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Briable Judges Found for Great Yuba Pass Chili Cook-off

By Don Russell

This Saturday, March 5, features Sierra County's Premier Social Event of the winter: the Great Yuba Pass Chili Cookoff. This long-time celebration of slapping together meat, peppers, and whatever else is handy, passes for fun, whatever the weather. We are vaguely promised there will be no blizzard this Saturday. If that prognostication proves to be fake news, it won't be the first time. Through the years, every sort of weather from shirtsleeves to four inch thick goose liver down armor has been seen.

We repeat: there are no rules. There are no entry fees nor paperwork. Just show up. Cooks must bring everything they need: there are no amenities beyond what can be bummed from other cooks. Bring sufficient supplies for the starving, huddled masses yearning to get warm and fed.

As a rule, and there are no rules, judging takes place at noonish. However, In particular foul weather, the schedule tends to be accelerated.

There being no rules, judging becomes an, ah, individual proposition. While there is no accounting for taste, taste is not necessarily a factor. Bribes count considerably. This is why Jenny Varn is a judge this year. The cost of the bribes, which guaranteed her considerable success over the years, finally became cost prohibitive. (This reportage comes from a perennial loser, mind you.) In the interest of honesty, however, we will admit that the best chili does, occasionally, fetch the first place trophy.

In the time-honored tradition, skullduggery continues about Saturday's Great Yuba Pass Chili Cook-off. At this writing, we cannot record the full slate of judges, complicating the requisite bribing of those worthies.

We know for sure, or as sure as such things get, that Jeanine and Mike Hudson, Loyaltonians, will be sitting in judgement. As well, Downieville's Jenny Varn, who has simply tired of winning, has offered her culinary abilities to the judiciary. Sierra City will be represented by Conrad McCaulley. In this, all attendees are blessed. Conrad's chili is semi-liquid fire, erasing taste buds for hours. Better to have him in the tent.... Unfortunately, we are given to believe Conrad has quit drinking, so that class of bribes are off the table. Perhaps a glass of pureed jalapeños or habanero or other nuclear plant life would be appropriate. Terry the Trashman, in charge of herding those cats, suggests Mike Buck, of Loyalton fame, may be available, and perhaps Terry's daughter Shilo may be drafted as a judge.

Terry also reminds previous recipients to return their trophies since the supply is dwindling, and the idea of someone having to replace them is daunting. There are no entry fees.



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Sierra County Board of Supervisor Meeting of March 1

By Carl Butz

On March 1, the Sierra County Board of Supervisors met in the Boardroom at the County Administration Center in Downieville. The meeting was held at 10:00 a.m. and lasted until 1:00 p.m. The agenda included the presentation of the Sierra County Public Health Department's annual report, the presentation of the Sierra County Public Health Department's annual budget, and the presentation of the Sierra County Public Health Department's annual report on the implementation of the California Public Health Act. The Board also discussed the Sierra County Public Health Department's request for funding for the Sierra County Public Health Department's annual report on the implementation of the California Public Health Act.

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Photo contributed by Lee Adams
Mike Newfarmer receiving a Certificate of Appreciation, for his excellent road maintenance services work for Sierra County since 2001, from Supervisor Sharon Dryden during the March 1 meeting of the Board of Supervisors. Considered the "MacGyver" of the Public Works Dept., Newfarmer is a legendary snow plower in his home town of Sierra City. Yes, Newfarmer's tenacity and inventive problem solving skills will be missed when his impending retirement becomes a reality.

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Katie's Sightings

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KATIE O'HARA KELLY

A Little Snow

(GOODYEARS BAR) Last Tuesday temperatures dropped down into the teens and we got .31" of snow! It was so beautiful! The character of the snow flurries changed throughout the day. Sometimes the snow fell in slow motion, sometimes like a blizzard, and sometimes it sleeted! It snowed off and on all day, but not much built up on the ground. Still, it was much needed, and way better than 70 degrees and windy!

To my delight a flock of about 40-50 Pine Siskins began foraging in an Alder tree outside my studio window around 5:00 PM on Tuesday. It was just wonderful to watch these little birds busily pecking the seeds out of the female Alder



Pine Siskins foraging in an Alder
Spinus pinus - Alnus rhombifolia

cones! The falling snow created a beautiful backdrop for their acrobatic antics! I watched them for a solid half hour before they all took off at once in a beautifully coordinated flight! They've been back several times this week! It is such a joy to watch them!

When food is plentiful they will store lots of seeds in their crop, which gets them through cold winter nights. Unlike hummingbirds, who go into a state of torpor overnight, Pine Siskins ramp up their metabolic rate to stay warm at night! They also put on a layer of fat for winter!

As always, we encourage readers to visit Katie's blog in order to savor her color photographs. Also, this week, visitors can enjoy reading about her recent visit to Sierra Valley to see and photograph migratory birds, in living color.

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, March 22, 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 PU2022.5.21.A Fire Alarm**. 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 PU2022.5.21.A Fire Alarm”**. Facsimile copies of the bid will not be accepted.

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

The successful bidder shall commence work on or before **April 18, 2022**. All work shall be completed within **35 working days, and not later than August 19, 2022**. There will not be a pre-bid walk for this scope.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Each bidder shall be a licensed contractor at the time of bid pursuant to the Business and Professions Code and such license(s) shall remain in active and good standing for the duration of the contract. The bidder shall be licensed in one or more the following classifications: **California C-16 license in good standing**.

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

Letters to the Editor

PG&E/CPUC Slap Solar Investors in the Face

The California Public Utility Commission has temporarily tabled the request by Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) to change the Net Energy Metering rules for those with rooftop solar panels. That’s great but we expect this won’t be the last we hear about this. PG&E wanted to charge rooftop solar panel owners \$750 a year supposedly to help low income people. PG&E claims rooftop solar panel owners are wealthy and aren’t paying their fair share for the utility’s infrastructure. California, the supposed leader in all things sustainable, would have the highest fees in the nation if this proposal were approved and surely the motivation to install rooftop panels would be eliminated. When we installed our panels in our Bay Area home, we thought we were helping to save the planet. This callous PUC plan feels like a slap in the face. Having PG&E spin this in the best interests of equity and social justice seems like a public relations stunt. Here’s an idea: Governor Gavin Newsom, the champion of climate action, can take some of the state’s \$45 billion surplus and pick up the tab for residents, churches and others instead of helping utilities like convicted felon PG&E earn profits on the backs of working communities.

Julie Freestone and Rudi Raab
Richmond CA

Enjoy Every Day Given to Us

I would like to express my thoughts on the events of February 5-6, 2022. I think it is fascinating that 72-year-old William Smallfield enjoyed Wild Ice Skating as much as he did. I am also happy he enjoyed our beautiful home in the Sierras so much. I feel very badly for his family and friends who were there when he fell through the ice. I am very glad his last day was spent in a place he loved. I am also glad he wasn’t alone. His family and friends were there when he needed them most. This makes me happy and shows he was loved very much. I offer my condolences to Mr. Smallfield’s family and friends. I also give my gratitude to the public servants and local residents who worked tirelessly to find him. My wish is for each of us to enjoy every day given to us and to be surrounded by those who love us most.

Jessilynn Dunnan, 5th Grade
Downieville, CA

Sierra Valley’s Tour de Manure Returns on June 4 with a New Director, New Food and More Beer!

(SIERRAVILLE) — The Tour de Manure Metric Century bicycle ride in Sierra Valley has a lot of new features this year. The supported ride is being moved up in time to the first June Saturday, June 4. It has a new organizing structure, with the nonprofit Sierraville Recreation Association teaming up with the ride’s original host, Sierraville/Sattley Fire and Rescue, to share responsibilities and proceeds. The Recreation Association supports fun, educational and arts events in Sierraville, including classes and music events at the old Sierraville School on Lincoln Avenue, and the club has painted most of the wooden barn quilts mounted around the valley.

The Tour has been forced to cancel the past two years, due to the pandemic, but returns for its 12th year under the new



leadership of Sierraville resident and former owner of Truckee’s Cottonwood restaurant, Mike Blide.

“We’ve missed the Tour,” said Doug Read, who, as part of the Sierraville fire district, helped found the Tour de Manure. “But we’re very excited to have Mike Blide take on the Tour Boss job. He’ll make it run as smoothly as it always did under the watchful eye of Tami McCollum and the Sierraville fire department. We are lucky to have him.”

This year’s event will be capped at 500 riders to ensure safety and fun. “The gentle terrain and the choices of 30-, 42- and 62-mile routes make this a great ride for every kind of cyclist, from people doing their first supported ride to the experts looking for distance and light hills,” Blide says.

The Tour de Manure begins between 8 and 9 a.m. at the Sierraville Firehouse at 102 E. Main Street in Sierraville, 25 miles north of Truckee on California Highway 49. Fees are \$75 through May 28 and \$100 thereafter until event day. Kids 12 and under pay \$35. Participants receive this year’s version of the infamous “raging bull” T-shirt as well as SAG wagon support, rest stop food and amenities, and a big finish line party with a BBQ and live music. The beer tent features brews from sponsors Fifty Fifty, Alibi Aleworks, and The Brewing Lair. Live finish line music is offered, once again, by Michael Hogan and his rockin’ country-rock band “The Simpletones.” The BBQ is catered by When Pigs Fly, based in Sierraville, who will serve pulled pork along with vegan and vegetarian options. Chips and salsa are contributed by Sierraville’s Los Dos Hermanos restaurant.

“This event is the major annual fundraiser for the Sierraville Recreation Association as well as the Sierra County Fire Protection District,” Blide says. “A huge contingent of volunteers from in and around Sierraville come out to help stage this ride. It is a true community endeavor.”

Local Historian, Tanis Thorne, Releases New Book, Nevada City Nisenan

(NEVADA CITY) - A recently published book is now available, which brings together new ideas, images and information about the Nisenan. Written for a general audience, *Nevada City Nisenan* is the story of survival, the importance of place, and the resilience of indigenous culture.

The 184-page book contains over 100 rare photos, woodcuts and illustrations, 15 maps and a chapter on gold mining written by celebrated local author and archaeologist Hank Meals. Its primary goal is to return Nisenan history and knowledge to the people who live in the rural Sierra Nevada Foothill communities of Nevada County.

A presentation and book signing is planned for 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 16 at the Seaman’s Lodge in Pioneer Park, Nevada City. Teacher workshops will be held at the Gene Albaugh Community Room, Madelyn Helling Library, at 6:30 pm on May 23 and May 30. More upcoming events will be announced.

For all those who want to know more about the indigenous people of this place, do come and enjoy the presentation on March 16,” said Author Tanis Thorne.

For thousands of years Nisenan people lived within the Deer Creek watershed, where the town of Nevada City is today. Here they developed a deep and enduring relationship with the land. A new generation of Nisenan are seeking community visibility and federal recognition.

Nevada City Nisenan is already attracting attention and gaining good reviews:

“Thorne shows how the development of industrial mining dispossessed Indians and limited their ability to survive in a landscape that had become hostile to them. Everyone interested in California Indians, Nevada City, the Gold Rush or California history should read this book. A little book that taught me a lot. The maps are especially useful,” said Albert L. Hurtado, historian and author of a number of award-winning books.

“Yesterday the mail brought me the "Nevada City Nisenan" book. Once I started it couldn't put it down and so read til done, taking most of the night. It's a powerful story and well assembled. I've known various fragments of this history for years but never realized how much recent history is powerfully present, and how the surviving individuals boldly hung on,” said Pulitzer-prize winning poet Gary Snyder.

During the gold rush, people from all parts of the globe moved to California with the hope of striking it rich and no intention of settling for long. Land use by gold miners and indigenous people could not have been more different. Through the pages of her book, Thorne explores how Nevada City’s Indian community survived into the twenty-first century in the face of great odds, especially mining’s destructive environmental legacy. It’s a subject local historian Hank Meals has spent 40+ years studying.

“For me collaborating on this book has been demanding, but illuminating, and worth every hour invested. It has been a pleasure to contribute to this effort by my high-caliber colleague,” said Hank Meals, known locally for his hiking books Yuba Trails, Yuba Trails 2 and The River.

“Nevada City Nisenan is a fine book that everyone should read. I enjoyed it a great deal, It documents the historical experiences of our people before and after the gold rush of 1849. It also tells the story of how greed and the search for gold destroyed the local environment and almost completely erased a once thriving population of Native Americans,” said Tribal Chairperson, Richard Johnson, Compiler of The History of Us: Nisenan Tribe of the Nevada City Rancheria.

To learn more and order books online, visit: <https://www.tanisthorne.com/>

20/20 Hindsight

Contrary to what was published in our February 24 edition, Abigail Sainsbury made a speech at the Lion's Club's Student Contest on February 22, not Abigail Sainsbury.

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On the Shelf

By PAUL GUFFIN

Ukraine

The European country of Ukraine is horribly in the news these days. But, what do we, here in the United States, know about this country? Perhaps not as much as we should; so, this might be a good time to gain a modicum of knowledge.

Concerning the name of the country, there are different hypotheses as to the etymological origins of “Ukraine”. The most widespread hypothesis is that is comes from the old Slavic term of “borderland”. During most of the 20th century, the country was referred to in the English-speaking world as “The Ukraine”, apparently because the word “ukraina” means “borderland” and, as such, would be translated as “the borderlands”. Today, however, the official Ukrainian position is that the usage of “The Ukraine” is incorrect, both grammatically and politically.

Ukraine is the second largest country by area in Europe; only Russia (which is both a European and an Asian country) is larger. It spans an area of 233,062 square miles (603,628 km2), which is about the size of Arizona and New Mexico combined. It is bounded on the north by Belarus, on the west by Poland, Slovakia, and Hungary, on the south by Romania and Moldova, and on the east by Russia. In terms of population, it is the eighth most populous country in Europe, with a population of 41.2 million — which is about 1.6 million more than the population of California. Its capital, and largest city, is Kyiv (pronounced Keev).

The territory of modern Ukraine has been inhabited since 32,000 BCE. During the Middle Ages, the area was a key centre of East Slavic culture, with the loose tribal federation of Kievan Rus’ forming the basis of Ukrainian identity. In the 13th century CE, it was fragmented into several principalities, followed by the devastation of the Mongol invasion, and then followed by territorial unity collapse and subsequent division and rule by a variety of powers, including the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, Austria-Hungary, the Ottoman Empire, and Russian Tsardom. Following rule by the Cossack Hetmanate during the 17th and 18th century, the territory was eventually split between Poland and the Russian Empire. Following the Russian Revolution, a Ukrainian national movement for self-determination emerged, and the internationally recognized Ukrainian People’s Republic was declared on June 23, 1917. The Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic was a founding member of the Soviet Union in 1922, but, following the dissolution of the Soviet Union, the country regained its independence on August 24, 1991.

In terms of politics, Ukraine has a semi-presidential (meaning it has a president) semi-parliamentary (meaning it has a prime minister) form of government, with separate executive, legislative, and judicial branches. The president is elected by popular vote for a five-year term, and is the formal head of state. The legislative branch is comprised of the unicameral 450-member parliament, headed by the prime minister.

Ukraine’s economy is the 55th largest in the world, by nominal Gross Domestic Product, and the 40th largest, by Purchasing Power Parity. However, it remains among the poorest nations in Europe. It is a heavily urbanized country, with about 67% of the total population living in urban areas.

According to the Ukrainian constitution, the state language is Ukrainian. However, Russian is widely spoken, especially in eastern and southern Ukraine, with most native Ukrainian speakers knowing Russian as a second language.

Ukraine has the world’s second-largest Eastern Orthodox population, after Russia. A 2021 survey found that 82% of Ukrainians declared themselves to be religious, while 7% were atheists, and 11% found it difficult to answer the question.

The tradition of the Easter egg, known as pysanky, has long roots in Ukraine. These eggs were drawn on with wax to create a pattern; then, dye was applied to give the eggs their pleasant colors (the dye not affecting the previously wax-coated parts). After the egg was dyed, the wax was removed, leaving only the colorful pattern. This tradition is thousands of years old, preceding the arrival of Christianity to Ukraine.

Ukraine’s national anthem contains these words (in poetic English translation):

“Nay, thou are not not dead, Ukraine,
see thy glory’s born again,
And the skies, O brethren, upon us smile once more!
As in Springtime melts the snow, so shall melt away the foe,
And we shall be masters in our own home.”



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Sports

By TESSA JACKSON

The Loyalton Grizzlies Ski and Snowboard team is headed to Mammoth next week! Coach Cali Griffin will be taking her team down to compete in the California Nevada Interscholastic Ski and Snowboard Federation State Championships beginning this Sunday, March 6th. The snowboard teams will



Photo contributed by Cali Griffin

Left to right: Bobbi Jo Griffin, Ava Solberg, and Maggie Burt, varsity members of the Loyalton High School Ski and Snowboard team during a recent competition at Alpine Meadows.

be training on Sunday the 6th and competing on Monday and Tuesday and the ski teams will be training on on Tuesday the 8th and then competing on Wenesday and Thursday. The JV skiers consists of Micah Williams and Alexandria Siqueido; the snowboarders are Meilani Meurer and Dyson Powers; and the varsity skiers are Ava Solberg, Bobbi Jo Griffin, Maggie Burt, Roman Filippini, and Jordan Campbell.

I wish the kids the best of luck! Go Grizzlies!

PEACE

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NOTICE OF PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY'S REQUEST TO CHANGE RATES FOR ITS ENERGY EFFICIENCY APPLICATION (A.22-02-005)

ACRONYMS YOU NEED TO KNOW

PG&E: Pacific Gas and Electric Company
CPUC: California Public Utilities Commission

WHY AM I RECEIVING THIS NOTICE?

On February 15, 2022, PG&E filed its Energy Efficiency Application as required by the CPUC. The application proposes \$1.4 billion to be collected in rates over a 4-year period from 2024 through 2027 to continue funding energy efficiency programs for customers in PG&E's service area and statewide. The amount included in this application is less than the amount currently in electric rates, resulting in a rate decrease for electric customers.

The application also includes a strategic business plan for 2024 through 2031 but does not seek approval of a revenue requirement for years 2028 through 2031.

WHY IS PG&E REQUESTING THIS RATE CHANGE?

The application describes PG&E's plans to provide energy efficiency services to residential, commercial, public, industrial, and agricultural customers and support more efficient building codes and appliance standards. These programs will support California's 2045 carbon neutrality goal, the ability of customers to manage their own energy usage and reduce reliance on backup power during outages.

As required by the CPUC, PG&E's application also includes funding for energy efficiency programs managed by Community Choice Aggregators and Regional Energy Networks. Approximately 20% of PG&E's revenue request will be passed on to Community Choice Aggregators and Regional Energy Networks.

Overall, the goal of the application is to ensure customers continue to receive clean, safe, reliable, and affordable electricity.

HOW COULD THIS AFFECT MY MONTHLY ELECTRIC RATES?

Many customers receive bundled electric service from PG&E, meaning they receive electric generation, transmission and distribution services.

In the year 2027, which is the year of the highest impact, the bill for a typical residential customer using 500 kWh per month would decrease from \$151.53 to \$151.17, or 0.2% compared to rates currently in effect.

Direct Access and Community Choice Aggregation customers only receive electric transmission and distribution services from PG&E. PG&E transmission and distribution charges for these customers would decrease by 0.5% if this application is approved. DA providers and CCAs set their own rates. Check with your DA provider or CCA to learn how this would impact your overall bill.

Another category of nonbundled customers is Departing Load. These customers do not receive electric generation, transmission or distribution services from PG&E. However, these customers are required to pay certain charges by law or CPUC decision. On average, these customers would see a decrease of 2.5%.

Actual impacts will vary depending on usage and are subject to CPUC regulatory approval.

HOW COULD THIS AFFECT MY MONTHLY GAS RATES?

Bundled gas customers receive transmission, distribution, and procurement services from PG&E. In 2027, which is the year of the highest impact, the average monthly bill for a typical residential customer averaging 32 therms per month would increase from \$63.06 to \$63.38, or 0.5% compared to rates currently in effect.

Actual impacts will vary depending on usage and are subject to CPUC regulatory approval.

HOW DOES THE REST OF THIS PROCESS WORK?

This application will be assigned to a CPUC Administrative Law Judge who will consider proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process. The Administrative Law Judge will issue a proposed decision that may adopt PG&E's application, modify it, or deny it. Any CPUC Commissioner may sponsor an alternate decision with a different outcome. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon by the CPUC Commissioners at a public CPUC Voting Meeting.

Parties to the proceeding may review PG&E's application, including the Public Advocates Office. The Public Advocates Office is an independent consumer advocate within the CPUC that represents customers to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. For more information about the Public Advocates Office, please call **1-415-703-1584**, email: **PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov** or visit **PublicAdvocates.cpuc.ca.gov**.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

CONTACT PG&E

If you have questions about PG&E's filing, please contact PG&E at **1-800-743-5000**. For TTY, call **1-800-652-4712**.

If you would like a copy of the filing and exhibits, please write to the address below:

Pacific Gas and Electric Company
Energy Efficiency Application (A.22-02-005)
P.O. Box 7442
San Francisco, CA 94120

CONTACT CPUC

Please visit **apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2202005** to submit a comment about this proceeding on the CPUC Docket Card. Here you can also view documents and other public comments related to this proceeding. Your participation by providing your thoughts on PG&E's request can help the CPUC make an informed decision.

If you have questions about CPUC processes, you may contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at:

Email: **Public.Advisor@cpuc.ca.gov**

Mail: CPUC
Public Advisor's Office
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Call: **1-866-849-8390** (toll-free) or **1-415-703-2074**

Please reference **Energy Efficiency Application (A.22-02-005)** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.

Here Back East

By LENNY ACKERMAN

Camping with Brooke

Recently I started watching an excellent television series called “1883”. Set in Montana during frontier days, the show called to mind a trip I took almost 40 years ago with my youngest daughter, Brooke, then 13 years old. It was summer of 1985. We ventured out west to Choteau, Montana, for a stay at Circle 8 Ranch, a Nature Conservancy property at the entrance to the Bob Marshall Wilderness Area. Brooke, the youngest of my children, was easy to coax into a 10-day camping trek on horseback, with a group of strangers who, like me, were looking for adventure. She was as dauntless at 13 as she is now in her 50s. We were a great father-daughter team for this type of excursion. My late wife, Judie, and my oldest daughter, Kara, would have nothing to do with such a trip. Their outdoor adventure during that time would be a stay at the Westbury Hotel in New York City with shopping outings on Madison Avenue. I had learned of the Montana trip through my board membership at the Nature Conservancy in East Hampton, New York. At the time, I knew little of that part of the country, but the trip seemed like a terrific, once in a lifetime opportunity for us to learn about it.

The flight out to Great Falls, Montana was uneventful. We were met at the airport by a Circle 8 Ranch van for the three-hour ride to Choteau. During the drive, we chatted with the other passengers who were some of our camping companions to be: an older couple in their 80s from California, retired but still active outdoorspeople, and a young family with two children—the father was an investment banker and fly fisherman. There would be a total of in our group, a mixture of city folk, suburbanites and country dwellers, all with one thing in common: the desire to experience and be tested by nature and the elements in some of the most beautiful country in America.

Orientation began almost immediately on arrival at the ranch because we were setting out on horseback the next morning. The planned trek was five days out and five days back through the magnificent Bob Marshall Wilderness Area. We would pitch tents at day’s end and cook our meals by Bunsen burner. One of the cowboy guides advised us not to unpack all our luggage, as there was only room for the bare necessities. Brooke and I went through our suitcase and left behind most of our clothes, keeping only underwear, socks, jeans, shirts, rain gear and dop kits. Pack horses and mules were already loaded onto the trailers for the ride to the entrance to the reserve. They would carry the tents, food, medical kits and cooking utensils.

In the morning, we had a quick breakfast and met up with our group and the guides, then were transported to where the horses were waiting for us, ready to go. Once everyone was settled into their saddles, we ventured off into the wild. We had no phones since cell phones didn’t exist then, and though we were as prepared as we could be with rations and supplies, we were, nevertheless, truly alone in the ever-deepening wilderness. The cowboy guides all carried revolvers and rifles to ward off predators and grizzly bears. There was no venturing off alone, even to the “latrines” off the campsite. This was no casual walk in the woods, but a total immersion experience in nature.

After the first day on horseback, I was unable to stand up. That evening I took a “bath” in bengay, which only helped a bit. Brooke was a trooper on her horse, Cody, who was excitable but steady on the tough trails up and down the mountains. She only cried once, and it was during a hailstorm that tested all the adults as well. After a few nights of camping, we became accustomed to the routine but when the cowboy guides asked if we wanted to spend a couple of nights in one place to relax from the riding we ALL said yes.

Despite the hail we encountered, the July weather in Montana had been very dry. The cowboy guides constantly reminded us about the risk of wildfires. The cloudless skies ensured our portable solar powered sun showers provided plenty of warm water when it was time to clean up. Most days the weather was clear with views for miles. The majesty of the mountain range along the Continental Divide is something I will never forget. We trekked in areas of such magnificent flora and fauna it was as if we were passing through an impressionist painting. I brought a fly rod along and at our campsites, always near a stream, Brooke and I would cast into the crystal-clear mountain water for trout. There were a few nibbles, then caught and released. Fishing in that idyllic environment instilled in me the sense of joy I feel every time I engage with the sport, no matter where I am casting my line.

Living apart from the civilized world for that brief time left lifelong impressions. Brooke and I strengthened our father-daughter bond, and for Brooke it was also a maturing experience. Her love of the outdoors that she always had, having grown up in East Hampton, deepened, as did her respect for nature. These days Brooke and I continue to share active, outdoors experiences, most often in Maine at my fishing camp, where she visits regularly with her own young family. Now we impart our love of nature to the next generation. For me, the trip to Montana was the beginning of what became my passion for fly fishing throughout the world, as well as for simple walks in the woods, always in search of fresh water and wild fish.



Sierra Safe

A program of the
Plumas Crisis Intervention &
Resource Center (PCIRC)

OFFERING SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF SEXUAL
ASSAULT AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
24hr Crisis Line # 1-877-757-0029

513 Main St.,
P.O. Box 207
Loyalton, CA 96118

(530) 993-1237
Fax (530) 993-1239

Sheriff's Log

By Jen Henneke

Monday, February 21
12:53 - In Downieville, a vehicle was self abandoned on USFS road 25. The caller will recover the vehicle at a later date.
14:24 - In Loyalton, a burglar alarm was reported at City Hall. The responsible party for the building and the deputy secured the building.
19:41 - On HWY 395, there was a fatality in a vehicle accident.

Tuesday, February 22
00:20 - In Loyalton, Eastern Plumas Health Care Ambulance was requested.
00:37 - On Lemon Canyon Road near Sierraville, three individuals got stuck in the snow. Two of the individuals were able to walk out with the third individual being rescued by deputies.
18:41 - On HWY 49 near Depot Hill, there was a report of extra traffic moving northbound due to I-80 being closed.
19:52 - There was a crash on HWY 49 south of Yuba Pass.
20:03 - On HWY 89 south of Sierraville, multiple vehicles were off the roadway. Slow down!

Wednesday, February 23
01:20 - On HWY 49 at Gold Lake Road, CalTrans was requested to pull a vehicle out of a ditch. They should have slowed down too.
11:10 - In Loyalton, an injured deer was on HWY 49. Sheriff Fisher responded and had to release the animal from suffering and CalTrans was called to dispose of the remains.
18:38 - In Loyalton, a civil standby was requested.
20:07 - In Loyalton, there was an accidental 911 call.

Thursday, February 24
09:09 - In Camptonville, agency assistance was requested by the LA District Attorney Investigators who were investigating a parental abduction.
18:14 - In Downieville, medical assistance was requested.
18:57 - Request for medical assistance in Kern County. The Sheriff’s Office was able to provide the caller with the correct phone number.
20:15 - In Camptonville, citizen assistance was requested. Due to the request being in Yuba County, the caller was provided the correct phone number.
20:20 - In Downieville, a family fight broke out. All involved agreed to separate for the night.
21:14 - In Loyalton, Eastern Plumas Health Care Ambulance was requested to assist a woman in labor.

Friday, February 25
08:38 - In Sierra City on Main Street, some keys on a Car-max keychain were found between the restaurant and the blue house. If those are your keys, go get ‘em!
11:21 - In Truckee, agency assistance was requested regarding a Loyalton resident.
16:09 - In Sierra City, a report of dogs at large. What did they do to be on the lam?
17:50 - In Sierra City, someone was arrested for domestic violence.
17:59 - On Sagehen Summit and HWY 89, it was reported that there was a car fire. Upon arrival of the deputy there was no fire and the issue was out of county.

Saturday, February 26
08:24 - In Downieville, it was reported that a motion detection alarm was sounding.
11:51 - In Truckee, someone was arrested for two Sierra County warrants.
15:48 - In Loyalton, a welfare check was requested for a motorist stuck in the snow. That darn snow.
18:22 - On HWY 49 near the CalTrans yard, a driver was being reckless. The driver was not DUI, just dumb.
19:42 - In Sierra City, there was a snowmobile accident. The Sierra City Fire Department and some friends were able to get the snowmobiler to safety.

Sunday, February 27
01:58 - In Sierra City, an ambulance was requested.
10:17 - In Alleghany, a 911 hang up occurred. On the call back, the phone was answered but it was inaudible. The Alleghany Fire Department responded for a welfare check and the caller was not in distress. Phone line issues once again.
11:41 - In Loyalton, a lift assist was requested and the Loyalton Volunteer Fire Department responded.
14:22 - Near Downieville, a motorcycle crashed. CHP and Downieville Volunteer Fire Department responded.
14:23 - At the Ramshorn Campground, someone was arrested for an out of county warrant.
15:32 - Near the Lake of the Woods (located a short distance east of Webber Lake in southeastern Sierra County, a stuck snowmobiler needed assistance. After additional messaging, the snowmobiler received assistance and the SCSO no longer needed to respond.

17:20 - At the HWY49 and 89 split, someone crashed and was arrested for a DUI. Idiot.
18:32 - In Loyalton, a burglary alarm was sounding. There were no signs of entry and the place was secured.
20:37 - In Sierraville, a suspicious male and vehicle were on private property. The Sheriff’s Office was unable to locate the male or the vehicle.

Total 911 Hang Ups with Static: 4 **Total Reports: 41**



LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following registrant is doing business as: SMALL VENTURE CHILD CARE
Full name of registrant: Aldeen L. Hamilton
Registrant Address: 175 Richardson Way, Chester, CA 96020
Business location: 175 Richardson Way, Chester, CA 96020
Mailing address: P.O. Box 215, Chester, CA 96020
Phone number: (530) 258-3802
This business is being conducted by: Individual
/s/ Daniel Gooder, Owner
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: February 15, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000042
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SIERRA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FIRE DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE INCREASE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the Loyalton Social Hall, Loyalton City Park, Loyalton, CA, the Sierra County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing to address the following:

- Resolution increasing the fire development impact fee to be paid by certain new development/construction within the boundaries of the Sierra County Fire Protection District No. 1, from \$1.90 per building square foot to \$1.96 per building square foot, in accordance with the Fire Development Impact Fee Nexus Study prepared by Hansford Economic Consulting, dated July 15, 2020 and Sierra County Resolution 2021-018.

Members of the public may provide public comment during the hearing and may submit written comments on this matter by U.S. Mail or email at clerk-recorder@sierracounty.ca.gov. The Board of Supervisors will consider all written comments received prior to the posted hearing date.

This meeting will be open to in-person attendance and available to the public via teleconference.

The public may observe and provide public comments during the hearing by using the Teams options below:

By Phone: 1-323-892-2486
Access Code: 619 371 664#
By PC: <https://tinyurl.com/03152022BOS>

SIERRA COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION ON MAY 13th – 16th, 2022 OF TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

On February 1, 2022, I, Van Maddox, Sierra County Tax Collector, was directed to conduct a public auction sale by the Board of Supervisors of Sierra County, California. The tax defaulted properties listed below are subject to the Tax Collector’s power of sale.

The sale will be conducted at the Internet auction website Bid4Assets.com, on May 13-16th, 2022, as a public auction to the highest bidder for not less than the minimum bid as shown on this notice. Research the property prior to bidding. Due diligence research is incumbent on the bidder. All property is sold as is. The winning bidder is legally obligated to purchase the item.

Only bids submitted to Bid4Assets.com via the Internet or their off-line bidding process will be accepted. Please call toll-free 1-877-427-7387 for more information regarding off-line bidding after November 1. Computer workstations are available at some public libraries during library hours for those who need them. Bidder registration must be completed and a refundable deposit of \$2,000 by wire must be received by Bid4Assets by Monday, May 9th, 2022. The deposit will be applied to the successful bidder’s purchase price. A California transfer tax will be added to and collected with the purchase price and is calculated at \$.55 per each \$500 or fraction thereof. Full payment and deed information indicating how title should be vested is required by 5 p.m. PT on Thursday, May 19th, 2022. Only wire transfers will be accepted.

The county and its employees are not liable for the failure of any electronic equipment that may prevent a person from participating in the sale.

The right of redemption will cease on Thursday, May 12th, 2022, at 5 p.m. and properties not redeemed by that time will be offered for sale. If the parcel is not sold, the right of redemption will revive. If properties are sold, parties of interest, as defined in California Revenue and Taxation Code section 4675, have a right to file a claim with the county for any excess proceeds from the sale. Excess proceeds are the amount of the highest bid in excess of the liens and costs of the sale that are paid from the sale proceeds.

More information may be obtained by reviewing the Frequently Asked Questions at www.sierracounty.ca.gov, thoroughly reviewing the Bid4Assets.com/Sierra website which will be updated on February 22, 2022, or by calling the Tax Collector at 530-289-3286 if unable to access the Internet information.

PARCEL NUMBERING SYSTEM EXPLANATION

The Assessor's Parcel Number (APN), when used to describe property in this list, refers to the assessor's map book, the map page, the block on the map, (if applicable), and the individual parcel on the map page or in the block. The suffixes used in conjunction with the parcel number are as follows:

- 0 = Surface and mineral interests
- The assessor's maps and further explanation of the parcel numbering system are available in the assessor’s office.

The properties that are the subject of this notice are situated in Sierra County, California, and are described as follows:

SIERRA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLUTION NO. 2022-012 Exhibit A					
Item No.	APN	Assessee	Acreage	Assessed Value	Minimum Bid
1	006-140-010-000	Bolding, Patricia & Flath, Roger	5.09	65,553	10,500.00
2	017-021-045-000	10 Miwok Court, Pike Weir, Kevin	0.10	60,000	14,100.00
3	023-070-045-000	34 Zolinger St., Loyalton Miller, William Thomas	15.16	44,240	8,700.00
4	023-070-070-000	Acreage, Verdi Miller, William Thomas	42.98	390,894	40,000.00
		1020 Arbor Ln, Verdi			

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.
Van Maddox, Sierra County Tax Collector
Executed at Downieville, Sierra County, CA on February 18, 2022
Published in The Mountain Messenger March 3rd, 10th and 17th, 2022

LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following registrant is doing business as: UPTOWN COMPANY HOUSE MANAGEMENT & CONSULTING
Full name of registrant: Lori A. Ellermeier
Registrant Address: 37337, Roundhouse Road, Quincy, CA 95971
Business location: 179 Lawrence Street, Quincy, CA 95971
Phone number: (530) 616-5433
This business is being conducted by: Individual
/s/ Lori A. Ellermeier
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: February 8, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000035
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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following registrant is doing business as: KARINA'S UNIQUE CLEANING SERVICE
Full name of registrant: Jerry Alfredo Cisneros & Karina Rodriguez Cisneros
Registrant Address: 71 Andy’s Way, Quincy, CA 95971
Business Location: 71 Andy’s Way, Quincy, CA 95971
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1260, Quincy, CA 95971
Phone Number: (530) 616-5433
This business is being conducted by: Married Couple
/s/ Jerry A. Cisneros
This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: February 15, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000043
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At the Firehouse

By VICTORIA TENNEY

ALLEGHANY: February 23rd—Mutual aid response to Pike City for a person who was ill - cancelled. February 27th—Responded, as requested by the Sierra County Sheriff's Office (SCSO), to a welfare check and found all was well.

DOWNIEVILLE: February 21st—Four Medical Urgent Care incidents. February 23rd—Responded for seven Medical Urgent Care incidents; COVID-19 testing and vaccines at the Community Hall. February 24th Responded for a Medical Urgent Care; EMS Training. February 25th The ambulance responded to Sierra City, as requested by the S.C.S.O., for a stand-by, then cancelled. February 26th—The ambulance responded to Sierra City, as requested by the SCSO for a stand-by, then cancelled. February 27th—The ambulance responded to Sierra City for a person who was ill; responded for a motorcycle down, and the injured person was airlifted to the hospital in Marysville.

LOYALTON: February 22nd at 12:16 AM—Possible hazardous materials exposure, Loyalton. February 24th at 9:14PM—Woman in labor, Loyalton. February at 11:38 AM—Lift assist for patient returning home, Loyalton.

PIKE CITY: February 23rd—Responded for a person who was ill - cancelled.

SIERRA CITY: February 25th—Responded, as requested by the SCSO, to stand-by, then cancelled. February 26th—Responded, as requested by the SCSO, to stand-by, then cancelled. February 27th—Responded for a person who was ill.

SIERRA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT: (CALPINE, SATTLEY, & SIERRAVILLE): February 24th—Cross-training with U.S.F.S. in Sierraville; fire training at Station #82 in Sierraville. February 25th—Responded for a vehicle fire near Hwy. 89 & Sagehen.

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

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 **2:30 p.m.** on **Wednesday, March 8, 2022**, sealed bids for the award of a contract for the **Plumas Unified School District (PUSD) Building A & B Modernization Project at Chester Elementary School - Bid Package PU2022.5.6.A Roofing**. Bids shall be received at the Plumas Unified School District office located at 50 Church Street, Quincy, CA 95971 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time and place. Responses must be sealed and clearly marked **“Building A & B Modernization Project at Chester Elementary School- Bid Package PU2022.5.6.A Roofing”**. 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@crmgroupeco.com

The successful bidder shall commence work on or before **May 2, 2022**. All work shall be completed within **75 calendar days and not later than August 19, 2022**. There will be a pre-bid walk at **Chester Elementary School, 158 Aspen St, Chester, CA, at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 28, 2022**.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Help Wanted

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The City of Loyalton is accepting employment applications for a Certified Waste Water/Water Treatment Plant Operator

Status: Must have a minimum of a D-1 Water Distribution Certification and Waste Water Treatment Certification Grade 1

Salary Range: DOE
Deadline: Open till filled

The ideal applicant has experience in repairing and maintaining water and waste water distribution lines, maintaining waste water and water equipment such as pumps and aerators. Capabilities of operating various equipment such as hydro flusher, backhoe and other construction equipment as needed.

Apply to:
City of Loyalton
Box 128
605 School Street
Loyalton, Ca. 96118
Phone # 530-993-6750

The City of Loyalton is an equal opportunity employer

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The City of Loyalton is currently advertising for the following position: MAINTENANCE - FULL TIME

SALARY: DOE

HOURS: 40 HOURS PER WEEK

APPLY BY: POSITION OPEN UNTIL FILLED

REQUIREMENTS; MUST BE ABLE TO OPERATE HEAVY EQUIPMENT, IDEAL APPLICANT WOULD HAVE A CERTIFICATE IN WATER/SEWER DISTRIBUTION, HAVE KNOWLEDGE IN ALL AREAS REGARDING MAINTENANCE WORK

APPLY TO: EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION CAN BE OBTAINED AT LOYALTON CITY HALL, 605 SCHOOL STREET, LOYALTON, CA. 96118 MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY 8:00 A.M TO 4:00 P.M. OR CALL CITY HALL AT 530-993-6750

ALL CITY EMPLOYEES ARE SUBJECT TO PRE-EMPLOYMENT DRUG TESTING REQUIREMENTS
CITY OF LOYALTON IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

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: LAWLESS BOTANICS

Full name of registrants: Aurora Wellise
Business location: 113 S. Lincoln St., Blairsden, 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 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 ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: SOUL SHIP HERBALS

Full name of registrants: Aurora Wellise
Business location: 113 S. Lincoln St., Sierraville, CA 96126
Phone number: (646) 591-3348

This business is being conducted by: an Individual

The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 11/30/2020

/s/ Aurora Wellise

This statement was filed in the office of Heather Foster, Sierra County Clerk-Recorder, on: January 31, 2022 FILE NO: 2022001830

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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: 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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Notice Of Sale

In accordance with the provisions of the California Uniform Commercial Code & section 798.56a(e) of the California Civil Code, there being due & unpaid storage for which Arlington Heights MHC, LLC (Arlington Heights Manufactured Housing Community) is entitled to a lien as Warehouseman on the 1973 Champion Manatee mobile home, Decal Number LAC6873, Serial number S5049, located at 1377 Arlington Rd. #23, Taylorsville, CA 95983, held on account of Ashley Wraa [REGISTERED OWNERS, LEGAL OWNERS, JUNIOR LIENHOLDERS] & due notice having been given to the parties known to claim an interest therein & the time specified in such notice for payment of such charges having expired, notice is hereby given that the 1973 Champion Manatee mobile home will be sold at public auction on March 7, 2022 at 10:00 AM at 1377 Arlington Rd. #23, Taylorsville, CA 95983. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that payment must be made by certified funds within seven (7) days of the date of sale, & at the time the mobile home is removed from the premises. The mobile home & contents must be removed from the premises within seven (7) days of the date of sale. Any purchaser of the mobile home will take it subject to any liens pursuant to Health and Safety Code §18116.1.

Arlington Heights MHC, LLC
6653 Embarcadero Drive, Ste C
Stockton, CA 95219
/s/ Bruce Davies
Bruce Davies, Authorized Agent

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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 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: HIGH SIERRA GAS

Full name of registrants: Eric Brunn
Business location: 73769 South Delleker Road, Portola, CA 96122
Business mailing address: 73769 South Delleker Road, Portola, CA 96122
Phone number: (317) 818-5030

Registrant Address: Golden Bears Propane, LLC, 10201 NB Illinois St., Suite 200, Carmel, IN 46290

This business is being conducted by: a Limited Liability Partnership

The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 7/15/2021

/s/ Bill Ruisinger, Chief Financial Officer

This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder, on: February 8, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000036

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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: MOUNTAIN PILATES

Full name of registrants: Elizabeth Cota & Doug Cota
Business location: 49 E. Sierra Ave., Portola, CA 96122
Business mailing address: 49 E. Sierra Ave., Portola, CA 96122
Phone number: (775) 200-8068

Registrant Address: 768 Wolf Ave., Portola, CA 06122

This business is being conducted by: a Married Couple

The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 1/31/2022

/s/ Elizabeth Cota and Doug Cota

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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: PROPERTY MAINTENANCE SERVICES

Full name of registrants: Brandon Moffet
Business location: 220 Spring Street, Quincy, CA 95971
Business mailing address: 220 Spring Street, Quincy, CA 95971
Phone number: (530) 616-0398

Registrant Address: 220 Spring Street, Quincy, CA 95971

This business is being conducted by: an Individual

The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 1/24/2022

/s/ Brandon Moffet

This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder, on: January 24, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000021

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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: RIVER PINES RESORT AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Full name of registrants: Leslie Ann Ross, Revocable Trust
Registrant Address: 312 Lundy Lane, Blairsden, CA 96103
Business location: 8296 Highway 89, Blairsden, CA 96103
Mailing address: P.O. Box 1784, Blairsden, CA 96103
Phone number: (916) 201-1545

This business is being conducted by: Trust

/s/ Leslie A. Ross

This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: January 21, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000018

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

The following registrant is doing business as: RIVER PINES PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, RIVER PINES REALTY, RIVER PINES RESORT

Full name of registrant: Leslie A. Ross
Business address: 8296 Highway 89, Blairsden, CA 96103
Phone number: (530) 836-2552

This business is being conducted by: Corporation

The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 10/15/2020

/s/ Leslie A. Ross

This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder, on: January 21, 2022 FILE NO: 2020-001830

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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: HIGH COUNTRY FENCE

Full name of registrants: Daniel Gooder
Registrant Address: 72441 Highway 70, Portola, CA 96122
Business location: 72441 Highway 70, Portola, CA 96122
Mailing address: P.O. Box 2377, Portola, CA 96122
Phone number: (916) 955-6286

This business is being conducted by: Individual

/s/ Daniel Gooder, Owner

This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: January 31, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000031

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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.

Alleghany Volunteer Fundraising District—Meets 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6 P.M.

Calpine Community Fire Association—Meets 1st Tuesday of each month, 6:30 P.M. at the Calpine Community Center. For information, call (530) 320-0764.

Calpine Elks—Bingo Second & Fourth Saturday from 12-4 p.m. at Calpine Elks Lodge (72182 Hwy 70, west of Portola, next to the Chalet View).

Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department Training—Thursday evenings, 6 P.M. at the Mill Street Fire Station.

Downieville Lions Club—Meets 3rd Monday of each month, 6:00 P.M. at the Masonic Hall. For more information, all (530) 289-3632.

Downieville Fire Protection District Board—Meets 3rd Wednesday of each month, 5:30 P.M. at the Community Hall.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

To rent the **Downieville Community Hall**, call (530) 289-5110 or Email: DownievilleCommunityHall@gmail.com.

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

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

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

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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California Highway Patrol - Grass Valley	477-4900
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Plumas County Clerk-Recorder	283-6218
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Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital	274-6000
Sierra Valley Home Center, Loyalton	993-4331
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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Plumas Unified School District ("District"), acting by and through its Board of Trustees, hereinafter referred to as the DISTRICT will receive up to, but not later than **2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8, 2022**, sealed bids for the award of a contract for the **Plumas Unified School District (PUSD) Building A & B Modernization Project at Chester Elementary School - Bid Package PU2022.5.6.A Mechanical**. Bids shall be received at the Plumas Unified School District office located at 50 Church Street, Quincy, CA 95971 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time and place. Responses must be sealed and clearly marked **"Building A & B Modernization Project at Chester Elementary School- Bid Package PU2022.5.6.A Mechanical"**. **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@crmgrouper.com

The successful bidder shall commence work on or before **April 18, 2022**. All work shall be completed within **15 calendar days and not later than August 19, 2022**. There will be a pre-bid walk at **Chester Elementary School, 158 Aspen St, Chester, CA, at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 28, 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>.

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The Community Services District is composed of five (5) members selected by the Board of Supervisors. Government Code §61200 states the Board of Directors of the district shall be registered electors residing within the boundaries of the district and selection is on an at-large basis. Directors shall be selected by the Board of Supervisors and shall serve terms of office for four years.

The Pliocene Ridge Community Services District shall be limited to providing the following services:

- Fire protection, emergency medical services, emergency response, search and rescue and related services;
- Parks and recreation services;
- Street lighting.

Applications are now being accepted to fill one (1) unexpired term set to expire on December 31, 2022.

FINAL FILING DATE: Open until filled.

APPOINTMENT will be made at the next appropriate meeting of the Sierra County Board of Supervisors.

PERSONS INTERESTED in serving may submit an application which can be obtained from the Sierra County Clerk's Office, 100 Courthouse Square, Room 11, Downieville, CA, or visit the Clerk-Recorder's web page at sierracounty.ca.gov. For further information please contact the Sierra County Clerk's Office at (530) 289-3295. Posted: March 3, 2022
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No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal or awarded a contract for public work unless currently registered with the DIR pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5. This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the DIR.

All contractors and their employees are subject to COVID-19 testing and vaccine verification per PUSD Appendix B – Health and Safety Protocols. The document can be viewed here:
https://www.dropbox.com/s/5kxge925pncf5rq/PUSD%20Appendix%20B%20Public%20Health%20RTS%20QA%201_18_22.pdf?dl=0

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

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

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

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California Hay Report - 2/25/2022

Compared to last week: Trade activity and demand were moderate to good. Retail hay prices were steady. Dairy hay prices were steady to 10.00 higher. The next available hay report will be March 4, 2022.

	Volume - California		
	This Week	Last Reported (2/18/2022)	Last Year
Tons of Hay:	3050	2650	7825
Bales of Hay:	200	375	0

Note: The volumes listed above are for confirmed trades only, estimates of tonnage for bids or offers are not included.

North Inter-Mountain Hay (Conventional)				
Qty.	Price Range	Freight/Use	Age	
Alfalfa-Premium (Trade/Per Ton)				
Large Square	100 240-250	F.O.B.-Retail	Old	
Small Square	400 265	F.O.B.-Retail	Old	

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

Commodity Prices				
	Feb. 23 USD	Mar. 2 USD	Weekly Change	YTD Change
Gold USD/Troy Oz.	1939.59		38%	7.5%
Silver USD/Troy Oz.	24.93		6.1%	9.3%
Lumber USD/1000 BdFt.	1277.00		-3.3%	9.1%
Live Cattle USD/100 Lbs.	143.05		-0.1%	2.6%
Crude Oil USD/Barrel WTI	96.24		5.1%	25.9%
Propane USD/Gallon	1.32		3.9%	26.9%
CRB Index Index Points	285.33		1.2%	14.8%

True Tales of the Timber Industry as assembled by Cynthia Anderson

From the Woods — Clay Allen, Part 6

Clay Allen's death-defying adventures in Yuba River timber country continue in another "From the Woods".

Oh Omega

This next story is another Joe S. help-me deal. We were logging at Omega Diggins. Like I say, the first two years on a Cat were challenging for me. Luckily my heart was young, because now I would have stroked out. Freddy P. had felled some big trees in the brush and the brush was real thick. It never dawned on me how close I was working to the edge of the diggings. Those diggings are some major diggings of about 600 feet down. I was plowing through there trying to find trees and the brush in front of me was as high as I can push it up with that D7E. I was going along and all of a sudden the brush just drops out from in front of me. I was looking up at it from in the Cat and that brush just fell down off of the cliff. I hit the brakes on that D7E again and it was right on the lip of those hydraulic diggings and the Cat was just teetering again on the edge. I locked it up and had to go find Joe S. He hooked onto me with his Cat and pulled me back and then he said, “Clay, you are going to kill yourself one of these days!” That was close, when that brush just disappears, it’s close. It wasn’t a hill, it was a vertical, hydraulic diggings drop right into the Omega Diggins.

Coyotes, Snakes and Other Critters

This was out on the Gaston Grade. I was out in the middle of a clearcut and it was right off the Gaston Ridge Road where it joins the Graniteville Road. It was a hot miserable day. I mean a hot miserable August day. The sky kept getting blacker and blacker, it was a thunderstorm coming in, those black clouds just kept getting blacker and blacker. All of a sudden it just started to downpour, I mean just downpour! I put Calamity in the pickup because it was really raining.

So, I got back up on the Cat and I keep piling brush and it

was really raining and I caught something out of the corner of my eye coming out along the top edge of the clear cut. I thought it was a mountain lion at first. It came all the way across the top of that unit and then it came all the way down the right side of the unit until he was even with me on the Cat. It was a great big coyote. He came across the unit and gets right up to the Cat and stops and looks right up at me.

I swear that coyote was smiling. You ever see dogs smile? It was smiling, as though to say, “This rain is so great!” I looked down at him and he was so happy, I thought, this is great! He took off running down past the pickup and away he went. He just had to come by and show me how great that rain was. That sucker was smiling. I really thought he was going to jump up on the Cat. He was a big coyote too!

Up at Feather Falls, I was piling some of that great big manzanita down by this place called Sucker Run Creek. They weren’t logging jobs, they were called “rehab.” They were just major rehabs. The sun was just coming up over the horizon and I backed up and I saw something amber in color. I thought, what is that? So, I put my cat in second and I started over there. It was a rattlesnake. This rattlesnake was so big that the sunlight was shining through his rattles and that was the amber I was seeing. His rattles were at least two inches wide, and the sun was hitting them. I went to cut him off because I didn’t want him around my dog Calamity, because I have never seen a snake that big. He went into this pile, this big manzanita pile I had already piled and I was right on him with my Cat, but he got right into that pile. I shoved him and I was trying to kill him, but the pile kept moving because I was pushing so hard. He got on the top corner of my brush rake on the right side of my Cat up at the top. He was pissed!

He coiled around that bar at the top of the brush rake I don’t know how many times, he just

kept coiling. It was eerie, how a rattler moves so sinister. He wrapped his entire body around that brush rake at the top. I am sitting there watching this and I am in my seat in the Cat and I am looking him eye to eye. All of a sudden he starts to unwind off the corner of the brush rake, then he got on the track of the Cat. He was on the side where Calamity was riding with her front feet on the tool box of the Cat. He came down the track and his head was even with Calamity and that tool box. He still had a wrap of his tail and the rattles on the brush rake. How long do you think that snake was? It was over nine feet easily. That snake was humongous! It was spooky, that snake was big! He was almost as big around as my forearm.

I smacked him with my shovel, I hit him flat. He put his whole body in reverse just like he came off that rake, and started wrapping around the rake in reverse, backing off of the track of the Cat, back onto the brush rake and back into the pile he came out of. He lived, that snake lived. He really was a big rattlesnake! If you would have been crawling around in the brush looking for property corners, you would be in trouble.

Bud W. said he used to go to Texas to those rattlesnake roundups and those snakes there are that big. This case is unique. This snake was way over nine foot. I was sitting there watching this snake—it’s sinister how they coil. He put it right in reverse and that snake went back just like he came on. He was pissed and he was mad and he was coming after me. People don’t realize how smart they are. To this day I wonder how old that snake was. He was truly the Granddaddy of Feather Falls !

Four hours later I killed another snake that was in the same area, and that snake was about five foot long. The first rehab I ever piled was 250 acres of brush out of Georgetown and you are digging them out of the ground. I never got bit, but that’s knock on wood.

Cory Peterman's Historical Corner

The Lost Sierra

This week’s article comes at the request of B.J. Jordan of the Sierra County Arts Council, who wrote to me the following: *“I thought you might be the person who could tell us the history of the term ‘Lost Sierra’ and what it actually refers to historically.”* Thanks, B.J., for the excellent article suggestion!

The term “Lost Sierra” has been around for awhile, and has especially been used lately for marketing purposes around Sierra and Plumas Counties. Many residents of the area may be familiar with the public television program *California’s Gold*, hosted by Huell Howser, that ran from 1991 to 2012. An episode entitled “*Lost Sierra*” that aired on March 1, 1991 is described as follows:

“Huell traveled up to Downieville, nestled high in the Sierra Nevada mountains, to see what makes this little town so special. Explore a town that stood during the years of the California Gold Rush; meet the staff on the Mountain Messenger, the state’s oldest weekly newspaper; and watch a demonstration of the long, heavy wooden skis worn by the gold miners in the mid-1800s.” The episode can be watched online here: <https://blogs.chapman.edu/huell-howser-archives/1991/03/01/lost-sierra-californias-gold-212/>. In the episode, Huell states *“Because of its rather isolated location and its history, this whole area is known as ‘The Lost Sierra.’”*

However, the term “*Lost Sierra*” was used long before this episode of *California’s Gold*. The September 1973 issue of *National Geographic* had a feature written by Robert Laxalt called “*Golden Ghosts*

of the Lost Sierra” which covered the northwestern part of Sierra County and the southwestern part of Plumas County, *“an isolated, once all-but-forgotten corner of northeastern California that the forty-niners penetrated for gold.”* The feature focused on the two counties’ inhabitants, which mostly included gold seekers, both new and old.

Laxalt had the grand opportunity to interview William Banks Berry (1903-1999) of the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame. Laxalt states Berry *“gave the name ‘Lost Sierra’ to this out-of-the-way region when he stumbled upon it 40 years ago... he is the official historian for the U.S. Ski Association, and among the first to prove that organized ski racing in the United States began with the forty-niners.”* In regards to skiing, Berry is quoted in the article as stating *“The long-boards are what opened up the Lost Sierra year round.”* This was very much true in the past, as most mail was delivered around the area by men using “skis” or “snowshoes” when several feet of snow covered the ground. It was said some of these mailmen could reach speeds of over 60 miles-per-hour on their skis.

Most other sources, including the Lost Sierra Chamber of Commerce, state William Berry gave the “Lost Sierra” its name in the 1930s as well. Berry’s skiing experiences, paired with his excellent journalism and knack for writing culminated in his book *“Lost Sierra: Gold Ghosts and Skis”* published in 1991.

However, many modern sources have claimed the term “Lost Sierra” was

“coined at the time the Pony Express riders galloped through Northern California to deliver the mail” and that *“legend has it that the Lost Sierra got its nickname back in the 19th century.”* I have not been able to find any verification on these claims. The Pony Express, a short-lasting mail service that operated from April 3, 1860 to October 16, 1861, used one route that went from St. Joseph, Missouri to Sacramento, California. Upon reaching Carson City, the route dipped south, hitting South Lake Tahoe and continuing along the present-day South Fork American River onto Sacramento. I find it unlikely that the term “Lost Sierra” originated with the Pony Express, as that organization’s route was far away from the Lost Sierra region, and since more credible sources state William Berry came up with the term.

Whatever the case, the Lost Sierra isn’t so lost after all anymore - tourism has greatly picked up in the last few decades in the region, and the area is home to some of the world’s best-known mountain biking trails, thanks to the efforts of groups like the Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship, who aim to provide *“quality outdoor experiences through trail construction and maintenance in the Lost Sierra.”*

I am always open to feedback and suggestions for my history articles. If you have a comment or a subject to propose, please email me at corypeterman3@gmail.com, thanks!

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Sierraville Man Sleeps on Snow on Ski Trek

Mel McKinley, who has been living at the Globe Hotel this winter, skied from here to Hobart Mills Friday. He phoned from Truckee that he made the trip OK, but it took him almost two days to ski the nineteen miles. He had his blankets with him and slept on the snow somewhere between here and Hobart Mills the first night. Highway 89 to Hobart Mills has been closed to motor travel following the big snowstorm on January 11.

Snow Damages Buildings

Following the heavy snowfall in January, the shed on the rear of Mrs. Delia Martinetti’s barn at her ranch near Sattley was crushed in from the weight of snow. The garage and workshop at the Gene Turner residence at Sattley was badly damaged from the heavy snow. The barn at the Jim Cavette ranch was also damaged from the weight of the snow. A low of 11 degrees above zero, and a high of 62 was recorded at the local ranger station for the week ending Monday. There was no measurable precipitation.

Winter Damages House at Scales

ALLEGHANY — Lew S. Livermore, who has a house in Scales, learned that it was down from the weight of snow, to his astonishment, as it was practically new, as houses go. But the old house, now owned by Harry G. Livermore of Tracy, was still standing, by a miracle, as Lew found when he and Howard Mallory made a trip to Scales.

They were fortunate to get a ride into and out of Scales on a snow machine from Lucky Hill,

having a long journey on skis, as Scales is 12 “long” mountain miles from Strawberry Valley, Yuba County, especially in wintertime. The old Livermore house is over 80 years old. William Atkinson, Sr., had it built when he and Ben Sammons were running a sawmill nearby at that time. It was sold to L.J. Livermore in later years.

A cabin in Scales owned by Charles Phillips, uncle to Mrs. Lew S. Livermore, also went down this winter. Thus, the news of winter damage to building places keeps sifting through from remote places. The toll of trees, fences and shrubs will only be known when the winter snow melts, and all places will look like the “breaking up of a hard winter.” The yellowjackets were right in their forecast of a hard winter!

Group on Skis Took Sierra City Supplies

An item appearing in last week’s edition of the Messenger, concerning a party that carried supplies to Sierra City during the storm, was incomplete owing to lack of details at press time. Following is a more complete report on that incident. Cecil Miller and James Lamb prepared to trek into Sierra City, carrying fresh milk and bread. Forest Service men, Cecil Wynne, John Gilman and Ira Smith, upon learning of their plans, volunteered to accompany them. Donning skis, the party then made the trip to Sierra City, leaving here in the mid-morning and returning around nine p.m. in the evening.

Kate Hardy Recess

Fred Deal, Jr. returned last week, but his wife remained in Nevada City. He went to Forest Sunday to visit his parents at

Kate Hardy Mine, taking a load of groceries and mail in a pack, as he was on skis.

Hugh O’Donnell, who recently returned from a trip out, also went to Forest and the Kate Hardy Mine Sunday. Wasley’s kitten followed him over there. When Fred Deal, Jr. returned Monday to Alleghany, he brought the kitten back — his good deed for the day. Tom O’Donnell stayed at the mine all winter. Philip O’Donnell is in Roseville with his wife and baby son, David Lee. Due to so much storm damage, the Kate Hardy Mine had to be shut down temporarily. With so much snow on the ground, repairs are hampered too much.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Deal, Sr. moved over to Alleghany Monday from Kate Hardy Mine, travelling up the old steep road over the hill, a shorter way. Mrs. Deal declared that she is here to stay the rest of the winter. The snow was so soft, their web snowshoes sunk at every step, wearing them out. “I will not go back to Forest until I can ride in a car,” she vowed. They are living upstairs in the old Ferrier house, belonging to Harold Casey.

Wilson to Face Trial Monday

Leonard A. Wilson of Loyalton, district attorney, is scheduled to go on trial here Monday morning in the superior court, with Judge Warren Steel of Yuba County presiding in place of Judge Raymond McIntosh, who disqualified himself. The trial is to be held in the Odd Fellows Hall, as the courtroom now available in the new courthouse is that provided for supervisors’ meetings, and too small for the attendance anticipated. Judge McIntosh drew a panel of 100 prospective

trial jurors for the case.

Wilson was arrested last November 5, on a charge of embezzlement. The complaint was filed by Joe E. Scoales, special agent of the state department of justice, who was accompanied here by Arthur H. Sherry, chief assistant attorney general, both of San Francisco. The action resulted from six weeks of investigation. Justice of the Peace, C. William Robins, fixed bail at \$10,000 property bond, which was posted by Leo B. Grandi, farmer, and Carl J. Fargo, a service station operator, both of Loyalton. Three charges were contained in the complaint: possession of public funds, appropriation to his own use and embezzlement.

The matter is alleged to have been a result of the case of Floyd William Clark of Susanville, in a traffic accident December 30, 1950, near Peavine Quarantine Station, in which Leonard Dennis Spotswood was killed and his wife injured. A coroner’s jury January 10, 1951, brought in a verdict of manslaughter against Clark. His defense was by Morley Griswold, ex-governor of Nevada, who died October 3. Bail was set at \$2500, for which Griswold gave his personal check, which was alleged to have been put in Wilson’s hands for safekeeping.

Clark has not yet been brought to trial on the manslaughter charge. It was reported that trial as delayed by Griswold’s illness. It was also reported that the bail money was not deposited with the county treasurer as required. Sherry presented evidence to the effect that Griswold’s check had been cashed by Wilson at a Reno bank, February 21, or 41 days after it had been posted as bail,

and it was alleged that Wilson had diverted the money to his own account.

Sierra County Grand Jury, November 14, indicted Wilson on two counts of embezzlement and two of grand theft, without a dissenting vote. Besides the Clark matter, it was claimed that the case of John C. Winkle and wife of Loyalton, involved in a property settlement, was basis for part of the action, wherein sums of \$2000 and \$3000 were alleged to have been misused by Wilson. Alex Garroway of Reno, law partner of Griswold, and Allan Durant of Hayward were among witnesses called before the grand jury. Meanwhile, Wilson declined to resign and remains district attorney and legal advisor for the county. He asserted that he was innocent of the charges and would be proven so at the trial, which he desired as soon as possible.

Personnel of the indicting grand jury was: Ed G. White, chairman; Attilio Lombardi, secretary; John Jones and John D’Andrea, all of Loyalton; Gordon Church, Sattley; Gifford Webber, Sierraville; James Hansen, Jr., Joseph Zerga and Fred Cook, Sierra City; Raymond L. Herrera, Goodyears Bar; James W. Hansen, Antone Lavezzola, Joseph J. Quinn, Edward E. Reiswig, Duncan Cameron and Mrs. Angus James, Downieville. Wilson, 32, married into a Sierra Valley family. They have two daughters and a son, the eldest about 10 years old. They have lived in Loyalton about three years, he having defeated Alfred R. Lowey of Downieville for the position of district attorney in the 1950 election.

A 1949 graduate of University

of California Boalt School of Law, Wilson was credited with straight A marks and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa national honor scholastic society. Subsequently he lived in Albany and operated a real estate and contracting business in Berkeley before coming to Sierra County. He is a navy veteran and has been active in social and civic affairs. Recently he was reported to be active in an oil exploration project in Sierra Valley. Philip Evans of Oakland is attorney for Wilson, who says they are very confident of the outcome of the forthcoming trial.

Goodyears Native Dies at Masonic Home

Victor Helmet, 78, died at the Masonic Home at Decoto, February 20, with interment February 23. He was born on Valentine’s Day, February 14, 1874, at Goodyears Bar, attending the school there and at Downieville, where he lived until about 40 years ago.

Helmet became a member of Mountain Shade Lodge 18, F. and A. Masons on May 3, 1903, and was an active member. He was employed in San Francisco several years, entering the Masonic home about seven years ago. His wife died several years ago.

Surviving are his sisters, Mrs. Emma Devon of Alleghany and Mrs. Ann Vanderbilt of San Francisco. Helmet frequently visited here and maintained many life-long friendships.

