DUMP ALERT: BUT STAY HOME!
Too much of a good thing? MMSA promotes snow, but travel conditions are dangerous

By Giles

In a promotional email sent to passholders Wednesday, January 11, MMSA reported that it had received 113-200 inches of snow in eight days, which brought the base depth on the summit of Mammoth Mountain to 230 inches, the most snow of any ski resort in The United States. That email was the most recent of a slew of multimedia advertisements promoting recent snowfall, issued simultaneously to warnings from the Town of Mammoth Lakes and the Mono County Sheriff’s Department urging travelers to stay off the roads.

The storm brought power outages, highway closures, flooding, high winds, and thunder and lightning. MMSA evacuated staff and visitors from Tamarack Lodge on Saturday afternoon due to potential flooding and closures of Lake Mary Road. Guests with reservations at Tamarack Lodge were relocated to other MMSA lodging properties in town.

Lifts were closed for all of Sunday and part of Saturday morning due to lightning and high winds. Burke told The Sheet that all guests were offered credits or refunds for lift tickets.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes issued a statement on its website on Thursday, January 5, encouraging residents and visitors to stay off the streets and in their homes or accommodations Saturday, January 7 through Monday, January 9. That same day, Mono County Sheriff’s Department issued a press release that warned of power outages and flooding due to hazardous weather. That statement read, “If the weather comes in as predicted, travel should be limited to emergencies only. People already in Mono County should stay home if at all possible, and travelers coming into Mono County should postpone their travel until the weather has passed.” Advisories became more severe as public officials provided residents with sandbag pickup locations on Saturday.

Throughout the storm, passholders were issued promotional emails touting fresh powder and advising customs to check for lift holds and regional travel restrictions. A little after 9 p.m. on Monday, January 9, Caltrans District 9 reported that Highway 395 was closed from Pearsonville to Bishop due to Extreme High Winds and Brown out Conditions. On Tuesday, January 10, Caltrans reported that Highway 395 was closed from 22 miles north of Bishop on the Sherwin Grade to the junction with SR 203 to Mammoth Lakes due to whiteout conditions. The road opened later that night, but visitors were delayed or prevented from getting to Mammoth.

By Lunch

On Tuesday, the Inyo County Board of Supervisors was informed by its staff that a new lease with LADWP for its landfill property is about to become a lot more expensive. According to Rick Benson, Assistant County Administrator, the rent will increase from its current $4,910/month to $22,637/month by 2019.

The rent will remain fixed at $4,910 for the next two years.

Benson said the rent increase will effectively increase the cost of refuse disposal by $19 a ton, or nearly 40%.

As Benson stated in his staff report, “Last March, your Board received a report in regard to the challenges in updating the County’s landfill permits from CalRecycle. As you may recall, the County has been in violation of the current permits. The primary area of non-compliance is that the County has been exceeding its daily tonnage limits.”

For the past year, Inyo County has been working out a new agreement with CalRecycle, which won’t finalize anything until Inyo County has a new lease from LADWP (the previous lease expired in 2009).

Elements of the three-year lease renewal (L.A. would only agree to a three-year maximum length. Inyo asked for 24 years) include:
• A 180-day termination notice
• Mandated educational program re: Illegal dumping
• Out-of-county waste prohibited (thwarting any possible collaboration with Mono County)

L.A. TO HIT INYO WITH 461% RENT INCREASE

HOME SWEET HOME

Max Ariza, 20, with his handmade insulated truck cap. Ariza is a first season lift operator at Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, and is one of several Eastsiders “roughing it” this season. See story, p. 13.

JUST KEEP SHOVELING

Chase Williams shovels snow at Mammoth Brewhing Company on Monday, January 9. For more photos of Mammoth’s epic storm, see pages 10-11.

Room with a view /p. 6/
Yosemite swamp /p. 9/
Call 911 /p. 4/
Move to Bishop /p. 5/
Proud papa /p. 2/
continued from page 1
• Fence installation/repair for litter control which could cost the County as much as $200,000.
• Disabled Access: “LADWP reserves the right to determine if the County’s provisions for the disabled are adequate. In the event that they determine they are not adequate, LADWP has the ability to make alterations and charge the County for the work.”

Overall, said Benson, there were 53 changes to the lease. While Inyo County Administrative Officer (CAO) Kevin Carunchio believes all leases between governmental entities should be $1 a year—seeing as LADWP and its employees use and benefit from the landfill, the County has no leverage. Supervisors were displeased by the proposed lease, but also see no alternative but to sign it.

CallRecycle fines for non-compliance can cost $10,000 per day. As Supervisor Jeff Griffiths said, “Cutting hours once you reach the tonnage limit doesn’t make trash magically disappear.” Never mind that standing trash constitutes a public health hazard, chimed in Supervisor Rick Pucci.

Supervisor Dan Totheroh suggested if the lease doesn’t get done, that excess tonnage should be dumped into the L.A. Aqueduct. He said so facetiously (we think).

James Yannotta, Manager of the Los Angeles Aqueduct for LADWP submitted this statement in regard to the landfill lease:
“The new lease rate for Inyo County’s Bishop Sunland Landfill has been established to reflect appropriate costs for leasing and activity on this type of facility in 2017. From 1990 to today the lease rate has been essentially unchanged. In 26 years the lease rate only went up one time ($140 per year).

“The new rate will go into effect during the third year of this new lease. For the first two years the lease rate will be the same as it had been in the past. Part of the new rate accounts for tipping fees charged by the County. The tipping fee value used by LADWP in the new lease rate calculation is a very conservative amount, in fact it is lower than the County’s new tipping fees. The new rent also includes compensation for water used by the Landfill provided by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.”

A formal vote on the lease is scheduled at this Tuesday’s Board meeting.

And from James’ desk: During a Special Inyo Board Meeting on Jan. 12, in a “show of good faith” during current labor negotiations with Inyo County Employee Association, the Inyo County Board of Supervisors is set to pass a resolution designating Martin Luther King Jr. Day an official County-Recognized Holiday on January 16, 2017 for all employees except those represented by the Deputy Sheriff’s Association and the Law Enforcement Administrators Association, since those employees already receive holiday pay for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. It is a tentative measure as negotiations are still ongoing and those involved in the negotiations are not at liberty to discuss it.

The County has long been wrongfully accused by some critics as being “racially insensitive” for not giving the holiday off to honor Martin Luther King Jr. In truth, it was not the County but rather the employees’ union that negotiated the county-recognized holidays off. In past negotiations, the ICEA preferred five “personal flex days” off and gave up three paid holidays (MLK Jr. Day, Columbus Day, and Admissions Day) during the fiscal year. Whether the MLK Jr. Day will become a recognized holiday off for county employees in the future will depend on the final outcome of the negotiations.

Also from James’ desk: Justin James, 36, joined the University of California San Diego baseball staff as an assistant coach in January of 2017. The 2017 season is his first in the Triton dugout.

James makes the short trip over from his alma mater, Point Loma Nazarene University, and takes over as UC San Diego’s pitching coach. He served in that capacity at Point Loma for the past two seasons, transforming the Sea Lions’ staff into one of the best in the Pacific West Conference (PacWest) and NCAA Division II. James also aided in recruiting, camp coordination and opponent scouting.

He was an assistant at his alma mater for seven seasons in all, and has been a coach for 11 years, nine of them at the collegiate level.

Also this past summer, James worked for USA Baseball and was in charge of the 11U Southwest squad during the National Team Identification Series (NTIS) in Cary, N.C.

A 2004 graduate of PLNU with a degree in history, James earned a master’s from NMHU’s Department of Exercise and Sport Sciences in human performance and sport with an emphasis in sport administration in 2009. He played two years at Citrus College in Glendora before moving on to Point Loma and leading the Sea Lions to post-season berths in 2002 and 2003 as a pitcher.

James and his wife, Lindsey, and two young daughters, Kinley and Ellie, reside in Serra Mesa.
SNOW SMART WAYS YOU CAN MAKE WINTER A SAFER SEASON

BE SNOW SMART BY OBSERVING A FEW SIMPLE RULES:

**CHILD SAFETY** while snow removal operations are under way.
- Keep children indoors.
- Children should not play in yards, build snow forts or dig caves near the road.

**PEDESTRIAN SAFETY**
- Don’t watch snow removal operations from the edge of the road.
- Don’t walk in-front of snow removal equipment.

**BACK OFF**
- While driving, stay at least 50 feet behind snow removal equipment.
- Passing of a snowplow on the road should be done with extreme caution.

**SLOW DOWN**
- When chain control conditions are in effect, the maximum speed limit is 25 mph.
- Black ice frequently forms in shady areas and at night on roads.

**PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY**
- It is a violation to park on any roadway from November 1 through April 30.
- Park all vehicles/trailers away from roads and inside the orange snow stakes.
- Identify your vehicles/trailers location with poles for snow removal operators.

**LIGHT IT UP**
- Leave the exterior lighting of your home on at night during winter storms.
- Identify the entrance to your driveway with reflective poles.

**SNOW STORAGE**
- Do not place cleared snow in the roadway or within 10 ft. from road’s edge.
- All snow must be stored on your property.

All Town Snow Removal Equipment Can Be Identified By The Town Logo Displayed On The Vehicle.

FOR CURRENT CHAIN-CONTROL RESTRICTIONS:

Call (800)427-ROAD •
Listen to KMMT 106.5 •
Listen to ALT 92.5 •
Look for chain control signs • throughout town

The penalty for failure to observe the posted chain controls may include a citation and a severe fine. Remember to always carry chains and use them when required to do so.

Visit www.dot.ca.gov/cgi-bin/roads.cgi or scan this QR CODE >
BRIDGEPORT CLINIC CLOSES

As storm cuts off Bridgeport from rest of Mono County

By Bedine

The Bridgeport Clinic is closing on February 1. Clinic hours were shaved from four to two days a week in July 2016 due to a lack of qualified personnel. The two days it was open changed weekly depending on demands from the public. A person could make an appointment to see a doctor and one would be available.

Mammoth Hospital CEO Gary Meyers was going to break the news to the Mono County Supervisors and maybe the community on Tuesday, but the Supervisor’s meeting was cancelled due to the weather and road conditions.

Clinic operations were cancelled this week due to dangerous travel conditions and repeated road closures, according to an email from Robin Conners, assistant to Myers. Myers states in the letter that recruitment efforts have been unsuccessful and forced his hand to close the clinic. The clinic sees between 6 and 12 patients a day, according to Conners, but would need to serve 20 to 25 daily to cover operating costs. Currently the clinic is only taking in half the income that’s needed for it to operate, even with subsidies from Mono County.

He encourages residents and visitors to seek medical attention at Mammoth Hospital or to the north. “Mono County staffs a 24/7 paramedic ambulance located immediately adjacent to the Bridgeport Clinic,” Conners said. “All medical emergencies should be directed to 911 at all times regardless of whether the clinic is open or not.”

There’s a possibility that a new Mono County Jail would house a community health clinic, but that project has just recently been introduced. The new jail comes with a $25 million price tag, some of which would be covered by grant money, but the county would still have to shell out at least $2 million.

District 4 Supervisor John Peters said the clinic’s decline has been gradual. More residents attended the clinic when hours and staff were consistent. But for the last few years, there has been a turn-over in personnel and a cut in hours, and people stopped going. Fewer patients means less revenue, which means fewer hours of operation.

Residents are disappointed a solution for getting a medical clinic has not been found, particularly given the time since the announcement was given, he said. Peters has been following the clinic situation as a concerned citizen and now as a Supervisor he says he plans to find out what the County has been doing to remedy the situation.

The County has an obligation to provide medical care to inmates at the Mono County Jail. By law, an inmate must receive medical care if requested. And inmates are staying longer, which means more complex care. Mono County Sheriff Ingrid Braun said at the July Supervisor’s meeting.

The longer stays are a result of Assembly Bill 109, or Public Safety Realignment, passed in 2011. AB 109 is Governor Jerry Brown’s solution to overcrowded prisons, which re-mands many non-violent offenders to county jails.

Inmates had formerly been taken to the clinic, or a provider from the clinic would come to the jail on an as needed basis. If the clinic is not staffed, inmates are transported to Mammoth Hospital.

It’s not known when the clinic will be discussed by the Supervisors, following the cancellation of the January 10 meeting.

Improvements to Mono County incarceration facilities, be it a new or revamped jail in Bridgeport, will be discussed by Supervisors in February.

LETTERS

Bad medicine

Dear Editor:

I am a 30 year resident of Bridgeport and have seen our hospital and clinic go from being a full time hospital, emergency room, and clinic which saved lives, and provided vital medical care in an isolated community, to an empty building, and a clinic which is closing its doors at the end of the month.

Sunday night (Jan. 8) Highway 395 was closed from Lee Vining to the Nevada State Line due to flooding. As I write this Highway 395 is closed from Mammoth to Bridgeport.

Under these conditions, the elimination of the Bridgeport Clinic basically denies the availability of medical care to the citizens of Bridgeport and surrounding communities, as well as to the inmates at the Mono County jail, whose access to medical care is mandated by State Law.

Since the Board of Supervisors has declined the option of state funding for a new jail and clinic, it falls upon them to provide medical care for our County.

If Mono County researched state and federal grants to rebuild our abandoned hospital and clinic, hire staff and offer mental health services as well as drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs, it just might prevent some people from going to jail and help them to turn their lives around. Many European countries do exactly that, and it works. Perhaps available medical care is an even higher priority than recreation and roads.

The geographic isolation of our north county towns would deem such vital services, located in Bridgeport, as a great asset to our communities.

Deborah Lurie
Bridgeport
Opinions on snow removal are like icycles—right now, everybody’s got one. With the massive storm that hammered Mammoth for the past week, there were complaints from residents about the way the Town of Mammoth Lakes (TOML) plows handled the first big storm in half a decade.

“THERE was a berm in front of my house for about three hours,” said one resident who lives in the Knolls. “I flagged down the plow driver and he told me, ‘If you don’t like it, move to Bishop, that’s what I did.’”

Indeed, according to Public Works Director (and acting Town Manager, as Dan Holler is currently on a service mission with his church in Uganda) Grady Dutton, a high percentage of the Town’s plow drivers do live in Bishop—so many that the Town of Mammoth Lakes offered them free rooms overnight at the Mammoth Creek Inn during the worst of the storm.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes plows all of the roads in Mammoth, save State Route 203, which is maintained by Caltrans.

“We have a system, and it works,” the plow driver reportedly told one resident. Dutton echoed that sentiment. The TOML Snow Management Policy, as stated on the Town’s website, says that the Town is responsible for approximately 104 lane miles of roads, and that it takes Town crews approximately 12 hours to plow every street in town and 20 hours to blow each street “during normal storms [up to one foot six inches of snow fall].”

“The worst of the storm,” said Hensler, “was a situation.” Dutton told The Sheet on Tuesday, January 10, “the dry storm we had back in December, we had about 2 feet of nice snow. It’s very easy for a plow to go down with a blower after that to clear the street. With this wet stuff, the blower slows down to about one mile an hour. You could walk past it.”

- Grady Dutton

With this wet stuff, the blower slows down to about one mile an hour. You could walk past it.

With this wet stuff, the blower slows down to about one mile an hour. You could walk past it.

The Town’s “Priority Order” places “support for emergency responses” as priority number one, followed by main arterials and bus routes, secondary residential streets, cul-de-sacs, the scenic loop, park and ride lot, sidewalks and trails, bus shelters, and traffic signals and pedestrian beacons. However, “when snowfall exceeds the ability of Town crews to successfully perform normal operations throughout the Town,” priorities “including running with secondary residential streets” are suspended.

There are typically 12 staff on shift during the “night shift,” said Dutton in an email to The Sheet.

The shift, which runs from midnight until 12 p.m., has the “highest concentration of staff and equipment (less vehicular and pedestrian traffic),” wrote Dutton. Typically there are four blowers, five loaders, two “trackless” Bobcat machines (which plow sidewalks), and one mechanic who repairs machines in the field and drops cinders, plus one mechanic in the Town’s shop. Typically, Dutton wrote, there are 12 staff handling all of Town’s snow removal during a night shift. During the “day shift,” from 12 p.m. until midnight, there are generally one or two blowers, three loaders, one plow truck and two mechanics in action, plus trackless Bobcats “as necessary.” Typically, Dutton wrote, there are about nine staff members on a day shift.

Dutton was unable, as of press time, to obtain a budget for the last several years for the Roads Maintenance department. However, much of the budget is allocated for snow removal. However, “it is my understanding that... in December, a blizzard hit Mammoth saw a storm of this magnitude the total Town plow drivers then had a total of 16 people working on the streets.”

Typically, loader drivers leave these berms and the blowers follow, removing them, but as Dutton said, during this last storm cycle, the blowers’ speed slowed to a crawl. “It takes just a slight turn of the blade and you won’t berm people in,” said Hensler. “It’s not funny. You’re tired. You just worked your third shift and you’re not happy. It’s unavoidable. It’s not cute. What it is is just a royal pain in the ass, and they don’t care because they live in Bishop.”

“Everyone has an option as to how to manage snow,” said Dutton, and those opinions are “often diverse.”

To view the Town’s Snow Management Policy, visit www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us/documentcenter/home/view/94.

As an addendum:

On Wednesday, January 11, 2017, the Mammoth Lakes Police Department responded to assist with a call for medical aid on the 200 block of Lupin Street at approximately 1018 hours.

A Mammoth Lakes resident was involved in an accident on private property with a private loader that had contracted for snow removal. The victim was transported to Mammoth Hospital and subsequently flown out for medical treatment, where they later succumbed to their injuries. Identity of the deceased will be released after notification of next-of-kin.
FLOODS LEAD TO WAR?

Rain-on-snow events, like the one that soaked the Eastside on Sunday, have caused some of the biggest, most damaging floods in the area’s history. Local floods have taken lives, caused billions of dollars in property damage and even started a war.

The biggest storm to hit the Owens Valley was in 1861-62. Rain and snow fell every day from December 1861 to mid-February 1862. Owens Lake rose to 3 to 4 feet and the Owens River was estimated to be between one-fourth to one-half mile wide. The atmospheric river event was one that soaked the Eastside of the valley, including Desiderata Estates, and destroyed Hydroelectric Plant 4. The biggest river in Mono County, the Walker, has taken several weather-related punches. In November and December 1950, more than half a mile of Highway 395 was washed out of the Walker River canyon and damaged roads in the pine Creek and Round Valley area. The biggest floods were caused by rain-on-snow events, according to Richard Kattelmann of the Sierra Nevada Aquatic Research Lab in his paper, “Historic Floods in the Eastern Sierra Nevada.”

The largest flood recorded in Bishop was on January 13, 1998, when the Walker River overflowed its banks and ran through town. The Walker River, which is usually dry in summer, ran three times the size of normal. The flood was 1-2 feet above flood stage in Bishop and 3-4 inches above stage in the Walker River canyon, nearly 30 miles away.

Floods in the 1860s destroyed most of the game and plants—vital food sources for the Native Americans living in the Owens Valley. Native grazing animals and plants were already lean from settlers grazing their land and development. Sigler said, “Yes and no.” He has no hand in the development but still owns a home that was to be used as a showcase model.

The developers have built two town homes so far, one three and one four bedroom. Both are near completion and the developer will begin accepting deposits for the next batch WHEN?

The two-story, three-and-four bedroom town-home will have a pull-in garage and prices starting at $399,000, according to developer Blaine Hansen of Hansen Construction in Gardnerville, NV. The homes are about 2,000 square-feet each, with the three bedroom homes each having two master bedrooms. Coldwell Banker has a three-bedroom rooms that was added with a model more than 10 years ago, listed at $379,900. New homes will be built as deposits from buyers come in, not all 21 at once, Hansen explained to The Sheet.

Water held up the development for more than 10 years, Sigler explained. The properties had to be annexed to the Round Valley Mutual Water Company, which took more than three years. Paperwork and permitting added more time.

Hansen added that the crash of the housing market in 2007-2008 didn’t entice buyers and added to the delay. Hansen and partners are developing as Bishop Arbors, LLC. The covenants, conditions, and restrictions, or CCRs, allow for renting the homes, either in part or full. Bishop is a buyer’s market right now, Jake Rasmussen of Coldwell Banker told The Sheet that as of November 30, 2016, there were 86 homes available in the area. For the same time-period in 2015, 75 homes were available. In 2015, there were 129 homes sold in Bishop and 162 sold in 2016. The inventory of affordable homes for sale, including mobile homes, has decreased by 38 percent, from 6 in December, 2015 to 5 in December, 2016. The median price of a home in Bishop rose from $267,000 in December, 2015 to $315,000 in December, 2016, according to information provided by Rasmussen. Demand is high and inventory is lean. There is only one and a half-month inventory for homes in the $300,000-$400,000 range. He explained that if there is less than a 6-month inventory, it is a seller’s market. Homes in the $500,000 and above price range have more than 6-months inventory.

Longtime Bishop resident John Halfen was CEO of Northern Inyo Hospital when John Halfen was CEO. He was contemplating using the site for a development and there’s a potential that the Round Valley Estates/Rovana could be developed as well, Rasmussen added.

For more information on the new homes, call Hansen or his son, Erik Hansen at 916.717.0131.
ANY PORT IN A STORM

The Sheet catches up with the intrepid souls living in “unconventional” homes during this brutal storm cycle

By Giles

While most people in town were groaning about shoveling their driveways and roofs, some Mammoth Locals were roughing it in their cars.

Morgan Thompson works as a Massage Therapist at The Healing Arts Center and Snowcreek Athletic Club. She’s been weathering the storm in her Chevy Express 1500. She said it’s been alright, except for the hefty parking ticket she received last week for parking at the Mammoth Park and Ride lot during the worst of the storm. Thompson said she woke up to a $45 ticket for parking illegally overnight and a $110 ticket for obstructing snow removal. “It’s a Park and Ride,” said Thompson this week. “They could’ve just knocked on my door and I would have moved.”

Thompson said she’s been living in her van for nearly a year. It’s cheap and grants her mobility (she’s a rock climber). When it’s not storming, she camps on Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management land. She said she has friends who have offered her space on their couch during the storm, but that she hasn’t accepted more than overnight parking in a driveway.

“This is way better,” said Rieger of living in his car. He’s built a wooden bed frame with yoga pads, a memory foam mattress, and a sleeping pad on top, and food and gear storage underneath.

He’s rigged curtains and has a fold out chair, and has been perfecting his rig since he started living in it in July. Rieger said he has “shower connections” and plenty of local friends who have offered him shelter if he needs it. His car has weathered the winter weather better than Thompson’s, except when his starter died at Canyon Lodge earlier this season. “I had to live without my car for four days. All I had was a cooler, my backpack, and a zero degree sleeping bag,” said Rieger, who called it an adventure. “When you’re car camping and your car is in the shop, you find out who your real friends are!”

Rieger said he spent the storm hunkered down in his 2000 Honda CRV. The 24-year-old is a third season ski instructor at Mammoth Mountain Ski Area and teaches yoga classes at Mountain Sol Yoga Studio. He echoed Thompson’s assertion that the snow has made car camping warmer. “I don’t even have to zip my zero degree sleeping bag,” said Thompson Wednesday evening. She was down in Bishop fixing a leak in her roof caused by damage from the snow load on her Thule rack.

Derek Rieger spent the storm hunkered down in his 2000 Honda CRV. The 24-year-old is a third season ski instructor at Mammoth Mountain Ski Area and teaches yoga classes at Mountain Sol Yoga Studio. He echoed Thompson’s assertion that the snow has made car camping warmer. “I don’t even have to zip my zero degree sleeping bag,” said Thompson Wednesday evening. She was down in Bishop fixing a leak in her roof caused by damage from the snow load on her Thule rack.

The two friends met serendipitously at an MMSA parking lot. “I was walking out of work, and I saw this guy cooking on his tailgate and I was like, no way! It was love at first sight,” joked Ariza. “It’s really nice to have company. I just didn’t feel alone, you know?”

Rieger said he thinks a lot of people his age are considering alternative lifestyles, such as living out of their cars, because they require less “overhead.”

“Every day is an adventure. I get to wake up to the most incredible views and places,” Rieger said. When asked what his parents thought of him living in his car, Rieger laughed. “They’re accountants in suburban Los Angeles. I’m not sure they really believed me when I told them.”

Derek Rieger, 24, with his 2000 Honda CRV, nicknamed “Athena.” Rieger “got tired of living in employee housing,” and now says “every day is an adventure.”

that let about four inches of snow accumulate while he was eating at Slocums with some friends this weekend. “My dad is a master carpenter and general contractor, and I’d been doing a sort of apprenticeship with him,” said Ariza, who is 20, from Los Angeles, and living out of his car by choice.

The Sheet catches up with the intrepid souls living in “unconventional” homes during this brutal storm cycle.
NOT ON THE ROAD AGAIN: WEATHER IMPACTS TRAFFIC

By Bodine

Roads and highways throughout the Eastside didn’t sustain much damage despite taking the brunt of the storm. Cars and motorists didn’t fare so well.

“I can’t even begin to estimate the number of spin outs and collisions,” Dennis Cleland, spokesperson for the Bishop California Highway Patrol (CHP) said on Tuesday, January 10. During some of the most intense weather, Saturday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., there were more than 50 accidents on Highway 395, many due to flooding in Olancha and Benton.

While Cleland was talking to The Sheet there was a big rig rollover requiring a hazardous materials clean up on 395.

The closure of 395 led to fewer accidents and collisions in North County, Bridgeport CHP spokesperson Elena Villa told The Sheet Wednesday, January 11. There were 10 incidents that needed a report filed, and two snowplows were run into by motorists since January 11. There were 10 incidents that needed a report filed, and two snowplows were run into by motorists since January 11.

There were 100 mph winds on Conway Summit.

Villa said she anticipated there were 100 mph winds on Conway Summit. There were cars strewn along the sides of 395 and in the median Saturday afternoon. If the vehicles weren’t interfering with the flow of traffic, they were left where they landed and collected snow.

Drivers are in a hurry and drive beyond the limits of their vehicle, Cleland said. On Tuesday, January 10, a Dodge Ram traveling at 45 miles per hour struck a Toyota Prius while its drivers were putting on chains. Both passengers suffered major injuries, according to a press release by the CHP (see briefs, page 17). Drivers like to drive past the chain control signs, Craig Holste, Deputy District Director of Maintenance, District 9, said, “They think they’re for someone else.”

Cleland said it’s most likely locals who don’t heed the warning and don’t put on chains and usually end up in a ditch, or worse. Villa said most of the traffic accidents happen when people are going too fast for the conditions.

This storm is expected to bring a total of 16 feet on the top of Mammoth Mountain by storm’s end, according to local weatherman Howard Sheckter. A quick rundown of road conditions and restrictions from the Caltrans Facebook page: On Sunday, January 8, 395 was closed from the junction of SR 203 to 158 at noon and reopened from 203 to Crestview rest area at 1 p.m. but was closed again at 8 p.m. from the junction of 120 in Lee Vining. Highway 395 was closed from Lee Vining to the Nevada state line on Sunday and a shelter in Bridgeport was opened. The Eastside artery, 395, was also closed from Pearsonville to Bishop due to high winds and brownouts and closed from SR 167 to Bridgeport because of white outs. Holste said there were 100 mph winds on Conway Summit.

A blizzard warning was put into effect Tuesday night and Wednesday, with hurricane-strength winds, 150 miles per hour, expected. The Mono County Sheriff’s Office posted on Facebook, “This is a life-threatening situation. Do not attempt to travel! Road crews and first responders may not be able to rescue you. Stay indoors until the snow and wind subside. Even a short walk could be deadly if you become disoriented.”

Holste said Caltrans saw the storm coming and planned accordingly, scheduling extra personnel in advance.

“It was all hands on deck,” Holste said.

Citizens and officials alike took the warnings seriously which resulted in very few serious accidents or incidents. Braun said there were extra deputies, dispatchers and jail staff on duty and inmate crews filled sand bags at various locations. “The public clearly listened to the warnings, and sandbags were picked up as they were filled at every location. For the most part, the public has heeded warnings to stay off the highways.”

Mammoth Hospital’s Robin Conners, Assistant to the CEO, said the staff is prepared for winter conditions but volume was not what could be expected this time of year. “From my experience over the last 35 years, this is not the biggest storm we have ever had. It just may seem that way to those who have only lived here for the last 4 years or so,” Conners said. Mono County Public Works Director Jeff Walters told The Sheet there was a coordinated effort and communication prior to the storm to alleviate any possible weather related issues.

Updates from the CHP, Caltrans District 9, Mono and Inyo County Sheriffs and Mammoth and Bishop Police departments can all be found on Facebook.
LESSON LEARNED, SAYS YOSEMITE
Yosemite National Park officials learned their lesson from the January, 1997 flood and preemptively evacuated all “nonessential” employees from the Valley prior to the rain event on Sunday, January 8.

“I’m totally kicking myself because this summer I sold my kayaks to some Eastsiders and now I’m over here and I need a boat,” joked Emily Brosk, Employee Recreation Manager.

Brosk, who also runs the Facebook page for Yosemite employees, said on the page that hundreds of employees were evacuated within the span of a few hours. Guest entrance into the park ceased at 5 p.m. on Saturday, January 7, and employees began to re-enter Yosemite Valley on Monday, January 9, when the forecasted rain turned to snow. Guests were allowed back in at 8 a.m. on Tuesday.

In January, 1997, a “hundred year flood” inundated Yosemite when a tropical storm system moved in and piled the park with 24 hours of rain on top of the snowpack. The Merced River peaked at 23.5 feet during that storm, and the flooding caused more than $178 million in damages.

In contrast, the Merced peaked at 12.68 feet on Sunday night, and though numbers aren't in yet for the damage caused by the high water, this storm's effects were far milder.

However, in the days following the storm, several trees came crashing down throughout the park, one on an unoccupied employee tent in the Huff housing area. The area is currently closed.

Brosk wrote that Yosemite employees evacuated extremely quickly and with great attitudes, considering they were mandated to leave their homes.

“Wow Yosemite!” Brosk wrote on the Employee Recreation Facebook page. “You guys are all awesome! It wasn’t fun knocking on your doors and telling you that you all have to leave. Everyone was calm and cooperative and in just a few short hours we got everyone out safely…Thank you all for your cooperation! It can be extremely stressful in times of uncertainty and you guys really rose to the challenge.”

Mammoth Hospital Offering Free Childbirthing Classes Starting February 1st
Bi-Lingual Classes Taught by Pediatricians and OB-GYNs

Our Obstetrics and Pediatric Team
William White, MD, Kristin Wilson, MD, Louise Salsbury, MD, Kristin Collins, MD, and Maxine Karimoto, MD.

Topics Include:
• 2/1/17 Nutrition and OB Basics
• 2/8/17 Natural Childbirth
• 2/15/17 Birthing Center Tour Q & A
• 2/22/17 Anesthesia
• 3/1/17 Breastfeeding
• 3/8/17 Pediatrics and OB Postpartum

Classes held weekly on Wednesdays starting at 6:00pm for one hour each session.

For more information and to sign up, call 760.924.4044.

MammothRealEstate.com

MAMMOTH REAL ESTATE

Contact our expert Team of Agents:
(760) 934-2562 local
(800) 266-6966 toll free
3293 Main Street
(Next to Schat’s Bakery)

Award Winning Office
Celebrating 43 Years of Real Estate Service

EACH OFFICE IS INDEPENDENTLY OWNED AND OPERATED
JUST ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE
The Sheet and its correspondents snap some photos around town during the storm

What a difference a day makes: Two cars pictured near Wildflower Condominiums in midtown. Left: on Monday, January 9, and Right: Tuesday, January 10, once the rain turned back to snow.

Rea’s boots weathered the storm just fine. Giles got to the office any way she could on Thursday, January 12.

A Caltrans grader got stuck on Highway 203 and Minaret Road on Monday, January 9.

PHOTOS: BILLY IV CALHOUN
PHOTO: JOE ARECHEGA

STAY WARM WITH THE BEST FUEL IN TOWN!

Golden Fire

AVAILABLE PER BAG OR BULK (50 BAGS)
CURB SIDE DELIVERY AVAILABLE.

WHY USE GOLDEN FIRE DOUGLAS FIR PELLETS?
They are the original, and still the best!
Pure Douglas fir wood pellets for maximum heat output,
Very clean burning with very little ash to clean up,
Extremely low moisture for more efficient heating,
100% wood, with no additives or waxes.

Reduce the ice...

Safe Step® Power 6300
Environ-Blend Ice Melt
- Chemical Composition: MD 104
- Product Type: Ice Melt
- Lowest Effective Temp: -10 deg. F
- Product Form: Crystalline
- Pet Friendly: Yes

Snow Shovels starting at $19

Ace® Poly Grain Scoop
Works better than most snow shovels.

JUNE LAKE BREWING SUPER AWESOME BEER

12oz BOTTLE 4-PACKS - $10.99
12oz CAN 6-PACKS - $7.99

Pick Something Up Before Your Day Begins.
On Replenish Your Body After Your Day Ends.

BISHOP
444 South Main Street
(760) 873-5874
www.HighCountryLumber.com

MAMMOTH
243 Sierra Manor Road
(760) 924-8876

World’s Best ALE

The place where your day begins
3280 MAIN ST • 760.924.3559 • OPEN 5:30AM-6PM DAILY
FREE WIFI • SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTS & PRACTICES
GLUTEN FREE & VEGAN OPTIONS • LOCALLY OWNED & OPERATED
Pedestrians attempt to navigate an enormous puddle at the intersection of Dorrance and Manzanita Streets on Monday, January 9.

PHOTO: MARCO MAGDALENO

Shopping carts get a little tipsy at Vons during the blizzard.

PHOTO: REA

“Feet first” in Mammoth on Monday, January 9.

Flooding on Minaret Road during a break in the rain on Sunday.

PHOTO: STEVE TAYLOR

According to a report on the Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center website, a single hand charge to “the sweet spot” caused an avalanche 2000 feet wide to release on half of the upper mountain on Friday, January 6. The crown was more than 12 feet high in some places and the slide traveled 1500 feet.

“Feet first” in Mammoth on Monday, January 9.

The calm before the storm: Tony Hawk and his daughter Katie get ready to enjoy some food at the Breakfast Club last week.

PHOTO: SIMPKINS

PHOTO: STEVE TAYLOR

The pool is open at Wildflower Condos on Monday, January 9.

PHOTO: BILLY IV CALHOUN

With Northern Inyo Healthcare District’s new da Vinci Robot-Assisted Surgical System, complicated and delicate procedures can be performed through small incisions with unmatched precision.

NIHD’s team of da Vinci-trained surgeons use da Vinci’s pinpoint control and amazing accuracy to offer many patients smaller incisions, reduced scarring and faster recovery from hysterectomy, hernia repair, colon and gallbladder surgeries.

To learn more about our da Vinci Surgical System, please join us for the next NIHD Healthy Lifestyle Talk:

THURSDAY, JAN. 19, 6:30 PM
Women’s Health & Robotics
Speaker: Dr. Jeanine Arndal
NIHD Birch Street Annex | 2759 Birch St., Bishop

Great Surgeons plus Advanced Technology.

Tomorrow’s healthcare comes home today.

Jeanine Arndal, MD
Gynecologic Surgeon

Robbin Cromer-Tyler, MD
General Surgeon

Allison Robinson, MD
Colon & Rectal Surgeon

NIHD Birch Street Annex | 2759 Birch St., Bishop

Northern Inyo Healthcare District
One Team. One Goal. Your Health.
A WINTER WONDER WEDDING

Michelle and Matthew Jimenez tie the knot in the midst of a snowstorm

By Rea

Matthew and Michelle Jimenez were married on Sunday, January 8, during the middle of a rain and snowstorm. “We wanted to have a snowy wedding,” said the bride, seated here with her new husband at Snowcreek.

“We actually had people telling us we should choose another location, because after the last few years there might not be any snow,” said Matt on Monday, January 9, as he and his new wife ate lunch upstairs at the Eatery on Mammoth Lakes. “But a Plan C was moved to Mammoth Brewing Company and the couple stood in front of big windows with their guests gathered around them while the storm raged outside. About twenty guests were unable to make it due to weather. The brewer’s hall was truly transformed, with greenery by Chanel Gagnier of Mums ’n Roses and flickering candles lining the tables, bar and wine barrels. There was not a dull moment,” said Michelle, who met her husband while they were both in culinary school at The Cordon Bleu in Pasadena.

“Well, we wanted to have a snowy wedding,” said the new Mrs. Michelle Jimenez, laughing. “They must really love us!”

“There was not a dull moment,” said Michelle. “There was not a dull moment.”

“Everyone was so great, and communicated with each other, so we really didn’t have to worry about rearranging anything,” said Michelle. “We just want to express our gratitude to everyone who came together to make the day as seamless as it could be, albeit the stormy weather.”

“We wanted to have a snowy wedding,” said the bride. “It worked out better than we ever imagined,” said Michelle. “We were married in Mammoth Lakes for their January wedding because their families live in Southern California and they wanted a winter wonderland setting after Matt proposed to Michelle last December in the mountains of Washington State. “There was so much snow there when we got engaged, it was so romantic,” said Michelle. “And we didn’t want to wait three years to get married, so we said, ‘Let’s just do it in Mammoth!’”

“We actually had people telling us we should choose another location, because after the last few years there might not be any snow,” said Matt on Monday, January 9, as he and his new wife ate lunch upstairs at the Eatery on Mammoth Brewing Company, in the same room in which Matthew and Michelle Jimenez were married on Sunday, January 8, as he and his father goaded him to ask for her phone number.

“Once my boss asked me to make it happen for us.”

Though the couple had to forego their lakeside wedding, they say the efforts of their friends, family and vendors made the day as seamless as it could be, albeit the stormy weather.

“We wanted to have a snowy wedding,” said the bride. “It worked out better than we ever imagined,” said Michelle. “We just want to express our gratitude to everyone who came together to make it happen for us.”

A WINTER WONDER WEDDING

Michelle and Matthew Jimenez tie the knot in the midst of a snowstorm

By Rea

Matthew and Michelle Jimenez were married on Sunday, January 8, during the middle of a rain and snowstorm. “We wanted to have a snowy wedding,” said the bride, pictured here with her new husband at Snowcreek.

“We wanted to have a snowy wedding,” said the new Mrs. Michelle Jimenez, laughing. “They must really love us!”

“There was not a dull moment,” said Michelle. “There was not a dull moment.”

“Everyone was so great, and communicated with each other, so we really didn’t have to worry about rearranging anything,” said Michelle. “We just want to express our gratitude to everyone who came together to make the day as seamless as it could be, albeit the stormy weather.”

“We wanted to have a snowy wedding,” said the bride. “It worked out better than we ever imagined,” said Michelle. “We were married in Mammoth Lakes for their January wedding because their families live in Southern California and they wanted a winter wonderland setting after Matt proposed to Michelle last December in the mountains of Washington State. “There was so much snow there when we got engaged, it was so romantic,” said Michelle. “And we didn’t want to wait three years to get married, so we said, ‘Let’s just do it in Mammoth!’”

“We actually had people telling us we should choose another location, because after the last few years there might not be any snow,” said Matt on Monday, January 9, as he and his new wife ate lunch upstairs at the Eatery on Mammoth Brewing Company, in the same room in which Matthew and Michelle Jimenez were married on Sunday, January 8, as he and his father goaded him to ask for her phone number.

“Once my boss asked me to make it happen for us.”

Though the couple had to forego their lakeside wedding, they say the efforts of their friends, family and vendors made the day as seamless as it could be, albeit the stormy weather.

“We wanted to have a snowy wedding,” said the bride. “It worked out better than we ever imagined,” said Michelle. “We just want to express our gratitude to everyone who came together to make it happen for us.”

A WINTER WONDER WEDDING

Michelle and Matthew Jimenez tie the knot in the midst of a snowstorm

By Rea

Matthew and Michelle Jimenez were married on Sunday, January 8, during the middle of a rain and snowstorm. “We wanted to have a snowy wedding,” said the bride, pictured here with her new husband at Snowcreek.

“We wanted to have a snowy wedding,” said the new Mrs. Michelle Jimenez, laughing. “They must really love us!”

“There was not a dull moment,” said Michelle. “There was not a dull moment.”

“Everyone was so great, and communicated with each other, so we really didn’t have to worry about rearranging anything,” said Michelle. “We just want to express our gratitude to everyone who came together to make the day as seamless as it could be, albeit the stormy weather.”

“We wanted to have a snowy wedding,” said the bride. “It worked out better than we ever imagined,” said Michelle. “We were married in Mammoth Lakes for their January wedding because their families live in Southern California and they wanted a winter wonderland setting after Matt proposed to Michelle last December in the mountains of Washington State. “There was so much snow there when we got engaged, it was so romantic,” said Michelle. “And we didn’t want to wait three years to get married, so we said, ‘Let’s just do it in Mammoth!’”

“We actually had people telling us we should choose another location, because after the last few years there might not be any snow,” said Matt on Monday, January 9, as he and his new wife ate lunch upstairs at the Eatery on Mammoth Brewing Company, in the same room in which Matthew and Michelle Jimenez were married on Sunday, January 8, as he and his father goaded him to ask for her phone number.

“Once my boss asked me to make it happen for us.”

Though the couple had to forego their lakeside wedding, they say the efforts of their friends, family and vendors made the day as seamless as it could be, albeit the stormy weather.

“We wanted to have a snowy wedding,” said the bride. “It worked out better than we ever imagined,” said Michelle. “We just want to express our gratitude to everyone who came together to make it happen for us.”

A WINTER WONDER WEDDING

Michelle and Matthew Jimenez tie the knot in the midst of a snowstorm

By Rea

Matthew and Michelle Jimenez were married on Sunday, January 8, during the middle of a rain and snowstorm. “We wanted to have a snowy wedding,” said the bride, pictured here with her new husband at Snowcreek.

“We wanted to have a snowy wedding,” said the new Mrs. Michelle Jimenez, laughing. “They must really love us!”

“There was not a dull moment,” said Michelle. “There was not a dull moment.”

“Everyone was so great, and communicating with each other, so we really didn’t have to worry about rearranging everything,” said Michelle. “We just want to express our gratitude to everyone who came together to make the day as seamless as it could be, albeit the stormy weather.”

“We wanted to have a snowy wedding,” said the bride. “It worked out better than we ever imagined,” said Michelle. “We were married in Mammoth Lakes for their January wedding because their families live in Southern California and they wanted a winter wonderland setting after Matt proposed to Michelle last December in the mountains of Washington State. “There was so much snow there when we got engaged, it was so romantic,” said Michelle. “And we didn’t want to wait three years to get married, so we said, ‘Let’s just do it in Mammoth!’”

“We actually had people telling us we should choose another location, because after the last few years there might not be any snow,” said Matt on Monday, January 9, as he and his new wife ate lunch upstairs at the Eatery on Mammoth Brewing Company, in the same room in which Matthew and Michelle Jimenez were married on Sunday, January 8, as he and his father goaded him to ask for her phone number.

“Once my boss asked me to make it happen for us.”

Though the couple had to forego their lakeside wedding, they say the efforts of their friends, family and vendors made the day as seamless as it could be, albeit the stormy weather.

“We wanted to have a snowy wedding,” said the bride. “It worked out better than we ever imagined,” said Michelle. “We just want to express our gratitude to everyone who came together to make it happen for us.”

A WINTER WONDER WEDDING

Michelle and Matthew Jimenez tie the knot in the midst of a snowstorm

By Rea

Matthew and Michelle Jimenez were married on Sunday, January 8, during the middle of a rain and snowstorm. “We wanted to have a snowy wedding,” said the bride, pictured here with her new husband at Snowcreek.

“We wanted to have a snowy wedding,” said the new Mrs. Michelle Jimenez, laughing. “They must really love us!”

“There was not a dull moment,” said Michelle. “There was not a dull moment.”

“Everyone was so great, and communicated with each other, so we really didn’t have to worry about rearranging everything,” said Michelle. “We just want to express our gratitude to everyone who came together to make the day as seamless as it could be, albeit the stormy weather.”

“We wanted to have a snowy wedding,” said the bride. “It worked out better than we ever imagined,” said Michelle. “We were married in Mammoth Lakes for their January wedding because their families live in Southern California and they wanted a winter wonderland setting after Matt proposed to Michelle last December in the mountains of Washington State. “There was so much snow there when we got engaged, it was so romantic,” said Michelle. “And we didn’t want to wait three years to get married, so we said, ‘Let’s just do it in Mammoth!’”

“We actually had people telling us we should choose another location, because after the last few years there might not be any snow,” said Matt on Monday, January 9, as he and his new wife ate lunch upstairs at the Eatery on Mammoth Brewing Company, in the same room in which Matthew and Michelle Jimenez were married on Sunday, January 8, as he and his father goaded him to ask for her phone number.

“Once my boss asked me to make it happen for us.”

Though the couple had to forego their lakeside wedding, they say the efforts of their friends, family and vendors made the day as seamless as it could be, albeit the stormy weather.

“We wanted to have a snowy wedding,” said the bride. “It worked out better than we ever imagined,” said Michelle. “We just want to express our gratitude to everyone who came together to make it happen for us.”
Greenfire Energy CEO Joseph Scherer gave a presentation to the Inyo County Board of Supervisors at Tuesday’s regular meeting in hopes of getting the board to provide it with a support letter as it applies for a grant to test and implement a new technology of geothermal power production in partnership with Coso Geothermal that does not use water to turn turbines to generate electricity.

The new geothermal technology promises “green energy” that is very low-cost, has a small footprint, can deliver grid-scale electric power, is dispatchable (i.e. can be turned “on” and “off” as needed), and can operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week year round.

The geothermal plant that most of Inyo County residents are familiar with is Coso Geothermal located in the south end of the county. Coso is a standard geothermal operation that uses water, but mindful of the drought conditions, it uses only about one-third of the allocation of water under their county water permits to operate its four geothermal power plants. The plants are comprised of a total of nine 30 MegaWatt (MG) turbine-generator sets for a total of 270 MW of rated capacity. They must inject ground water into a hot, fractured substrate zone to generate the steam needed to operate the electrical generating turbines. The ground beneath the volcanically-active ground is granite and without water, so Coso uses about 140 production and injection wells that are drilled from 2,500 to 13,000 feet deep to meet their operational needs.

The new technology trademarked as ECO2G requires drilling much deeper in the ground to the much hotter substrate plastic zone located just above the magma layer.

Lack of fresh water in drought-stricken Inyo County and other parts of the country and world is a problem. Greenfire Energy is partnering with Coso to use one of its existing wells for twelve months as part of a demonstration to gather more data before hopefully going in production of commercial scale installation. If successful, the new technology will revolutionize geothermal energy production.

Scherer told the county supervisors that the electrical power is typically 1 to 2 MWe per well, although it can exceed 5 MWe in some cases. The new technology promises levelized cost of energy (LCOE) over 25 years as low as $0.05 - $0.10/kWh. Most of the cost (80%) is in the initial drilling phase.

This new geothermal technology uses existing equipment such as small generator turbines that are not much bigger than a speaker’s podium.

Inyo County is considered one of the most ideal locations to build this new technology and could prove a great source of tax revenue to a cash-starved county. The supervisors plan to place the support letter requested by Greenfire Energy in its application for a grant from the Energy Commission on next week’s agenda.

For more information on this new technology, visit Greenfire Energy’s website at www.greenfireenergy.com.
calendar of eventS

www.MammothRealEstateBlog.com
A Resource for Buyers & Sellers
Hundreds of Articles & Videos
Visit today!

BARS & MUSIC
Happy Hour/
The Liberty Sports Bar and Grill,
Pursuit of Happiness Hour, 3-6 p.m.
$1 off draft beers, $2 off wine, $4 well drinks, $2 off specialty drinks, $5
Flatbread.
Ocean Polo, 4-7 p.m. daily and all
night on Mondays.
Roberto’s 4-6 p.m. Mon.-Thurs.
Ana Ho! 4-7 p.m. Sun.-Thurs.
Fri.-Sat. 4-6 p.m.
Whitebark Restaurant Bar & Lounge
Unwind with daily drink and food specials 4-6 p.m. Half price sushi
Mondays.
Clocktower Cellar Happy Hour 4:30-7 p.m. daily and all day Sunday, $5
dollar menu items, drink specials.
Petra’s Bistro Happy Hour, $22 pasta
bolognese, salad and glass of wine, 5:00-6 p.m. Specials on cocktails,
wine, beer and menu items.
Happy Hour @ Sushi Rei, 5-6 p.m.
daily. Half off apps and $5 hand roll
+small sake . Sundays are all-night
happy hour.
Happy Hour @ The Bistro at
Snowcreek, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
Mammoth Tavern Happy Hour Tuesday-Sunday 3:30-5 p.m. Closed
Mondays.
Smoketail weekend Happy Hour
4 p.m. in the bar only.
Side Door Happy hour 3-6 p.m. Fridays: Half off Moscow and
Kegelnach, local religion, and Saturday and Sunday: Bottomless mimosas 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Mammoth’s famous Slocums Happy
Hour 4-6 p.m.
Giovanni’s Happy Hour, daily 4-6 p.m.
Large pizza and a pitcher of beer get you free wings.
Lakanuki Happy hour daily 3:30-
10:30 p.m., $4 margaritas, Mai Tais and
daily drink specials. Sunday Club
Nights with DJ Night Audit. Happy
Hour special drinks 10 p.m. - close.
Blond Velvet Coffee’s Happy Hour,
from 4-6 p.m. every day, $5 glasses of wine.

January 14-15/
Vincenzo Thomas Amato & Friends
play 53 Kitchen & Cocktails starting
9 p.m.
Saturday, January 14/
The Sextones play Mountain Rambler
Brewery. 9 p.m. $7 at door.
Sunday, January 15/
The Heavy Pets & Brothers Gow play
RafTERS. Doors: 9 p.m. Show @ 10 p.m.
Suggested donation: $5.
Wine tastings at Side Door,
beginning at 5 p.m. Tickets are $20
and include a raffle and 25 percent
discount on bottle purchase. See ad, this page.

Monday, January 16/
Manic Mondays at the Outlaw
Saloon. Happy hour prices 4 p.m.
until midnight.
Tuesday, January 17/
Taco Tuesdays at the Outlaw Saloon,$2 each taco (beef, chicken or fish)
with toppings. See ad, p. 7.
Trivia Tuesday @ Mammoth Brewing
Co. 7 p.m.
Thursday, January 19/
Thirsty Thursday @ Black Velvet
Coffee. Tasting of beers: $15 includes
a waffle. Fee waived with purchase of
bottle.

TOWN STUFF
January 14-15/
South Tufa walks happen on
weekends at 1 p.m. and last about an
hour. Meet @ South Tufa area of Hwy
120 east. Info: Mono Lake Committee
@ 760.647.6595.
Squeeze My Cans: A Painful Tale of
one woman’s journey in the Church of
Scientology. At the Edison
Theatre, 100 College Parkway.
Saturday 7 p.m. and Sunday at 4 p.m.
Info: 760.534.6592 and www.
mammothlakerepertorytheatre.com.
See ad, p. 2.

Saturday, January 14/
Monthly Bishop Paiute Tribe COSA,
bird walk and census dates. All are
welcome, these walks are for birders
of all levels, beginners included. Meet
@ BLM/FS building on West Line St. in
Bishop. Contact Hillary Behr for info:
hillarybehr@yahoo.com.
Opening race of Fat Bike Winter Race Series @ Mammoth Mtn.
4:30 p.m. registration, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Look for the Electric Tubing
sign near ‘Toomey’s’. $39 for adults 12
& up, $34 for kids under 12. To book:
1.800.MAMMOTH.

Sunday, January 15/
Sierra Club outing to Horseshoe
Lake or Obsidian Dome, weather
permitting. Contact Brigitte for more
details 760.924.2140. Check out the
ROLG Meetup page @ www.meetup.
com/ROLG-sierraclub-outings-
meetup.
Unbound Series Halfpipe #1
competition @ MMSA in Main Park.
4:30 p.m. Info: 760.934.6592 and www.
mammothlakesrepertorytheatre.com.
Squeeze My Cans: A Painful Tale of
one woman’s journey in the Church of
Scientology. At the Edison
Theatre, 100 College Parkway.
Saturday 7 p.m. and Sunday at 4
p.m. Info: 760.534.6592 and www.
mammothlakerepertorytheatre.com.
See ad, p. 2.

Monday, January 16/
Weekly Bishop Paiute Tribe COSA,
bird walk and census dates. All are
welcome, these walks are for birders
of all levels, beginners included. Meet
@ BLM/FS building on West Line St. in
Bishop. Contact Hillary Behr for info:
hillarybehr@yahoo.com.
Opening race of Fat Bike Winter Race Series @ Mammoth Mtn.
4:30 p.m. registration, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Look for the Electric Tubing
sign near ‘Toomey’s’. $39 for adults 12
& up, $34 for kids under 12. To book:
1.800.MAMMOTH.

Sunday, January 15/
Sierra Club outing to Horseshoe
Lake or Obsidian Dome, weather
permitting. Contact Brigitte for more
details 760.924.2140. Check out the
ROLG Meetup page @ www.meetup.
com/ROLG-sierraclub-outings-
meetup.
Unbound Series Halfpipe #1
competition @ MMSA in Main Park.
4:30 p.m. Info: 760.934.6592 and www.
mammothlakesrepertorytheatre.com.
Squeeze My Cans: A Painful Tale of
one woman’s journey in the Church of
Scientology. At the Edison
Theatre, 100 College Parkway.
Saturday 7 p.m. and Sunday at 4
p.m. Info: 760.534.6592 and www.
mammothlakerepertorytheatre.com.
See ad, p. 2.

Monday, January 16/
Manic Mondays at the Outlaw
Saloon. Happy hour prices 4 p.m.
until midnight.
Tuesday, January 17/
Taco Tuesdays at the Outlaw Saloon,$2 each taco (beef, chicken or fish)
with toppings. See ad, p. 7.
Trivia Tuesday @ Mammoth Brewing
Co. 7 p.m.
Thursday, January 19/
Thirsty Thursday @ Black Velvet
Coffee. Tasting of beers: $15 includes
a waffle. Fee waived with purchase of
bottle.
Photovoltaic system at Eastern Sierra Visitor Center

The Inyo National Forest is pleased to announce that the solar photovoltaic (PV) system at the Eastern Sierra Visitor Center in Lone Pine was turned on in December. This system should meet nearly 100% of the facility's electrical demand.

The Forest Service has committed to achieving net zero energy, water, or waste at 30 facilities over 5,000 acres. Given that the system will offset nearly 100% of the facility's electrical demand, the agency is now one facility closer to meeting its goal.

Other notable projects on the Inyo National Forest include the installation of the PV systems at the Mono Basin Scenic Area Visitor Center and Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest Visitor Center, which is completely off the grid and received Gold Certification from the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program.

Indie author classes

Ann Gimpel, a USA Today bestselling author with over 45 books published, is offering three free classes at the Mammoth Lakes Library on January 24, 31, and February 7.

Anyone interested in seeing their work published, is offering three free Indie author classes at the Mammoth Lakes Library, and the classes are first come, first served. Undecided? Check out Ann Gimpel’s website at www.amngimpel.com.

UPCOMING

Sunday, January 22/
Ski/Snowshoe the Knolls
Blue Diamond route with the Sierra Club.
Meet 10 a.m. Union Bank parking lot in Mammoth. Dress in layers, bring gloves/mittens, water, snacks and lunch. Abominable weather will cancel. Contact: melissas1@verizon.net or 760.937.0499.

Monday, January 23/
Science book club @ Mammoth Lakes Library; 5 p.m.
Bishop City Council meets @ Bishop City Hall, 6:30 p.m. 377 W. Line St. Questions: 760.873.5863.

Tuesday, January 24/
Ann Gimpel teaches free writing class at Mammoth Lakes Library. 5:30-7 p.m. See sidebar, this page.

Wednesday, January 25/
Family literacy night @ Mammoth Lakes Library. 5:30-7 p.m. Info: 760.924.7626. See sidebar, this page.

Wednesday, January 25/
Family literacy night @ Mammoth Lakes Library. 5:30-7 p.m. See sidebar, this page.

Thursday, January 26/
Backcountry Film Festival at the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center, 2510 Main St. Benefits Friends of the Inyo and ESA. Admission: $15. Doors: 6-8 p.m. Films begin @ 7 p.m. See ad, p. 4.

Saturday, January 28/
Sage to Summit Winter Race Series 5K #2. Begins @ Millpond Park in Bishop @ 9 a.m. Race morning only registration begins at 8 a.m. $10. All proceeds benefit Inyo SAR.

TOWN STUFF

Tuesday, January 17 (Cont’d)/
Toddler Time @ Mammoth Lakes Community Center, with Angela and Victoria. 9:30-11:00 a.m. PiYo fitness classes at the Mammoth Lakes Community Center with Steph, 6:30-7:30 p.m. $7 drop-in rate. Info: 562.708.4278. Mammoth Friends of the Library meeting @ Mammoth Lakes Library; 1 p.m.

Monday, January 23/
Science book club @ Mammoth Lakes Library; 5 p.m.
Bishop City Council meets @ Bishop City Hall, 6:30 p.m. 377 W. Line St. Questions: 760.873.5863.

Tuesday, January 24/
Ann Gimpel teaches free writing class at Mammoth Lakes Library. 5:30-7 p.m. See sidebar, this page.

Wednesday, January 25/
Family literacy night @ Mammoth Lakes Library. 5:30-7 p.m. Info: 760.924.7626. See sidebar, this page.

Wednesday, January 25/
Family literacy night @ Mammoth Lakes Library. 5:30-7 p.m. See sidebar, this page.

Thursday, January 26/
Backcountry Film Festival at the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center, 2510 Main St. Benefits Friends of the Inyo and ESA. Admission: $15. Doors: 6-8 p.m. Films begin @ 7 p.m. See ad, p. 4.

Saturday, January 28/
Sage to Summit Winter Race Series 5K #2. Begins @ Millpond Park in Bishop @ 9 a.m. Race morning only registration begins at 8 a.m. $10. All proceeds benefit Inyo SAR.

in Death Valley and we are very lucky to have him volunteer and help interpret Death Valley’s Natural History by sharing his knowledge.

Paid attendees will meet at the Furnace Creek Visitor Center 7-45 a.m. Saturdays. Sunday meeting time is 10 a.m.

Call DVNAH at 1.800.478.8564 x10 for reservations. These tours are limited to only 15 participants per weekend and there are only a couple of spots left.

Eastern Sierra Cancer Alliance

The Eastern Sierra Cancer Alliance meets the first Tuesday of the month from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Northern Inyo Healthcare District’s Birch Street Annex, 297 Birch St. This group is open to all cancer patients and their support person. The Eastern Sierra Cancer Alliance Resource Center is open on Thursday from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Since its inception, this organization has helped many by providing resources, financial aid, and has given moral support for those fighting cancer.

Anyone interested in volunteering or have questions about how Eastern Sierra Cancer Alliance can help, please call 760.872.3811.

MUF Public comment period begins

The Town of Mammoth Lakes is circulating for public review a Draft EIR for the proposed Mammoth Creek Park West New Community Multi-Use Facilities Project. A 45-day public review period for the Draft EIR ends on February 13, 2017. Town staff will respond to all comments received on the Draft EIR.

Copies of the Draft EIR are available at the following locations: Town of Mammoth Lakes, Community and Economic Development Department, 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite B; Town of Mammoth Lakes website: www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov; Mono County Library, 400 Sierra Park Road. All comments and responses to this notice should be submitted in writing to: Sandra Moberly, Community and Economic Development Manager, PO Box 1609, 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite B, Mammoth Lakes, CA, 93546, 760.965.3633, or via email at smoberly@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

The Town will conduct a public meeting during the regularly scheduled Planning and Economic Development Commission Meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in Suite Z. The meeting is 10 a.m.

At the movies

Minaret Cinemas

Patriot’s Day (R): Mark Wahlberg, Kevin Bakin and John Goodman star in the untold true story of Katherine G. Johnson, the computer programmer who helped NASA put a man on the moon. Subjects: 2017. Opens 11/3 at the Sage to Summit Winter Race Series 5K #2. Begins @ Millpond Park in Bishop @ 9 a.m. Race morning only registration begins at 8 a.m. $10. All proceeds benefit Inyo SAR.

Ski/Snowshoe the Knolls
Blue Diamond route with the Sierra Club. Meet 10 a.m. Union Bank parking lot in Mammoth. Dress in layers, bring gloves/mittens, water, snacks and lunch. Abominable weather will cancel. Contact: melissas1@verizon.net or 760.937.0499.

Monday, January 23/
Science book club @ Mammoth Lakes Library; 5 p.m.
Bishop City Council meets @ Bishop City Hall, 6:30 p.m. 377 W. Line St. Questions: 760.873.5863.

Tuesday, January 24/
Ann Gimpel teaches free writing class at Mammoth Lakes Library. 5:30-7 p.m. See sidebar, this page.

Wednesday, January 25/
Family literacy night @ Mammoth Lakes Library. 5:30-7 p.m. Info: 760.924.7626. See sidebar, this page.

Wednesday, January 25/
Family literacy night @ Mammoth Lakes Library. 5:30-7 p.m. See sidebar, this page.

Thursday, January 26/
Backcountry Film Festival at the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center, 2510 Main St. Benefits Friends of the Inyo and ESA. Admission: $15. Doors: 6-8 p.m. Films begin @ 7 p.m. See ad, p. 4.

Saturday, January 28/
Sage to Summit Winter Race Series 5K #2. Begins @ Millpond Park in Bishop @ 9 a.m. Race morning only registration begins at 8 a.m. $10. All proceeds benefit Inyo SAR.

in Death Valley and we are very lucky to have him volunteer and help interpret Death Valley’s Natural History by sharing his knowledge.

Paid attendees will meet at the Furnace Creek Visitor Center 7-45 a.m. Saturdays. Sunday meeting time is 10 a.m.

Call DVNAH at 1.800.478.8564 x10 for reservations. These tours are limited to only 15 participants per weekend and there are only a couple of spots left.

Eastern Sierra Cancer Alliance

The Eastern Sierra Cancer Alliance meets the first Tuesday of the month from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Northern Inyo Healthcare District’s Birch Street Annex, 297 Birch St. This group is open to all cancer patients and their support person. The Eastern Sierra Cancer Alliance Resource Center is open on Thursday from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Since its inception, this organization has helped many by providing resources, financial aid, and has given moral support for those fighting cancer.

Anyone interested in volunteering or have questions about how Eastern Sierra Cancer Alliance can help, please call 760.872.3811.

MUF Public comment period begins

The Town of Mammoth Lakes is circulating for public review a Draft EIR for the proposed Mammoth Creek Park West New Community Multi-Use Facilities Project. A 45-day public review period for the Draft EIR ends on February 13, 2017. Town staff will respond to all comments received on the Draft EIR.

Copies of the Draft EIR are available at the following locations: Town of Mammoth Lakes, Community and Economic Development Department, 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite B; Mammoth Lakes, CA, 93546, 760.965.3633, or via email at smoberly@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

The Town will conduct a public meeting during the regularly scheduled Planning and Economic Development Commission Meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in Suite Z. The meeting is 10 a.m.

At the movies

Minaret Cinemas

Patriot’s Day (R): Mark Wahlberg, Kevin Bakin and John Goodman star in the story of the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing and the ensuing hunt for the suspects.

Hidden Figures (PG): The untold true story of Katherine G. Johnson, the African-American mathematician who was instrumental in the success of the Apollo 11 flight to the moon.

For movie times, call 760.934.3131 or visit mammothlakesmovies.com.
Help Wanted
Sierra Employment Services, Inc is hiring for the following positions:

- Cashiers-M $11-$15
- Bartenders-M $12-$15/hr
- Staffing Coordinator/S DOE: Spa Manager-M $DOE
- Housekeepers M $13-$18/hr
- Snow Shovelers-M $18-$22/hr

Call 760.924.0523 or 760.873.8599 for more information.

Mammoth Spa Creations is looking for additional members for its team. These are Full Time, Year Round positions. We have full and part-time positions available in our sales, rental and ski repair departments. Offering great pay DOE, discounts and flexible hours, in a progressive work environment. Call us at 760.934.2400. Go to our website at www.mammothspa.com for more information and to pick up an application.

My Mammoth Shuttle is a commercial- ly permitted limousine (premium SUV) business that was incorporated since 2009. We are currently looking to add to our team and are looking to hire a professional, friendly, self-motivated individual(s). 2 years passenger driving experience is required. A CDL is preferred but not required. Qualified candidates must pass background check and pre and random drug testing. If you have a DMV record is a must. This is a flexible, part-time, year round position with hours ranging from 4-12 hours per week or more. Driver/Chauffeurs can expect to earn $15-$25 an hour with gratuities. This is an ideal opportunity for someone who already has a part time (or full-time) job and is looking to pick up a few more hours. Must be open to work some weekends and holidays.

For more information call 760-709-6459 and to send resume email to info@mynnashuttle.com.

Sierra Nevada Resort & Spa

Housekeepers ($11)
Cooks
Dishwashers
Maintenance Worker

Please complete an application at 164 Old Mammoth Rd. or e-mail pl@thelandingtahoe.com for more information.

Part Time Year Round Maintenance La- borer Needed For Condominium Com-plex. You may complete an application at 2289 Sierra Nevada Road or email your resume to 2289snr@sierrarental.com or call 760.934.4993 for more information.

Full time hospitality position. Seek- ing responsible, outgoing hospitality/reservation agent for local management company. Excellent phone/customer ser- vice skills required. Previous reservation experience preferred. Flexible 32-40 hours per week starting immediately $12.14- 14/hr DOE. Please email resume to cindy@ mammothsierraonline.com

Gomez's Restaurant & Tequeria is look- ing for experienced, hardworking people to join the team for winter season and beyond. Applications can be found at www.gomexes.com. Please email along with resume to info@gomexes.com Or drop by the restaurant in the Village. Line Cooks, Prep Cooks, Dishwasher and all other positions needed.

NO CLASS-IFIES

Help Wanted

Sierra Employment Services is hiring for the following positions:

- Cashiers-M $11-$15
- Bartenders-M $12-$15/hr
- Staffing Coordinator/S DOE: Spa Manager-M $DOE
- Housekeepers M $13-$18/hr
- Snow Shovelers-M $18-$22/hr

Call 760.924.0523 or 760.873.8599 for more information.

Mammoth Spa Creations is looking for additional members for its team. These are Full Time, Year Round positions. We have full and part-time positions available in our sales, rental and ski repair departments. Offering great pay DOE, discounts and flexible hours, in a progressive work environment. Call us at 760.934.2400. Go to our website at www.mammothspa.com for more information and to pick up an application.

My Mammoth Shuttle is a commercial- ly permitted limousine (premium SUV) business that was incorporated since 2009. We are currently looking to add to our team and are looking to hire a professional, friendly, self-motivated individual(s). 2 years passenger driving experience is required. A CDL is preferred but not required. Qualified candidates must pass background check and pre and random drug testing. If you have a DMV record is a must. This is a flexible, part-time, year round position with hours ranging from 4-12 hours per week or more. Driver/Chauffeurs can expect to earn $15-$25 an hour with gratuities. This is an ideal opportunity for someone who already has a part time (or full-time) job and is looking to pick up a few more hours. Must be open to work some weekends and holidays.

For more information call 760-709-6459 and to send resume email to info@mynnashuttle.com.

Mammoth Rock & Bowl/Mammoth Rock Brasserie has the following positions available. Food and Beverage Floor Supervisor, Bartender, Bartender, Bar- serie Hostess. Contact Kevin O’Connell at 760.924.0523 or email kevin@thelandingtahoe.com to schedule an interview.

For Rent

Beautiful 3BD/3 Full Ba condo in Crow- ley Lake, Mammoth Lakes. Lake front, attached two-car garage / workshop space. Very light & sunny inside. Pellet stove, 1-yr, $1,895.00/mo, or $1,850 for 2 yrs. Plus utili- ties. Snow removal, water, trash included. Pets neg. Call Kathy at 760-517-9262. Or Email: Kathy@alightsbitems.com

Great family home in June Lake. Quiet, private setting, open to BDR, 2 BA, Loft. Dog run. Pellet stove. Close to June Mountain for skiing. Easy access to lakes, streams and hiking. $2,100/mo. Address: 130 Nevada Street. Call Pat @ 760.709.2119.

Cory 1BR, 1 BA furnished apt. in Crowley Lake. Has woodburner. $800/mo. Ask for Janet at 760.934.1242.

DUMP

continued from page 1

Lakes from Southern California during that time. According to their employer, the Best Western High Sierra Hotel, Travelodge, and Mammoth Creek Inn have been almost full since the beginning of the storm.

John Urdi, Executive Director of Mammoth Lakes Tourism, said his organization sent the information provided by Town of Mammoth Lakes Public Information Officer to lodging establishments within the town prior to the storm. That said, there were ample posts in the Facebook group Mammoth Buy, Sell, or Trade this week from individuals seeking under-the- table lodging in town. Some prospective visitors even said they were having trouble finding available rooms in Bishop. A repre- sentative from the Best Western in Mammoth Lakes said that the hotel was fully booked this week from Friday, Jan- uary 6 through the upcoming weekends.

While delivering The sheet on Friday, January 6, this reporter overheard a guest berating an employee at the front desk of 1849 Condos, demanding to be assured that it would not rain. “There are new weather forecasts ev- ery day, but I can’t assure you it won’t rain,” said the employee. “Should I cancel my reservation? What do you want me to do?” asked the guest. That frustration was echoed in posts on Mammoth Mountain’s Facebook page.

Leina’ala Kailiawa, Manager at Mammoth Creek Inn, told The Sheet that she was candid with guests about travel conditions and allowed people to change or cancel their reserva- tions. “I didn’t want people to drive up here in the bad weather. I mean, it was really bad, especially early in the week,” she said. “I also said flooding was also a concern, as Mammoth Creek Inn is adjacent to Mammoth Creek, which flooded after Saturday and Sunday’s rainfall.

According to Town of Mammoth Lakes Public Information Officer and Recreation Manager Stuart Brown, dis- seminating information that promotes public safety is always the Town’s first concern in an emergency. “Starting Thursday [January 5], we met with all our county and town emergency responders to brief them,” said Brown.

Representatives from Mono County Sheriff’s Department, Mammoth Lakes Fire Department, Mammoth Lakes Police Department, and the United States Forest Service (USFS), among others, were present at those briefings, which allowed the agencies to plan and coordinate their messages to the public ahead of the storm. Town employees had their work weeks shift- ed so that they could hand out thou- sands of sandbags to residents, seeking to protect their properties from flooding on Saturday.

When asked if this apparent conflict between MMSAs marketing and agencies’ advice to stay home was problematic for Mammoth Lakes’ “brand,” Urdi said, “This is a very fine line for ev- eryone involved… We want people to come and have a good experience and there are enough resources for people to refer to—be as educated as possible and to assess their own level of risk.”

Burke told The Sheet that, “[MMSAs] goal was to showcase the conditions and snowfall as best as possible, and be as clear as possible on the cur- rent weather/road advisories and lift holds.” Burke added that mountain employees worked around the clock to get the mountain open safely, and sug- gested that locals and visitors may not be used to seeing the effects of a storm of this scale. “For those that have lived in Mammoth for many years, they remember storms like this in the past,” said Burke, who said she was confident the ski season would extend into July.
WHEREAS, Title 15 of the Mono County Code contains the Mono County Building and Construction codes and Chapter 15.04 entitled Building Regulations, Uniform Codes, and Specific Uniform and International Building Codes adopted in Mono County and that Title 15 of the Mono County Code is amended by adding an entirely revised Chapter 15.04 entitled Building Regulations and Uniform Codes that will read as set forth in Attachment “A” titled BUILDING REGULATIONS AND UNIFORM CODES.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS of Mono County, California, for the reasons above set forth, do hereby order and ordain that the County Building and Construction codes and Chapter 15.04 entitled Building Regulations, Uniform Codes, and Specific Uniform and International Building Codes adopted in Mono County be and the same is hereby amended by adopting the Mono County Building and Construction codes and Chapter 15.04 entitled Building Regulations, Uniform Codes, and Specific Uniform and International Building Codes, including Appendix C (Agricultural Codes), and that the same be published as set forth above:

ORDINANCE NO. BR-17-15, AN ORDINANCE OF THE MONO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PERTAINING TO BUILDING REGULATIONS AND UNIFORM CODES

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT

No-Vapor Cleaning

The following persons have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name:

Warren Hatfield/Jancie Hatfield
362 Old Mammoth Road P.O. Box 826
Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The fictitious business name was filed in Mono County on September 26, 2016, Number 14-170.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on December 21, 2016, 2017-0002 (1/07, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28)

Fictitious Business Name Statement

Is Doing Business As:
Human–Equine Alliance for Learning
M. Leigh Shamba
Bishop, Ca. 93514

This business is conducted by an Individual

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 01, 2016.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on November 17, 2016, File Number 2016-212 2016-0237 (12/24, 12/31, 1/7, 1/14)

Fictitious Business Name Statement

Is Doing Business As:
Pine Cliff R.V. Resort
Sandi Miller
Pine Cliff Resort P.O. Box 38
June Lake, Ca. 93529

This business is conducted by an Individual

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on December 20, 2016.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on December 20, 2016, File Number 16-207 2016-0236 (12/24, 12/31, 1/7, 1/14)

Fictitious Business Name Statement

Is Doing Business As:
Mammoth Lakes Pure Clean
Warren Hatfield/Jancie Hatfield
362 Old Mammoth Road P.O. Box 826
Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546

This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above in December 2016.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on December 21, 2016, File Number 16-208 2017-0001 (1/07, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28)

Fictitious Business Name Statement

Is Doing Business As:
Help Around The House Service
Paul Pailliotet
600 Davenport Ct
Coleville, Ca. 96017

This business is conducted by an Individual Registrant has not yet began to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed here.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on November 28, 2016, File Number 2016-215 2016-0235 (12/24, 12/31, 1/7, 1/14)

Tamarack evac

On Saturday, January 7, around 2 p.m. Mammoth Mountain Ski Area (MMSA) evacuated employees and guests from Tamarack Lodge on Lake Mary Road in the Lakes Basin. According to MMSA Public Information Officer Matt Braun, the lodge facility was closed as of press time.

One employee, a Nordic ski instructor, told The Sheet that she was delayed in getting to work by an hour and a half due to avalanche activity on Lake Mary Road. “Ski patrol sometimes has to bomb it (the slope uphill from Lake Mary Road) a few times a day when we get a lot of Mammoth and Lake snow. It remains clear the road,” she said in an interview this week. She said the road is closed below the green metal gate when this occurs. During that time, visitors prevented from entering or exiting the Lakes Basin for about two hours.

Lake Mary Road is the only point of egress for Lakes Basin. The area was said the lodge was evacuated because it was likely Lake Mary road would be obstructed at some point during the upcoming storm. The ski instructor said she was told that flooding was a concern, as Tamarack abuts Twin Lakes. “They had to make sure everyone was out of the cabins by 2 p.m.,” she said. “The road to the lodge by 4, before they lose those access levels available to fire department vehicles.”

Fictional Business Name Statement

Is Doing Business As:
Human–Equine Alliance for Learning
M. Leigh Shamba
Bishop, Ca. 93514

This business is conducted by an Individual

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 01, 2016.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on November 17, 2016, File Number 2016-212 2016-0237 (12/24, 12/31, 1/7, 1/14)

Fictitious Business Name Statement

Is Doing Business As:
Pine Cliff R.V. Resort
Sandi Miller
Pine Cliff Resort P.O. Box 38
June Lake, Ca. 93529

This business is conducted by an Individual

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on December 20, 2016.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on December 20, 2016, File Number 16-207 2016-0236 (12/24, 12/31, 1/7, 1/14)

Fictitious Business Name Statement

Is Doing Business As:
Mammoth Lakes Pure Clean
Warren Hatfield/Jancie Hatfield
362 Old Mammoth Road P.O. Box 826
Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546

This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above in December 2016.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on December 21, 2016, File Number 16-208 2017-0001 (1/07, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28)

Fictitious Business Name Statement

Is Doing Business As:
Help Around The House Service
Paul Pailliotet
600 Davenport Ct
Coleville, Ca. 96017

This business is conducted by an Individual Registrant has not yet began to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed here.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on November 28, 2016, File Number 2016-215 2016-0235 (12/24, 12/31, 1/7, 1/14)

Tamarack evac

On Saturday, January 7, around 2 p.m. Mammoth Mountain Ski Area (MMSA) evacuated employees and guests from Tamarack Lodge on Lake Mary Road in the Lakes Basin. According to MMSA Public Information Officer Matt Braun, the lodge facility was closed as of press time.

One employee, a Nordic ski instructor, told The Sheet that she was delayed in getting to work by an hour and a half due to avalanche activity on Lake Mary Road. “Ski patrol sometimes has to bomb it (the slope uphill from Lake Mary Road) a few times a day when we get a lot of Mammoth and Lake snow. It remains clear the road,” she said in an interview this week. She said the road is closed below the green metal gate when this occurs. During that time, visitors prevented from entering or exiting the Lakes Basin for about two hours.

Lake Mary Road is the only point of egress for Lakes Basin. The area was said the lodge was evacuated because it was likely Lake Mary road would be obstructed at some point during the upcoming storm. The ski instructor said she was told that flooding was a concern, as Tamarack abuts Twin Lakes. “They had to make sure everyone was out of the cabins by 2 p.m.,” she said. “The road to the lodge by 4, before they lose those access levels available to fire department vehicles.”

Fictional Business Name Statement

Is Doing Business As:
Human–Equine Alliance for Learning
M. Leigh Shamba
Bishop, Ca. 93514

This business is conducted by an Individual

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 01, 2016.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on November 17, 2016, File Number 2016-212 2016-0237 (12/24, 12/31, 1/7, 1/14)
SO A STEELER WALKS INTO A BAR...

By Hartley

Much like the regular season...you have playoff prep- tenders and Super Bowl contenders.

Packers at Cowboys. All I hear now is Aaron Rodgers is the greatest QB in NFL history. When he is winning his line is great and his receivers are great...and when he is losing his line sucks and his receivers can't get open. Hell, just pick a lane. The Cowboys win 31-23. The Packers defense is awful and WR Jordy Nelson has broken ribs. Since the Packers play so much better with Jordy Nelson than without him maybe they should say HE makes Rodgers good instead of the other way around.

Falcons laying 5 points to the Packers at Cowboys. All I hear last week is that the Falcons are a team you have to respect. They can't really run the ball despite the fact that they beat the Lions. Running on the Lions was about as hard as finding some wet panties, male or female, at a George Michael concert. The 'Hawks defense is not the same without Safety Earl Thomas and their offensive line is porous. The Falcons can score even if their defense isn't very good. Falcons win 27-15.

Patriots are 15.5 point favorites over the Texans. WOW. OUCH. Texan QB Brock Osweiler sucks but DAMN. The Texans have a good defense. The Pats don't have Gronk. The Pats win 27-16.

Steelers are 1.5 point dogs to the Chiefs. Take the Chiefs to win 27-23. The Chiefs have better special teams. The Steelers cannot cover kicks and cannot return kicks. QB Ben Roethlisberger is a bum on the road and will spend the first half trying to prove how tough he is coming back from "injury" and before you know it the Steelers will be behind and trying to catch up. Tyreke the Freak will return a kick and it will be over. Oh yeah, did I mention the Steelers cannot defend Tight Ends and the Chiefs best weapon is a TE? I hate it but that's the way I see it. I want the Steelers to win. The Steelers have more talent. But I feel like I can see a Mike Mitchell 15 yard penalty or two and Chief TE Travis Kelce absolutely killing Pittsburgh. Throw in a Ben pick in the first half and...it's a wrap. Hope I am wrong.

How do you easily win a playoff game and still show off your stupid- ity? Exhibit A: Mike Tomlin. As the game is winding down against Miami he has his FragileFred QB still in the game with about 3 minutes left at a 30-6 lead. Not only that but he has him throwing the ball. And of course his dumbass QB can't just throw the ball away...he has to try to run and hurts his ankle.

The Steelers are winning by talent alone because they are one of the dumbest teams in the league. The game last week ends at about 5:30. Maybe the team isn't out of the stadium until about 5:30. By 9:30 a Steeler is already outside a bar, drunk out of his mind and trying to fight a doorman and a police officer. But of course a Steeler player...it's Steeler LB coach Joey Porter. This is on Tomlin, the culture he creates. I bet Odell Beckham would love to play for him. What a mess. How does a coach with so much talent on his team find so many ways to make himself and the team look absolutely classless and mediocre?

This year at the Super Bowl the quarterback can get an autograph for $99 and a selfie for $50. You can get all this with...Johnny Manziel. I cannot contain my laughter. This guy's self-awareness is amazing. What's also amazing is there is a company fronting this endeavor. What do you do with the items when you get them? You think they are an investment and they increase in value?? The most amazing part of all this is when he sits down with his purple drink and a dollop of cocaine staining his nose...some stupid jackass will be in line. Every company in America who sees one of their employees in that line should fire them by text immediately. Don't even let them come back in the office. Fire them by text just like millennials break up with their girlfriends.

Teams are waiting for Texan coach Bill O'Brien to finish his season so they can interview him supposedly. Why? I watched him on Hard Knocks.....I don't want him leading my team. His personality is soporific and neanderthal-like. He is the Geico Caveman in a professional, CEO-type position. I personally think he wants out of Houston after being force-fed Brock Osweiler but I still don't want him leading my organization.

And on to my next topic, which I think is the dumbest teams in the league because no one liked him. How in the hell does he go from that to a front-runner for every job open since that? His agent is amazing. Odell Beckham Jr is a punk. Still, I don't care if Beckham and his dumbass buddies go on a boat trip in Miami on a Monday when they have an off-day. But they shouldn't be posing for Boy Band wannabe pictures like they did with drug innuendo everywhere...that is just stupid.

Beckham coming to the post game press conference after playing AWFUL and blaming the media for creating a controversy and "distracting" the team. I think this is ending badly because at every turn Eli is criticizing him publicly and now the GM has hit him up publicly. He will walk at the end of his contract and say it is all the team's fault because they didn't support him.

Joe Flaco's coach and GM both are saying they need more out of Joe Flaco. Wow. He isn't a rookie. They even went so far as to say he is being paid as an elite QB and they need more from him. Everyone and their momma knew he wasn't worth the money they paid him. No? The money they paid him fell for the "we have to do it" mantrra. Now they have no right to complain.

The NFL is making a monumental mistake. The Chargers are moving to LA also. I thought moving one team to LA made sense but...both teams have owners who are unable to put together a quality football program so they are going to lose their fan bases just like they did in their previous homes. I can't believe they are doing it. And the Chargers are going to play in a 30,000 seat stadium next year? What? I think some high schools in Texas have bigger stadiums than that.

NCAA football. That championship game was great, and Clemson QB Deshaun Watson just made himself a lot of money. People were saying he wasn't a first round QB before that game. They were running to the draft board after figure out how to draft him or trade a bunch of picks for him. The postgame speech by Clemson's athletic director was...I love college football. It was the best postgame speech I have ever heard. If you haven't seen it, youtube Bowlware postgame speech.
Capricorn: To help you fully embrace this next year, make this your motto: “I’m good enough, I’m smart enough! And gosh darn it, I’m terrific on my feet and even better in the sack!” To help increase your luck, be sure to love yourself, to eat healthier, to get plenty of sleep and to not let anything from the couch or bar stool start to call you by name.

Aquarius: In our busy and hectic lives many of us overlook a real health issue in our country, except for Snickers, that is—we can all get “hangry.” Therefore, the next time you come across someone being a crabby pants, please try to remember he or she may just be hungry. Of course there is the possibility that a candy bar or a banana won’t help, in which case let karma take care of the details.

Pisces: There are all kinds of partnerships in life, like marriage, business, limited liability, mud wrestling, jello wrestling, tonsil hockey, etc. The keys to any good partnership are trust and respect. To help strengthen your partnerships, make this your go-to line: “Let’s get drunk and eat Ramen Noodles.”

Aries: Babies learn to talk by making just about any sound they can. Apparently, trying to eat everything ing just about any sound they can.

Taurus: To help you feel more connected to others this year, try to do these things: A) Remember that there ain’t no “I” in “team,” nor is there one in “Success,” “Joy,” or “Thanks for the threesome!” B) Never give up on your dreams, just keep sleeping. S) And try not to say things like “Mere words cannot fully express how much I don’t care.”

Gemini: To help you start this new year on the right foot, try contemplating some of the big questions in life like: Why won’t they ever tell us how to get to Sesame Street? Why is it so hard to remember that guns don’t kill people, crazy people with guns kill people? Why won’t hedgehogs simply share some hedgehog? And, finally, if history repeats itself, can we all get dinosaurs for pets?

Cancer: Since this is a year of new things for you, perhaps it might be a good idea to try a new exercise routine. You could join a gym, sign up for yoga, or get into Nordic skiing. You might want to avoid fads like Tai Bo, Shake Weights, or Thigh Masters, although “Baccardio,” which involves combining cardio exercises like hiking, biking or love-making with rum-flavored beverages, does show some promise.

Leo: Since things will keep getting easier and more enjoyable for Leos as the year progresses, please adopt some of these mottoes. 1) Another day has passed without the need for algebra, or underwear. 2) I’m pretty sure this beer is making me awesome! 100) Always give 100%, unless you’re donating blood. 101) Home is where … the wifi connects automatically.

Virgo: For the next couple of weeks life should buzz along nicely for the people of this sign. Since your buzzing and bee-bopping could probably use some polishing up, try working more on understanding and feeling the full rhythm and harmony of life, and maybe focus a little less on just the cowbell sections.

Libra: Please never forget that like most people, you’re a person too. We’re all just people, after all, regardless of our color or creed, religion or SAT score, sexual preference or fashion sense. That’s why we all need to start being kinder, more compassionate and accepting towards one another; except, of course, for the 10% dickhead population (see Donald Trump, Steven A. Smith and Chelsea Handler). We should just throw empty beer cans at those people.

Scorpio: Scorpios are often good with numbers, which is why they enjoy this motto: “I’m 75% awesome and 35% great at math!” It will also help Scorpios to remember these lines: “Always be careful when following the masses—sometimes the ‘m’ is silent.” And, “Never trust an atom, they make up everything.”

Sagittarius: The Stars are reporting that you’re entering a period when your creative and sexual powers will be turned all the way up to 11 (see: Spinal Tap) To help you make the most out of this period, remember that everyone is a perfect 10 to someone else, especially if that someone else has been drinking or is bad with numbers.

Mary Bassler, MD
Board Certified Family Physician

Now located at
101 Old Mammoth Rd, Ste F, Mammoth Lakes
760-914-1261 or www.marybasslermd.com

MEDICAL CARE THAT MAKES SENSE
✓ Health Optimization
✓ Disease Prevention
✓ Chronic Disease Management

PERSONALS

I saw you … have finally solved your housing shortage. Nice ignio! I saw you … are about the only one who is very pleased about the snow removal. Wait, don’t you live in Bishop?

In search of … someone to plow my drive. I can think of other things to plow, too, but let’s start with my drive.

I saw you … just broke up with me. You think the newspaper will print the O-bitchuary if I write one?

I saw you … are looking for a place to stay this weekend. Try Olancha. “FYI, I’ve nicknamed my bed Olancha.”

I see … that the recent storms have raised Mono Lake 6” - that is one excitable lake!

Sagittarius: Since things will keep getting easier and more enjoyable for Sagittarians this year on the right foot, try containing some of the big questions in life like: Why won’t they ever tell us how to get to Sesame Street? Why is it so hard to remember that guns don’t kill people, crazy people with guns kill people? Why won’t hedgehogs simply share some hedgehog? And, finally, if history repeats itself, can we all get dinosaurs for pets?

Cancer: Since this is a year of new things for you, perhaps it might be a good idea to try a new exercise routine. You could join a gym, sign up for yoga, or get into Nordic skiing. You might want to avoid fads like Tai Bo, Shake Weights, or Thigh Masters, although “Baccardio,” which involves combining cardio exercises like hiking, biking or love-making with rum-flavored beverages, does show some promise. 1) Another day has passed without the need for algebra, or underwear. 2) I’m pretty sure this beer is making me awesome! 100) Always give 100%, unless you’re donating blood. 101) Home is where … the wifi connects automatically.

Virgo: For the next couple of weeks life should buzz along nicely for the people of this sign. Since your buzzing and bee-bopping could probably use some polishing up, try working more on understanding and feeling the full rhythm and harmony of life, and maybe focus a little less on just the cowbell sections.

Libra: Please never forget that like most people, you’re a person too. We’re all just people, after all, regardless of our color or creed, religion or SAT score, sexual preference or fashion sense. That’s why we all need to start being kinder, more compassionate and accepting towards one another; except, of course, for the 10% dickhead population (see Donald Trump, Steven A. Smith and Chelsea Handler). We should just throw empty beer cans at those people.
FALL IN LOVE ALL OVER AGAIN

VACATION RESORT RENTALS AND GREAT FAMILY MEMORIES, MINUTES FROM MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN
NEW LUXURY RESIDENCES • RESORT RENTALS • ATHLETIC CLUB & SPA • 800.544.6007 • LiveSnowcreek.com

All information subject to change. BRE# 01812140