubernatorial campaign on. The issues he cited included the high cost of living – both due to ever-increasing tax rates and a housing shortage – and working in the state, wildfires and drought, rising crime rates, and the increasing homelessness crisis.

“California isn’t a failed state; we have a failure of leadership. Our state is over-taxed, over-regulated and underperforming in all critical services sectors. As parents feel deep anxiety over their children falling further behind, this administration adopted the strategy of dispute, half-truths, and finger-pointing. People want to believe again in the California Dream. The consequences of failure are too great,” Dahle said.

“We often hear that politi-

cians cannot be trusted. That is a sentiment earned by lawmakers who say one thing and do another. I commit to telling you the TRUTH about why the government is failing and what can be done to fix it and turn this state around. It is time to retire the show pony and get a workhorse for California.”

“As a small-business owner, I live the effects of bad policies made in Sacramento every day,” Dahle said. “The high cost of living is a huge burden for families and for businesses alike, and it is pushing a shocking number of both to simply flee for the state line”. To punctuate this, the Senator noted that California experienced a net population loss for the first time ever at the 2020 Census, largely due to emigration to other states.

Dahle acknowledges that he is at a severe disadvantage in the race against incumbent Governor Gavin Newsom (D-San Francisco), who has \$25 million in campaign funding fresh off of handily defeating a recall effort last September. His name recognition is also low outside of the ‘Cow Counties’ of Northern and Central California, putting him at a disadvantage against potential Republican rivals like former San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer and 2018 Republican nominee John Cox.

The Senator even likened

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## Outdoor Recreation Results in Two Deaths Last Weekend in Sierra County

By Stephen Kulieke

SIERRA CITY — Two Truckee men lost their lives while recreating outdoors in Sierra County last weekend—one who broke through the ice and drowned while skating at Stampede Reservoir and the other in a catastrophic fall from a mountain ridge while hiking the Sierra Buttes.

William Smallfield, 72, was with a group of eight skaters last Saturday at the popular reservoir, located in the southeast part of the county eight miles above the confluence of the Little Truckee and Truckee Rivers. Six of the skaters fell through the ice and the remaining two helped pull the others out of the frigid water. Smallfield was reported to be the furthest from the group at the time of the incident and visual contact with him was lost, according to the Sierra County Sheriff’s Department.

Sierra County Sheriff Mike Fisher told The Mountain Messenger that those who fell through the ice were quickly transported from Stampede down to a command post at Boca Reservoir “to get them warm as soon as possible.” A Care Flight helicopter flew one person with a dislocated shoulder to Tahoe Forest Hospital for treatment.

Emergency helicopter responders from Care Flight and from the California Highway Patrol (CHP) Valley Division Air Operations out of Auburn made overflights of the reservoir on Saturday but were unable to locate the vic-

tim. The body was recovered late Sunday morning with the assistance of both Washoe County Search and Rescue Hasty Team and the Placer County Dive Team.

Sheriff Fisher characterized what occurred as an “unfortunate series of events.” He said the group was highly knowledgeable with “years and years” of skating experience. “Even very experienced people can get caught up in accidents,” he said.

Also on Saturday, Truckee resident Samuel Jones, 36, went missing while hiking to the Sierra Buttes Lookout with his brother. On their descent from the summit, the two got separated and when the brother could not locate Jones, he called 911 from Bassetts Station. The U.S. Forest Service and the Sierra City Fire Department conducted a search Saturday on snowmobiles—and a CHP fixed-wing aircraft and helicopter assisted with an air search.

The Sierra County Sheriff’s office reached out to the California Office of Emergency Services (OES) and requested assistance, and early Sunday morning search and rescue units from all over Northern California joined the search. Based upon the brother’s report, officials focused their efforts on “highest probable area, hoping to locate [Jones] as quickly as possible with a broken leg or ankle and unable to hike out,” said Fisher. At approximately 12:35

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## School Board Meeting in Downieville

By Carl Butz

DOWNIEVILLE — During a much less contentious meeting than those held in Loyalton last month, the Board of Directors for both the Plumas-Sierra Joint Unified School and the Sierra County Board of Education met at the Downieville School this past Tuesday evening.

The issue of masks being mandatory for students, as currently mandated by the State of California, remained a topic of discussion. However, none of the members of the public who attended resorted to the ad hominem attacks (“you libtards” and “get rid of the geezers”) heard in January.

Instead, those making the trip from Calpine to Downieville to pressure the Board against the State’s rules for mask wearing by students repeatedly expressed their desire to help the Board find some way to eliminate the threat they feel are jeopardizing their children’s educational experiences. As a result, the Board is assembling a task force to gather information they can use to “untie their hands.”

Meanwhile, the Superintendent of Schools, James Berardi,

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## Sourdough Jack Sez...



Check out the back page here and you can read about how an ol’ timer managed to meet his maker in the wilds of Sierra County back in 1931.

## 14 th Annual Crab Feed

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# Katie's Sightings

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KATIE O'HARA KELLY

The Buttermilk Bend Trail

Last Thursday, we went for a hike down in the South Yuba River State Park. It is a beautiful oak woodlands with the South Yuba River on one side and the combined forks of the North and Middle Yuba Rivers on the other. Because it is at a much lower elevation (567") than where I live (2,674"), most of the birds and plants are different! To our delight there was green grass covering the slopes, warm sun, and even a few wild-flowers!

I've never seen an Oak Titmouse in our neighborhood. Apparently they live year-round in the oak woodlands of California's coast, central valley, and foothills. We spotted this one because it was loudly calling from a leafless tree! It turns out their songs and calls are the "voice and soul of the oak woodlands". The male Oak Titmouse has up to 12 distinct songs, but usually 3 to 4, in its repertoire. An Oak Titmouse mates for life. During breeding season the male feeds and serenades its mate! They also defend their territory (up to 6 acres) with songs and calls exchanged between males! Their diet consists of insects, acorns, oak catkins, fruit and seeds. They usually live in the same location year round, unless forced out by fire or human developments.

California Scrub Jays usually live in brushy areas and oak woodlands, from the coast to the foothills of California. They are highly dependent on oaks and acorns. Acorns are their main food during fall and winter. One Jay will bury up to 5,000 acorns in small holes in the ground during the months of fall! These acorns will all eventually be dug up and consumed in the following seasons! Like other members of the corvid family, Scrub Jays are quite intelligent and have excellent memories. Some studies have shown that they not only remember the past (e.g. where they buried the acorns) but also think forward to the future (e.g. They will move their buried acorns if they think another bird saw them being buried, in anticipation of them possibly being stolen!) They will also eat insects, other nuts & seeds, ticks off of deer, as well as bird eggs and nestlings when available!

We saw several Western Bluebirds while we were there. In the summer Western Bluebirds are primarily insectivores. In winter they eat fruits and berries, such as juniper, poison oak, wild grapes, and elderberry. They also particularly love to eat mistletoe berries, and will sometimes sleep overnight in a clump of mistletoe to defend their find! They like to live on the edge of open areas, such as meadows or burned areas. They are short-distance migrants, and generally move downslope in winter. Males have brilliant plumage, and females are relatively dull in color.

Yuba Rim Trail

We also went for a hike on the Yuba Rim Trail in the foothills. After 2.35 miles, this trail ends at dramatic overlook of the North Yuba and Middle Yuba Rivers, below Bullard's Bar Reservoir. The Yellow Pine/Black Oak/ Madrone forest that the trail travels through is usually quite dry, even in the winter. Unfortunately it is also an overgrown tangle of non-native Himalayan Blackberries, Chaparral Honeysuckle, and Scotch Broom. Also, unique to this dry area are thousands of dry pine needles hanging off of every shrub and tree! Additionally, the Bear River Land Trust has just done a lot of clearing of fallen trees, and there are LOTS of burn piles everywhere. Visually, it isn't my favorite hike, as it has been so impacted by humans, but the view from the overlook is stunning!

At the end of the beginning of the trail there were LOTS of American Robins feasting on Toyon berries! Toyon berries form in June or July, but don't ripen until December! When they are green they contain cyano-glucosides in their pulp. When a bird tries to eat a green berry, cyanide gas is released and deters the bird! The unripened berries are also full of bitter tannins that discourage foragers! Over time the cyanide compounds gradually move into the seeds and the tannins diminish. In December, when the berries are bright red, they aren't bitter and the pulp no longer contains cyanide compounds! Approximately 20+ species of birds eat Toyon berries during winter! In addition to Robins, you might see Western Bluebirds, Band-tailed Pigeons, Cedar Waxwings, Hermit Thrushes, and Varied Thrushes feeding on them! Foxes, Brush Rabbits, Black Bears, and Coyotes also feed on the ripened berries!

At the end of the trail, the White-leaf Manzanita was blooming and two Anna's Hummingbirds and lots of honey bees were feasting on the nectar! Just lovely! We also watched Ravens playing and chasing each other in the sky as we ate our lunch at the overlook. It was a lovely winter day to be outside with friends!

Local Pond Update

I'm happy to report that the local pond life is as usual for this time of year. The Belted Kingfishers are presiding over the ponds, one at each pond, the Hooded Merganser female now has a male partner, and the Buffleheads are busy diving and feeding in the Joubert's Diggins ponds! I haven't been down to the pond with the Wood Ducks yet, but will report on them soon!



A Hooded Merganser partnership in action on the North Yuba River

## Huge Media Coverage of Sierra County Couple Rescued from Snowbound Cabin

By Stephen Kulieke

SIERRA CITY — An older couple trapped in a cabin due to heavy snow for nearly two months and running low on food near Scales in northwest Sierra County were evacuated without incident on February 1.

What was most remarkable about the rescue was the national and international coverage that it received.

The couple, both around 60 years old, had not been able to leave their cabin since the huge holiday blizzards, with snow drifts and fallen trees blocking their way. With their provisions running low, they hiked to where they could get cell service and called 911.

Sierra County Sheriff Mike Fisher plotted on a map that getting in and out of their location (a meadow north of Canyon Creek and southwest of Scales in the northwest portion of Sierra County) with snow cats could be a 12-14 hour trip. Thus, he contacted the California Highway Patrol (CHP) Valley Division Air Operations out of Auburn and “Within 1 hour and 45 minutes we had a helicopter parked outside their cabin,” Fisher told *The Mountain Messenger*. The couple and their dog were flown out to Ramshorn near Downieville and are doing fine. Neither was hurt or needed medical attention.

Coverage of the rescue went viral, aided by aerial footage shared by the CHP. Fisher said his public information officer was overrun with some 100 media requests. Coverage appeared on CNN, ABC, and NBC (where it was the most-viewed story nationally for a time)—and as far away as Australia and the UK.

“I had a friend in New Zealand send me a quick note about it,” said Fisher.

Sheriff Fisher was genuinely surprised at the wide response but welcomed the opportunity to show “law enforcement in a positive light.”

### CRIMINAL CASE UPDATE JANUARY 2022

By Sandra Groven, Sierra County District Attorney

People v Isaiah Diego Greene (21CR0052)

On January 7, 2022, Isaiah Diego Greene, was convicted of violating Penal Code section 261.5, unlawful intercourse with a minor. He was sentenced to 364 days in jail.

People v. Steven James Bonavita (20CR0074)

On January 7, 2022, Steven James Bonavita was convicted of violating Health and Safety Code 11379(a) possession for sale of drugs and Penal Code section 30305(a)(1), felon in possession of ammunition. He was sentenced to two years in prison.

People v. Kimberly Sue Turner (21CR0054)

On January 11, 2022, Kimberly Sue Turner was convicted of violating Vehicle Code section 23152(b), driving under the influence. She was sentenced to 2 days jail, ordered to complete a DUI class, placed on 3 years probation, and ordered to pay a fine of \$1,920.00.

People v. Aaron Brant Hoffman (21CR0090)

On January 11, 2022, Aaron Brant Hoffman was convicted of violating Vehicle Code section 23152(b), driving under the influence. He was sentenced to 2 days jail, ordered to complete a DUI class, placed on 3 years probation and ordered to pay a fine of \$1,920.

People v. Shaun Michael Fowler (21CR0047)

On January 21, 2022, Shaun Michael Fowler, was convicted of violating Health and Safety Code section 11550(a) being under the influence of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to 232 days in jail, ordered to pay a \$235 fine and placed on 1 year probation.

People v.Garrett Travis Gilmore (20CR0065)

On January 25, 2022, Garrett Travis Gilmore was convicted of violating Vehicle Code section 23152(b), driving under the influence. He was sentenced to 2 days in jail, placed on 3 years probation, ordered to complete a DUI class and pay a fine of \$1,860.00.

People v. Matthew James Ochs (21CR0106)

On January 25, 2022, Matthew James Ochs was convicted of violating Vehicle Code section 14601.1, driving with a suspended license. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$235 and placed on 1 year probation.

People v. William Jeremiah Helt (21CR0068)

On January 25, 2022, William Jeremiah Helt was convicted of violating Vehicle Code section 23152(b), driving under the influence with one prior. He was sentenced to 10 days in jail, placed on 4 years probation, complete a DUI class and pay a fine of \$1,860.

People v. Tyresha Laquisha Conerly (21CR0085)

On January 25, 2022, Tyresha Laquisha Conerly was convicted of violating Vehicle Code section 23152(b), driving under the influence. She was sentenced to 2 days in jail, ordered to complete a DUI class, placed on 3 years probation, and ordered to pay a fine of \$600.

People v. Bradley Howard Zibull (21CR0095)

On January 25, 2022, Bradley Howard Zibull was convicted of violating Penal Code section 134, falsifying documents, Penal Code 529(a)(3), falsely personating another and Penal Code section 470(a) forgery. He was sentenced to 16 months in prison.



## School Board

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was pleased to report about the Accrediting Commission for the Western Association of Schools and Colleges having reaffirmed accreditation recently determined the Downieville Schools (K-12) are meeting their criteria for accreditation. This certification of the institution’s excellence.

Berardi was also very pleased when the Board gave him the authority to sign-over the deed to the historic Sierraville School to the County of Sierra. This action will allow the facility, now known as the Sierraville Community Center, to utilize Prop 68 funds for improvements to the structure and its surroundings.

In other good news from Berardi, he was surprised and delighted to have received two applications for two vacant school administration positions.

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# Poetry Corner

## Joy

By Clarissa Scott Delaney

Joy shakes me like the wind that lifts a sail,  
Like the roistering wind  
That laughs through stalwart pines.  
It floods me like the sun  
On rain-drenched trees  
That flash with silver and green.  
I abandon myself to joy —  
I laugh — I sing.  
Too long have I walked a desolate way,  
Too long stumbled down a maze  
Bewildered.

This poem is in the public domain. Published in Poem-a-Day on February 6, 2022, by the Academy of American Poets.

About this poem: “Joy” appeared in Opportunity, Vol. IV, no. 26 (October 1926).

About this poet: Clarissa Scott Delaney, nee Clarissa Mae Scott was born in 1901 and raised in Tuskegee, Alabama. She was a poet, essayist, and social worker associated with the Harlem Renaissance movement. She died in 1927 of kidney disease following a six-month bout with a streptococcal infection.



## The Crystal Gazer

By Sara Teasdale

I shall gather myself into myself again,  
I shall take my scattered selves and make them one,  
Fusing them into a polished crystal ball  
Where I can see the moon and the flashing sun.  
I shall sit like a sibyl, hour after hour intent,  
Watching the future come and the present go,  
And the little shifting pictures of people rushing  
In restless self-importance to and fro.

This poem is in the public domain. Published in Poem-a-Day on January 30, 2022, by the Academy of American Poets.

About this poem: “The Crystal Gazer” appeared in *Dark of the Moon* (The Macmillan Company, 1926).

About this poet: Sara Trevor Teasdale was born in St. Louis in 1884. She is the author of many collections of poems, her first, *Sonnets to Duse and Other Poems*, was published in 1907. Teasdale's second collection, *Helen of Troy and Other Poems*, published in 1911, was well received by critics who praised its lyrical mastery and romantic subject matter. Her third poetry collection, *Rivers to the Sea*, published in 1915 was a bestseller and has been reprinted several times. Her 1917 collection, *Love Songs*, won the Columbia University Poetry Society Prize (which later became the Pulitzer Prize for poetry) and the Poetry Society of America Prize. She died at age 48 in 1933, succumbing to an overdose of sleeping pills.



# PEACE

### 20/20 Hindsight

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## On the Shelf

By PAUL GUFFIN

### Valentine(s) and Why He/They Have His/Their Own Day

If anyone in the United States (and perhaps elsewhere) doesn’t know that February 14 is Valentine’s Day, they really haven’t paying attention to the advertising. Because, as we know, the day is now all about cards, candy, and flowers — and, of course, love. But, where did this all start — and what was is the event all about?

According to the History Channel website (<https://www.history.com/topics/valentines-day> for this topic): “St. Valentine’s Day is named for a Christian martyr and dates back to the 5th century, but has origins in the Roman holiday Lupercalia.” So, where to start?

Let’s start with Lupercalia. According to the History Channel, “*No one knows the exact origin of Lupercalia, but it has been traced back as far as the 6th century B.C. [or BCE].*” It apparently goes back to the twins who founded Rome, Romulus and Remus, who named the cave of the she-wolf who nurtured them “Lupercal”. It is thought that Lupercalia took place to honor the she-wolf and please the Roman fertility god, Lupercus. But, the festival became more than that. As an NPR article from February 13, 2011, says, “*Valentine’s Day is a time to celebrate romance and love and kissy-face fealty. But the origins of this festival of candy and cupids are actually dark, blood — and a bit muddled. Though no one has pinpointed the exact origin of the holiday, one good place to start is ancient Rome, where men hit on women by, well, hitting them.*” It appears that, from February 13 to 15, the Romans celebrated the feast of Lupercalia by having the men sacrifice a goat and a dog, then whipping women with the hides of the animals they had slain. Young women would actually line up for the men to hit them, because they believed it would make them fertile. The article continues, “*The brutal fete included a matchmaking lottery, in which young men drew the names of women from a jar. The couple would then be, um, coupled up for the duration of the festival — or longer, if the match was right.*”

So, how did we get from Lupercalia to Valentine’s Day? Again, the Romans — and this is where that “a bit muddled” comes into play. Towards the end of the 3rd century CE, Emperor Claudius II executed two men — both named Valentine — on February 14 of different years. One of these was Valentine of Rome (executed in 269 CE) and the other was Valentine of Terni (executed in 273 CE). Of the first, it is said that he restored the sight of the blind daughter of his jailer, and wrote her a letter which he signed, “Your Valentine” as a farewell before his execution. Of the second, he is reported to have secretly married Christian couples to help the husband evade enlistment in Rome’s “pagan” army. In 496 CE, Pope Gelasius I added at least Valentine of Rome to the calendar of saints, and Valentine’s Day was off and running. Of course, the pope muddled things a bit more by combining St. Valentine’s Day with Lupercalia in an attempt to expel the “pagan” rituals. Noel Lenski, a historian at the University of Colorado at Boulder (at least in 2011) said that, at that point, Lupercalia was more of a theatrical interpretation of what it once had been: “*It was little more than a drunken revel, but the Christians put clothes back on it. That didn’t stop it from being a day of fertility and love.*”

Of course, businesses didn’t take long to realize the financial opportunity that Valentine’s Day represented — whether through the sale of cards, candy, flowers, or other love-related items. In a report from Nerdist that came out on the day before Valentine’s Day in 2021, it was reported that “...people [in the United States] will spend an average of \$164.76 for Valentine’s Day 2021; this equals a total spending of almost \$22 billion.” NPR wrapped up its article in this way: “And so the celebration of Valentine’s Day goes on, in varied ways. Many will break the bank buying jewelry and flowers for their beloveds. Others will celebrate in a SAD (that’s Single Awareness Day) way, dining alone and binging on self-gifted chocolates. A few may even be spending this day the same way the early Romans did. But let’s not go there.”

#### Valentines on the Shelves of the Downieville Library

One Zillion Valentines, by Frank Modell (easy reader)

Lord Valentine’s Castle, by Robert Silverberg (science fiction)

On a Wing and a Prayer, by Karen Valentine (fiction)

The Haunted Rectory, by Karen Valentine (fiction)



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## Sports

By TESSA JACKSON

I’m heartbroken to report that the Sacramento Kings have traded away second year player, Tyrese Haliburton. If you read my article, you know I am a huge fan of Haliburton. Although he was selected 12th in the first round of his draft year, he has proven he should have been picked in the top three. He had a great attitude, was a team player, and showed amazing potential; I was looking forward to watching Haliburton in Sacramento for years to come. The good news in all of this is that Haliburton’s value was so high that, in the trade with the Indiana Pacers, we were able to get a two time All Star player in Damantas Sabonis. What this says to me is that the Kings are not playing the long game, they are trying to win games now. And they better do it once their final team is together. I hope the Kings have lit a fire under De’Aaron Fox, who had a rough start to the year, but has always been the backbone of this team. They are showing there is no doubt this is Fox’s team, and despite being sad to lose Haliburton, I am super excited to see what Fox and Sabonis can do.

How exciting is it to have NBA trade season and the Super Bowl in the same week? For the second year in a row, one of the teams in the Super Bowl will be competing in their home stadium; an interesting fact given that it had never happened before last year. The Los Angeles Rams, who will be playing in their second Super Bowl in four years, will take on the Cincinnati Bengals on Sunday, February 13, at SoFi Stadium in Inglewood, California. Last week I reported that the spread was Los Angeles Rams -4, it looks like it has moved to -4.5. A man in Texas, who decided he had too much money, has reportedly bet \$4.5 million on the Bengals to win, straight up (with no point spread:) with the line currently at +155, this means he would make over \$6.9 million if the Bengals win. So if there is any chance at all that games are rigged, we should all go bet on the Rams right now. I’m leaning toward the Bengals +4.5, just because I want the Bengals to win.

I’m sorry to tell you I haven’t watched a lot of the Olympics, but I’m going to try to get in some figure skating and snowboarding. As of Wednesday morning, Germany was leading the medal count with five golds, while the Russian Olympic Committee has the highest total medals with 11. The U.S. has one gold which belongs to Lindsey Jacobellis for the Women’s Snowboard Cross. The U.S. also has five silvers and one bronze. Here is this week’s list of the games that will be taking place between February 10th through 16th.

#### Alpine Skiing

Men’s Alpine Combined: Thursday, 2/10

Women’s Super-G: Friday, 2/11

Men’s Giant Slalom: Sunday, 2/13

Women’s Downhill: Tuesday, 2/15

Men’s Slalom: Wednesday, 2/16

#### Biathlon

Women’s 7.5km Sprint: Friday, 2/11

Men’s 10km Sprint: Saturday, 2/12

Women’s 10km Pursuit: Sunday, 2/13

Men’s 12.5km Pursuit: Sunday, 2/13

Men’s 4x7.5km Relay: Tuesday, 2/15

Women’s 4x6km Relay: Wednesday, 2/16

#### Bobsleigh

Women’s Monobob Heat 4: Monday, 2/14

2-Man Heat 4: Tuesday, 2/15

#### Cross-Country Skiing

Women’s 10km Classic: Thursday, 2/10

Men’s 15km Classic: Friday, 2/11

Women’s 4x5km Relay: Saturday, 2/12

Men’s 4x10km Relay: Sunday, 2/13

Women’s team Sprint Classic Final: Wednesday, 2/16

Men’s Team Sprint Classic Final: Wednesday, 2/16

#### Figure Skating

Men’s Single Free Skating: Thursday, 2/10

Ice Dance - Free Dance: Monday, 2/14

#### Ice Hockey

Men’s U.S. vs. China: Thursday, 2/10

Women’s U.S. vs. Czech Republic: Friday, 2/11

Men’s U.S. vs. Canada: Saturday, 2/12

Men’s U.S. Vs. Germany: Sunday, 2/13

Women’s Semifinals: Monday, 2/14

Men’s Quarterfinals: Wednesday, 2/16

Women’s Bronze Medal Game: Wednesday, 2/16

#### Luge

Team Relay Competition: Thursday, 2/10

#### Short Track Speed Skating

Women’s 100m: Friday, 2/11

Women’s 3000m Relay: Saturday, 2/12

Men’s 500m: Saturday, 2/12

Men’s 5000m Relay: Wednesday, 2/16

Women’s 1500m: Wednesday, 2/16

#### Skeleton

Men Heat 4: Friday, 2/11

Women Heat 4: Saturday, 2/12

Ski Jumping

Men’s Large Hill Individual Final Round: Saturday, 2/12

Men’s Team Final Round: Monday, 2/14

#### Snowboard

Women’s Halfpipe Final Run 3: Thursday, 2/10

Men’s Snowboard Cross Big Final: Thursday, 2/10

Men’s Halfpipe Final Run 3: Friday, 2/11

Mixed Team Snowboard Cross Big Final: Saturday, 2/12

Women’s Big Air Final Run 3: Tuesday, 2/15

Men’s Big Air Final Run 3: Tuesday, 2/15

#### Speed Skating

Women’s 5000m: Thursday, 2/10

Men’s 1000m: Friday, 2/11

Men’s 500m: Saturday, 2/12

Women’s 500m: Sunday, 2/13

Women’s Team Pursuit: Tuesday: 2/15

Men’s Team Pursuit: Tuesday: 2/15

## Here Back East

By LENNY ACKERMAN

### A Winter Break Part II

At the end of my last column, I had just dozed off from exhaustion after a full morning of travel by plane, truck, and snowmobile, en route to my Maine camp. I’d had an early departure from Florida, arriving by nine, then drove the hundred miles or so from the airport, only to find the last mile under five feet of snow. My plans to go snowshoeing when I got to camp were thwarted for the time being, but when I woke up from my nap, I was rested and ready to go.

I saw the snowshoes propped up against the fireplace screen where Greg had left them, after retrieving them by ladder from their place above the front door. I picked one up and examined it. My friend Lori had purchased the snowshoes for me at a thrift store, to use as décor when I first moved in, and they were clearly from another era. The wood was shellacked, the leather lacings were brittle and I looked skeptically at the bindings. Would they hold up once I was out on the snow? I would soon find out. Greg came up from the dock and showed me how to lace up over my boots. I do not have snow poles so used my fishing sticks in their place.

The trail up to Sucker Lake is lined with red plastic tags tied waist high to trees and they were still visible at the entrance to the trail, despite the accumulation of snow over the past several months. As I made my way across the road, I turned and gave Greg the thumbs up. We had arranged for him to pick me up at the trailhead at Route 1 after I had circled the lake. The silence in the woods was deafening. I could hear my breathing as I crunched through the snow. The shoes seemed to be holding up as I slowly and carefully progressed. An occasional small animal ran across my path without even a glance at me, as if I were one of them and not to be feared. The sun, still high in the sky, warmed me as it illuminated my path, the bright light reflecting off the snow and the glistening ice crystals. I reached Sucker Lake in a short 30 minutes. The trail around the lake had been plowed down by the regular use of snowmobilers. The walk was now a bit easier for me on the packed snow. It was much slower than in the summer when the only concern is not to slip on pebbles or fallen tree detritus. I still had to be wary of protruding rocks and those hidden under the snow, which could rip up my bindings. The lake was frozen over. I was tempted to walk out on the ice to the island that Greg has taken me and my friends to many times for picnics. But I had to be cautious. I wasn’t about to take a spill now. I was alone and it seemed no one was around for miles. I erred on the side of caution and stayed on the trail circling the lake. After a while, I stopped for a rest and texted Greg to give him enough time to meet me at the parking lot at the trailhead on the other side of the lake. It was the same trailhead I had taken a few years earlier and got lost. I didn’t want to relive that adventure. I was proud of myself that I had made it so far without mishap. Let’s keep it that way I kept repeating to myself.

After a while, I peeled off my jacket and tied it around my waist. I had only gone another few paces when out of the woods came a huge buck with a massive rack. He stood not ten feet away from me, his dark fur contrasting sharply against the brilliant white background. His breath steamed from his nose and mouth. His eyes were black and foreboding. We stared at each other, both of us motionless. Not a movement. I was frozen in place. I was certain he was as startled to see me as I was him. So far, the snowshoe walk had been peaceful and uneventful. Now here was a 300 lb. creature that may perceive me as a threat and charge. I had no idea what to do other than stand still. I recalled reading that if a bear approaches you are to curl up on the ground. Again, I erred on the side of caution. I untied my jacket and sat down. I tucked my head inside my jacket and wrapped my arms around my body. After counting to 100 I peeked out and saw that the buck was indeed friendly. He was busy nibbling something from a bush and had lost interest in me. I rose to my feet and proceeded south to where I would meet up with Greg. I now had a good story for him and my friends back home. How many people come face to face with a giant buck on their Sunday stroll—while wearing ancient snowshoes?



## The Mountain Messenger

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-Chilcoat, Verdi, Graeagle, Portola, Quincy, Taylorsville, Chester, Westwood, Susanville, Doyle, Nevada City, Grass Valley, and Truckee.

We are also seeking an individual who is experienced with electronic spreadsheets and Quickbooks to assist with billing our customers and paying our vendors. This part-time job involves 10 - 15 hours a week.

We also want to hire a person with the skills and experience required to maintain our website. We estimate this job will involve approximately 6 hours of work a week.

We also need a person who can collect the newspaper each Thursday morning and distribute it to sites in Quincy, Graeagle, Portola, Loyalton, Sierraville, and Calpine.

If you are interested in any of these positions, either visit or office at 313 Main St. in Downieville or call (530) 289-3262 to discuss the terms of employment here at

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# Sheriff's Log

By Jen Henneke

Monday, January 31

08:15 - In Sierra City, an ambulance was requested.  
10:10 - In Downieville, an alarm sounded.  
12:27 - In Sierra City, a dog was loose but the Deputy was unable to locate the dog. The owner of the dog was given a verbal warning.  
12:51 - In Loyalton, another dog was loose and stuck in a fence. The caller helped to get the poor pup unstuck but when the Deputies arrived, the dog was gone.  
17:53 - In Loyalton, Eastern Plumas Health Care Ambulance was summoned for an electrocution.

Tuesday, February 1

05:22 - In Sierra City, a 911 hang up suspected to be caused by water on the phone line.  
08:15 - In Downieville, there was fraud detected on someone’s EBT card.  
10:15 - In Downieville, Nevada County requested assistance with serving a civil warrant in Sierra County. The individual was located and cited.  
10:29 - In Downieville, a request for assistance in getting out of a residence. The reporting party had been unable to get out and friends were unable to get into the location. The Sierra County Sheriff’s Office requested assistance from other agencies including CHP. CHP was able to fly them all to safety.  
16:08 - In Downieville, a dog bite someone. Were they asking the dog for directions?

Wednesday, February 2

04:31 - In Sierra City, a 911 call with static on the line due to water.  
07:59 - In Loyalton, fraud was reported.  
08:49 - A report of an out of county cat biting someone outside of Sierra County.  
09:09 - In Sierra City, a 911 hang up with static on the line.  
09:23 - In Alleghany, someone vandalized and broke into the transfer station.  
09:33 - In Calpine, someone butt dialed 911.  
10:05 - In Forest City, there was a suspicious older black Nissan reported.  
12:30 - In Loyalton, there was a report of possible child abuse and neglect.  
14:22 - In Downieville, outside agency assistance was requested for child abuse.  
15:31 - In Downieville, a welfare check was requested and then referred to Sierra County CPS.  
15:54 - In Loyalton, Eastern Plumas Health Care Ambulance provided assistance getting up.  
15:56 - A juvenile issue was reported.  
16:42 - In Sierra City, someone stole some lumber. Lumbar theft has increased with the prices. Shameful!  
17:23 - In Sierraville, someone needed assistance getting their vehicle out of the snow.

Thursday, February 3

12:45 - In Sierra City, a citizen requested assistance.  
13:25 - In Loyalton, a report of child abuse and neglect and referred to Sierra County CPS.  
14:34 - In Downieville, someone threatened another person in the grocery store parking lot.  
16:34 - In Loyalton, a report of a possible suicidal individual. The individual was contacted and found to be fine.

Friday, February 4

09:05 - In Downieville, a report of illegal dumping. Sierra County Public Works was notified.  
10:26 - In Sierraville, someone butt dialed 911.  
12:04 - In Camptonville, a residence was burglarized.  
14:11 - In Sierraville, a burglary alarm was accidentally tripped by a maintenance man.  
18:07 - In Truckee, an individual was stuck in snow. The location of the individual was in Nevada County and the county was notified.

Saturday, February 5

13:10 - In Downieville, an ambulance was requested.  
14:00 - In Sierra City, a report of an overdue hiker.  
14:18 - At Stampede Reservoir, report of multiple skaters fallen through the ice.  
15:34 - In Loyalton, a cell phone accidentally dialed 911.

Sunday, February 6

11:31 - In Truckee, a reckless driver was reported to CHP.  
14:40 - In Truckee, a 911 hang up. No emergency.

Total Reported: 39

## 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 **Tuesday, February 15, 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 PU2022.5.24.A Abatement / Demo**. 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 PU2022.5.24.A Abatement / Demo”**. 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@crmgrouppca.com](mailto:kevin@crmgrouppca.com)

The successful bidder shall commence work on or before **March 7, 2022**. All work shall be completed within **9 calendar days** and not later than **March 15, 2022**. There will be a **mandatory** pre-bid walk at **Chester Elementary School, 158 Aspen St, Chester, CA, at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, February 7, 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.

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: **CDPH trained and certified to perform the lead abatement work; B-ASB licensure or its equivalent is required to perform the asbestos work on this project. DOSH registration must also be current.**

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

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## PUBLIC NOTICE \*\* PUBLIC NOTICE

Frontier Communications Corporation is proposing to install a new 100-ft monopole telecommunications facility (104ft with appurtenances) at 225 Grand Street, Greenville, Plumas County, CA 95947. Any interested party wishing to submit comments regarding the potential effects the proposed facility may have on any historic property may do so by sending such comments to: Project 6122000882 - JLD EBI Consulting, 6876 Susquehanna Trail South, York, PA 17403, or (203) 231-6643

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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: January 30th—Firefighters trained. February 1st—Pliocene Ridge Community Services District (PRCSD) "Special" phone meeting.

DOWNIEVILLE: January 31st —The ambulance responded to Sierra City for an ill person, who was airlifted to the hospital in Reno; a Helpline was installed; Dispatcher meeting. February 1st—There were Eleven Medical Urgent Care incidents. February 2nd—COVID-19 testing at the Community Hall. February 3rd—Responded for a Medical Urgent Care. February 5th—Responded for an ill person, who was transported to SNMH; mutual aid response to assist SCSO in searching for a missing hiker - the search was halted when it became dark.

LOYALTON: Monday, 1/31/2022, 5:54PM, adult female electrical shock by vacuum, Loyalton. Wednesday, 2/2/2022, 3:53PM, lift assist, south of Loyalton.

PIKE CITY: February 1st PRCSD—"Special" phone meeting. February 2nd—Mutual aid response to North San Juan for a vegetation fire - cancelled.

SIERRA CITY: January 30th—Responded for a Helpline activation. January 31st—Responded for an ill person, who was airlifted to the hospital in Reno. February 3rd—Responded for a Public Assist.

SIERRA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT: (CALPINE, SATTLEY, & SIERRAVILLE): All's quiet.... no emergencies, no training, & no meetings...



## NOTICE OF ELECTION AND FILING DATES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with the provisions of the California Elections Code, that the Statewide Direct Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 and the Plumas County central counting place will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m through 8:00 p.m. on that day. All registered voters of Plumas County will be mailed an official ballot and postage paid return identification envelope for return of the voted ballot. Ballots can be mailed, dropped in the ballot return box located at the front entrance of the Courthouse or delivered to the Elections Department in Room 102 of the Courthouse located at 520 Main Street in Quincy.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that forms for eligible candidates desiring to file for elective offices may be obtained from the office of the Plumas County Clerk at the Courthouse at 520 Main Street Room 102, Quincy. Candidates’ Declarations shall be accepted for filing from February 14, 2022 through March 11, 2022, at the hour of 5:00 p.m. unless extended.

Offices for which candidates are to be nominated at the June 7, 2022 Statewide Direct Primary Election are:

Governor  
Lieutenant Governor  
Secretary of State  
Controller  
Treasurer  
Attorney General  
Insurance Commissioner  
Board of Equalization Member District 1  
United States Senator – Full Term  
United States Senator – Partial / Unexpired Term  
United States Representative - Congressional District 3  
State Assembly Member - District 1  
Superintendent of Public Instruction  
County Offices:  
Plumas County Supervisor District 3  
Plumas County Supervisor District 5  
Assessor  
Auditor-Controller  
Clerk-Recorder  
County Superintendent of Schools  
District Attorney-Public Administrator  
Sheriff-Coroner  
Treasurer-Tax Collector

Qualifications for office are available at the office of the County Clerk at 520 Main Street, Room 102, Quincy, CA 95971. Candidates must meet and provide their qualifications to run for office.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Logic and Accuracy testing of election equipment will be conducted on April 28-29, 2022 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in Room 112 of the Plumas County Courthouse, 520 Main Street, Quincy, CA.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that ballot processing will be from May 9, 2022 through June 7, 2022 at the central counting location at the Plumas County Courthouse, 520 Main Street, Room 102, Quincy, CA.

ALL VOTED BALLOTS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JUNE 7, 2022.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the Official Canvass for the June 7, 2022 Statewide Direct Primary Election will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 520 Main Street, Room 112, Quincy, CA.

Additional information may be obtained at: (530) 283-6256 or 844-676-VOTE or at [www.plumascounty.us](http://www.plumascounty.us) on the County Clerk-Recorder Elections page.

Marcy DeMartile  
Plumas County Clerk-Recorder, Registrar of Voters  
Dated: January 10, 2022

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

TThe 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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### Sierra Safe

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P.O. Box 207 Fax (530) 993-1239  
Loyalton, CA 96118



# 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](https://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 [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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (Sec. 6101-6111 UCC) Escrow No. 107-041385

Notice is hereby given that a Bulk Sale is about to be made. The name(s), and business address(es) to the seller(s) are: **Rhonda L Siqueido 319 Main Street, Loyalton, CA 96118**

Doing Business as: **Rhonda's Lil Frosty**

All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the Seller(s) within three years, as stated by the Seller(s), is/are: None

The location in California of the chief executive office of the seller is: Same as above

The name(s) and business address(es) of the Buyer is/are: **Andrew Joy P. O. Box 362, Chilcoot, CA 96105**

The assets to be sold are described in general as: trade name, leasehold interest, inventory, furniture, fixtures and equipment, and are located at: **319 Main Street, Loyalton, CA 96118**

The Bulk Sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: **The Heritage Escrow Company, 2550 Fifth Avenue, Suite 800, San Diego CA 92103** and the anticipated date of sale/transfer is **March 2, 2022**, pursuant to Division 6 of the California Code. This bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.

The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: **The Heritage Escrow Company, 2550 Fifth Avenue, Suite 800, San Diego CA 92103, Escrow No. 107-041385, Escrow Officer: Debbie Kneeshaw Howe** and the last date for filing claims shall be **March 1, 2022**, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.

By: /s/ Andrew Joy  
2/10/22

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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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## 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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## 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

Published in The Mountain Messenger on Feb. 10, 17, 24 & Mar. 3 of 2022

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

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: GRIZZLY TRANSPORT

Full name of registrants: Paul Harris, Jr.

Business location: 1572 Stampfli Lane, Greenville CA 95947

Mailing address: 1572 Stampfli Lane, Greenville CA 95947

Phone number: (530) 394-4131

This business is being conducted by: an Individual

The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 1/7/2022

/s/ Paul Harris, Jr.

This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder, on: January 7, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000007

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## LEGAL NOTICE \*\* LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-0000025

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 DeMartille, County Clerk

By: Kari Capella, Deputy

2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 2/24/22

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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

Published in The Mountain Messenger: Jan. 27 & Feb. 3, 10, 17 of 2022

## 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.

**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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:DownievilleCommunityHall@gmail.com).

To rent the **Sierra City Community Hall**, call (530) 862-1580 during the evening.

To rent the Vinton Grange, call (530) 993-4839.

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

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

In case of emergency, dial 911

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| California Highway Patrol - Quincy           | 283-1100     |
| California Highway Patrol - Grass Valley     | 477-4900     |
| City of Loyalton                             | 993-6750     |
| CalTrans Downieville Maintenance Station     | 289-3214     |
| Quincy Maintenance Station                   | 832-4911     |
| Sierraville Maintenance Station              | 994-3410     |
| Downieville School                           | 289-3473     |
| Downieville Volunteer Fire Department        | 289-3333     |
| Health & Human Services Dvl                  | 289-3711     |
| Loyalton                                     | 993-6700     |
| Loyalton Elementary School                   | 993-4482     |
| Loyalton City Hall                           | 993-6750     |
| Loyalton Cop Shop                            | 993-4479     |
| Loyalton High School                         | 993-4454     |
| Loyalton Volunteer Fire Department           | 993-6751     |
| Mental Health Services, Loyalton             | 993-6700     |
| PG&E report outages                          | 800-743-5002 |
| 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     |
| Sierra County Clerk-Recorder                 | 289-3295     |
| Sierra Hardware, Downieville                 | 289-3582     |
| Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital              | 274-6000     |
| Sierra Valley Home Center, Loyalton          | 993-4331     |
| USFS Beckwourth Ranger District              | 836-2575     |
| Sierraville Ranger District                  | 994-3401     |
| Yuba River Ranger District                   | 288-3231     |
| Western Sierra Medical Clinic                | 289-3298     |



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S&P 500 Market Movers - 2/9

Top Gainers

1. Omnicom Group (OMC) \$90.12 (+14.19%)  
2. Enphase Energy (ENPH) \$161.89 (+12.04%)  
3. Chipotle Mexican Grill (CMG) \$1,608.75 (+10.16%)

Top Decliners

1. CVS Health Corp. (CVS) \$104.79 (-5.45%)  
2. Incyte Corp. (INCY) \$68.28 (-2.55%)  
3. CDW Corp. (CDW) \$189.96 (-2.47%)

NASDAQ Market Movers - 2/9

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COMMODITY PRICES

|                          | Feb. 2 USD | Feb. 9 USD | Weekly Change | YTD Change |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| Gold USD/Troy Oz.        | 1807.37    | 1832.75    | 1.4%          | 1.5%       |
| Silver USD/Troy Oz.      | 22.619     | 23.2750    | 2.9%          | 2.1%       |
| Lumber USD/1000 BdFt.    | 979.90     | 1204.90    | 23.0%         | 3.0%       |
| Live Cattle USD/100 Lbs. | 141.125    | 142.80     | 1.2%          | 2.4%       |
| Crude Oil USD/Barrel WTI | 87.7000    | 90.030     | 2.7%          | 17.7%      |
| Propane USD/Gallon       | 1.3200     | 1.2500     | -5.3%         | 20.2%      |
| CRB Index Index Points   | 273.02     | 275.90     | 3.2%          | 11.0%      |

Dahle

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his candidacy to a “David and Goliath” type of campaign, noting how he has “been the underdog in every race” he has ever run in. To this end, he asked potential supporters to not feel dissuaded and to donate one dollar a day for 30 days if they want to help fund his campaign, and asked for them to recruit their friends and neighbors to do the same.

Dahle is a cereal seed farmer by trade, who lives in Bieber, located in northwestern Lassen County. He and his wife Megan – currently Assemblywoman for District One (which includes Plumas, Sierra, Lassen and Nevada counties) have three children – Chase, Reagan and Roslyn.

He previously served on the Lassen County Board of Supervisors from 1996 until his election to Assembly in 2012. Dahle was first elected State Senator in 2019 by winning a special election to replace now-Board of Equalization member Ted Gaines. Senate District One also covers the entire Lost Sierra and Shasta-Cascade areas; Dahle will be unable to run for re-election in 2024 due to term limits.

Deaths

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p.m. on Sunday, it was radioed in that Jones’ body had been recovered by the Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue Team, Sheriff Fisher told *The Mountain Messenger*.

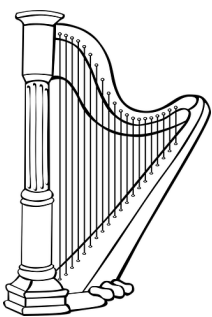
He was found several hundred yards down the snow slope, above Young America Lake. Fisher believes the victim slipped off the ridge and suffered a substantial fall, impacting the rocky terrain.

“Given the current very hard conditions of the snow, you can easily stay on top [of the snow surface] and ascend the Buttes,” said Fisher. “Unfortunately, coming down he must have gotten close to the edge and slipped on the ice and fell or loose rocks” gave way, Fisher added.

The Sierra County Sheriff’s Office extended its “sincere condolences” to both victims’ family and friends.

Fisher, who oversaw the Sierra Buttes search, said the two incidents last weekend “in such a small county” benefitted from many people pitching in to assist. “I can’t speak highly enough about my deputies and staff, the Highway Patrol, the fire departments. It was a very professional effort all around.”

A press release from the Sheriff’s Office named all who helped with the Sierra Buttes search: “We would like to recognize the outstanding efforts and support of our mutual aid partners who assisted in this recovery operation: Cal OES, Marin County Search and Rescue, Butte County Search and Rescue, Placer County Search and Rescue, Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue, Contra Costa County Search and Rescue, El Dorado County Search and Rescue, Bay Area Mountain Rescue Unit, California National Guard, Civil Air Patrol, Sierra City Volunteer Fire Department, Tahoe National Forest Service, CHP Air Operations, CHP-Grass Valley, all the logistical support volunteers, and the Red Moose Café, which provided lunch and dinner to all of our search and rescue supporters.”



School Board

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On the downside, the schools in Downieville are continuing to suffer from staff shortages due to COVID. So, hiring substitute teachers and bus drivers remain a critical issue for the Superintendent.

From staff reports, the School Board learned support from the Sierra Schools Foundation (SSF) for the elementary school is making many things possible. For example, violin lessons are now available for 4th and 5th graders; bells are being enjoyed by 3rd graders; and percussion lessons are being given to 6th graders.

At the Loyaltown High School, staff reported the new technology coordinator is doing a remarkable job and the school is very excited about the basketball team playing in their conference championship on Friday.

Finally, Board member Allen Wright announced the meeting on Tuesday evening would be his last. Having been a teacher, administrator, or member of the Board since 1973, he is leaving with no regrets and with pride in what he has been able to contribute to the educational community here over the past 48 years.

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# Elements

## Night Sky:Night Sky for February 2022

Look for the following constellations in the early night sky (8pm) this month:

If you have a view of the lower northern sky, you might see Ursa Major and Minor (The Big Bear and Little Bear). You'll know the core of constellation Ursa Major as the easy to recognize asterism The Big Dipper. High in the eastern sky are two bright stars Castor and Pollux which form the heads of the constellations of the Gemini twins. The stars are medium brightness with Castor a bluish color and Pollux a golden color. The primary constellation to notice when facing south is Orion the Hunter with his prominent three stars forming Orion's Belt. Above Orion and to the south-west are five bright stars in a "V" shape forming the face of Taurus the Bull and a very small cluster of stars forming the open cluster called the Pleiades or Seven Sisters. Overhead are five stars in a pentagon shape forming Auriga the Charioteer with bright star Capella.

If you have any specific astronomical topics you would like to read about, let us know at the Mountain Messenger.

Keep Looking Up! — Collin O'Mara-Green

## Sun & Moon

| Date: |              | Thu. 2-10 | Fri. 2-11 | Sat. 2-12 | Sun. 2-13 | Mon. 2-14 | Tue. 2-15 | Wed. 2-16 |
|-------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Sun   | Rise:        | 6:59 am   | 6:58 am   | 6:57 am   | 6:56 am   | 6:55 am   | 6:53 am   | 6:52 am   |
|       | Set:         | 5:32 pm   | 5:33 pm   | 5:34 pm   | 5:36 pm   | 5:37 pm   | 5:38 pm   | 5:39 pm   |
| Moon  | Rise:        | 12:11 pm  | 12:53 pm  | 1:42 pm   | 2:38 pm   | 3:39 pm   | 4:43 pm   | 5:48 pm   |
|       | Set:         | 2:44 am   | 3:42 am   | 4:37 am   | 5:26 am   | 6:09 am   | 6:46 am   | 7:18 am   |
|       | Illumination | 73.6%     | 81.6%     | 88.6%     | 94.1%     | 97.8%     | M         | 99.7%     |

Source: <https://www.timeanddate.com/> using Calpine as a reference point. M = Moon does not pass the meridian on this day.

## Local Road/Trail/River Conditions

CA-89 is closed for the winter from the south boundary of Lassen Volcanic Nation to the junction of CA-44 and Caltrans is advising motorist to use an alternate route.

Caltrans is also reporting 24x7, 1-way controlled traffic at various locations from the Calpine Summit (Sierra County) to the Sierra/Plumsa line due to maintenance work.

Delays of up to an hour are being reported on CA-70 through the Feather River Canyon as a result of fire rehabilitation work.

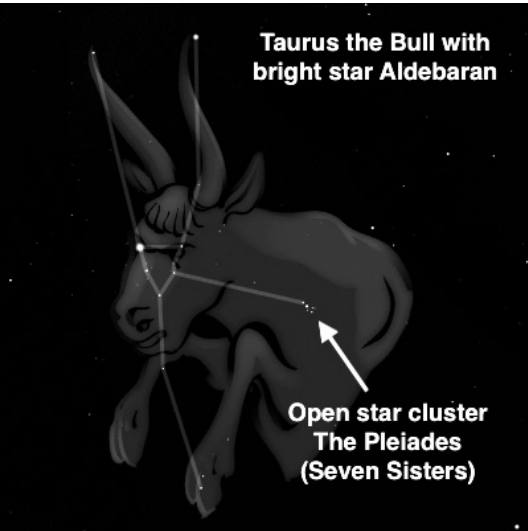
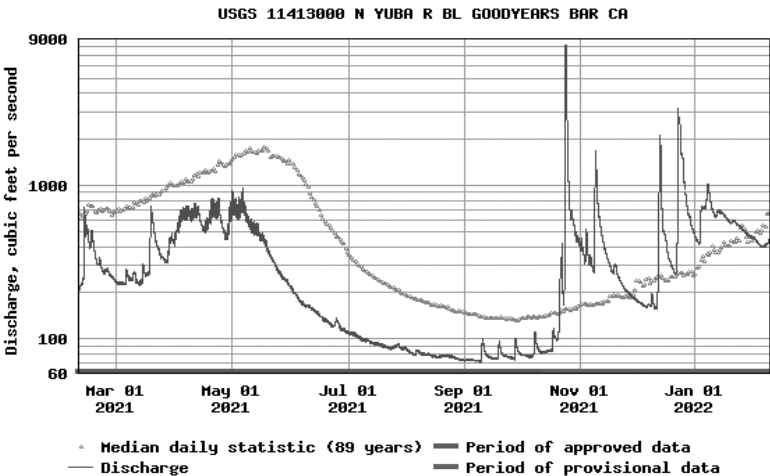
No delays are being reported by Caltrans on CA-49, however, last week the removal of trees from embankments by their subcontractors resulted in short interruptions in the flow of traffic during the day.

As for unpaved roads and trails, patches of ice in shaded areas are continuing to present hazardous conditions.

Meanwhile, watercourses are running clear and cold with the volume of water slightly lower than historic norms.

## Water Flow on the North Yuba River

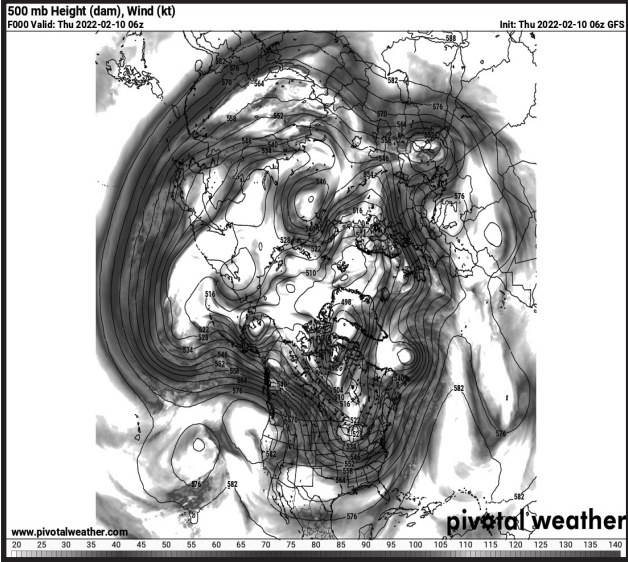
February 9, 2021 - February 9, 2022



## Last Week's Weather

Courtesy of the Grubstake Saloon

| Date  | Hi | FE | Lo | FE  | Precip. | Snow |
|---|----|----|----|-----|---------|------|
| Feb. 1  | 47 | -3 | 37 | +12 |         |      |
| Feb. 2  | 48 | +2 | 25 | +3  |         |      |
| Feb. 3  | 57 | +7 | 26 | +1  |         |      |
| Feb. 4  | 58 | +5 | 28 | +1  |         |      |
| Feb. 5  | 64 | +8 | 29 | -2  |         |      |
| Feb. 6  | 67 | +7 | 27 | -5  |         |      |
| Feb. 7  | 63 | 0  | 28 | -2  |         |      |
| Forecast Error (FE) is found by subtracting the forecast for each day's high and low temperature from the day's recorded value. |    |    |    |     |         |      |
| <b>Seasonal Precipitation</b>   |    |    |    |     |         |      |
| July 1 to date  |    |    |    |     | 45.81   |      |
| To-date last year   |    |    |    |     | 21.60   |      |
| Yearly average  |    |    |    |     | 65.28   |      |



## Jet Streams: February 10

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

## 7-Day Local Forecast

| Towns              | Info              | Thu. 2-10  | Fri. 2-11  | Sat. 2-12  | Sun. 2-13   | Mon. 2-14  | Tue. 2-15   | Wed. 2-16 |
|--------------------|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-----------|
| <i>Downieville</i> | High/Low (°F)     | M/39       | 69/39      | 70/36      | 69/38       | 68/38      | 59/28       | 50/29     |
|                    | Cloudiness (%):   | 5%         | 4%         | 4%         | 19%S        | 41%        | 18%         | 1%        |
|                    | Wind (mph):       | E 11 mph   | E 9 mph    | E-SW 4 mph | SE-SW 4 mph | S-SW 9 mph | NE-N 10 mph | NE 12 mph |
|                    | Humidity (%):     | 45%        | 48%        | 49%        | 47%         | 56%        | 48%         | 49%       |
|                    | Chance of Precip. | 0%         | 0%         | 0%         | 0%          | 14%        | 4%          | 0%        |
| <i>Loyalton</i>    | High/Low (°F)     | M/25       | 53/26      | 55/25      | 55/27       | 57/29      | 52/21       | 38/18     |
|                    | Cloudiness (%):   | 9%         | 8%         | 9%         | 16%         | 41%        | 29%         | 4%        |
|                    | Wind (mph):       | W-E 4 mph  | W-E 4 mph  | E 2 mph    | SW-W 4 mph  | SW 12 mph  | NE-N 9 mph  | NE 8 mph  |
|                    | Humidity (%):     | 72%        | 70%        | 69%        | 59%         | 71%        | 74%         | 68%       |
|                    | Chance of Precip. | 0%         | 0%         | 0%         | 0%          | 16%        | 8%          | 0%        |
| <i>Quincy</i>      | High/Low (°F)     | M/30       | 64/29      | 65/29      | 64/30       | 65/32      | 58/25       | 48/22     |
|                    | Cloudiness (%):   | 14%        | 11%        | 10%        | 18%         | 36%        | 14%         | 1%        |
|                    | Wind (mph):       | E-NE 9 mph | E-NE 8 mph | E-N 6 mph  | NE-SW 4 mph | SW 7 mph   | NE-N 8 mph  | NE 8 mph  |
|                    | Humidity (%):     | 66%        | 69%        | 69%        | 63%         | 69%        | 64%         | 64%       |
|                    | Chance of Precip. | 0%         | 0%         | 0%         | 0%          | 11%        | 3%          | 0%        |

Source: < https://www.weather.gov/wrh/wxtable> [National Weather Service WFO STO 02:06 AM PST Thursday Feb. 10, 2022] M=Missing

# Game Corner

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|   |   | 2 |   | 4 |   | 9 | 8 |   |
| 1 |   |   | 9 |   |   |   |   | 3 |
|   | 3 |   |   |   | 7 | 1 |   |   |
| 7 |   |   | 5 | 2 |   |   | 6 |   |
|   |   | 3 |   | 1 |   |   |   | 4 |
|   | 8 |   |   |   | 9 | 2 |   |   |
| 3 | 2 |   |   | 7 |   |   | 5 |   |
|   | 9 |   |   |   | 1 | 4 |   |   |
|   |   | 6 | 3 |   |   |   |   | 2 |

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.

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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## 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: D equals F

MUYUJJUE EK IGQR MU PQIMTJK  
Q WTRPS UD GQJAK, DGQM DHBS.  
ZKB, EK'GG WK PQMPSHRA BUYK  
JQZB.

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## Last Week's Answers

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 4 |
| 1 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 8 |
| 7 | 6 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 2 | 1 |
| 4 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 7 |
| 3 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 9 |
| 8 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 3 |
| 5 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 9 | 4 | 8 | 2 |
| 2 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 6 |

## CryptoQuip

If Elmer Fudd is being heavily teased by Bugs Bunny, he might be having a bad hare day.

|         |        |         |        |
|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| DOUBT   | AGRA   | MIATA   | DABS   |
| ERROR   | CEOS   | ARLEN   | ARIA   |
| BELLY   | JEANS  | MAIL    | TRICKS |
| OMARR   | DING   | HASHES  |        |
| CUTTER  | BOOKIE | HOES    |        |
| BNAI    | IWAS   | STUMP   | PRAKE  |
| CHIEF   | BILLY  | MASTS   | OLEO   |
| INSEAMS | REF    | SCORN   |        |
| ANT     | TAP    | CRET    | EW     |
| IGETA   | FDIC   | AERIE   |        |
| REDO    | THICK  | EN      | CHAI   |
| PLEASE  | IOUS   | NAVAL   |        |
| PUFF    | ED     | STEPPER | DNA    |
| EGLIN   | LOT    | REASONS |        |
| OLAV    | QUAKE  | SEEN    | BALLAD |
| NINE    | PUTTS  | HOP     | DELA   |
| RIAL    | SQUIN  | INTER   | WASH   |
| OHIO    | AN     | ASIS    | VIREO  |
| HANDY   | CARTS  | BRAZEN  | REDD   |
| MIDI    | EGGOS  | LODZ    | ELSIE  |
| SLOE    | SEEPY  | OBEY    | EDSEL  |

## DOWNSIZING

- ACROSS  
1 Unicellular swimmer  
7 Fold in a skirt  
12 Jolie of film  
20 The "R" of 33-Down  
21 Actor Cox  
22 Prepared for storage, as a hose  
23 Endlessly repeating programming problem  
25 Fashion designer in "The Incredibles"  
26 Hwy. felony  
27 Man-mouse middle  
28 What iPads run on  
30 "Boston Legal" actor James  
31 Higher, spiritual level of awareness  
38 Get a whiff of  
40 Lift to check the weight of  
41 Gig hookup  
42 PC key abbr.  
43 Elicitor of a major "Whew!"  
46 Zodiac ram  
48 Truckload  
51 Basso solo, e.g.  
52 Eligible for Soc. Sec.  
53 Head honcho  
57 Some hole menders  
59 Force unit  
60 Bouffant, e.g.  
61 Pipe joint  
62 — Yello (Coca-Cola brand)  
64 China's Zhou —  
68 Sharon of "Cagney & Lacey"  
69 M114 howitzer, e.g.  
72 Prickly shrub  
75 Occurrence  
76 — d'Or (Cannes award)  
77 G-man, e.g.  
80 Cousin's mommy  
82 Actresses Carrere and Mowry  
84 "Look here as well," in a reference book  
86 1931 crime film starring Edward G. Robinson  
90 — Juan  
91 Late hours, in ads  
92 Minneapolis-Montreal dir.  
93 King of CNN  
94 1971 Elton John song  
97 CD— drive  
100 Comical Costello  
101 Just OK  
102 Microwaves  
103 Bacterium, e.g.  
109 Blissful  
110 "General" of Chinese cuisine  
111 Miracle— (plant food)  
112 Vocalist Sumac  
115 Not together  
118 2, for helium  
123 Like rags  
124 Follow, as a pointer  
125 Join a force  
126 Evaluates  
127 Partner of Cheech  
128 Chinese system of calisthenics  
DOWN  
1 Quite dry  
2 Bill of fare  
3 She may be a gofer  
4 Wallach of "Lord Jim"  
5 Actor Affleck  
6 Universal truth  
7 "Amen, pastor!"  
8 Online chuckle  
9 Roxy Music's Brian  
10 Put holy oil on  
11 Manuscript mistakes  
12 King beater  
13 Nonverbal "yes"  
14 Knife of old infomercials  
15 Pass, as time  
16 French racing city  
17 "Upon my word!"  
18 "David" and "The Thinker"  
19 Imitating sorts  
24 Prefix with state  
29 Make afraid  
32 Fake fat in some chips  
33 Kind of camera, in brief  
34 Just-OK grade  
35 — a mile (not even close)  
36 "Yes, sign me up"  
37 14-member oil gp.  
38 Color  
39 Wall painting  
44 Did it wrong  
45 "Gigi" star Caron  
46 G-man, e.g.  
47 "Quiet down"  
49 Chances  
50 New Mexico skiing spot  
54 Lethargy  
55 "You got that right!"  
56 Floral symbol of purity  
58 Former "Top Chef" judge  
59 Rounded roof  
63 "P.S. I — U" (old TV show)  
65 They may be glossed over  
66 Carte lead-in  
67 "You got that right!"  
69 "Joey" star LeBlanc  
70 Anxious  
71 Make revisions to  
72 Farm bundle  
73 Lay waste to  
74 Picks off, as a pass  
77 Lighter catchphrase in old ads  
78 Lauder of fragrances  
79 Active types  
81 Sometimes-jellied fish  
83 — Detoo (sci-fi droid)  
85 Latin for "year"  
87 Trig is a prereq for it  
88 Ending for buck or stink  
89 Spew lava  
90 Being amorous, to Brits  
95 Jerusalem's nation: Abbr.  
96 Darth Vader, as a kid  
98 Rococo  
99 Watery silks  
101 Whiskey type  
103 Political hostess  
104 Thoughts  
105 Injury marks  
106 Singer Hayes  
107 Bow's shape  
108 Tune for nine  
113 Fit together  
114 Beginner's painting class  
116 Pipe joint  
117 Mag staff  
119 Western tribe  
120 Sun.-Tue. link  
121 Article in Argentina  
122 1,051, in old Rome



True Tales of the Timber Industry as assembled by Cynthia Anderson

From the Woods — Clay Allen, Part 4

*The stories of Clay Allen, his dog Calamity, and his trusty bulldozer continue in this week's "From the Woods", this time featuring some death-defying dozer incidents.*

He said, “What else is new, Clay?” So, I took him up there and he said, “Where is your Cat, Clay?” I just pointed to where the Cat was. He said, “God dammit, Clay! How in the hell did you do that?” I told him it was overgrown and you just couldn’t see it. To this day there are shafts up there just like that, there is air vents as big as a man.

So, we had to get the D8 and the D7, and they came down and they hooked onto my dozer arms on both sides and they were pulling up. They kept snapping the bull lines when they were trying to pull it up, because I was wedged in there pretty good and it took them quite awhile to get me out of there. No matter where you put their Cat, it was still cutting their bull lines on the sides of the shaft. Our crew was Joe S., who ran the D8, Pat K., ran the winch Cat D7E, Cliff E., he ran the loader, I ran the grapple Cat. That was our crew at the time. Jerry J. was the foreman. We were a young wood-moving crew.

When people build their house, they just don’t know what it took to get the wood to them. Back then the wood was big. This one almost killed me. I pulled out this butt cut on this big, big pine about five foot through, and when they went down they leveled everything; oaks and everything! I pulled it into the landing, and what it had done I didn’t see: it had pulled an oak tree over on the skid trail and it pointed right at me when I was coming back for the second cut. It had the top broke out of the oak tree, and it was all jagged, with the dust so bad, I couldn’t see my hands in front of me. Skid trail dust is like two foot deep and sometimes, with just your motor idling, will kick the dust up standing still.

I am going back, and I was in second, and all of a sudden my

Cat goes into third gear all on its own. See, what it did is it came into the cab and it hit the top of the shift tower and tore it off and knocked the Cat into third gear at the same time. Then it came in and that jagged oak got me here in my side and I went to take it out of gear and my hand just slid down the top of the oak, and the oak had already torn all the shift tower off. That oak was already impaling me and it hurt. I remember it got me, and I looked down at my side and it already had me squished up against the back of the seat. Somehow it had taken my intestines and moved them to the side and it was going through the skin and it still punctured me, and I still have the scar in my side. I was like 23. The pressure was so great that it bent the Cat seat I was sitting in and bent it around to the point that the oak spit me off the end of it. I remember that the pain was so severe that I started making a growling sound and then went into shock; your body goes into shock when the pain is so great.

I killed the motor of the Cat by hitting the brakes with my feet, that is pressing for your life when you know you better stop this Cat or it is going to kill me. Anyway, after I went into shock it was pretty vague, I just really didn’t know what was going on. I wanted *off* that Cat, I wanted *away* from that Cat. I remember I took off walking, and Cliff E. had the dolly off of a logging truck, lifting it in the air, you know how they lift them up and the truck takes off. I come walking across the landing and I walked right underneath that dolly that he had up in the air, and I walked to the side of the landing, and I just kept walking, I was just getting away and my body was telling me to get out of here.

Cliff realized that there was something wrong and he jumped off of the loader, then came down over and got me. So Don B., the landing man drove me to the hospital in Auburn, and I told Don to go back to the job.

He told me, “You are a lucky son of a bitch.”

I had some big holes in me. I’ve got just one little hole left that you can barely see, it’s just a little indentation, I used to have a bunch of them. I got out of the hospital and caught one of the logging trucks going back to the job.

My boss, Jerry J., said, “I sent you in,” and I said, “I can still swing the stamping hammer.” I was a young guy, I was 23. He said, “Come on,” and he gave me a ride home. That was one of those pretty bad deals. I am very gifted to be 66 years old. Back then all I wanted to do is skid logs, go to the bar and chase girls, I mean that was my life.

I was working above the Union Flat campground between Downieville and Sierra City. I was going around this hillside and I was doing an up- hill push with quite a bit of slash. I was running about 35 percent to 40 percent slope on this hillside, and Highway 49 was way down there and I was up on this hillside. I made this uphill push in this logging slash, and the loggers had left this 10 foot 6 inch log in the slash, and when I was pushing, this log got between the teeth of the brush rake.

I was heading up the hill pretty good, and when I went to back up, that log went and powered itself in between two brush rake teeth. Then it hit the ground and brought the Cat up, because it was wedged into the ground and into the brush rake teeth. I was backing up with it—if I was going forward, it wouldn’t have had that affect—but I was backing down the hill and it dug into the hill and brought the front of the Cat up.

The first thing you should do is lower your brush rake or blade—that is just number one rule, because the weight of the blade brings your Cat back down. But in this situation here it brought the Cat up even further.



Cory Peterman's Historical Corner

Black Pioneers of Sierra County - Part 1

Considering the month of February is Black History Month, I decided this would be a perfect time to honor the Black settlers of Sierra County. Though the Black population of Sierra County has never been large, several locales around the North Yuba region remind us of their presence. However, much like the previously-named Jim Crow Road which was recently renamed Crow City Road, these place names have often been the source of controversy and other social commentary - places like Negro Slide, Negro Tent, Negro Creek, and Negro Canyon (despite their controversial names, the latter three locations still show up on most current maps - earlier in the county’s history, these locales had the other “N-word” in their titles that I dare not say). Despite their distasteful names, these places are important because they help us remember that Sierra County was once home to a historically valuable Black mining population.

It is important to remember that during the Gold Rush, most Blacks were still enslaved elsewhere in the United States. Katie Willmarth Green states in her book *Like A Leaf Upon The Current* Cast that “Several writers about the West have opined that blacks were ill-suited for mining. The usual reasoning given is that most African-Americans who migrated here in the early days were former slaves who had been conditioned by subjugation to be dependent. Indeed, a superficial reading of the record would indicate that blacks who resided for any length of time in Downieville worked at least some of their lives as waiters in the hotels, as day laborers, handymen at the courthouse, or otherwise attached themselves to others’ enterprises. However, the same could be said of representatives of every other racial group.

Proportionately, perhaps it is true that blacks didn’t mine as much as whites or Chinese in early California, but there were

*fewer of them and their lack of secure civil rights or safety in numbers made them easy prey for claim jumpers. They couldn’t fight back using the legal system; like the non-naturalized foreign-born or the Native Americans, they couldn’t sue or own property for a long time, let alone vote, and their testimony in court against whites was inadmissible until after the equal voting rights amendment to the Constitution of the United States was passed in 1868.”*

Though many people know California joined the Union in 1850 as a “free” state, they may not be familiar with the Fugitive Slave Act. The California Historical Society website states “*In a precarious effort to balance the concerns of Southern slave-holding interests and those against slavery’s expansion, Congress cobbled together the Compromise of 1850. The series of bills admitted California as a free state, while also granting important concessions to the South. That included the draconian federal Fugitive Slave Act, which required government officials and ordinary white citizens in all states and territories to actively assist slaveholders in recapturing enslaved people who escaped from slave-holding jurisdictions.*”

Negro Canyon and Negro Creek, located about four miles west of Sierra City, was home to many Black miners in the early days. Not much is known about Negro Slide. The earliest mention I found of this location comes from the August 12, 1854 edition of the *Sierra Citizen*, which states the following: “*Negro Slide - We learn that the recently discovered diggings on the South side of the Yuba, some two miles from Oak Valley, are paying from eight to sixteen dollars to the hand. The ‘Slide’ is on the hill-side about 200 feet above the river. This is an important discovery, showing that the bank diggings extend farther down the river than was formerly supposed.*” This

location was in the vicinity of the present-day Ramshorn Campground, across the river. Negro Tent, located between Sleighville House and Mountain House, on the other hand, was a rather notorious location, being home to the Sierra-Nevada House, a wayside inn owned by the Romargi clan (refer to my earlier writings regarding Madam Romargi). This location was originally known as Hollow Log, according to William Downie, whose party consisted of “*two white men... and seven colored men.*” *Some of these men I will talk about later on in the series. Downie wrote that he was sold “a quantity of provisions which had been left at Negro Tent, then known as Hollow Log, and on the 25th of February, 1850, we started out to bring them in.”*

Various sources state why the name of Negro Tent came to be. Some state that two Black men set up a blacksmithing shop at this location, or made wooden shakes at the spot. In his book *Three Years in California* [1851-54], British-born artist John David Borthwick wrote the following, which I have censored: “*The next place I came to was a ranch called the 'N\*\*\*\*r Tent.'* It was originally a small tent, kept by an enterprising N\*\*\*\*r for the accommodation of travelers; but as his fortunes prospered, he had built a very comfortable cabin, which, however, retained the name of the old establishment.”

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Thelma Taylor Gay Passes Away Tuesday

Not for a long time have the people of this community been so genuinely shocked as they were Tuesday morning when the news of the death of Mrs. Thelma Gale Taylor Gay of Berkeley was flashed over the wires. The news spread rapidly, and a feeling of deep sadness settled over the whole community.

Although it was known that Mrs. Gay had been ill it was not known even by her closest friends that her condition was serious. About three weeks ago she suffered an attack of influenza from which she failed to recover entirely. Finally, she was taken to a hospital, where she was attended by specialists, who pronounced her ailment as sleeping sickness, which developed from her earlier illness. It was then that her parents in Downieville, Mr. and Mrs. Ross L. Taylor, were called to her bedside. Everything known to medical science was done for Mrs. Gay, but to no avail. After lingering a few days, she passed away, surrounded by her parents and husband.

Born in Downieville May 26, 1900, she was an only child. She developed into a beautiful and loveable character, whose friendship was highly cherished. After passing through the local schools, she attended the Sacramento High School, from which she graduated, and later graduated from the University of California, where she was a member of the Rediviva Sorority. She was married last May to Norman N. Gay of Berkeley and their married life was very happy. Her husband was most devoted to her, and

her untimely death is a terrible shock and an irreparable loss to him. Besides her husband and parents, Mrs. Gay is survived by a number of other relatives.

The funeral took place here Friday afternoon. Probably never before has the little Methodist Church witnessed such a profusion of beautiful floral pieces, last loving tributes of a host of the best of friends who mourned deeply at the passing of a true friend and a beautiful character admired and loved by all. The casket remained open during the service and “Thelma,” as she was known to all, reposed in a bower of blossoms, looking as if enjoying a sweet, peaceful sleep. She was beautiful and death did not seem to be a part of the picture.

The Rev. H.H. Buckner of Nevada City conducted the service, which was highly appropriate and comforting. He spoke of the beautiful, pure life which the deceased had led, how she had taken an active interest in church work when even a little girl, how she had developed into a fine noble character and become a devoted wife. He described death as a transition, a passing as from one room to another, saying the taking away was a part of God’s plan, which was not without a design.

Neighbors of Mrs. Gay who had known her since childhood sang with saddened voices. Mrs. Raymond McIntosh at the organ and Miss Josephine Tomola, Mrs. Antone Lavezzola, Mrs. W.L. Carter and Mrs. August Costa comprised the choir. The pall bearers, all friends of long standing, were Stanley McCormick, Andrew Ponta, Kenneth Latta, Herman Stark,

Perry Denmire and George Costa. Sorrowfully they accompanied to its last resting place all that remained mortal of their former schoolmate and esteemed and loved friend.

A long procession wended its way to the little cemetery on the hill, constituting one of the largest funerals ever held in Downieville and attesting the high esteem and love for a beautiful and noble character. As a mark of respect to the parents of the deceased, the business houses and the high school closed during the afternoon.

**Miner Digs 30 Ft. Tunnel to Escape Snowbound Cabin**

Waking up one morning during the recent storm to find himself completely snowed in and his cabin in darkness was the experience of Ed Pugh, who is working at the White Bear property in Goodyear Canyon above Monte Cristo.

Instead of climbing out of an upstairs window to daylight as Graniteville miners are said to have done, Ed was forced to resort to another method of escape from his dark quarters. Having had many such experiences during his life in the mountains, he was not in the least disconcerted over the situation and after enjoying a hearty breakfast by the light of a lamp he opened the door to his cabin and started digging a tunnel under an 11-foot snowpack.

After running his snow tunnel a distance of about 30 feet, Ed encountered the side of the mountain and “came up for air.” The tunnel was used for some time as a means of entrance and exit to and from his cabin. During this period his cabin was in total darkness and a lamp

furnished the only light.

Although he had no neighbors and is nine miles from Downieville, Pugh had no cause for alarm, as he is an expert ski rider and could come out on top of the snow.

**L.C. Clark Found Dead in His Cabin**

L.C. Clark, who had been living in a lonely cabin about 13 miles up the Middle Fork of the North Yuba was found dead in his cabin Tuesday by Dr. C.C. Sutton and August Poggi.

On Monday when John Broggio who was Clark’s nearest neighbor, about three miles distant, called on the old man, he found him with badly frozen feet. The latter had gathered some wood, intending to warm himself by Clark’s fire, but when he saw Clark’s swollen feet, he told him that he would go for help. Although he was suffering with cold, Broggio immediately set out upon his 13-mile journey to Downieville on foot and reported Clark’s condition upon his arrival here in an exhausted condition from his hurried trip.

Dr. Sutton and August Poggi left Tuesday morning and when they arrived at Clark’s cabin, they found him dead. Just inside the door, which was locked, there was an excavation about three and a half feet deep and four feet square, into which Clark had fallen, it is thought, shortly after Broggio left to obtain help. His helpless condition made it impossible for him to get out and he no doubt died of shock and exposure.

Wednesday morning early, Antone Lavezzola left with 16 men to bring Clark’s remains to Downieville. They took with them a specially constructed sled built on a 45-degree angle to

travel along the steep mountain-side. Shovels also were taken to break approaches to streams and gullies.

Reaching the Clark cabin, the body was strapped onto the sled and the return trip begun. The men arrived at the Lavezzola Ranch, a distance of seven miles, where they rested for an hour. The trip proved an extremely hard one and some of the rescuers went lame and had to be replaced by others. In fact, only a few of the most hardy remained in constant service during the entire trip.

From this point, a request was telephoned to Downieville for a horse to be sent up the trail to meet the rescuers and John Lavezzola set out immediately with animals and met the body about four miles from Downieville. The sled was then abandoned, and the remains brought the rest of the way on a pack animal and taken to the county hospital. The party arrived back in Downieville at 11 o’clock that night and Mrs. Lavezzola had hot coffee and a lunch waiting for the tired men. Holmes Funeral Home of Nevada City took charge of the body and prepared it for shipment to San Francisco.

Clark, who was of a rather eccentric disposition, was well known here. He was a retired San Francisco policeman and spent his vacations for many years on his mining claims, which he inherited from his father, an early miner in this section. The elder Clark was a miner and sawmill man and built the John Costa residence where L.C. Clark was born 74 years ago.

Last summer Clark returned from a trip to the eastern coast

and decided to spend the winter on his claims, against the wishes of relatives. Shortly before Christmas a relief party was sent at the solicitation of relatives to see if Clark was all right. He appeared to be in good health and refused to leave, remarking that he would not miss the experience he was enjoying for anything. At that time, he sent down a \$50 check for the community Christmas tree.

A strange coincidence is the report that Clark duplicated to a large extent his father’s experience. It is said the elder Clark did just as the son has done, in spite of the protestations of the latter. He, too, it is said, lived for a long time in the cabin in which his son died much against the latter’s wishes. Finally, he became ill, was packed out to Downieville and sent to San Francisco, where he passed away shortly after.

At the inquest which was held here Thursday morning it was found that Clark came to his death by exposure. He is survived by a son, Milton T. Clark of New York City; and two daughters, Mrs. M.J. Maynard, Adrian, Mich., and Mrs. E. Thuesen of Oakland, and a grandson, Louis Thuesen of Oakland.

Deceased had been a member of the San Francisco Police Department for 40 years from which he was receiving a pension at the time of his death. He was also a member of the Redmen and Woodmen of the World fraternal orders.

The funeral will take place in San Francisco Saturday at 2 p.m. from the Carewe & English Funeral Parlor and is to be accompanied by a police detail as an honorary escort.