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Local Geologists Fear Worst from Beckwourth Peak

By MICHAEL J. GANNETT

PORTOLA - Major recent geologic activity and non-stop earthquake swarms have spawned fears of a potential eruption of Beckwourth Peak from the Lost Sierra geologic community. The volcano has been dormant for millions of years, long enough that many geologists thought it extinct or a mere volcanic plug, until recent research came to light showing that the mighty mountain is not a mere plug, and is certainly not dormant.

“It’s a terrible situation” said geophysicist Cody Taylor, co-founder of local geologic engineering firm Shoo Fly Geoconsultants in Sloat. “This kind of activity has never been seen at this level in this area. Even Mount St. Helens wasn’t this geologically active before its infamous eruption in 1980.” Taylor’s resume includes an award-winning geotechnical analysis of the New Orleans Megathrust Fault in Louisiana, which menaces the Gulf of Mexico with gargantuan quakes every 300 years. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Geology from the University of Michigan in Petoskey, and completed his Doctoral degree in Geophysics at the University of Nevada in McDermitt.

The Shoo Fly geologic team has been in the consulting business for a combined 65 years between their three members, which also includes A.C. Hunter III, a graduate of the University of Greenland, and local legend Elizabeth McElroy, educated at Westwood’s own University of California - Almanor. Their monitoring network across the Plumas, Lassen and Tahoe National Forests accurately predicted a major earthquake under Honey Lake five years ago, and now it is detecting a massive earthquake swarm in a very distinctive vertical pattern traveling up the inside of Beckwourth Peak - a surefire sign of a rapidly-filling magma chamber.

The Lost Sierra is no stranger to volcanic activity, with the famous Lassen Peak eruptions early in the last century and the more recent abandonment of Randolph Hot Springs near Sierraville due to their rapid heating from subsurface magma injections. However, Beckwourth Peak’s last eruption 11 million years ago was so significant that it shaved 4,000 feet off the mountain’s elevation and dammed up the Feather River for almost 50,000 years, flooding Sierra Valley and creating Lake Beckwourth in its place. The last time there was a more major eruptive event locally was 10 million years before the last Beckwourth eruption, when Dixie Mountain (at the time a towering colossus equal to Mount Shasta itself) lost over a mile of elevation in a cataclysmic eruption about three times the strength of the 1815 Tambora eruption, plunging the world into a brief ice age.

Shoo Fly is coordinating with the Plumas and Sierra County Offices of Emergency Services (OES), and both the State OES and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are setting up evacuation camps in American and Indian Valleys (for Portola/Graeagle evacuees) and just north of Truckee (for Sierra Valley evacuees). “We are advising people to please not panic during this troubling time” said Plumas OES coordinator Marina Montescieu. “Panicking isn’t going to make the problem go away and will muddle your ability to think clearly, so we are asking you to instead prepare to

evacuate in a rational, controlled manner. Do not panic; I repeat, do not panic.”

Others, however, have expressed their doubts about the veracity of these statements. “Look, I’m a believer in science, but I’m not too convinced by this stuff” said Sierra Valley rancher George Gumshoe as he scratched his prize Longhorn bull behind the ears. “My family has been here for almost 200 years, and nobody has ever seen any signs that anything odd is happening up on that there mountain. Beckwourth being an extinct volcano is debatable enough, but an active one? Come on!”

Another local farmer, Dick Bugger, was even more skeptical. “I say it’s a load of gobbledygook, ” the alfalfa farmer said to the *Mountain Mistaker* while loading up several fire extinguishers into the back of his ATV. “We’ve had some issues with poison gas and spontaneous combustion of crops ‘round these parts for decades. You can’t convince me that the mountain up there is tryin’ to kill us; that’d be ridiculous.” This farmer, who also serves as a Sierra County Supervisor, gestured at the giant smoke plume coming from Beckwourth’s summit while casually flicking away a burning cinder from the brim of his hat. “This damn fad will be over in a week and we’ll all get back to normal soon ‘nough.”

A bevy of tourists was interviewed by the *Mistaker* at their tent city over in Port Wine about their knowledge of the situation, but their responses were shockingly callous. “Ranchers? Farmers? Loggers? Who cares if a volcano wipes them out! Mother Earth’s justified wrath, I say!” said Roberta “Dancing Butterfly” Mitchell, an unemployed art graduate from Berkeley who we interviewed behind her boyfriend’s boyfriend’s Tesla. Mitchell declined to comment further, opting to instead scream in horror as her pet guinea pig was snatched up and devoured by a red-tailed hawk.

“I think it’s just terrible” said David Swan to the *Mistaker* over a couple of hot oat milk lattes. “Those poor souls didn’t do anything wrong, but humans just aren’t meant to live in the countryside. This all could have been avoided if they gave up this silly agriculture nonsense and moved to Pleasanton 25 years ago. Another one please, Chad.” At that point, he took another latte from the man behind the counter of the Stardimes coffee stand and wandered off into the woods to look for his wife, Sandra Goose, who immediately appeared from behind the stand with a different man seconds after he left.

As the *Mistaker* goes to press, the volcano’s eruption seems imminent, with the destruction of everything north and west of it via pyroclastic flow almost guaranteed to occur. Several local ranchers have speculated that it might be possible to blow a hole in the opposite side of the volcano with a massive stock of unexploded ordinance that may or may not have gone missing enroute to a military depot almost 40 years ago, draining the magma chamber into Carman Valley. Local conservationists are very displeased with the idea, but have yet to propose an alternative solution. We at the *Mistaker* continue to report live from the scene, where we will remain until the eruption flash-boils our innards as the cameras roll. Don’t miss it!

Russian Naval Submarines Take Local Lakes

By GEORGE YOSSARIAN



DOWNIEVILLE – The west side of Sierra County was rocked early Sunday morning by the discovery of a stunning global military escalation right in our own backyard. A groundskeeper at Sardine Lake breathlessly called the Sierra County Sheriff’s Office with the news that a state-of-the-art Russian *Ratsputin*-class icebreaking nuclear submarine had surfaced in the lake’s waters and was now proudly waving the three horizontal stripes of the Russian Federation’s flag over Sierra County’s own waters. Twenty minutes later, another call was received from Stampede Reservoir, where it was reported that dam operators were under siege from the crew of another *Ratsputin*-class craft, and expected to be overrun within the hour.

“This is an abject disaster” said Sierra County Sheriff-Coroner Crowley Moritz in a press conference Monday morning. “We knew as a nation that the day where Russia would unacceptably escalate this conflict was near, but I think nobody ever expected that it would begin right here in Sierra County. I mean, how did they even get here?! Half these lakes are landlocked!” The confused Sheriff then abandoned the podium in a manner suggesting demonic possession, muttering repeatedly about

Russian military hardware and landlocked alpine lakes.

Plumas and Lassen counties were not spared either, with Honey Lake and Lake Almanor both suddenly playing host to not one, not two, but three *Ratsputins* apiece. Local law enforcement is similarly baffled in both cases, particularly in Lassen since Honey Lake is a drainage basin with no outlet and a very short inlet. Rumors of a third fleet appearing in Eagle Lake are entirely unfounded; the wreckage of one found in Lake Tahoe is currently assumed to have been eaten by “Tessie”.

Current intel suggests that the Russian submarines in Sardine and Almanor managed to ride fish ladders up from the Central Valley, while the ones found in Tahoe, Honey and Stampede are presumed to have been portaged some distance by their crews. The United States Department of Defense refused to answer the *Mistaker*’s interview requests, but the President is rumored to be preparing a strongly-worded press release directed at Pladimir Vutin, the Grand Generalissimo of Russia.

As the *Mistaker* goes to press, the Sardine submarine reportedly surrendered to the Sierra County Sheriff’s Office in exchange for access to working telephones and food rations that did not expire in 2015. It is suspected that the other crews will rapidly follow suit.

Graboids Menace Lassen County

HERLONG - Lassen County is a quiet, peaceful place, home to one of the lowest county populations in California. However, its sandy plains are now terrorized by the screams of longtime Lassen locals, as the county has found itself under siege by a ravenous population of 30-foot long carnivorous earthworms seeking human flesh.

Carnilumbricius magnus, AKA the Graboid, is a cryptid species of much regional fame and fear, though other populations have been discovered in various regions worldwide. These carnivorous worms can grow up to ten yards in length and weigh over one and a half tons, and are capable of burrowing through alluvial sand and silt soils at speeds of over 20 miles per hour. Graboids are blind animals relying on sound to sense their prey and obstacles in their path; upon cornering or trapping their prey, they will consume them by ensnaring them with their three snakelike tongues, each of which has a paralytic bite.

Graboids were first discovered in 1990 by two handymen and a UNR Ph.D student near the town of Perfection, Nevada, on the east side of the Toiyabe Range; a population of half a dozen graboids menaced the town until the residents successfully put them down. Various subspecies have evolved since the discovery of these critters, including bipedal ones with infrared vision and no hearing (known as “Shriekers”) and ones capable of jet-propelled flight due to chemical reactions in

their stomachs (“Ass-Blasters”). Currently, Lassen County is only menaced by regular Graboids; our readers in Sierra Valley and beyond can be assured our endemic subspecies of Graboid can grow no longer than four inches due to the heavy clay soil and mountainous terrain bounding their range.

There have been few civilian casualties, since early in the infestation the entire population was drawn to Sierra Army Depot in Herlong by ordinance disposal detonations. Currently, all of the post’s personnel are holed on the rooftops to avoid the worms, taking potshots at them with high-caliber weaponry to pick them off one at a time after they emerge. They are joined by one local teenager the *Mistaker* hired to report on this story after our Honey Lake area staff reporter slipped off a ladder by accident and was eaten by a Graboid.

As the *Mistaker* goes to press, nobody is quite sure how to deal with the worms. A nuclear strike was proposed, but this idea was quickly dismissed due to the unlikelihood it would actually solve the problem (the worms live underground, after all). All traffic on US-395 has been temporarily stopped for fear of resumed attacks on automotive transports. Reportedly a man who “collects cryptids” by the name of Dickenson has been dispatched from Nellis Air Force Base’s Groom Lake installation (Area 51) to capture the Graboids and transport them to a secure preserve on the base’s grounds. Whether he is successful or not will be reported on a future edition.

"What a Dump!" Named Official Sierra County Slogan

By STEPHEN KULIEKE



SIERRA CITY — A line uttered in the biggest Hollywood film shot on location here in Sierra County is now the county’s official slogan.

Legendary film actress Bette Davis famously declared “What a dump!” as her dissatisfied character assessed her home’s squalid surroundings in the locally filmed *Beyond the Forest*. The 1949 film inspired a trifecta of woe-derided by critics, ignored by audiences, and skewered by Davis herself.

Nonetheless, Sierra County officials quickly latched on to the film given its ties to the county and a message that resonates with locals.

“Making ‘What a Dump!’ our official county slogan is long overdue,” said the Sierra County Board of Supervisors (BOS) in an April 1-dated press release following the board’s unanimous vote. “Most of us can’t count the number of times we’ve heard our fellow citizens spontaneously say those very words while experiencing the sights and sounds of the county. And we firmly believe these immortal words from *Beyond the Forest* apply not only to our largest town, Loyalton, where the film was set, but to all our communities on the east and west side, as well as to the county at large.”

In their proclamation, the BOS urged that the “What a Dump!” slogan be posted prominently in signage across the county—not only at landfills and transfer station locations.

The board also is requiring that the words be used as a tag line on all county communications, posted prominently on county

Tour de Manure Cancelled Due To Monkeypox

As the *Mountain Mistaker* goes to press this Thursday morning, March 32nd, we have learned that the sold-out almost world famous Tour de Manure bike ride held annually in Sierra Valley has been cancelled due to new stay-at-home orders from the Governor of California's office due to a sudden outbreak of an unpleasant new strain of monkeypox.

"It's a damned shame" said Sierraville Fire Department member and deputy tour organizer Frito McGinty. "We've spent the past two years preparing the biggest and baddest Tour yet after the coronavirus pandemic ended, but now we've got monkeypox? What the cornbread?!"

Monkeypox is an intensely unpleasant disease from Africa that causes smallpox-similar symptoms in its victims. A vaccine has been in development since 2003; please heed CDC advice if infected.

websites, and featured in all social media outreach. ““What a Dump!” will ring throughout California and indeed the nation and globe as Sierra County’s calling card,” stated the board, with unbridled enthusiasm.

The slogan’s approval was one of a number of actions taken April 1 by the board to create a wide-range of new designations, proclaiming official county plants, insects, birds, etc.

In unanimous votes, the BOS declared the following:

[Official County Plant](#)

A tie: Poison Oak and Mountain Misery

[Official County Fungi](#)

Fuligo septica, commonly called Dog Vomit Slime Mold. “We think the name speaks for itself,” noted the board.

[Official County Plant-with-the-Weirdest-Name](#)

Stout-beaked Toothwort

[Official County Plant Non-Native-and-Dangerous](#)

Poison Hemlock (Best to avoid, according to Socrates)

[Official County Very-Apt-Flower-at-Sardine-Lake](#)

Woolly Mule’s Ear

[Official County Bug for-Reasons-that-are-Unfathomable](#)

The nearly invisible, always irritating, painfully biting No-see-um

[Official County Butterfly AND Colorful-Punctuation-Mark](#)

Green Comma

[Official County Aquatic Insect Suggesting-You-Should-Always-Wear-Water-Shoes](#)

Toe Biter

[Official County Non-Candidates-for-a-Petting-Zoo](#)

A tie: Western Black Widow Spider and Northern Pacific Rattlesnake

[Official County Aquatic Bird AND Frequent-Customer-at-Local-Watering-Holes](#)

Ruddy Duck

[Official County What-They’re-Not-Even-in-This-County-Buttes](#)

Sutter Buttes

Buttermilk Brad's Take...



Monkeypox?! As if this 'rona stuff these past coupla years wasn't bad 'nuff! 'Least we've got bigg'r problems with that thar mountain decidin' to blow up though.

Katie's Sightings

Taken with permission from northyubanaturalist.blogspot.com

KATIE O'HARA KELLY

Sierra Spring



Common Merganser (male) - *Mergus merganser*

Just this week, many of the waterfowl that left last Fall have returned to the North Yuba River! The first ones I saw were the Common Mergansers. They probably spent the winter in southern California or Arizona. They will stay here to breed and raise their young. The males are so striking in their black & white feathers, red bills, and orange feet!



Common Merganser (female - male - female) - *Mergus merganser*

At first I only saw one male, but within a few days more males and females arrived. They are primarily monogamous for the breeding season. The nests are usually made in tree cavities, where 6-17 eggs are laid. Only the female broods and cares for the young, which are born precocial.



Wood Duck Couple - *Aix sponsa*

To my astonishment I spotted a pair of Wood Ducks near a male Common Merganser on the river! I've never seen a pair of Wood Ducks on the river before! I haven't seen this pair again, so maybe they just flew up from the foothills for the day. Wood Ducks usually live on ponds, marshes, and waterways in the foothills, valley, and coast of California year-round. They are usually serially monogamous. Like Common Mergansers, nests are made in tree cavities, where 10 to 22 eggs are laid!!!



Canada Geese Couple - *Branta canadensis*

Depending on the severity of winter, about four Canada Geese live here year-round. Lately, more geese have shown up. I heard them making a racket on the river a week ago, so I went to investigate. There were three geese below the bridge. Two were obviously a couple, and the third (most likely a male) was trying to lure the female away, I THINK! The lone male was honking and honking until the other male took off after it, chased it upriver and landed on its back in the river! The intruding male was submerged by the other male! I watched the submerged intruder "swim" underwater and surface downstream! Other than losing a few feathers it looked okay! From there it flew off downstream! Now THAT was fascinating to watch! WOW!

A lone American White Pelican was hanging out on an island in the river this week! It probably spent the winter on the California coast or Sacramento Delta. It was most likely migrating to its breeding ground in Pyramid Lake, Nevada, when it landed on the island. Sometimes they don't make it, due to lack of food. These Pelicans don't dive for fish, they herd them to shallow waters and scoop them up. The North Yuba River isn't a good area for that style of fishing. I'm keeping my fingers crossed that somehow it keeps going. It's not easy surviving out there in the wild.



White American Pelican - *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*

Anna Costa Brett

1918 - 2022



Anna Costa Brett passed away at Hilltop Commons in Grass Valley, California on Sunday, February 27, 2022. She was 104. Anna was born, at home, on February 21, 1918 in Goodyears Bar, California to Antonio (Tony) J. and Janette (Nettie) Costa.

Anna attended school in Downieville and played saxophone in the high school band. After graduation she attended business school in Oakland, California, then worked in Sacramento for a telephone company and then in one of the State of California offices. When two of Anna's brothers enlisted in the Navy, during World War II, she returned to Downieville to help her parents run their business, the Costa Grocery Store. On Christmas Eve 1943, Anna met recovering WW II veteran, Ray Brett, at a community dance and six months later they were married in Grants Pass, Oregon. Anna and Ray made their home in Downieville, where they raised two daughters. In 1946 they purchased the Yuba Theater from Vern Shattuck and operated it as a part-time venture for 29 years. In addition to helping run the theater, Anna also "collected" for the Downieville Water District – back then it was done in person with residents paying \$3.50 per month and businesses paying \$5.00. In the late sixties Anna went to work for the Sierra-Plumas Unified School District, first as the playground duty person at Downieville Elementary, then moving on to becoming a classroom aide for many years. Anna and Ray remained full-time Downieville residents until the early 1990's when they became snowbirds, spending winters in Arizona. They moved to Hilltop Commons, an independent living facility for seniors, the summer of 2009.

Anna was a member of Naomi Parlor #36, Native Daughters of the Golden West. She was also a loyal 49er fan and enjoyed rooting for the San Francisco Giants. Bingo was her favorite diversion and she played up until a week before her passing. Anna was preceded in death by parents Tony and Nettie Costa; brothers George, Tony, Norman, and Ralph Costa; nephew Michael Costa; and her beloved husband Raymond Brett.

Anna is survived by her two daughters, Kim Kirk (Al) and Karen Galan (Mike); grandchildren Ray Galan (Christina), Justin Galan (Stephani), Tiffany McDaniel (Josh), and Michelle Kirk; great grandchildren Callie, Cole (Katelyn), Cassie, Colin McDaniel; Fischer, Grace, Lincoln, Elise Galan; great-great-grandson Kayden McDaniel; and several nieces and nephews.

Living to 104 with very little assistance is a blessing, and Anna was truly blessed. She will be missed by her family and friends. A celebration of her life is being planned for a future date. Remembrances may be made to the Downieville Volunteer Firefighter Association (Firehouse Fund), P. O. Box 173, Downieville, CA 95936.

The Center for the Arts presents An Evening With Rodney Crowell

GRASS VALLEY — With more than 40 years of American roots music under his belt, Texas native Rodney Crowell is a two-time Grammy Award winner who has written fifteen #1 hits with five Number One hits of his own and a legacy of songwriting excellence making him an icon among giants. With strong roots in country music, Crowell has written chart-topping hits for the likes of Emmylou Harris, Johnny Cash, Waylon Jennings, Keith Urban and more. But owing to the distinctly universal, literary quality of his writing, has also penned beloved songs for artists as diverse as Bob Seger, Etta James, the Grateful Dead, John Denver, Jimmy Buffett and countless others. The Center for the Arts is proud to bring Mr. Crowell to their stage on Tuesday, April 5th at 7:30pm.

A member of the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame, Crowell is also the author of the acclaimed memoir, *Chinaberry Sidewalks*, and teamed up with New York Times best-selling author Mary Karr for *Kin: Songs*. Karr says of her collaborator, "Like Hank Williams or Townes Van Zandt or Miss Lucinda, he writes and croons with a poet's economy and a well digger's deep heart."

20/20 Hindsight

Abigail Sainsbury's surname is not Salisbury - the spelling appearing on the front page of last week's issue.

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

Poetry Corner

The Spring Has Many Silences

By LAURA RIDING JACKSON

The spring has many sounds:
Roller skates grind the pavement to noisy dust.
Birds chop the still air into small melodies.
The wind forgets to be the weather for a time
And whispers old advice for summer.
The sea stretches itself
And gently creaks and cracks its bones....

The spring has many silences:
Buds are mysteriously unbound
With a discreet significance,
And buds say nothing.

There are things that even the wind will not betray.
Earth puts her finger to her lips
And muffles there her quiet, quick activity....

Do not wonder at me
That I am hushed
This April night beside you.

The spring has many silences.

This poem is in the public domain. Published in Poem-a-Day on March 27, 2022, by the Academy of American Poets.

About this poem: "The Spring Has Many Silences" first appeared in the Lyric V, no. 4 (April, 1925).

About this poet: Laura Riding Jackson, born on January 16, 1901, in New York City, was a poet, essayist, novelist, short story writer, and critic who, early in her career, was associated with the Modernist movement. She was the author of many titles, including *The Close Chaplet* (Hogarth Press, 1926) and *The Telling* (Athlone Press, 1972). She died on September 2, 1991, however, publication of her work has continued since her death, including *First Awakenings* (early poems, 1992), *Rational Meaning: A New Foundation for the Definition of Words* (1997), *The Poems of Laura Riding, A Newly Revised Edition of the 1938/1980 Collection* (2001), *Under the Mind's Watch* (2004), *The Failure of Poetry, The Promise of Language* (2007), and *On the Continuing of the Continuing* (2008).



At the Spring Dawn

Angelina Weld Grimké

I watched the dawn come,
Watched the spring dawn come.
And the red sun shouldered his way up
Through the grey, through the blue,
Through the lilac mists.
The quiet of it! The goodness of it!
And one bird awoke, sang, whirred
A blur of moving black against the sun,
Sang again—afar off.
And I stretched my arms to the redness of the sun,
Stretched to my finger tips,
And I laughed.
Ah! It is good to be alive, good to love,
At the dawn,
At the spring dawn.

This poem is in the public domain. Published in Poem-a-Day on March 26, 2022, by the Academy of American Poets.

About this poem: "At the Spring Dawn" appeared in *Negro Poets and Their Poems* (The Associated Publishers, 1923).

About this poet: Angelina Weld Grimké, born in Boston, on February 27, 1880, was a journalist, playwright, and poet from the Harlem Renaissance. Her work was collected in several Harlem Renaissance anthologies, including *Negro Poets and Their Poems* (The Associated Publishers, 1923) and *The New Negro* (Atheneum, 1925). She died on June 10, 1958.



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On the Shelf

By PAUL GUFFIN

The Palace Project

The Plumas County Library has just added another offering to its list of programs available to library patrons (including folk who use the Plumas County Library stations in Alleghany, Downieville, Loyalton, and Sierra City). It’s called “The Palace Project”, and it allows patrons to access e-books through their own digital devices. To get started, you download the Palace Project app from Apple Store or Google Play Store, and then follow the instructions. In case you want to see how it’s all done, before entering into the program, you can find the program on the homepage of the Plumas County Library website (<https://plumascounty.us/546/Library>—just keep scrolling down, and eventually you’ll get to it), or take the shortcut (<https://www.plumascounty.us/2842>—of course, you’ll miss out on information about all the other programs available to you). This is one of those instances where having a library card will be beneficial to you, because then the entire e-book collection is open to you. However, if you do not have a library card, you can still access some of the collection. In addition to e-books, audiobooks will also be available; however, at the current time, there is only one audiobook in the collection—with more to come. The project is supported in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the American Rescue Plan Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

Other Plumas Library Offerings

A few weeks ago, I listed some of the other programs that are offered to library patrons. I also indicated that there were “more” programs available. So, I now delve into some of those “more”:

GetSetUp: A catalog of over 500 classes exclusively for older adults, with more than 40 live classes every weekday and 25 classes on weekends. Classes cover everything from physical and mental health to social activities like gardening and pets.

Coursera: Offers more than 5,000 courses, professional certificates, and degrees from world-class universities and companies. This is a program of the California State Library, and is made available as part of the American Rescue Plan Act to aid in recovery from the pandemic.

LibraryCall—Dial-A-Story: The program offers recorded children stories in English and Spanish. New stories are recorded on a regular basis. Story time is available from any phone, available 24/7, for any age. Just dial 530-394-3007, press 1 to listen to stories in English, or press 2 to listen to them in Spanish.

ProQuest: Provides reference help and research articles, videos, and books using different databases of content. A companion program, CultureGrams offers concise information on countries around the world. Both programs are recommended for grades 3-12. These programs require a library card.

Now, About That Library Card

You will have noticed that having a library card comes in very handy for many of these (and other) programs — as well as just checking out print books, audio books, and videos from the local library. But, perhaps you’ve never gotten around to getting one of those valued possessions. (As Linus van Pelt said upon taking out his first library card, “I have been given my citizenship in the land of knowledge!”) Well, here’s how you do it at the Downieville Library (or one of the other stations in Sierra County): come in; tell us you’d like a library card; fill out the application card (including your driver’s license number); and then await your card coming to you in the mail from Plumas County. If you’re a child under the age of 18, you need to be able to write your first and last names, and have a responsible adult sign the card, as well. All pretty easy, huh?

Of course, you are free to come use the local library without a card. But remember, without a card, when you leave the library, you don’t get to leave with any of the library’s treasures. So, why not get a card, and enjoy everything the library has to offer?!

HEALTH DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2022

IMMUNIZATION CLINICS: PLEASE CALL FOR APPOINTMENT

Fee: \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family. TB Test \$10.00 per person

- Loyalton	April 6th	Wednesday	2pm – 4pm at the Health Department
- Loyalton	April 9th	Wednesday	2pm – 4pm at the Health Department
- Loyalton	April 16th	Wednesday	2pm – 4pm at the Health Department
- Loyalton	April 23th	Wednesday	2pm – 4pm at the Health Department

COVID VACCINE CLINIC - at the Health Department

Register at www.MyTurn.ca.gov

- Loyalton	April 14th	Thursday	1:00pm – 3:00pm (12 years and older) 3:00pm – 4:30pm (5 to 11 years old)
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SENIOR CENTERS BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC: (No Fee)

- Loyalton	April 14th	Thursday	11:30am – 12:00pm at Loyalton Senior Center
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FAMILY PLANNING CLINICS: (No fee) by appointment only

PERINATAL SERVICES: (No fee) Information on having a healthy baby, pregnancy testing and services for pregnant women, including childcare, transportation, prenatal care and childbirth education.

STD/HIV/AIDS INFORMATION AND TESTING SERVICES: (No fee)

Confidential testing services including oral Rapid HIV Testing (Results on the same day.)

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH: Please call (530) 993-6748

Priority Admission for IV Drug Users &

Priority Perinatal Alcohol and other Drug (AOD) Intervention

WIC (WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN): (No fee) A nutrition program for women who are pregnant, breastfeeding, have recently delivered a baby, and/or children under five years of age. Available: breastfeeding support, nutrition and health education, referrals to health care and vouchers for healthy foods.

- Loyalton	April 6th & 20th	Wednesday	Please Call for an Appointment
- Downieville	Please Call for an Appointment		

Low wage, working families (and migrants) are welcome to apply.

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Sports

By TESSA JACKSON

Downieville local and, I can only assume, a loyal reader, Don Potter caught me at the school field recently not knowing who Saint Peter’s is. Anyone who’s been following the March madness tournament knows who Saint Peter’s is. And it’s true, I have not been watching the tournament this year. What can I say, I guess life just got in the way.

For the rest of you who don’t know, Saint Peter’s was this year’s Cinderella story of the tournament, the team that busted everyone’s bracket. The Saint Peter’s Peacocks, from Jersey City, New Jersey, a small school of about 2,400 kids, the 15th seeded team, took out the well known, No. 2 seeded Kentucky, and for what I’m sure will be remembered as the best 11 days of their lives, the Peacocks made a run all the way to the Elite Eight of the tournament.

Unfortunately, the basketball universe realigned itself and they were blown out by North Carolina to miss the Final Four. Speaking of the Final Four, we all still have time to catch those games this Saturday, when No. 2 Duke plays No. 8 North Carolina, and No. 2 Villanova takes on No. 1 Kansas. The Finals will take place on Monday. The women’s Final Four will take place this Friday, with two No. 1 seeds, South Carolina vs. Louisville, and No. 1 Stanford vs. No. 2 Connecticut. The Finals for the women's tournament will be on Sunday.

I did, however, have time to make it a Sacramento Kings game this year. My first game since the pandemic, and it was so fun. On Sunday, March 20, the Kings hosted the Phoenix Suns, the team with the best record in the league. I was nervous, because the Suns had already clinched the playoffs, there would be a chance we wouldn’t see much playing time for their star, Devin Booker. Yes, I am a Kings fan, but I was most looking forward to seeing Booker. I’m happy to report that not only did I get to see Devin Booker play for 37 minutes, the Kings actually made a game of it. The Kings were ahead at half time 59-49, until Booker dropped 19 points in the third quarter (I guess I asked for that.) The fourth quarter was so close, within two points for either team almost the whole time and the game ended up in overtime.

The Kings kept it close the whole time but couldn’t pull out the win, even after Booker, JaVale McGee, and Deandre Ayton fouled out of the game; the Kings lost 127-124. Well, the Kings aren’t going to make the playoffs anyway, so it wasn’t a huge disappointment, and I was just happy I got to see such a great game.

Kings rookie point guard, Davion Mitchell, scored a career high 28 points with nine assists and there were seven Kings players who scored in double digits.

If you haven’t gone to a game at Golden 1 Center yet, you need to. You would think this team was a Finals contender by the way their fan base shows up for them. The arena was a full with a crowd full of enthusiasm. Since the NBA regular season still has a little less than two weeks left, you still have time to catch the Kings at home against the Golden State Warriors on Sunday April 3, and the New Orleans Pelicans on Tuesday April 5. Maybe next year will be our year!

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Supervisor Adams Reappointed

SACRAMENTO — On March29, Governor Newsom reappointed Leland C.Adams III, 65, of Downieville, to the Commission on State Mandates, a position he has held since since 2017.

Adams has served on the California State Historical Resources Commission since 2018. He has been a County Supervisor for the Sierra County Board of Supervisors since 2009. Adams was Sheriff and Coroner for Sierra County from 1988 to 2007. He served in several positions at the Sierra County Sheriff’s Office from 1979 to 1988, including Sergeant and Deputy Sheriff. He is a member of the California State Sheriffs’ Association, California State Association of Counties, Rural County Representatives of California, Sierra County Historical Society and Downieville Museum. This position requires Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$100 per diem. Adams is a Democrat.

Here Back East

By LENNY ACKERMAN

Fishing the Broad River off Parris Island

Up before dawn dressed in clothes I wore the night before, I was ready to go when my nephew Richie showed up at my door for the ride to meet Tuck, our fishing guide. Richie brought me black coffee to light up my brain despite the dark. Moments later we were off, on the hour’s long drive from his home on Bray’s Island in Sheldon, South Carolina, to the Broad River in Beaufort. Fishing in the dark was new to me. As Richie described it, the routine was to get onto the river as the tide comes in and chase the fish to shore as they follow the bait. I was game to try something new, but this was to be an unusual fishing trip in more ways than one.

Driving in the dark through the small towns out of Bray’s was eerie. The roadside trailers that lined the two-lane high-ways had large spotlights I assume to ward off trespassers in this very rural part of South Carolina. The scenery felt strangely foreign, as if I were dreaming it, half-awake in the dark without a clue to the where and the when. The road traf-fic was mostly massive tractor trailers delivering to large chain and big box stores throughout the South. We finally arrived at our destination and it was still dark. We met Tuck at the concrete pad where he had moored his Maverick flat fishing boat. He and Rich had a typical fishermen exchange. Rich: “Hey, man. Where you been fishing?” Tuck: “It’s been great. Just returned from Cuba and we hit a grand slam. Tarpin, Bonefish and Permit..” Rich was drooling for an adventure like that, being the outdoorsman he is. Rich builds senior homes for a living, and golfs and shoots for recreation. But he is a fisherman first — he has those Ackerman genes.

Once Tuck had readied the boat the sun was just beginning to brighten the eastern sky. There wasn’t a single other flat boat around as we flew across the water. The air was cool and invigorating. Tuck and Rich sat together behind the console chatting away about fishing trips past and planned. I turned my Tulane Law School cap backwards and let the wind brush my unshaven face. We were running from the dark as it got brighter. Soon we slowed to approach shore where the water depth was waist high. Tuck lifted himself up to the poling platform at the stern so he could spot the fish. The sun was now rising. I had never fished for Redfish or even seen one. As I was watching Tuck watch the water, suddenly things took a very strange turn. I started to hear in the distance what sounded like gunfire. As I focused on the pounding sounds I realized that in fact it was gun fire. Hunters? But they sound-ed like automatic weapons. Then, without warning, a military gunboat came out of nowhere with sirens blasting and some-one over a speaker system telling us to leave the area. We had stumbled, or flat-boated ourselves into the middle of a full-blown military maneuver, organized by the U.S. Marines. Seems our pre-dawn hunt for Redfish was right off of the Marine base at Parris Island in Beaufort. Tuck jumped down from the tower and over to the boat controls to motor us off. As the boat turned around, a fighter plane came out of the sky with a screeching sound unlike anything from a commercial aircraft. It swooped over our heads as if to strafe the beach. We had not yet even brought out our fishing rods. It was now 7:30am and the Marines were on the assault. We were in the range of gunfire. It was surreal.

Tuck had miscalculated. His special fishing spot was under attack. We kept cool heads as we moved away from the action. Eventually we found another spot close to shore to fish successfully. Rich showed me my first Redfish. I soon set the hook on one but lost it when I pulled it up out of the water. I then hooked one by accident with my fly in the water before I even cast. A lucky set but I brought it to the boat and the guys, smiling, took my picture.

Fishing for Redfish on the tide is a short duration trip. By sunup the tide was in and the fish had all they could eat. Rich smoked his first cigar of the morning and had a full day of work, golf and shooting ahead of him. I caught my first Redfish, albeit by chance. It was a very lucky day indeed.



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Sheriff's Log

By Jen Henneke

Monday, March 21

08:02 - In Loyalton, Eastern Plumas Health Care Ambulance provided a ride to Renown.
10:39 - In Sierra City, someone reported credit card fraud.
13:47 - In Loyalton, someone stole some candy. Darn kids!
17:11 - In Sierra City, the 911 caller with static on the line has returned.
18:08 - In Loyalton, a kid was driving their bike in a reckless manner. How reckless was this kid on a bike??

Tuesday, March 22

11:16 - In Loyalton, a dog was loose on HWY 49. CHP was notified.
13:34 - In Downieville, a deputy assisted with a civil dispute.

Wednesday, March 23

12:34 - In Loyalton, a citizen made a complaint at the Sheriff’s Office about some out of control adults. What were they doing that was out of control?
15:10 - In Verdi, there was a vehicle accident. The call was transferred to CHP.
15:20 - In Loyalton, some cattle got loose and were causing problems on HWY 49.
16:10 - In Downieville, there was a 911 hang up. Lines were disconnected after multiple callbacks.

Thursday, March 24

07:47 - In Loyalton, someone was making suspicious phone calls.
10:46 - In Downieville, the school was having work done on their propane tanks and there was residual fumes. Don’t panic, it was just the school.
17:00 - In Loyalton, someone was arrested on an outstanding misdemeanor warrant.
17:55 - In Loyalton, a deputy made a welfare check on a local citizen. I hope all is well.
18:27 - In Sierraville, an ambulance was needed.
19:32 - In Sierra City, an ambulance was needed there too.

Friday, March 25

14:18 - In Loyalton, a Plumas County Sheriff arrested an individual with a Plumas County warrant. The good guys always get the bad guy.
14:50 - In Loyalton, a family fight broke out and it got physical in nature. What the heck?
14:52 - In Balls Canyon, there was a report of a possible vegetation fire.
20:26 - In Loyalton, someone fell down and Eastern Plumas Health Care Ambulance helped them get back up.

Saturday, March 26

00:27 - In Loyalton, someone fell down again and Eastern Plumas Health Care Ambulance came to the rescue.
15:14 - In Verdi, someone was stuck in the mud but did not need SCSO assistance. Is this a heads up in case they do need help out?
20:13 - In Loyalton, the Sheriff’s Office conducted a property check and found all to be well.
21:26 - In Sierra City, a 911 hang up, again.

Sunday, March 26

11:40 - In Sierra City, someone was cited for driving on a suspended license.
11:54 - In Sierraville, a home alarm was sounding. The homeowner contacted the alarm company to cancel the response.
13:25 - In Loyalton, Sergeant Crawford arrested someone for stealing tires and rims from a vehicle.
20:26 - In Loyalton, there was a verbal altercation. At least there was no hitting this time!
20:38 - In Downieville, someone needed help getting their generator started.

Total Reported: 30

Where Two Rivers Meet Anthology Book Five LISTEN TO EVERY ZEPHYR

By H. A. Silliman

PART 2: THE FOX AND THE PONY

Those early days in the 1980s as a veterinarian here in Two Rivers, I lived with my parents. What an era! Except for the ridiculous hairstyles, I miss it—no cell phones, no social media and folks constantly seeking attention. My habit on nice mornings took me outside with a cup of coffee to enjoy the incoming sorties of birds to the feeders and the quizzical entrances of little critters. One day I heard bushes rustling beyond the pond. From the greenery emerged a dainty gray fox, with the tiniest of pups held in her mouth. Without hesitation, the mother walked up to me, hopped into my lap, and gently set the baby down. Its hair was slicked—a newborn! The mother looked at me with eyes that seemed to say, “Help!” The pup lay entirely still, not breathing. I massaged its chest a bit and then tapped on the shoulders. After issuing a cluck sound and a bit of spittle, the baby gulped air and settled to a light purr. Cupping the newborn, I gently stroked the still-wet fur and cleaned some gunk away from the eyes. In my palm, I handed the baby to the mother. She took her infant and jumped down. At the edge of the yard, she turned to look back for a long time holding me in her gaze. We regarded one another in peace—two of God’s creatures. Then she vanished into shrubbery. Having seen the magic unfold, my father exclaimed, “That was wonderful. She trusted you!”

Soon, from the trees where the fox had vanished, we heard a growing murmur that turned into many whispers, pitched high, then faster—happy sounds, like applause. The forest seemed pleased. What I imagined as a girl was coming true as an adult! The forest was happy with me. My father was stunned. “This is truly amazing,” he said. The clamor continued for minutes before fading in overlapping hums and echoes. Not wanting the moment to end, I sat motionless. At vet school, I had never treated an animal as delicate as that fox pup, so I was so thrilled that I could save it. Then I finished my coffee and went to work.

Over lunch that day in the little dispensary that doubled as our staff room, I related the morning’s incident to Doc Niles. “That kind of thing will happen more often. Animals won’t be afraid of you,” Benton said.

“Does this happen to other veterinarians?”
“I think it’s only us who are grounded to the Earth somehow. My grandfather was part Miwok. Of course, the hard part is when the momma cows bring their sick calves over to you, and you know all along that the baby is going to end up as a veal cutlet on someone’s Sunday’s supper table.” He sighed.
“So why do you keep ranchers as clients?” I asked.
“That’s a good question,” he said, staring intently at me. “I don’t have an easy answer.” A kind and gentle man, I could see that troubled him.

A week later, I was sent to the Ten-One Indian Reservation, way beyond Canton Flat. Tribe members train horses and then sell them—mostly to folks in the Bay Area and Valley. A little pony had gone lame, and the medicine man had called Doc Niles for help. The young stable hand, Billy Delton, had the little horse cocooned in a manger of straw in a pen off the large corral where a half dozen horses were being kept. I waded in among the larger animals and into the little enclave.
“We made a poultice to keep the swelling down,” Billy explained.

As I began my examination, I was aware of movement behind me. The entire contingent in the corral had walked over to watch. The largest one, a magnificent tawny-colored mustang with a luxurious white mane folding across his back, whinnied a greeting.

“Looks like I have an audience,” I joked to Billy.
“They’re waiting,” he replied flatly.
“Waiting for what?”
“To see if you’re going to put her down,” he said.
“How would they know about that?”

The boy came over and knelt beside me. “They know.”
I took another gander at the horses. They returned my gaze with more prescience than I imagined. I went over to the leader and scratched his forelock. He stuttered a soft whinny. We stared at one another for a long time. I felt surrounded by an aura of peace.

“They like you,” Billy said. He smiled for the first time that day.

I went back to my little patient. She was a gentle thing, skinnier than she should have been at her age, which was about two months. There were scratches on the bad leg, and when I touched, she flinched. I felt lumps under the skin—ligament and tendon damage: Classic injuries that might mean the end of the creature.

“The mother died after labor. It’s partly a birth injury, I think,” Billy said. “She always favored it. And now, something must have happened in the corral.”

Some vets might consider putting the little gal down. It would be my first. I repositioned myself and sat down next the pony, stroked her head. She enjoyed the attention. I wanted to make sure she wasn’t afraid—I sure was. I dreaded what might come next.

NEXT WEEK - PART 3: GIFTS FOM THE SKY

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At the Firehouse

By VICTORIA TENNEY

ALLEGHANY: March 21st – Firefighters trained in Pike City.

DOWNIEVILLE: March 21st – Responded for two Medical Urgent Care COVID-19 tests. March 22nd – Responded for a Medical Urgent Care COVID-19 test. March 23rd – Responded for a Medical Urgent Care COVID-19 test; COVID-19 testing at the Community Hall. March 24th – The ambulance responded to Sierra City for an ill person, who was transported to the hospital in Truckee; EMS Training. March 25th – Medical Urgent Care response for an ill child.

LOYALTON: March 21st—Older female with chest pain, west of Loyalton. March 25th—Lift assist, west of Loyalton. March 26th—Lift assist, west of Loyalton. March 27th—Burn pile check, Loyalton.

PIKE CITY: March 21st – Firefighters trained.

SIERRA CITY: March 21st – Responded for a smoke check.

SIERRA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #1 (CALPINE, SATTLEY, & SIERRAVILLE): March 24th – Firefighters trained in Sierraville.

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Sierra County Board of Supervisors is seeking interested persons who would like to serve on the following:

SIERRA COUNTY FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION - (1 Vacancy)

One (1) vacancy on a five (5) member board established to advise and make policy recommendations to the Board of Supervisors with regard to matters that directly affect fish and wildlife in the County. The Commission shall carry out programs that promote and enhance fish and wildlife resources, Sierra County Resolution 2007-050.
FINAL FILING DATE: Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in the Office of the County Clerk, Courthouse, Downieville, CA.
APPOINTMENT: Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at the regular meeting of the Sierra County Board of Supervisors to be held in Downieville.
PERSONS INTERESTED in serving may submit an application which can be obtained from the Sierra County Clerk, Courthouse, P.O. Drawer D, Downieville, California, 95936 or visit the Clerk-Recorder’s web page at www.sierracounty.ca.gov. If further information is required, contact the Clerk-Recorder’s office at (530) 289-3295.

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PLUMAS-SIERRA CATTLEWOMEN SCHOLARSHIPS

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

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Yuba Expeditions Downieville and SBTS: The Next Chapter

What a long strange trip it has been! It started with some friends in the early 1990s who had an idea about riding mountain bikes in Downieville, evolved into the legendary Downieville Classic bike race (originally the Coyote Classic), supported the Yuba Expeditions bike shop (originally the Coyote Adventure Company) for a quarter of a century, and launched Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship. The SBTS has gone on to build and maintain hundreds of miles of world-class multi-use recreational trails throughout Plumas, Sierra and Lassen counties and beyond. Downieville has become an international destination, and the “Downieville Downhill” is recognized by many as the best mountain biking romp in California. Friendships have been built, families have started and grown, much laughter has been shared, tall tales told, and more than a little grey hair has crept into the conversation.

As we emerge from the wild ride of the past couple years, singed by fire and socially a bit feral thanks to that pesky pandemic, we are looking toward the future of the Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship, and how best to move into what we see as our most important, most ambitious project ever. Connected Communities is a legacy trail project, mapping and developing over 600 miles of multi-use trail that will encompass and connect 15 mountain communities,

showcasing the incredible recreational opportunities that exist in this beautiful region and bringing new life to the economies of these towns. We live here, the SBTS was founded here and employs dozens of people in this area, and we are committed to improving both the quality of recreation and the quality of life in these communities.

In order to achieve our mission of supporting mountain communities through trail recreation, we have had to take careful stock of how to best manage our time, our people, and our sanity. After much soul searching, we have made the decision to close the Yuba Expeditions bike shop at 208 Main Street in Downieville, CA. This location, the fifth and longest lasting home of Yuba Expeditions, has been an awesome home for the extended families of Yuba, SBTS and the Downieville Classic, and making this decision has not been easy. So many good times, so many good memories, so many games of Crud!

The retail aspect of Yuba Expeditions – sales, service, rentals and shuttles – will continue to operate solely from our Quincy, CA location. Moving forward, 208 Main Street in Downieville will serve as a public-facing base of SBTS operations for our trail crew in Downieville, be a gathering point for future bike and ebike guiding services, and act as a hub to support the Downieville Classic when it returns in

2023. While we won’t offer regular business hours, the patio will be open and you will be able to get local trail information and keep up with where the SBTS trail crew will be working in the Downieville area. We have a lot of new trails to build, and a lot of work to do keeping existing trails open and sustainable, so this home base will remain at the heart of our work.

208 Main Street will continue to be the home of Good Times, Good People, and the World Championships of Crud, but it won’t be a bike shop anymore. We say that with both sadness and relief. Our connection to Downieville - the place where this all started and the role model community of our Connected Communities Project where the town economy has thrived for decades thanks to recreation - is stronger than ever. This location is central to that connection, and will continue to serve as our base of operations as we work with land managers, local governments, business and local residents to protect, maintain and enhance our shared environmental and recreational resources.

So, raise a toast to Yuba Expeditions at 208 Main Street in Downieville, CA. Thanks for so many good times! We’re still here in Downieville keeping the trails open and working harder than ever, the fridge is still stocked with beer, and we can’t wait to show you where the trails lead.



Mother Hips to play in Grass Valley on April 1

GRASS VALLEY — The Mother Hips—the funk/Americana band hailing from Chico — will be performing on April 1 in the Marisa Funk Theater in Grass Valley’s Center for the Arts. The group was formed by Tim Bluhm and Greg Loiacono when they were students at Chico State nearly 30 years ago. The group caught the ear of legendary rock ‘n’ roll producer Rick Rubin who signed the band to his label, American Recordings. Label mates included Johnny Cash, Black Crowes, and Tom Petty. They would later be named “one of the Bay Area’s most beloved live outfits” by San Francisco Guardian.

In 2021, Mother Hips released Glowing Lantern, a collection of songs written and recorded during the COVID pandemic. “The glowing lantern is a universal symbol for sanctuary,” said co-founder Bluhm. “That’s what we wanted this album to be: a warm safe place to get out of the dark cold night.”

While Glowing Lantern is the most recent to be added to its lengthy discography, audiences may recognize some of the band’s past hits like “Shoot Out,” “Desert Song,” and “It’s Alright.” “I think the pandemic made it easier for me to see just how much music really means to people,” Bluhm said. “It can be easy to take it for granted, but when it all goes away, you’re reminded how important it is, how comforting it can be in difficult times.”

Patrons are encouraged to visit thecenterforthearts.org for the most updated COVID safety precautions before purchasing tickets.

For more information on The Center for the Arts and its programming please visit thecenterforthearts.org.

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April is Child Abuse Prevention Month in Sierra County

LOYALTON — National Child Abuse Prevention Month is dedicated to raising awareness of, and preventing child abuse. On March 15th, the Sierra County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution declaring April 2022 "Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month" in Sierra County.

Incidents of child abuse often go unreported, or are unsubstantiated and unprosecuted, making it difficult to paint a clear picture of how big the problem really is. According to one source, over 2.5% of children in our county were involved in a substantiated case of child abuse in 2020. Thus, of our approximately 550 children in Sierra County, fourteen were involved in a case of child abuse or neglect that was reported, investigated, prosecuted, with an outcome proving abuse or negligence.

It is the responsibility of every resident of Sierra County to do our best as individuals and a community to bring those numbers

down. Among the many steps we can take to help, here are three from the Child Abuse Prevention Center:

- If you work with children in any capacity, obtain Mandated Child Abuse Reporting training to learn about the risk factors and warning signs of child abuse.
- Report child abuse and neglect when you become aware of, or suspect it.
- Get involved! Volunteer your time at community agencies that promote positive supportive services for families (libraries, community resource centers, nonprofit agencies that work with families and children).

At the High Sierras Family Resource Center we believe that all children are entitled to a safe and healthy upbringing. We do whatever we can to make that belief a reality and are striving to provide resources to improve the lives of our county's kids.

We also work to increase the resiliency and general well being of every member of our mountain community. We do this in a wide variety of ways that you will see this April. Keep an eye out around the county for our blue pinwheels, which represent innocence, and reflect the bright future that all children deserve. We will also be hosting and promoting several events over the course of the month!

If you are interested in helping us in this noble cause we are always looking for volunteers to serve in a variety of capacities. Together we can make a powerful difference in the lives of the children of Sierra County.

For more information, please call, email, or drop into our office! Our phone number is 530-993-1110, our email is highsierrasfc@gmail.com, and our address is 315 Main St. Loyalton.

LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant are doing business as: MOUNTAIN KIDS PLAYSCHOOL

Full name of registrant: Kristina Smith

Registrant Address: 408 1st Street, Quincy, CA 95971

Business location: 408 1st Street, Quincy, CA 95971

Business Mailing Address: 408 1st Street, Quincy, CA 95971

Phone number: (530) 957-0694

This business is being conducted by: an Individual

The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 3/8/2022

/s/ Kristina Smith

This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: March 4, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000065

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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: TALL TIMBER INDUSTRIES

Full name of registrants: Allan Laird

Registrant Address: 33 Quail Lane, North San Juan, CA 95960

Business location: 33 Quail Lane, North San Juan, CA 95960

Business Mailing Address: P.O. Box 923, Alleghany, CA 95910

Phone number: (530) 460-7808

This business is being conducted by: an individual

The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: NA

/s/ Allan Laird

This statement was filed in the office of Heather Foster, Sierra County Clerk-Recorder on: March 18, 2022 FILE NO: 2022001836

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Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative Seeks Former Members

Below is a list of former members of PSREC who were issued capital credit checks prior to 2017. These checks remain unclaimed. The checks represent a portion of the capital credits these members accumulated while living on cooperative lines in Plumas, Lassen, Sierra and Washoe counties. PSREC has previously attempted to deliver these checks by mail. All capital credit checks issued prior to 2017 which remain unclaimed 120 days after this notice shall be deemed assigned and transferred to PSREC, as well as any unretired portion, in accordance with the cooperative's by-laws Article XI, section 11.04(f). Former members who were eligible for capital credit checks for the period previously noted who are **NOT** listed below have already received their checks. Persons with knowledge of those named below may contact PSREC by calling (530) 832-6024 or (800) 555-2207 ext 6024. The list of names is also available in searchable PDF format on the PSREC website, www.psrec.coop. **Proper identification is required to claim the checks.**

ADAMS, CARL
AGNEW, ROBERT
AMMON, TOMMIE
AMODEI, VICKI
AMOS, JAMES
ANDERSON, NINA
ARATA III, EST. OF DAVID
ARTZ, JACQUELINE
ASHINHURST, CLYDE
AZEVEDO, TERRENCE
BACH, SANDRA
BAGGETT, FARRIS
BAGLEY, JOYCE
BALLISTER, TIMOTHY
BARKMAN, MICHAEL
BARR, LARRY
BATIE, THOMAS
BEEMAN, RICHARD
BENNETT, CALVIN
BENSON, EST. OF VIRGINIA
BERG, MAGDALENE
BIEHL, WAYNE
BILL, JUANITA
BIXLER, DOLORES
BLASTED ROCK QUARRY
BLICKENSTAFF, RUTH
BLISS, DAVID
BLOSSER, INEZ
BOGDANOVICH, ROBERT
BOTTORFF, STEVEN OR ANITA
BOWENS, ALBERT
BOYER, BRYAN
BRANCH, G A
BRANDLE, NIKOLAUS
BRIELS, LORNA
BROWN, MARVIN
BRYANT, NANCY
BUCHANAN, ROSS
BURNETT, THOMAS
CAETANO, GERALD
CALLAHAM, MICHAEL
CAVALLI, EST. OF TONY
CHASTAIN, GAYNO
CHENARD, PATTI OR JEFF
CHENOWETH, BONNIE
CLINK, MASON
COFER, EMMETT
COLEMAN, EST. OF JAMES
CONLEY, DENINE
CONNOLLY, MILDRED
COOK, ED
COOVELIS, EST. OF ALBERT
CORMANY, JONNIE
CRUTCHER, JOHNNIE OR
DONNA
CURNOW, JIM OR LISA
DAI LEY, ARAH
DAKAN, WAYNE
DAMIANO, JIM
DANNER, EST. OF LEE
DAVIS, EST. OF JAMES
DEAN, JACK OR DEBBIE
DENNA, FLOYD OR KAREN
DOUGHERTY, STELLA
DOWNEN, LARRY
DULWORTH, DAVID
DUMAS, NORMAN

DUNCAN, BERNECE
DUNN, TAMMIE
EIQUIREN, LOIS
ELKHORN CONSTRUCTION
EMMANUEL, CHURCH OF
GOD IN CHRIST,
ENGEL, JACQUELINE
ESPY, TERRI
EUSTICE, AC
FARIS, EST. OF JAMES
FEATHER RIVER RV PARK,
FEE.DANNY
FENNEL, OSCAR
FINK, ROBERT
FISHER, DOUGLAS
FLATT, LANA
FLOCO, CHRISTEEN
FORD.DAN
FOSTER, ROBERT
FOUNTAIN, EST. OF HELEN
FOX, WILLIAM
FRANZ.JANE
FREIMUTH, HENRY OR DORIS
FREITAS, DOROTHY
FULLER, GERALD
GALE, LINDA OR MICHAEL
GARATE.JON OR VICKI
GELESZINSKI, JAMES
GENASCI, JIM
GONZALES, PAUL
GONZALEZ, GUS
GOTTAS, CONNIE
GREBE, GREGORY OR CONNIE
GUERRA, DEBORAH
HAND, EST. OF ROWLAND &
EILEEN
HANNA, JOANN
HARSHBARGER, RHONDA
HEFNER, MARVIN
HELMS, JAMES
HESSELSCHWERDT, GRETTA
OR
GERNON
HOBBS, RUSSELL
HOPKINS, ERNEST OR MARY
HOPPER, JACK
IRATCABAL, JOHN OR MIRI-
AM
ISOLA, ALFRED
JACQUEMIN, GEORGETTE
JENSEN, JOHN
JOHNSON, GERALD
JOHNSTON, JAMES
JONES, KATHLEEN
JONES, ROBERT
JONES, ROBERT
KADING, EST. OF VIRGINIA
KAISER, EST OF JERALDINE
KAUFMAN, CHARLES OR
ELIZABETH
KEELER, BRENDA
KENNY, GORDON
KILLION, HOWARD
KINDLER, GLEN
KNIGHT, EST OF VEDA
KOLIADA, JOHN
KOUSARI.MAX

KUYKENDALL, JERRY OR
ROSEMARIE
LAMBERTON, SANDRA
LANDRIE, LARRY
LARSON, JOHN
LEMA, RICHARD OR ALICE
LEONARD, LESTER
LEVERETT, DONALD OR
VIRGINIA
LOFLIN, MERL
MAE, HALL
MAHAN, GRACE
MANLEY, CHARLES OR
MOLLY
MANNER, ERIC
MARKEL, RICK
MARTINELLI, CAROL
MARTINEZ, JOHN
MASONJR,WE
MAXFELDT JR., DONALD
MC ALLISTER, DOUGLAS
MC CAFFREY, EST OF JOHN
MC CAFFREY, EST OF RON-
ALD MC CAFFREY, TOM
MC FARLAND, WAYNE
MC INTIRE, JAKE
MC KAY, HEATHER
MEYRAND, SHARON
MILLER, GARREL
MILLER, JOHN
MULDOWNEY, EST OF EAMON
MYERS, GERALD
NELSON, KYN ORA
NERVINO, FRANK
NEUMAN, SANDRA
NORBURY, WILLIAM OR HEIDI
NORTON, JAMES OR NADINE
OHM, DEE
OLSEN, RICHARD
ORCUTT, RICHARD
O'REAR, HENRY
OWEN, WAYNE
PALMER, JOYCE
PARTEE, CHARLES
PASTOR, ROBERT
PELTON, WALTER
PEREZ, EST. OF HERMAN
PHOENIX, REGINA
PLUMMER JR., THOMAS
POPISH, MARTIN
POTEETE, RANDY
PRATT JR., HECTOR
PRECIADO, SUSAN
RAND, JUDITH
REDDECOP, HELENA
REG HETTI, JOSEPH
REID, BERNICE
RICE, WM
RICHARDSON, BARBARA
RIGG.JAMES
ROSS, GEORGE
ROWE, BUD
ROWSEY, JACOB
RUDDOCK, EST OF HAZEL
RUSSELL, PAULA
SAMPO, LAVONNE
SARRET, JULES

SCAMMELL, EUGENE OR
MARY SCHELL. KATHY
SCHOOILER, MELVIN
SCH ROMM, PHILIP
SEARS, BRIAN OR DEBBIE S.
SELLA, GLORIA
SENN.JAMES
SEVE, NANCY
SHARP, HERB
SHELLEY, MELODEE
SHORTES, STEPHEN
SIEH, EST. OF CHARLES
SIMOLA, ROBERT
SKEEN.JIM
SLOAN, CURTIS OR CATHY D
SLOAN, MICHAEL
SMITH, ANDREW
SMITH, GARRETT
SMITH, MILDRED
SOLANO.RAY
STONE, WILLIAM OR IGNE
STOWELL, HOWARD
STUART, PHYLLIS OR CHES-
TER
SULLIVAN, EST. OF THOMAS
SUMMERHILL, THOMAS OR
JUDITH
SUNDHOLM, STEVE
TEMPLETON, MATTHEW OR
MARTHA
TERRELL, JACK
THAYER, CHARLES OR
ELAINE
THEISON, RANDY
THOMPSON, ALVINE
THOMPSON, VIRGINIA
THORN, ROBERT OR GLADYS
TRIMLETT, JIM
TYBIE, ROBERT
US POST OFFICE-SATTLEY
UEBEL, EST. OF MICHEL
WADLEY, STEVEN
WALTER, EST. OF MARY
WANDEL, CATHERINE
WARBINGTON, M
WARNER, STEVEN
WARREN, DON
WASTE RECOVERY SYS INC.
WEAR, AMY OR ROBERT
WELSH, LOUIS OR MARY
WEMPLE, GAY
WEST, ANTHONY OR BAR-
BARA WEST, BILL
WHITE, ELMA
WHITE, H.A. OR MARSHA
WILHELM, ROBERT
WILLIAMS, DONALD
WILLIAMS, TOM OR JULIA
WLNJE, MICHAEL
WINTERS, BERT OR RUTH
WISEMAN, EST. OF MILLARD
WOODARD, KATHLENE
WORMINGTON, JESSICA OR
JEREME
WRIGHT, BERTHA
YOUNG, MINTA OR WARREN

Para más información sobre cómo este cambio podría afectar su pago mensual, llame al **1-800-660-6789** • 詳情請致電 **1-800-893-9555**

NOTICE OF PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY'S REQUEST TO CHANGE RATES FOR ITS AB1054 SECURITIZATION APPLICATION (A.22-03-010)

ACRONYMS YOU NEED TO KNOW

PG&E: Pacific Gas and Electric Company

CPUC: California Public Utilities Commission

WHY AM I RECEIVING THIS NOTICE?

On March 11, 2022, PG&E filed its second Assembly Bill 1054 (AB1054) Securitization application with the CPUC. This application follows the initial AB1054 application that was filed in February 2021.

This application securitizes wildfire risk mitigation costs that have already been presented to the CPUC by other applications. There are no new wildfire risk mitigation costs included in this application. If this application is approved, PG&E will securitize up to \$1.7 billion in costs with recovery bonds instead of traditional utility financing.

Securitization is a form of financing that helps finance wildfire mitigation projects at a lower cost to customers than traditional utility financing. This form of financing will reduce the customer rate charge associated with the 2020 General Rate Case Decision and pending Wildfire Mitigation and Catastrophic Events Application (WMCE) Application over time.

WHY IS PG&E REQUESTING THIS RATE CHANGE?

The California legislature approved AB1054, which authorized the use of recovery bonds to fund certain fire risk mitigation costs as well as associated financing costs. In accordance with this legislation, PG&E's Wildfire Mitigation Plan, and other fire safety rulemakings seeking to reduce potential for wildfires started by electrical equipment, PG&E is further enhancing and expanding efforts to reduce wildfire risk.

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. On average, rates for bundled electric service customers would increase by 0.5%.

The bill for a typical residential customer using 500 kWh per month would increase from \$165.35 to \$166.16, or 0.5% compared to rates currently in effect.

Direct Access and Community Choice Aggregation customers only receive electric transmission and distribution services from PG&E. On average, rates for services provided by PG&E to these customers would increase by 0.9% if this application is approved. DA providers and CCAs set their own generation 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, existing Departing Load customers would see a rate decrease of 0.6%.

Actual impacts will vary depending on usage.

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.cpus.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 an electronic copy of the filing and exhibits, please write to the address below:

Pacific Gas and Electric Company
AB1054 Securitization Application (A.22-03-010)
P.O. Box 7442
San Francisco, CA 94120

CONTACT CPUC

Please visit apps.cpus.ca.gov/c/A2203010 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:
Phone: **1-866-849-8390** (toll-free) or **1-415-703-2074**
Email: Public.Advisor@cpuc.ca.gov
Mail: CPUC Public Advisor's Office
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Please reference the **AB1054 Securitization Application A.22-03-010** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.



NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARTIN KLEIN TOWNSEND

CASE NUMBER: 22PR0002

FILED: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SIERRA on March 17, 2022

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both: MARTIN KLEIN TOWNSEND
2. A **Petition for Probate** has been filed by: MICHAEL TOWNSEND & CHRISTINA LINDSAY in the Superior Court of California, County of Sierra County
3. The Petition for Probate requests that: MICHAEL TOWNSEND & CHRISTINA LINDSAY be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
4. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
5. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
6. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
 - a. Date: April 22, 2022 Time: 10:00 AM. Dept.: 1 Room: VIA ZOOM
 - b. Address of court: 100 Courthouse Square, P.O Box 476, Downieville CA 95936
7. **If you object** to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
8. **If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent**, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**
9. **You may examine the file kept by the court.** If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
10. Attorney for petitioner: C. INGRID LARSON, P.O. BOX 564, DOWNIEVILLE, CA 95936 (Telephone) 530-289-3654

Help Wanted

Sierra-Plumas Joint Unified School District

Is now hiring for the position of
Full Time Maintenance/Custodian - Downieville
To learn more, call (530) 993-1660 x 151

Federal Targeted Airshed Grant Specialist Salary \$56,097 - \$68,182 annual

The Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District is looking for a motivated individual to fill one position for a Federal Targeted Airshed Grant Specialist. The position will be located in Portola, California. This is a full-time position, however, the position is temporary and slated to terminate at the end of the Federal Grant Period - October 31, 2026.

Under general supervision, this position, with assistance from other District staff will work with the many programs associated with the three grants:

The woodstove changeout program, woodshed program, enforcement of mandatory woodstove curtailment program, the chimney sweep voucher program, the weatherization program program, and public education duties, where assigned; and to perform related work as required.

Applications are available on the District's Website at www.myairdistrict.com Filing Deadline: April 8, 2022

BOARD TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT ~One Year Term, April 2022-Dec 2022~ DISTRICT 2 – SIERRAVILLE, SIERRA CITY, SATTLEY

An opening exists for trustee District #2 – Sierraville, Sierra City, Sattley. An interview of interested candidates will take place at the next regular district board meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 6:00pm.

The Trustee must reside within the trustee district and be a registered voter.

This is considered a provisional appointment until the time of the oath of office of the Trustee's successor in December 2022. Appointee may also run in the 2022 election to qualify for that office.

Those interested in serving as a trustee of the Sierra-Plumas Joint Unified School District Governing Board, and by default also serving on the Sierra County Board of Education, should submit a letter of interest, including past experiences that they believe qualify them for Board membership, and also answer the question, "Why do you want to be a school board trustee?"

**Submit a letter of interest no later than 5:00pm,
Tuesday, April 5, 2022.**

Mail: James Berardi, Superintendent
PO Box 955
Loyalton CA 96118

Hand Delivery: James Berardi, Superintendent
109 Beckwith Road, Building 1 or 3
Loyalton CA 96118

Emailed letters of interest will not be accepted.

Call the District Office at 530-993-1660 (dial 0) for more information.

Van Drivers Needed

Golden Rays Public Transportation is looking for one or two, part-time, van drivers. If interested, send your resume to Golden Rays Public Transportation, P.O. Box 532, Downieville, CA 95936. Qualifications: Must be able to pass a drug and fingerprint test and have a valid Driver's License. If you need more information, call Joyce White @ 530-289-3250.

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

The following registrant has abandoned the use of the following fictitious name: THE BUCKHORN AND MOUNTAIN CREEK RESTAURANT
Full name of registrants: JW Resorts

Business location: 225 Main St., Sierra City CA 96125

Mailing address: 230 Main St./P.O. Box 234, Sierra City CA 96125

Phone number: (415) 302-3661

This business is being conducted by: a corporation

The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 7/13/2017

/s/ Wendall Westfall, President

This statement was filed in the office of Heather Foster, Sierra County Clerk-Recorder, on: February 28, 2022 FILE NO: 2022001833

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

The following registrant is doing business as: POLKA DOT, THE

Full name of registrant: Rae L. Lancaster

Registrant Address: 261 Sierra Way, Quincy CA 95971

Business location: 2043 Highway 70, Quincy CA 95971

Phone number: (530) 283-2660

This business is being conducted by: Individual

The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 9/10/2021

/s/ Rae L. Lancaster

This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: February 28, 2022 FILE NO: 2021-0000228

Published in The Mountain Messenger: March 10, 17, 24 & 31 of 2022

LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: QUINCY TRAPPING SERVICE

Full name of registrant: Tyson Rael

Registrant Address: 2044 Red Bluff Trail, Quincy CA 95971

Business location: 2044 Red Bluff Trail, Quincy CA 95971

Phone number: (714) 606-9575

This business is being conducted by: Individual

The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 2/22/2022

/s/ Tyson Rael

This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: February 22, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000051

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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2022001827

The following person(s) is doing business as:

Scratch, 225 S. Lake Avenue, Suite 250, Pasadena, CA 91101

Scratch Financial, Inc., 225 S Lake Avenue, Suite 250, Pasadena, CA 91101; C4016777; DE

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/15/21.

/s/ Caleb Morse, COO

Scratch Financial, Inc.

This statement was filed with Heather Foster, County Clerk-Recorder of Sierra County on 01/13/2022.

3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31/22

CNS-3545792#

Printed in The Mountain Messenger March 10, 17, 24 & 31 of 2022

LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: GREY SQUIRREL ENTERPRISES, THE

Full name of registrant: Terry Penny

Registrant Address: 164 Aldon Drive, Chester CA 96020

Business Address: 164 Aldon Drive, Chester CA 96020

Business Mailing Address: PO Box 1747, Chester CA 96020

Phone number: (530) 816-1431

This business is being conducted by: Individual

The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 2/10/2022

/s/ Terry Penny

This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: February 10, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000037

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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: TENDER TOUCH ANIMAL REIKI

Full name of registrant: Terra Nova

Registrant Address: 381 3rd Avenue, Portola CA 96122

Business location: 381 3rd Avenue, Portola CA 96122

Business Mailing Address: 381 3rd Avenue, Portola CA 96122

Phone number: (530) 394-8661

This business is being conducted by: an Individual

The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 4/1/2022

/s/ Terra Nova

This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: February 28, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000057

Published in The Mountain Messenger: March 17, 24, 31 & April 7 of 2022

LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: CALPINE COMMUNITY FIRE ASSOCIATION

Full name of registrant: John Mitchell

Registrant Address: 101 Mountain View Dr., Calpine, CA 96124

Business location: 101 Mountain View Dr., Calpine, CA 96124

Business Mailing Address: Box 9, Calpine, CA 96124

Phone number: (530) 24 -0350

This business is being conducted by: an unincorporated association other than a partnership

The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 12/7/2021

/s/ John Mitchell

This statement was filed in the office of Heather Foster, Sierra County Clerk-Recorder on: February 22, 2022 FILE NO: 2022001834

Published in The Mountain Messenger: March 17, 24, 31 & April 7 of 2022

LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: DAM - DOG'S, THE

Full name of registrant: Terry Penny

Registrant Address: 29571 Highway 89, Canyon Dam, CA 95923

Business Address: 29571 Highway 89, Canyon Dam, CA 95923

Business Mailing Address: PO Box 1747, Chester CA 96020

Phone number: (530) 816-1431

This business is being conducted by: an Individual

The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 2/10/2022

/s/ Terry Penny

This statement was filed in the office of Marcy DeMartile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder on: February 10, 2022 FILE NO: 2022-0000038

Published in The Mountain Messenger: March 17, 24, 31 & April 7 of 2022

LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: HANGER BOUTIQUE, THE

Full name of registrant: Bailee Working

Registrant Address: 1003 Timber Ridge Rd., Lake Almanor CA 96137

Business location: 1003 Timber Ridge Rd., Lake Almanor CA 96137

Business Mailing Address: 1003 Timber Ridge Rd., Lake Almanor CA 96137

Phone number: (530) 375-0387

This business is being conducted by: an Individual

The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 2/28/2022

/s/ Bailee Working

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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant is doing business as: CANYONDAM - DOG'S

Full name of registrant: Terry Penny

Registrant Address: 164 Aldon Drive, Chester CA 96020

Business Address: 29571 Highway 89, Canyon Dam, CA 95923

Business Mailing Address: PO Box 1747, Chester CA 96020

Phone number: (530) 816-1431

This business is being conducted by: an Individual

The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 2/1/2022

/s/ Terry Penny

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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrant are doing business as: WILL ANDERSON CARPENTRY

Full name of registrants: Will Anderson

Registrant Address: 58563 Rich Lane, Cromberg, CA 96103

Business location: 58563 Rich Lane, Cromberg, CA 96103

Business Mailing Address: P.O. Box 828, Quincy, CA 95971

Phone number: (530) 394-0246

This business is being conducted by: Individual

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

/s/ Will Anderson

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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.

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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).

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

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

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

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

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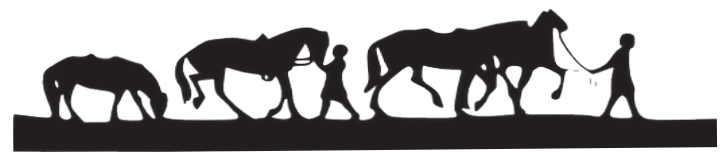
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LEGAL NOTICE ** LEGAL NOTICE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following registrants are doing business as: SIERRA MINI STORAGE ANNEX

Full name of registrants: Richard J. Horn and Susan C. Horn
Registrants Address: 19081 Hillcrest Drive, Woodland, CA 95965
Business location: 2160 Main Street, La Porte, CA 95930
Business Mailing Address: P.O. Box 351, Clipper Mills, CA 95930
Phone number: (530) 681-8379

This business is being conducted by: Married Couple

The registrant commenced to do business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 3/11/2022

/s/ Richar J. Horn and Susan C. Horn

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Local Gas Prices - 3/30			
	Regular (87)	Premium (91)	Diesel
76 Chester	\$5.69	\$5.89	\$6.15
Gulf Susanville	\$5.37	\$5.77	\$6.17
FuelGood Westwood	\$5.89	\$6.19	\$6.29
Chevron Hallelujah Junction	\$5.99	\$6.29	\$6.29
Texaco Chilcoot	\$5.95	\$6.25	\$6.25
Sierra Energy 7/11 Portola	\$5.65	\$6.15	\$6.29
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Mobil Quincy	\$5.89	\$6.19	\$6.49
Chevron Quincy	\$5.98	\$6.29	\$6.59
Whites's Station Loyaltton	\$5.79	-	\$6.39
Sierraville Service Sierraville	\$5.82	\$6.02	\$6.19
Lost Nugget Camptonville	\$5.79	\$6.19	\$6.19
76 Penn Valley	\$5.98	\$6.29	\$6.59
Nevada City Gas Nevada City	\$5.59	\$5.89	\$5.99
ARCO Grass Valley	\$5.76	\$6.06	\$6.59
Chevron Truckee	\$6.39	\$6.69	\$6.69

Prices courtesy of gasbuddy.com and phone calls to stations.

Commodity Prices				
	Mar 16. USD	Mar. 23 USD	Weekly Change	Yearly Change
Gold USD/Troy Oz.	1935.72	1933.20	-0.5%	13.3.3%%
Silver USD/Troy Oz.	25.05	24.87	-0.8%	2.0%
Lumber USD/1000 BdFt.	1054.3	997.00	-5.4%	-1.2%
Live Cattle USD/100 Lbs.	139.25	140.18	0.5%	15.9%
Milk USD/Hundredweight	22.37	23.50	5.0%	33.5%
Wheat USD/Bushel	1096.50	1023.00	-6.3%	65.5%
Corn USD/Bushel	759.75	738.75	-2.5%	30.9%
Coffee USD/Pound	226.10	222.60	-1.2%	80.2%
Lithium USD/Ton	78071.05	78071.05	0.0%	265.8%
Aluminum USD/Ton	3654.00	3544.00	-3.0%	61.5%
Nickel USD/Ton	28132.00	32590.00	0.8%	103.4%
Coal USD/Ton	325.00	259.00	-20.3%	169.1%
Crude Oil USD/Barrel WTI	114.01	107.55	-6.4%	81.8%
Propane USD/Gallon	1.44	1.44	0.1%	55.7%
CRB Index Index Points	318.15	313.49	-1.5%	59.6%

True Tales of the Timber Industry as assembled by Cynthia Anderson

From the Woods — Clay Allen, Part 10

Billy N. looked at that and he said, “You are going in.” On the way to the hospital I got my tongue up underneath that tooth and I worked it back into place, it just hit that one. I went to the dentist later on and he said, “You have already done what I would have done.” They sewed my mouth up. Bill D., the safety man, was watching, and he said, “You can’t believe how far they got that needle in there!” I said, “Thanks!”

Up at Camptonville by the Pendola Ranch. Walt W. had felled about a 2-1/2 foot fir into some clumps of madrones. There’s about five trees to a clump, and they are big trees. He felled that fir right into one of these clumps of madrones and we had pulled the butt out with the Cat. Apparently, it had split one of the trees in the clump under the ground, and it was one of those big forks—it was big.

I was just getting ready to put the eye of the choker on the winch’s bull hook and I caught sight of a shadow on the winch. I dove right underneath the winch and that madrone went right across that winch. Mike F. thought that it had killed me and when I crawled out from underneath of that winch, Mike was white, white as a ghost. He said, “I thought that had killed you!”

When I crawled out from under that winch he was amazed. I saw the shadow of that tree coming and if there wouldn’t have been any sun I never would have seen it coming.

I was going into Weaver Lake once and that coffee kicked in real quick and I have to get out of the truck. So, I stopped and jumped out of the truck to the side of the road. It was pitch dark and I put my pants down and squatted and I felt something wet on the top of my head. I thought, what the hell?! Here is this doe right behind me and she has her head stuck out and was sniffing the top of my head. I’m sure it didn’t make her day. Good coffee!

The same thing happened

to me up at Eureka Diggins. I pulled over into this old diggings and got out because I had to go. I had my pants down, then I heard this scream and it was close and I am looking all over because I knew it was a mountain lion and I looked up. I guess when I had pulled in there I treed him, and he was up the tree watching me, and he let out this scream.

I got to tell you a story about when the grapples first came out. When I started working for Robinson, it wasn’t Tenco it was Caterpillar. There was a guy that used to come up here and we gave him a lot of business. His name was Jack S., he was the salesman for Caterpillar. Saturday night of the County Fair, he had the first set of grapples on display, they were in front of the main exhibit building on a pallet. All these old-time loggers are saying there ain’t no way those things will work, what a piece of crap those things are. Brian I.’s dad bought the first pair and he started having pretty good luck with them and then Lowell bought that pair I got. I was very fortunate to have got them, to run the first grapples that he ever bought.

I was about 23 when they first came out, I had been there a while with Robinson, everything was winch Cat up until then. Even the old John Deere skidders were winch. Ol’ Jack P. cussed them things, saying they would never work. But those grapples sure took off and they worked good and then they put them on the swing booms. Once you figure out how to do them, they are nice! You have to learn how to heel them, because if you don’t you walk around looking like a Praying Mantis. If you didn’t suck them up to your butt plate, you weren’t going nowhere.

The first swing boom we had, we put on a 528 skidder, it was the Cadillac of skidders then. I think Jay W. sold Lowell his. That was pretty neat, every logger in town was criticizing those things, saying how they would never work. You can’t

hardly get nobody to work no more unless they run one of those. I have had this brush Cat for so long, Lowell gave me that Cat when I was 32 years old. I have been on this Cat until recently. You can’t run this Cat in the early Spring because of the mud, so I go back into logging until it dries up a little bit. You have to have dust to pile brush, otherwise you are going to pile it dirty and then you have that problem of dirt in your piles.

This has been a love-hate deal with that Cat. I had some days the summer of 2017 that it would make you sick it was so hot. By 9 a.m. you couldn’t lay anything on this Cat, like if you had a water bottle, you had to have it in a backpack hooked to the screen, because anything that was around that Cat was hot then, like your water was almost boiling. Even as a young man it would have been a test of faith. There was a couple of days that just kicked my ass it was so hot. I would get off that Cat at night and I would go to my camp completely wore out. I would go over to my camp Sunday night and I would come home Friday night. I had a day last year I was so tired, I could hardly get into my pickup, I was exhausted! That is very rare for me, because I am kind of hyper. I got home and it was all I could do to stand up in the shower. I was tired!

I was on three fires this year, mostly on standby and that one in Loma Rica was terrible! The only thing left was the chimneys, it was bad! The trailer I was staying in burned up in that King Fire, three years prior to 2017, so they got me a new trailer. I donated to Salvation Army this year because I felt so sorry for those people of that Loma Rica fire. It is really sad, really sad! If you went into there, there was nothing left but chimneys and nothing else. I felt sorry for them.



Cory Peterman's Hysterical Corner

The Lost Tribe of Sierra County

The geneticist Peter D. Cornmay can be credited with first documenting the remnants of what was known as the “Lost Tribe” of Sierra County back in 1969. However, his documentation didn’t receive much acknowledgement until quite recently, as protests regarding the Vietnam War at Cornmay’s campus of UC Berkeley resulted in the interruption of Cornmay’s presentation on his findings. Cornmay further withheld the presentation of his research due to the release of the movie Deliverance in 1972, as he felt viewers would assume the “Lost Tribe” of Sierra County were as ruthless as the mountain people portrayed in the film. Cornmay’s findings were finally released last year, but have rarely been talked about, as important events like the Covid-19 pandemic have been at the forefront of attention. So what did Cornmay exactly find in his research?

Cornmay determined that approximately 420 Sierra County residents at the time were descended from the Lost Tribe. He discovered that there once were two distinctive branches of the Lost Tribe - one branch in the rugged mountains of the west side of the county, and one branch at the east side in what is now known as the Sierra Valley. Unfortunately, the pure bloodline of the Lost Tribe was lost when the group intermixed with settlers during the Gold Rush, but many of the tribe’s characteristics remained with the mixed descendants of the two groups.

For example, descendants of the tribe had the tendency to drool from their mouths. However, there was a clear difference between the drooling patterns of those living on the west side of the county, and those on the east side of the county: those from the west side only drooled from one side of their mouths, and those from the east side drooled from both sides. Cornmay determined that on the west side, the drooling

from one side of the mouth was due to that branch of the tribe living on sloped, mountainous territory, causing the head to tilt; however, since the tribe of the east side of the county lived on a flat valley, this caused the head to be level, allowing the drool to come out from both sides of the mouth.

Cornmay also noticed that tribe members on the west side of the county often had fewer fingers than normal human beings. He was not able to determine if this was genetic or accidental, as descendants of the west side tribe members typically worked in the gold mines and had a tendency to crush their fingers. Also, at the east side of the county, Cornmay noticed descendants of that tribe often suffered from tooth loss or mouth cancer. Again, Cornmay could not determine if this was genetic or not, as the east side members of the tribe had the tendency to chew tobacco, much like the ranchers and farmhands with whom they integrated themselves.

A typical household of the Lost Tribe of Sierra County included two males (uncle-father and brother-son) and two females (aunt-mother and sister-daughter). Sometimes, there were variations in the household, like cousin-sister or uncle-grandfather.

Linguistic differences were also noted. For example, those on the west side preferred to “warsh” their fingerless hands, instead of “washing” them. Though west siders were able to pronounce the county seat of Downieville correctly, east siders had the tendency to say “Donny-ville”. Strong musical abilities with the banjo were also noted.

Speaking of “warshin’”, Cornmay claims the Lost Tribe can also be credited with the invention of the toothbrush, as he discovered an ancient Lost Tribe diary with two illustrations of a rugged form of a toothbrush, with the following inscriptions: “1: The toothbrush - ‘cuz we

only gotta warsh one tooth - and 2: The teethbrush - for them city folk with more than one tooth”.

Several descendants of the Lost Tribe have even left the county, myself included, to go to college and to marry outside of the community. However, many have had trouble finding romantic relationships outside of the county and returned home. Therefore, a local tech-savvy tribe member founded the company that created one of the first dating websites - ancestry.com - though the company was later bought out and changed from a Sierra County dating website to a worldwide genealogy website.

The next time you visit Sierra County, you may run into what appears like a raggedy old hillbilly - but before you pass any judgment, please remember that this person may be a descendant of the Lost Tribe of Sierra County - please treat them with kindness and respect!

(April Fools! Though this article was written for comical purposes, I can attest to the following: it is said all things are relative, but in Sierra County, almost all people are relatives. Being a sixth-generation native of the county, I have found myself distantly related to the majority of the people I grew up with. In fact, I started a family tree on ancestry.com, currently with 1,300 people, primarily Sierra County residents. According to the tree, *The Mountain Messenger* editor, Carl Butz, is the “first cousin once removed of the wife of the nephew of the wife of the nephew of the wife of my first cousin four times removed”. No joke.)



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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The Mountain Messenger

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Cal-Ida Resumes Work

Cal-Ida Lumber Company sawmill operated Wednesday and Thursday afternoon of last week, after a couple of months lay-off on account of winter weather. Work was resumed Monday and it is expected it will continue for the season. There are sufficient logs in the pond for about a month’s work, by which time it is expected the woods crew will have started production from a new cut near Camptonville, which will be brought to the Brandy City mill. There have been some changes in personnel: Harold Hallman, who was superintendent for several years, was released about three months ago. Another change this week was the release of Charles E. Ebbert, who has been master mechanic since the mill started about eight years ago.

Clover Valley Engine Pinch Hits for W.P. Diesels

LOYALTON, April 1 – The past week of sunny, warm weather is certainly welcome after so much snow this past winter, but it does have its bad side. The roads are muddy and the water level being quite high, a number of residents are having trouble with cesspools. The new diversion ditch, dug last summer, is helping a lot to carry the water down to the creek, but there are many places that have large pools of water standing.

The Western Pacific railroad is unable to send its diesels into Loyalton because of so much water in the valley. At places the water is almost a foot above the rails. Because batteries of the diesels are carried so low underneath the engine, they cannot go through more than five inches of water. No steam

engine is available at Portola, and it was feared there would be no train into Loyalton until the water drained off.

Clover Valley Lumber Company came to the rescue and sent its steam engine, the “Four Spot,” out, carrying 16 carloads of merchandise to Hawley, and brought back empty cars and whatever merchandise was destined for Loyalton. This arrangement will probably be kept up until the diesels can cross the valley. Clover Valley Lumber Company is to be commended for its willingness to solve the situation and perform this truly community service.

Raymond Hartwell Makes Front Page – in Color

Loyaltonians were surprised to see on the cover of the March 30 issue of “This Week,” a supplement of San Francisco Chronicle, and other papers in the nation served by the syndicate, a face very familiar to all of them. The cowboy on his horse, Midge, is none other than our own Raymond G. Hartwell, assistant postmaster. He was just as surprised as any of the rest. Although he posed for the picture, it had been taken last May on the occasion of the first of the Western Pacific-Red Cross blood car, the Charles W. Sweetwood. The picture, in color, is a very good one, with a background of our own Sierra hills and cloud formation and was taken at Reno Junction. The nurse in the picture is unidentified.

Wished for Chinook

Clifford Hawkins wished for a Chinook wind, and last Monday night it came, blowing strong and warm all night. The deep snow began to disappear like magic as it evaporated, thus

relieving the mountain area and lessening flood danger to the valley. This wind, named for the Chinook Indians, is a warm wind that comes in springtime and takes the snow off rapidly, breaking winter’s hold on the land.

Truck Pulled in Two

Bill Hart’s heavily-loaded truck, coming up with a load of provisions for Joe Sbaffi’s store, broke down; it was said to have broken in two in the middle. Had it happened on the slope, the load could have rolled all over. The county truck brought the meat, eggs, some coal and other things. Sbaffi sent his 4-wheel drive truck for a load that afternoon and took it again at 6 p.m. after the store was closed to bring the remainder. Joe had sent for a ton of coal on this load. Wednesday this week, Hart came up in another truck with his weekly load and got in early without mishap. He said with continuing good weather, drying out Foote’s road and the tractor cutting down the high center of the road that developed this winter, cars will be able to travel over it again soon.

Snow 12 Feet on Bridges

The three bridges in Forest have 12 feet or more of snow on them, and if not eased of this burden, could easily jack-knife in the center if heavy rainfall came. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure here too, as building new bridges runs into money. With mines and homes there and also a highway through to the county seat, Forest cannot be abandoned by Sierra County.

Four Years Probation for Wilson

Leonard A. Wilson of Loyalton, former district

attorney, was admitted to four years probation here Tuesday in his appearance before Judge Warren Steele of Yuba County, who presided in Sierra County Superior Court in the place of Judge Raymond McIntosh, who had disqualified himself.

Judge Steele, in rendering his decision, complimented Probation Officer Leonard R. Loffmark for his report on Wilson stating that inasmuch as prosecuting and defense counsel had both read it, wherein Wilson’s activities since 1940 were outlined, it was voluminous, and its reading was not necessary. Judge Steele recounted that Wilson had entered a plea of guilty to two counts of grand theft; that there were no reservations, and the plea speaks for itself, and as such Wilson placed himself at the discretion and mercy of the court. Upon question, Wilson stated that he intended to make restitution of \$2500. Philip L. Evans, attorney for Wilson, concurred in the probation officer’s report, saying he had known and been associated with Wilson since 1940, in college and in business, and the facts as presented were accurate.

Considering probation, Judge Steele was of the opinion that Wilson is of a type better to be rehabilitated, for his own good and that of society; that no plan of restitution had been presented, but with probation, Wilson would be able to obtain gainful employment. The judge further remarked that Wilson had no prior criminal record; that he married into a good Sierra County family and had three children; that it was his first offense; that by entering pleas of guilty he had saved taxpayers

thousands of dollars; and he had hopes for rehabilitation.

Judge Steele emphasized that he was not pronouncing judgment which he might suspend, but was suspending such judgment, pending compliance with the terms of four years probation, with the defendant to report at least once a month during the first year, and work out a plan of restitution of \$2500. Pending good behavior, it was stated that Wilson might later withdraw his pleas of guilty and enter pleas of not guilty. His pleas of guilty to felonies would automatically disbar Wilson from the practice of law, without further hearing. He could make application for admission to practice law at some later period, which would depend upon his future conduct.

Asked as to his future, wherein he might work out a plan for restitution, Wilson said he planned to remain in Loyalton. He said he would act as agent for outside capital, which is preparing to drill for oil in Sierra Valley, with offices in Loyalton, leases being obtained for some 41,000 acres. Some 150 to 200 men are expected to work on the project.

Following Wilson’s pleas of guilty, March 24, Judge Steele declared the office of district attorney vacant and appointed Alfred R. Lowey of Downieville to act in criminal matters. Sierra County Board of Supervisors, at its meeting April 1, appointed Lowey to conduct the full duties of that position for the unexpired term of two years and nine months, until January 1955. Lowey served eight years as district attorney, Wilson having defeated him in the 1950 election and took office

in January 1951.

Fire Takes Historic Landmark

Historic Sleighville House burned to the ground Sunday night. It was a large, two-story structure, built by early-day pioneers in 1849 as a stage stop on the Henness Pass Road, which traversed the Sierras from Reno to Camptonville to Marysville. It was about three miles east of Camptonville. In the past few years, the building was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Minot Riddell and two children. Since early January, snows have blocked the road to the house, necessitating that the Riddells walk about one and a half miles to where the road was passable to automobile travel in order to get out for supplies. This same snow was the cause of the complete destruction of this solidly built pioneer structure. Glow of the fire was seen in Camptonville and reported to District Ranger Robert Thompson of Tahoe National Forest. He and other members of the Forest Service attempted to reach the scene but could not get to the building, due to deep snow.

Apparent cause of the fire was a heating stove. After the blaze was observed, it was a relatively short time before the structure was completely enveloped in fire and destroyed. The Riddells had time only to get their children and pets out. Snow handicapped efforts to save any other personal belongings. The Riddells walked to the home of neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard, for shelter. Loss of this landmark will be felt keenly by local residents and many travelers, for it was one of the few reminders of the colorful historic mining boom days of the Henness Pass-Marysville area.