Dave Didion, 1949-2017
Longtime local dies in snowplow accident

You knew him, even if you didn’t. Dave Didion was the guy who was always out with his dogs, whom he referred to as his “kids.” He was the guy with the brown hair and the mustache and the distinctive, commanding voice who worked the night shift at Vons. He was the guy who had a kind word and a hello for everyone.

But then, he was also so much more. And there was so much more about him you didn’t know.

Dave Didion died tragically last week in a wintry accident on Lupin Street. He was struck and crushed by a snowplow he had hired in the early evening hours (6:15 p.m.) to clear snow from one of his rental properties. He was 67.

What may have contributed to the accident was the fact that Dave didn’t see very well and never did. At four years old, his sister Jeannie said he was struck by a fever which partially severed the optic nerve in both his eyes. She described him as “partially sighted” his entire life. His only daughter, Andi, said he had to forfeit his driver’s license about eight years ago. He was considered legally blind.

But as Jeannie also says, the compromise of his sight heightened Dave’s other senses. He was an avid reader with an elephantine memory. As Jeannie says, one of Dave’s pet phrases was “Let me tell you something more about that.”

“He was interested in so much and in so many people,” recalled Jeannie. She says when she brought her grandson to Mammoth to visit a few years back, they’d have to stop every fifty feet because Dave just knew everybody. Further, after pleasantries were exchanged, Dave would then describe to his sister the person she’d met, their biography, their story.

Some of us drive by the old, run-down, and seemingly abandoned building sandwiched between Highway 395 and Crowley Lake Drive, the old Highway, every day. Turns out, it’s more than just a canvas for amateur graffiti artists. It’s story includes the beginning of Dave McCoy’s skiing business, William Mulholland and Fred Eaton of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and a Mayor of Los Angeles who was also a known member of the Ku Klux Klan.

The building gets regularly tagged with graffiti and the doors and windows are boarded up. It’s been through plenty of abuse. The owner, Holbrook Maslen of Boise, Idaho told The Sheet that the building isn’t abandoned, it’s just hard to keep the vandals and thieves out.

The vandalism isn’t a new problem, either. Maslen first leased the rectangle-shaped property in 1960 and bought it soon after, as a place his horses could run around. He lived there in the winter to ski. Every year he came back, there would be damage. First his pair of 1955 skis were stolen, then the furniture and the windows and doors, even bricks from the chimney. It was impossible to lock the place up, Maslen explained. Vandals would rip...
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describe to his sister the person she'd met, their biography, their extend-
ed family, how they fit into the fabric of the community.

Dave was the fifth of seven children, born (June 28, 1949) and raised in
Sacramento. His family owned Didion Hardware in East Sacramento
while he was growing up. At the precocious age of seven, he began work-
ing in the family's store. Really working. Not just pretend. There were
other things, too. Like how he ironed his own clothes starting at the age
of six or seven. And made his own breakfast. "Most kids wait around for
[help from] an adult. Dave did not," said Jeannie. "He was always so jo-
vial, so confident ... he always kind of knew what he was going to do.)

After graduating from high school in 1967, he got a job working at Hol-
lywood Hardware in Reno. That led to a chance meeting and an eventual
job offer to move to Mammoth in the early '70s. Daughter Andi said his
first job in Mammoth was at a hardware store in the former Mammoth
Pet Shop location next to the laundromat on Laurel Mountain Road.
He also ran the Lee Lodge on Tavern Road and worked for the Mam-
moth Community Water District for many years.

As daughter Andi recalls, Dad's favorite television show while she was
growing up, much to her chagrin, was the Nightly Business Report on
PBS. He was also a huge fan of public radio, particularly A Prairie Home
Companion. He had a Seinfeld sense of humor. "And he could get surly
and liked to swear a lot," laughed Andi.

When she came to Mammoth to clean out his home last week, she
discovered stacks and stacks of Barron's business magazines. Which, she
noted, must have required a magnifying glass for him to read.

So it should come as no surprise that her thrifty and business-savvy
dad acquired six rental units on Lupin Street over the years. Plumbing
and woodworking became as much a part of him as information-gather-
ing and dogs (but we'll get to that).

"He loved to complain about it (the fixing-upping), but he loved the
struggle," Andi said of her father's turn as a landlord. "And they [his ten-
ants] just loved him. He'd rent places at below-market, and he was under-
standing. We were happy to work with people if they fell behind.

And, of course, he worked at Vons at night even though he didn't have

Granddaughters pose in front of their collage for Grandpa

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tus officium spectat in crastinum" -Phyllis Diller

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for. "He refused to retire," said Andi, "And he loved work and the social
aspect of being part of a team. 'Five more years' was his line of b.s.," she
said with a chuckle. "Always five more years."

Didion suffered a heart attack about 14 months ago. If there's a best
part about a heart attack, it's that it meant Dave went over to St. Helena
(Napa) to recuperate, surrounded by his daughter and granddaughters
Maya (9) and Leila (5). Andi begged him to stay for good. They had a
furnished apartment waiting for him. He could sell his Lupin units. He
wouldn't do it. He loved Mammoth, the snow, the beauty. "I got it when I
visited ... the reasons why he stayed," said his daughter. "But I just think
it's unfair that he worked for a retirement he never got to take ... it's not
just about losing my Dad. I'm losing one of my closest friends. I will
miss our Sunday morning conversations (early conversations. 6:30 a.m.
you're up. The kids are up. Let's talk.). He taught me how to love and I love
full-heartedly."

Didion is survived by his siblings Lan, John, Jeannie, Marilyn, Julie and
Janet, as well as his daughter Andi, son-in-law Dave Brown, granddaugh-
ters Maya and Leila and many nieces and nephews.

His daughter is planning a Celebration of Life for this spring in Mam-
moth

He is also survived by his two other children, his dogs Asha and Flower,
whom Andi hopes to place together in a loving local home. They are
sweet and well-trained. After all, they had "the ideal owner," ac-

cording to sister Jeannie. "He was the benevolent alpha male of the
pack."

Leave a message on The Sheet's
office phone (760.924.0048) if you
might be interested in adopting
them and we will forward the mes-
gages on to Andi.

As Allen Brown said the other day
about Dave, "I referred to him as
The Blind One, and not because of
his eyesight. He was The Blind One
because he didn't see the negative
in people. Only the positive."

Sister Jeannie chimed in, "He
had a way of thinking about you
when you weren't together. If you
described a problem to Dave, a
couple of days later there would be
a message on your machine, or a
magazine subscription in the mail.
He would think about it, really
think about you and what he could
do to help."
Dear Editor:

After seeing the new price tag of the proposed MUF, I am amazed that the Town would even consider this project. There are so many other concerns, such as affordable housing, transportation (to all parts of town), infrastructure, etc., that need to be addressed before $10 million is spent on a hockey rink. It’s as if the Town is Captain Ahab and they are in pursuit of their own white whale. Moby MUF. Come hell or high water (literally), no matter the cost or time and despite any irreversible damage that might be caused, they are determined to leave a legacy, be it good or bad.

Upon reading the EIR, there are many times where it states “no significant impact” or “mitigation required” but that seems highly debatable. On Jan. 8th there was significant flooding at the entrance to the proposed site. Water standing over a foot deep at certain times, this has to have a major impact on a 2 lane road that has a blind curve. No attention was given to parking/traffic on Meadow Ln.

Some events may start as early as 6 a.m. and go as late as 12 midnight. I’m unsure of town regulations, but it’s going to take a lot of mitigation to deal with the noise and light pollution that will be an impact. As nice as the building concept seems, the site is woefully inadequate for all the concerns, such as affordable housing, transportation (to all parts of town), infrastructure, etc., that need to be addressed before $10 million is spent on a hockey rink. It’s as if the Town is Captain Ahab and they are in pursuit of their own white whale. Moby MUF. Come hell or high water (literally), no matter the cost or time and despite any irreversible damage that might be caused, they are determined to leave a legacy, be it good or bad.

In regards to the traffic, Sherwin Creek Rd. intersection was not studied. This is the closest intersection to the project and is used year round, receiving high volumes of traffic during specialty events such as the Moto X. Report numbers state that up to 590 car visits may occur, at the proposed site, in a day. That is an average of almost 50 cars per hour over a 12 hour period. With possible higher numbers at certain times, this has to have a major impact on a 2 lane road that has a blind curve. No attention was given to parking/traffic on Meadow Ln.

The well written and appreciated “Berm and a Hard Place” article in...
I'm just covering my vagina with leaves and hoping no one falls in.

- Marina Gershon

THE PRICE OF BEING A WOMAN IN AMERICA

Local women discuss the possible repeal of the Affordable Care Act and its effect on reproductive health

By Rea

The day after the election, Brandon Brocia bought me a caesar salad at The Eatery. “It’s about to get a lot more expensive to be a woman in America,” he reasoned.

I mentioned this to Jack Lunch at the Breakfast Club this week. “Women are getting IUDs [intrauterine devices, a semi-permanent form of birth control] inserted in anticipation of their health care being cut,” I told him. A woman at the table next to us heard our conversation, turned around, and agreed.

“So, you’re upset because you’re going to have to pay for birth control yourselves now?” asked Lunch.

Yes, I suppose that rankles me—as a woman, many of the functions that my body performs are expensive. Sanitary napkins and tampons are taxed as “luxury items,” for instance.

“Basically, we are being taxed for being women,” California assemblywoman Cristina Garcia told the Washington Post last January. Garcia has proposed legislation that would make sanitary products tax-exempt, like prescription drugs.

Under the Affordable Care Act, birth control finally became available to women without co-pays. I spent years, thankfully, having my birth control pill covered under California’s Family PACT program. I was poor, living in a tent in Yosemite, and $150 per month for birth control pills wasn’t in my budget, “or in all fairness, I didn’t want to spend [money] in that category,” said Mammoth resident Lacey Dibble, echoing my own sentiments. Personally, I didn’t feel that ovulating should cost me almost two days’ work at minimum wage.

I’ve been trying not to get pregnant for the last fifteen years. I now find myself in the most comfortable position I’ve ever been in, medically speaking. I’m married, and I have plans to start a family someday. I’m on my husband’s fantastic insurance. But those fifteen years during which I wanted to have adventures, live my life and—yes—have sex, without that sex resulting in offspring, were crucial to who I ended up becoming.

If I were the girl I was ten years ago when I moved to Yosemite to live in that tent, you bet your ass I’d be making an appointment to get an IUD.

Dr. Anne Davis, consulting medical director for Physicians for Reproductive Health at Columbia University Medical Center, told National Public Radio that the day after the election, six women called “in a panic” to schedule appointments for IUD insertion (usually, about one woman per day inquires about the procedure).

“And these women weren’t just looking for an appointment somewhere in the future,” said Davis. “They wanted one right now. They were very, very scared and distraught that they would lose access to birth control.”

In response to Lunch’s query about me paying for my own birth control, I believe it is in the best interest of the nation for all women to have affordable access to birth control—for all those concerned about abortion, especially.

The Guttmacher Institute found that the U.S. abortion rate hit an all-time low in 2014, mostly due to a decline in unintended pregnancy. “Research shows that the decline…was entirely due to fewer unintended pregnancies. There is also evidence that the use of highly effective contraceptive methods…increased through 2012, and that some of this momentum may have continued through 2014, in part as a result of various provisions of the Affordable Care Act,” stated a press release issued by the Institute.

If the ACA is repealed, or house republicans cripple access to birth control by cutting funding to Planned Parenthood and Title X (which subsidizes programs like Family PACT), what options will American women be left with?

Last week, Major League Baseball player player Matt Garza suggested to actress Jessica Chastain that abstinence should be practiced in the absence of birth control. In response to Chastain’s suggestion on Twitter for women to “protect yourself” by getting IUDs, Garza responded “It’s called abstinence…it’s the best contraceptive.”

“I lost a child with serious birth defects. Genetic counselor told us high
risk of it happening again. My [husband] and I end intimacy? asked a woman in response to Garza.

Other women need the birth control pill—a WebMD survey found that more than half of women who take the pill do so for reasons unrelated to preventing pregnancy. Women with menstrual migraines, menorrhagia (exceptionally heavy bleeding) and other conditions use the pill as medical necessity. “I was trying to get an IUD...and found out that I have Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome,” said one woman. The pill helps with the pain whereas IUDs do not. “The pill is preventative medicine for more than just pregnancy.”

More options for women seeking to prevent pregnancy include fertility tracking—it’s hormone-free, there are multiple apps for tracking cycles, and the cost is zero. However, “with typical use, the failure rate is as high as 24 percent,” says the Association of Reproductive Health Professionals.

I polled a bunch of my friends about this issue. Lara McNicol (Sonora) “tracked [her] cycle very carefully...one carefully planned pregnancy, one surprise...long term contraception” was a successful vasectomy.

Condoms are 98 percent effective at preventing pregnancy, when used correctly. “But people aren’t perfect, so in real life, condoms are about 92 percent effective,” states Planned Parenthood’s Stephanie Eaton (Sonora) who is going to make me a sammich and probably would not have sought silica. I (sic) calling on my conservative buddies to take care of business,” Aldridge wrote, lamenting his inability to be present at the march. “If I didn’t have to leave I would be confronting one of them.”

“If all the women are at the park, who is going to make me a sammich (sic)?” replied Scott Stoner. “Or get me a beer?” chimed in Glenn Clark.

“People should exercise their legs and maybe we just disagree on how this event can be directed to Shawn Louth, the march considers it a non-partisan event. The march is open 7 days a week weather permitting. The rink is located at 416 Sierra Park Road. Further questions about Bishop’s event can be directed to Shawn Louth at inyo350action@gmail.com.

LOCAL ACTION
By Giles

On Saturday, January 21, local organizers will be hosting peaceful marches in June Lake and Bishop, in solidarity with the Women’s March on Washington. According to Shawn Louth, the march considers itself a non-partisan event. The march is one of 616 Sister Marches occurring globally on Saturday. The Women’s March on Washington estimates that there are over 1 million marchers participating around the world.

Louth said he hopes to demonstrate that people living in remote rural communities can have a voice in national politics. “People need to have a voice, need to take action,” said Paula Flakser.

Sirin Petch said, “I think most people want the same things, to be able to take care of and provide for their loved ones, to be able to get medical help when they need it, to continue to enjoy living in this beautiful place. I think people just disagree on how this should be accomplished, or which person as president would be able to get us there.”

Event organizers asked that participants remain calm, peaceful, and respectful of the community throughout the demonstration. June Lake: Meet at 9 a.m. at June Lake/Ohana’s parking lot. Bishop: Meet at 10 a.m. Bishop City Hall. Further questions about Bishop’s event can be directed to Shawn Louth at inyo350action@gmail.com.

MAMMOTH CREEK PARK WINTER DRAFT EIR AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

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. Comments may be submitted by facsimile, letter, or electronic mail to: Sandra Moberly, Community and Economic Development Manager, Town of Mammoth Lakes, Community and Economic Development Department, P.O. Box 1609, 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite R, Mammoth Lakes, CA, 93546, (760) 924-5333, or via email at smoberly@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

WINTER PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT

The Mammoth Lakes Police Department is reminding residents that there is no street parking from November 1 through April 30. Vehicles found parked in violation of these ordinances are subject to receiving a parking citation and/or in some cases, vehicles may be impounded at the owner’s expense.

Meetings / Events:

Feb. 1: Town Council meeting, Suite Z, 6:00 PM
Feb. 7: Recreation Commission Meeting, Suite Z, 9:00 AM
Feb. 8: Planning and Economic Development Commission Suite Z, 2:00 PM

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RV catches fire on Highway 395

By Giles

A large motorhome caught fire on Highway 395 on Monday, January 16. The driver, Lawrence, last name unknown, was driving from Mammoth Lakes to San Diego after a weekend of skiing at Mammoth Mountain with his wife and two sons. Lawrence was the only passenger and escaped the vehicle safely.

Lawrence told The Sheet he first suspected something was amiss when he smelled smoke while he was driving around 11 a.m. He turned around to find the source, and saw it billowing from the back of the RV. He said he pulled over as soon as he could, and felt one of the wheels “lock up” before he was able to park the vehicle in the southbound shoulder of Highway 395, just before the intersection with McGee Creek Road. He promptly grabbed a fire extinguisher and exited the vehicle. At about 11:25 a.m., the visible flames were extinguished. Caltrans reported that Highway 395 was closed to southbound traffic at McGee Creek as of 11:45 a.m. Traffic was redirected along Crowley Lake Drive until the southbound lane was reopened at 12:56 p.m.

Lawrence told The Sheet that the RV had the capacity to tow a car, and that the family had done so in the past. He said they never tow a car behind the motorhome when driving up the Sherwin Grade. He said he typically drives the RV solo, while his wife drives the car with their kids. He said it would have been highly unusual for them to all travel in the RV and lamented that he hadn’t taken a few extra runs at Mammoth Mountain before leaving town that morning. “I’m just glad we didn’t bring the cats with us this time,” said Lawrence while on hold with his insurance company. “We often do this, but time we did not.” Lawrence graciously declined a cold Pabst Blue Ribbon as a panacea for his harrowing near miss from The Sheet’s Giles.

A REAL SUPERHERO

Masked man offers message of belonging

By Giles

If you drove down Main Street in Bishop last weekend, you probably noticed Spider-Man waving to passersby and holding signs that read, “You belong, stay strong Americans” and “Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that.”

If you’re like me, you probably thought the signs were a statement about Donald Trump’s inauguration. Spider-Man assured The Sheet that his mission was non-partisan.

“There has been a lot of criticism out there, a lot of racism in the last couple weeks as a way to offer support and reassurance to community members. Smith said it was likely that the decision was made by the divisive nature of the election rhetoric. “I come from a Latino household,” he said. “A lot of kids are scared right now. My little sisters are in elementary school, and I tell them, our country was built on immigrants. We are all immigrants.”

Smith said he has friends whose parents have been arrested by ICE agents, and friends who voted for Donald Trump. “I know a girl who watched her parents being handcuffed on their lawn, taken away, deported when she was really young. She came and stayed with us this time, said Lawrence graciously declined a cold Pabst Blue Ribbon as a panacea for his harrowing near miss from The Sheet’s Giles.

Smith said he was concerned that he was on hold with his insurance company. “We often do this, but we didn’t.” Lawrence graciously declined a cold Pabst Blue Ribbon as a panacea for his harrowing near miss from The Sheet’s Giles.

Smith said he chose to wear the Spider-Man mask because the superhero is a symbol of comfort and security that resonates with all Americans regardless of their age. “I would have been willing to do it without a mask, but sometimes people don’t look at the person, just the sign. I wanted it all to be a message that it’s going to be ok, and to take me out of it.”

The lifelong Bishop resident and current Bishop High School student said he plans to keep making signs, even if he gets cussed at or flipped off. “Personally, I just want to let people who might be sad know they’re not alone. It’s important to me to put that out there in our community right now,” said Smith. Of his project, Smith said, “He’s the friendly neighborhood Spider-Man, stationed in Bishop, and he’s making a come-back.”
TOWN SEEING RED?
Town contemplates taking on Red’s Meadow Road rehab

By Dutton

On Wednesday, January 18, Mammoth’s Town Council directed staff to work with a variety of partners to prepare a formal application for a Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) grant for the reconstruction of Red’s Meadow Road.

The next team meeting, which should include representatives from the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), National Park Service (NPS), Mono County, the Town of Mammoth Lakes and the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority, is scheduled for January 20. The tentative next call for projects is scheduled for January 23 and the final application deadline is April 6, according to the staff report prepared by Public Works Director Grady Dutton.

Dutton called the reconstruction of Red’s Meadow Road, “a very large project important to many residents and visitors of the Town, but the entire region.”

The FLAP grant has total available funds of $32.9 million for the entire state. The Town of Mammoth Lakes will be tagged as the applicant.

Though the Town has the option to apply for less than the $30 million estimated to complete the “big project,” which would expand the road to two lanes, and possibly offer an uphill bike lane, Dutton said on Wednesday that “we think this is probably our one chance to fund the reconstruction,” and right now staff is recommending the full boat.

The plan would be for a partnership of the entities listed above to assume responsibility of maintaining the road after the construction is complete, reviving the USFS of its current duties as the sole maintenance provider.

Dutton said that other partners, such as Inyo County and even Madera County (which much of Red’s Meadow valley is in Madera County) are also involved in discussions about the reconstruction.

John Regelbrugge, District Ranger for the Inyo National Forest, suggested possibly shooting for a lower goal, such as reconstructing only the most severely damaged upper two miles of the road (approximately $3-5 million) or reconstructing that area, plus adding more turnouts and passing opportunities further down the road ($8-10 million).

Regelbrugge reminded Council that the $32.9 million was for the entire fiscal year cycle, and “we assume there are other tourism-dependent communities…there is likely to be other strong proposals” for FLAP grant money.

“Do you go for everything, or go for something with greater odds of success?” he asked.

He said he was concerned that the time when Red’s Meadow Road fails is getting closer, and that any improvement would increase the public safety.

“In the unfortunate event that there’s another Rainbow Fire or geologic disaster…the current road is extremely difficult to get emergency responders in and public out safely at the same time.”

There is also a “local match” of 11.47 percent, said Dutton, were the grant to be awarded. Dutton said the Town would not be responsible for that match, and “it would come through other sources,” such as the County and possibly the Forest Service.

Councilman Bill Sauser asked if the reconstruction included additional parking, and Dutton responded that in his understanding, it did not. “…A big road is going to get more people there and that’s not necessarily a good thing.”

There would have to be measures in place to “restrict visitors to a reasonable level we all think we can tolerate.”

Regelbrugge noted that the staff of Devil’s Postpile did not support the full reconstruction for this very reason.

Council member John Wentworth, who believes in the future of such partnerships as the future of “sustainable recreation,” said that it was important to get public input and explain the Town’s rationale behind taking on such a massive project. “I think when we go out to the public, the Town (should have) a packet of rationale to say this is why this makes sense.”
Mammoth locals Mike Licari and Nancy Cassidy are currently racing the Baja 4000, and as of press time the couple are holding in second place in their 1987 Ford Bronco. The Mountain Motors Rally Team (the couple run Mountain Motors in the industrial park) are racing the Bronco from Los Angeles to Cabo San Lucas and back again in the off-road charity rally, which raises donations for abandoned children and orphans in Mexico through Corazon de Vida. “It’s actually quite fun if you forget the fact that you get no sleep, hardly eat, are dusty 24/7 and spend an average of 15 hours on the road, mostly offroad!” wrote Cassidy on Tuesday, January 17. She’s pictured above in San Francisco de la Sierra. Go Team Mammoth Go!

-Rea

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By James

A “GRUFF” GONDOLA OPERATOR REACHES SUMMIT

Roger Marvin Link, 1921-2016

Roger Marvin Link, 95 passed away at his home in Santa Rosa, California on December 9, 2016. His caregiver and friend, Kathy Anderson, was by his side.

Roger was born in St. Louis, Missouri on June 11, 1921. He had an illustrious military career in the U.S. Army Air Force beginning in 1942 until the end of World War II. As a tail-gunner in a B-17, he flew 34 missions and was shot down twice, once over the English Channel and again over France...he took tough to a new level. He trained to become a pilot in a P-51 Mustang, but once his training was completed, the Pacific Theater had ended. Roger was awarded the Purple Heart, Air Medal and Distinguished Flying Cross for his service during WWII. He then studied at Pasadena City College to become a Forestry Engineer and then furthered his studies at the University of California Berkeley before moving to Mammoth Lakes in 1966.

Roger started work at Mammoth Mountain Ski Area on September 16, 1966 where he worked until his retirement on June 1, 1990. His most notable role at Mammoth was as “gondola-meister,” beginning with the opening of the lower gondola in 1966. The upper Gondola was completed and opened in 1967. Roger operated the gondola for 24 years while his wife Elodie worked winners in ski school. Mammoth skiers have fond memories of Roger as the gruff gondola operator with a heart of gold. He was funny, kind and once you were his friend, you were a friend for life.

Roger was preceded in death by his four siblings, his parents Leroy and Ione Link of St. Louis, Missouri, and a daughter Barni Linde. He is survived by daughter Wendy Runley of Bishop and grandchildren Joshua and Ceina Runley; son John Link of Bullhead City, Arizona, and grandchildren Justin and Jennifer Link and great grandchildren Colten and Chase Burleson of Eastvale, California, and Riley, Liam and Henry Link of Cypress, California; step-daughter Vicki Brady of El Segundo, California, and grandchildren Audrey Figueredo of Carlsbad, California and great grandchildren, Zarin and Sloan Figueiredo, and Riley Brady of Manhattan Beach, California; grand children Renee Linde of Sausalito, California and great grandchild Robbie Sands of Boulder Colorado; Mike Linde of Redway, California; Duff Linde of Santa Barbara, California; Liz Linde of Sebastopol, California and great grandchildren Jordi Hays of Santa Barbara and Oliver Hays of Sebastopol, California.

Friends and family will celebrate Roger’s life in the spring in Mammoth Lakes.
Johnny Tutt, 1956-2016

By Bodine

John Lewis “Johnny” Tutt was a regular at the Bishop Country Club and worked for years at Great Basin Bakery and the Mammoth Hospital. He was a generous, dedicated father and the guy that made everybody laugh and never seemed to have a bad day. After a lengthy illness, Johnny was eventually diagnosed with cancer and died less than a month later.

Born in Rutherford County, North Carolina on July 3, 1956, to William and Kerry Tutt, he died on June 19, 2016, Father’s Day. He was 59.

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Who wants to go skiing? “Me!” said everybody. This is what Mammoth looks like with 22,000 skiers on a Saturday.

The powder certainly brought the powder hounds last weekend, with lots of crowds, but also lots of smiles. Photos, clockwise from top: Grandma Annette Sandborn, Mom Sadie Sandborn, Oakliegh Sandborn, and Great Grandma June Squire of Iowa at the back of the checkout line at Vons on Saturday, January 14. Visitors staying at Mammoth’s Motel 6 unpack their Prius in the Post Office parking lot. The motel’s parking lot was full. Cars on Lakeview Blvd. stretch past the “Voodoo Clute.” Cecelia Basler and Katie Wilson, both 13, braved the crowds at Vons to sell for the Mammoth Middle School Volleyball Club.

Unsafe maneuver: cars attempt to pass the Blue Line bus on Lakeview Blvd.

A line for the bus at the Village on Saturday, January 14.

Photos by Simpkins, Rea and Giles

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the doors off the hinges, or bust out a window, or tear off boards to get in. He would tell the police about an incident and they would answer, “Yes, it was.” And that was the end of the conversation.

The parcel he originally purchased was 80 acres, but he lost about 25 of those acres to the construction of 395. He said he paid $70,000 for the lot in the 1960s and that it was recently appraised at $80,000. He said he lost the water rights, and some value of the property, because of his seasonal occupancy.

Maslen wasn’t living there at the time, but the house is next door to the parcel where McCoy set up his first tow-lines on McGee Mountain in 1938, using Model “A” Ford truck parts. There’s even a marker commemorating the historic business beginnings. McCoy would later find better snow further north.

In addition to being a skier, Maslen was also a pilot and recounted flying into Mammoth when the runway was the size of a matchbook. There were no lights at the runway in the ’60s, so he had to follow the power lines that led to the landing strip.

The house and parcel are also a piece of LADWP and Owens Valley water history. That parcel and surrounding lands were bought up by the 33rd Mayor of Los Angeles (1898-1900), Fred Eaton. In the definitive history of LADWP, “Water and Power,” author William Kahrl states that in 1899, Eaton traveled through Owens Valley and realized the potential to carry the abundant water he found there to L.A. According to Eaton’s obituary on Findagrave.com, he surveyed the area from atop Mt. Whitney.

The land at and around the house would prove crucial to the building of the Long Valley Reservoir, Crowley Lake. Eaton knew of the plans for building a reservoir and began buying land in hopes of reaping a big profit.

According to Kahrl, Eaton lied to ranchers in the Owens Valley, saying he was with the federal, Newlands Reclamation Act, which proposed to build a new irrigation system. He also used inside information from Reclamation Service engineers to gain the water rights for the lands he acquired.

According to the LADWP website, “To the people of the Owens Valley, selling water rights and land for a desired federal project was far different from selling land to Eaton and water rights to the City of Los Angeles.”

In March 1905, Eaton acquired lands that encompass the Long Valley Reservoir site. Eaton paid $450,000 for the rights to more than 50-square miles of ranch lands and 4,000 head of cattle.

On March 22, Mulholland reported to the Board of Water Commissioners that the Owens River was the only viable water source for the rapidly growing city. Following that meeting, Eaton told the Commissioners that the Board should buy the water rights for him, including those he had been acquiring over the past years. Eaton was asking $1 million for the lands, a price Mulholland refused to pay. The price tag began a 20-year conflict between the two friends.

Mulholland and LADWP recognized a reservoir was needed but struggled to find a location.

Mulholland got tired of negotiating with Eaton and decided to build the St. Francis Dam north of Santa Clarita, California, in March 1928, according to, “Heavy Ground: William Mulholland and the St. Francis Dam Disaster.” The dam was compromised soon after it was completed, spilling billions of gallons of water and killing more than 450 people.

For agreeing that incident, Mulholland’s reputation was forever tarnished, but Eaton continued to hold out for the higher price on the land he owned in Long Valley. This time, he was up against new Mayor, John C. Porter, a leader in the Ku Klux Klan.

The same year the St. Francis Dam broke, Eaton himself was financially broke and finally sold his ranch to LADWP for about $200,000. Eaton died in 1934.

Construction of the Long Valley Reservoir started in 1941. The number spray painted on the door, 650.339.3376, is a disconnect number of a former realtor. The home is currently not on the market.

Maslen hopes to remodel the home at some point but doesn’t want to tear it down because he fears he would never be able to obtain a permit for new construction if he did.
IRS CRACKS DOWN ON LAND TRUST DONATIONS

ESLT, MMSA unperturbed

By Giles

On December 23, 2016, The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) published a notice (2017-10) that promised it would crack down on secretly lucrative charitable land donations.

According to Russ Shay, Director of Public Policy for the Land Trust Alliance, the notice is unusual and the first of its kind issued by the IRS in six years. In its December 30 article, “Land-Donation Deals Face IRS Scrutiny,” Richard Rubin of the Wall Street Journal reported that investors and property owners involved in land exchanges in which there is a deduction-to-investment ratio of 2.5 to 1 to report the transactions to the IRS separately.

Investors achieve that high ratio by appraising the value of the land being donated at a much higher value than its actual value. A Land Trust then has to accept the inflated appraisal and the donation. Once the deal is confirmed, investors list the difference in value between the pre-donation appraisal and the appraised value of the land after it has been donated as a conservation easement on their income tax return. An investor or group of investors can then profit by listing a tax deduction that exceeds the true value of the “charitable land donation” for the conservation easement.

According to Russ Shay, Public Policy Director for the Land Trust Alliance, which designates certain land trust organizations as accredited if they meet standards for ethical conduct, this is good for land conservation. “We’ve been complaining about this publicly for over a year,” said Shay this week. According to Shay, the deals typically involve real estate investors and not land owners who want to protect their property or who have owned it for a long time. “A clever person buys a piece of land, pays $2 million for it. Then they sell the shares in the land to investors, maybe for $6 million. Then they convince someone to put a conservation easement on the land [a designation that restricts development even after the land is sold]. They tell Uncle Sam it’s worth $40 million. Within 18 months, the partners receive an income tax deduction [for the difference].”

As of this year, individuals involved in exchanges of that nature that occurred after 2010 will be required to file their income tax returns separately. Instead of sitting in a pool of millions of income tax returns, they sit in a pile of several hundred thousand. That makes it more likely that people who participate in charitable land donations will be audited by the IRS.

The Eastern Sierra Land Trust (ESLT) is one of 350 land trusts in the United States that are accredited by the Land Trust Alliance. Executive Director Kay Ogden told The Sheet her organization was pleased with the stricter regulations. “A few bad apples can taint the entire bushel, as the saying goes,” she said this week. She said that her organization pays fair market value for land it acquires and that every transaction is reviewed externally. Ogden said she didn’t anticipate the ruling would have much of an impact on the Eastern Sierra.

Shay emphasized that these tax avoidance schemes undermined the legitimacy of real land trusts. “I’ve worked in this industry for 30 years, and I can tell you, no one here is in it to get rich. We have a love the land,” said Shay. “When someone comes to [land trusts] with a really great piece of land, we want to conserve it for posterity. Our ability to do that depends on the public’s perception that we are doing good stuff, and on our partnership with the government.”

IRS Notice 2017-10 will not affect the land exchange that is currently underway between Mammoth Mountain Ski Area (MMSA) and the United States Forest Service. According to Ron Cohen, Vice President of MMSA, “The Land Exchange is an equal value exchange that will be carried out pursuant to federal law.”

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Mental Health Services Act Three-Year Plan

Mono County Behavioral Health invites the public to:

Access the plan at:
www.monocounty.ca.gov/
behavioral-health & click Resources

Send comments via email to:
ageenberg@mono.ca.gov

Share input at a community meeting:
January 26th at 5:30 p.m.
Sierra Wellness Center
Sierra Center Mall, Second Floor
February 20

**Happy Hour**
- The Liberty Sports Bar and Grill: Pursuit of Happiness, 3-6 p.m. $1 off draft beers, $2 off wines, $4 well drinks, $2 off specialty drinks.
- Flatbread: Open at 4 p.m. daily and all Sunday, $3 dollar menu items, drink specials.

**Petra’s Bistro Happy Hour**: $22 pasta bowls, salad and glass of wine, 5:00-6:00 p.m. Specials on cocktails, wine, beer and menu items.

**Happy Hour @ Sushi Rei**: 4-5 p.m. daily. Half off apps and $5 hand roll + small sake. Sundays are all-night happy hour. Late night happy hour Fri-Sat 9-11 p.m.

**Happy Hour @ The Bistro at Snowdrift**: 4:30-6:30 p.m. daily. Mammoth Tavern Happy Hour Tuesday-Sunday 3:30-5:30 p.m. Closed Mondays.

**Smokeyard weekend Happy Hour**: 4-6 p.m. in the bar only.

**Side Door Happy Hour**: daily 3-6 p.m. Fridays: Half off Moscow and Kentucky Mules. Sat./Sun. Bottomless mimosas 11-4 p.m. Wine Tasting all day Wednesday.

**Mammoth’s famous Slocums Happy Hour**: 4-6 p.m.

**Glow’s Happy Hour**: daily 4-6 p.m. Large pizza and a pitcher of beer gets you free wings.

**Black Velvet Coffee’s Happy Hour**: from 4-6 p.m. every day, $5 glasses of wine.


**Sunday, January 22**: NFL conference championship games begin @ noon. Catch all the action at the Outlaw Saloon, Liberty Bar, Clocktower Cellar, and Giovanni’s.

**Sunday Funday at Liberty Bar**: Breakfast served 10 a.m.-12 p.m. $4 bloodies and mimosas all day. See ad, p. 3.

**Monday, January 23**: Manic Mondays at the Outlaw Saloon. Happy hour prices 4 p.m. until midnight.

**Tuesday, January 24**: 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 26**: Comedy Night with Eddie Ifft from Comedy Central @ 53 Kitchen & Cocktails. Begins 9 p.m. $20, 18 and over. See ad, p. 9.

**Thirty Thursday @ Black Velvet Coffee**: Tasting of beers: $15 includes a waffle. Free waived with purchase of bottle.

**January 21-22**: South Tuva walks happen on weekends at 1 p.m. and last about an hour. Meet & South Tuva off of Hwy 120 east. Info: Mono Lake Committee @ 760.647.6595.

**Saturday, January 21**: Crater Mountain Hike with Friends of the Inyo. An excellent opportunity to see Tule Elk. This hike is weather pending. Check Friends of the Inyo’s website or call for details on meeting location. Please RSVP at www.friendsoftheinyo.org, or 760.873.6500.

**Alabama Hills natural history interpretive hike**: Learn geological and cultural tales. Hike is about two hours. Meet 10 a.m. at Eastern Sierra Interagency Visitor Center Lone Pine. For info: contact Nancy Hadlock, nancy.esia@gmail.com or call the Visitor Center 760.876.6722.

**An evening with Director Andrew Davis**, a red carpet fundraiser to benefit the Mammoth Lakes Rotary Foundation scholarship. Cerro Coso College in Mammoth Lakes, Tix: $45 individual, $80 couple. Info and tix: www.rotaryscholarship.org. See sidebar, next page.

**Wooly’s Saturday Parade**: In the Village at Mammoth. Fun and face painting begins @ 3:45.

**Eastern Sierra March in Bishop**: Begins 10 a.m. at Bishop City Park (gazebo closest to Main St.) 688 N. Main St. To RSVP: visit www.womensmarch.com, type in 93514, and RSVP. Also a march in June Lake, meet at Ohana’s and JLB parking lot at 9 a.m.

**Kids Paint the Park @ Mammoth Sports in the Village at Mammoth**: Calling all groms! Put your mark on a terrain park feature for the nationally televised U.S. Grand Prix of Freeskiing and Snowboarding event. Info: Zach at ztiessche@mammothsports.com.

**Sunday, January 22**: Skifabri in the Koolls 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.

**Community meditations** by donation at Mountain Soi Yoga studio. 10:30-11:15 a.m. relax and recharge with guided movement and meditation. Walk-ins and all levels are welcome. Info: www.mountainsoiyoga.com or email ROLmeditation@gmail.com.

**Monday, January 23**: Bishop City Council meets @ Bishop City Hall, 8:00 p.m. 377 W. Line St. Questions: 760.871.5800.

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New fixed route transit service (the Old Mammoth Road Limited) will begin Monday, January 23rd. This new service is intended to address concerns raised by area residents and businesses following the cessation of the Gray Line service last month and is a pilot program service which will operate through the spring in order to gauge demand and ridership from the area. The service will be focused on employees traveling to work in the Mind, St. Village Mall and Mains, Hospital area; students and persons wishing to transfer to other fixed routes including the Purple, Red, and Minaret Village Mall area to Old Mammoth. For more information, check ESTAs website at www.eastransit.com, or phone 760.924.3184.

**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 Friday, March 3, 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, 400 Sierra School St., Suite R; 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, P.O. Box 1609, 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite R, Town of Mammoth Lakes, California 93546, 760.965.3633, or via email to 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 2:00 p.m. in Suite Z. The Project is located at Mammoth Creek Park West (686 Old Mammoth Road) and is comprised of Asessor’s Parcel Numbers (APNs) 040-140-001-000 and 040-140-002-000. Additional information about the project can be viewed online at www.pcnmp.com.

**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 from 5:30-7. Signup sheets are at the library, and the classes are first come, first served.**

**TOWN STUFF**

Tuesday, January 24 (Cont’d)/Mono Arts Council Art & Wine class with watercolorist Heidi Goodwin. Time: 5:30-8:30 p.m. Incl. materials and glass of wine. Info/registration: 760.914.2731.

Toddlers 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: 562.708.4273.

Wednesday, January 25/Story Main @ Mammoth Lakes Library, 10:30 a.m.

Family literacy night @ Mammoth Lakes Library. Families with children 0-5, siblings welcome, are invited to an evening of family story time, crafts, hands-on activities and dinner 5:30-6:30 p.m.

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**THURSDAY, JANUARY 26**

**Backcountry Film Festival** at the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center, 2510 Main St. Benefits Friends of the Inyo and ESIA. Admission: $15 includes beer or wine. Doors: 6 p.m. Films begin at 7 p.m. See ad, p. 13.

**Public Hearing at the MCOE** on “Indian Reviews and Procedures.” 10 a.m. 37 Emigrant St.

**Community input on the mental health services act three-year plan.** 5:30 p.m. at Sierra Wellness Center. Sierra Center Mall. Info: agreenberg@mono.ca.gov. See ad, p. 13.

**Friday, January 27/Art & snacks for grade 6 and up at Mammoth Lakes Library. 12:30 p.m.**

**UPCOMING**

Community meditations by donation at Mountain Soil Yoga studio. 10:30-11:15 a.m. Info: www.mountainsoilyoga.com or email ROLIned@gmail.com.

**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. Countywide 6-8 grade MATHCOUTS “Winter Warm-Ups” Competition @ the Bridgeport Elementary School starting 9 a.m. Bridgeport Elementary, Antelope Elementary and Lee Vining Elementary are each sending a team to compete in this event, which is open to the public. Info: Tammy Nguyen or Debbie Schmidt at the Mono County Office of Education at 760.934.0031.

**Sunday, January 29/Ski/snowshoe the Knolls Blue Diamond Route to High Point. Three miles round trip. Meet 10 a.m. at Mammoth Union Bank. Contact: melissas1@verizon.net, 760.937.0499.**

**Film history in the Alabama Hills** interpretive hike with ESIA. Meet 10 a.m. at Eastern Sierra Interagency Visitor Center in Lone Pine. Info: Dave Kirk, dmkirk@blm.gov or Visitor Center at 760.876.6222.

**Tuesday, January 31/The Bishop Community Concert series continues with pianist Alina Kiyayaeva @ Bishop Union High School: Dorothy Joseph Auditorium. Time: 7 p.m. Single tickets are $25 adults/$10 students. Info/tix: The Sound Shoppe at 760.873.5991, or visit the association website at http://bishopcrofta.org/.

**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

**For: Anyone interested in seeing their writing not only published but also selling. Undecided? Check out Ann Gimpel’s website at www.AnnGimpel.com.**

**Paleontology weekends**

The DVNHA (Death Valley Natural History Assn.) is hosting two Death Valley Paleontology Weekends: February 4-5 & February 18-19. Cost: $75 per person, per weekend. The weekends will be led by paleontologist Torrey Nyborg, Ph.D. from Loma Linda University’s Earth science program. He is a field expert and his research search 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. Saturday meeting time is 10 a.m.

Call DVNHA 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.

**Peapod playgroups**

Mono County First 5 is a free opportunity for families to socialize and encourage development through play.

**Monday**

Mammoth Peapod: Thursdays 10-11 a.m. @ Mammoth Community Center, 1000 Forest Trail. Lee Vining Peapod: Tuesdays 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. @ Lee Vining Community Center, 296 Mattly Ave.

Bridgeport Peapod: Tuesdays 3:15-4:15 p.m. Bridgeport Memorial Hall, 73 North School St. Walker Peapod: Wednesdays 4-5 p.m. @ Walker Wellness Center, 107655 Hwy 395.

Chalfant & Mammoth Spanish Peapod: Call if interested. 760.924.7626.

**Rotary Scholarship fundraiser**

An evening with Director Andrew Davis (The Fugitive, A Perfect Murder, House, The Guardian), a fundraiser to benefit the Mammoth Lakes Rotary Foundation Scholarship. Cocktails, hors d’oeuvres, live & silent auction, red carpet attire. Please join us at the Dave & Roma McCoy Learning Center at Cerro Coso Community College. Tickets are $45 individual, $80 couple. Saturday, January 21 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Visit www.rotaryscholarship.org for more information.

**Public input sought on Mental Health Services**

Mono County Behavioral Health invites the public to provide input on the Mental Health Services Act three-year plan. Access the plan at www.monoounty.ca.gov/behavioral-health, and click “resources.” Send comments to agreement@mono.ca.gov. Share input at a community meeting on January 26, 5:30 p.m. Sierra Wellness Center, second floor of Sierra Center Mall.
**Help Wanted**

Sierra Employment Services, Inc is hiring for the following positions:

- **Cashiers** - $11.15
- **Customer Service** - $12.50/hr
- **Stalling Coordinator** - $60,000
- **Spa Maintenance** - M 5/25/20
- **Snow Shovelers** - M 18-22/hr

Call 760.924.0523 or 760.873.8599

See our full job list online at www.SierraEmployment.com

**Accountant or full charge bookkeeper** needed for growing practice. Competitive pay, medical insurance, 401(k), profit sharing, flex time. Send resume via email to butserrhoa@gmail.com or fax resume to 760.934.5336.

**Work With The Best.** Footloose Sports, 100 Main St., Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546 is hiring for the upcoming season. We are seeking a staff who work as hard as they play. We’re looking for responsible individuals, passionate about winter sports, and motivated to provide the best service to our customers. We have full and part-time positions open in our sales, rental and ski repair departments. We offer competitive pay, discounts and flexible hours, in a great social environment. We are offering great benefits and 10 sick days. Email resume to info@footloosesports.com or e-mail your resume to 760.934.2400. Go to our website at www.footloosesports.com

**High Country Lumber is seeking a Small Engine Repair Technician to work in a busy Power Equipment repair shop at a minimum 40 hrs per week.**

**Job Requirements:**
- Should possess a friendly, positive attitude and be able to work alongside and be comfortable working with various types and brands of outdoor power equipment and power tools.
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- Ability to lift heavy objects

Valid driver’s license

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Notice of Ordinance

TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ORDER NO. 17-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 2, ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL, OF THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, BY THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING NEW SECTIONS BASED ON UPDATING THE CODE TO COMPLY WITH RECENT LEGISLATIVE CHANGES AND REVISIONS BASED ON UPDATING THE CODE TO COMPLY WITH RECENT LEGISLATIVE CHANGES AND REVISIONS AND TO MAKE OTHER MODIFICATIONS NECESSARY TO THE EXISTING CODE WHICH ARE NOT CURRENTLY EXIST IN THE CODE AND RECOMMEND THE ADOPTION OF THE SAME.

WHEREAS, Council has reviewed Title 2, Administration and Personnel, of the Town of Mammoth Lakes Municipal Code and recommends the following revisions based on updating the Code to comply with recent legislative changes and revisions.

BE IT ORDAINED THAT:

E. The following conditions shall be unlawful and shall be punishable as a misdemeanor: (i) continuing to engage in disorderly conduct which is contrary to any laws or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of any town council or upon direction of said council, he or she shall be removed for a period of up to thirty (30) days from the date of the action.

2.04.030 – Compensation.

The town manager shall receive such compensation and expense allowances as the town council shall determine. The town manager shall be a professional administrative officer responsible for the efficient, effective and economical conduct of the town and its personnel.

2.04.090 – Removal.

The town manager shall be the administrative head of the administrative staff of the town and shall have such authority and control of the town council except as otherwise provided herein. The town manager shall be responsible for the efficient administration of all affairs of the town. The town manager shall be in charge of the administration of all matters, including his or her own conduct, of the government of the town council, be barred from further activity, and if the conduct is determined to be punishable as a misdemeanor: (i) continuing to engage in disorderly conduct which disrupts, disturbs or endangers the safety of any person or property.

2.04.100 – Appeals – Hearings – Procedure.

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as a limitation on the authority of the presiding officer to enter into any supplemental agreement with the town manager regarding additional terms and conditions of employment not inconsistent with any provisions of this chapter.

Chapter 2.12 – TOWN CLERK

The town clerk shall have the powers, duties, and responsibilities defined in this chapter. The town clerk shall perform such duties as are assigned to the town clerk by the provisions of Chapter 2.10 – TOWN COUNCIL, the provisions of the state, other general laws of the state, the provisions of federal law, the ordinances and resolutions of the town council, provided, however, pursuant to Section 9903.030 of the Government Code, the financial and accounting duties imposed upon the town clerk by the provisions of the Government Code shall be performed by the town manager. The town manager shall be responsible for the financial condition and the accounting records of the town.

The town manager shall have the power and authority to advertise for a new city attorney as required by law.

Chapter 2.19 – TOWN COUNCIL

The town council shall have the powers and duties of a city council as provided by state law.

Chapter 2.20 – TOWN ATTORNEY

The town attorney shall have the duties and obligations specified in the Code, and the ordinances and resolutions of the town council, provided, however, pursuant to Section 9903.030 of the Government Code, the financial and accounting duties imposed upon the town attorney by the provisions of the Government Code shall be performed by the town manager.

Chapter 2.24 – TOWN MAMMOTH LAKES RECREATION COMMISSION

The provisions of this chapter shall apply to all of, forces, positions, and employments in the service of the town, except:

A. Elected officers.

B. The town attorney.

C. The town attorney and any assistant town attorney.

D. Department heads with individual employment contracts.

E. Appointed members of boards, commissions, and committees.

F. Persons engaged under contract to supply expert services, professional advisory services, or any other category of service.

G. All council appointed town officers;

H. All council appointed positions of a temporary, part-time, seasonal positions, or positions of duration that will not exceed one year, as determined annually by the council.

I. Any property in possession of any town employee in the course of employment not inconsistent with any provisions of this chapter.

J. All employee holding any position primarily funded under a state or federal employment program or grant when such positions as defined in the Code.

Chapter 2.26 – UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

2.60.010 – Application of section and general provisions.

All money or property coming into the possession of the town council, town officers, or any agent or employee of the town council, or comes into the possession of the town pursuant to Penal Code Sections 1419, 1411, and Civil Code Sections 1596.120 and 1596.130 shall be disposed of as set out in this section.

2.60.020 – Lost and unclaimed property procedures.

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Notice of Ordinance cont.

The Town’s Emergency Services Director shall be responsible for the final development of the Town’s Emergency Operations Plan (EOP), which shall provide for the comprehensive mobilization of all of the resources of this town, both public and private, to meet the challenges during a disaster, emergency, or war emergency. The EOP shall provide for the structure of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and establish the execution of required duties; and

2.48.040 Emergency Services Organization.
A. The Town Emergency Services Organization consists of all officers and employees of the Town and its agencies, together with all volunteers and all groups, agencies, and persons or organizations, as designated and authorized by the Town Council, to perform any or all functions in order to execute the EOP of the Town, and in any case, when necessary, for the issuance of an order or orders, which may be a misdemeanor.

2.48.100 Line of Succession for Council Members.
The line of succession for the position of Mayor during a state of emergency, war emergency or other condition of disaster, unless otherwise ordered by the Town Council, shall be as follows: (a) pro tempore followed by the remaining Town Council members in the order of their seniority, excluding standby successors who may have been appointed by resolution #8 of the California Government Code.

2.48.110 Emergency Operations Center.
Unless emergencies render the same impossible or unduly hazardous to safety, the Town shall operate an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in the Town Council Chambers. Alternative sites may be designated and/or developed as necessary.

2.48.120 Prohibited Acts during Emergency:
It shall be a prohibited act and a misdemeanor for any person during a state of emergency, war emergency, or other condition of disaster to: (a) willfully obstruct, hinder, or delay any member of the Town Emergency Services Organization in the performance of any duty imposed upon such Emergency Services Organization by any of the provisions of this chapter; (b) do any act forbidden by any lawful rule, regulation or order issued pursuant to this chapter; or (c) willfully destroy, by willfully obstructing, hindering or delaying the performance of any duty imposed upon such Emergency Services Organization in the performance of any duty imposed upon any municipality by or pursuant to any of the provisions of the California Emergency Services Act, for the purpose of making illegal or to render illegal, or to aid or abet or assist any other person to make illegal or to render illegal, or to aid or abet or assist any other person to make any act forbidden by any lawful rule, regulation or order issued pursuant to this chapter, or to prevent, hinder or delay the defense or protection of persons or property, or to impede, invoke, or put into practice any regulation or order issued pursuant to this chapter.

2.48.130 Orders by Member of Emergency Services Organization.
Within the Emergency Services Organization in any way under the control of the aforementioned members, every officer and employee and to command the aid of the Town or any part thereof, or to prevent, hinder or delay the performance of any duty imposed upon any municipality by or pursuant to any of the provisions of the California Emergency Services Act, for the purpose of making illegal or to render illegal, or to aid or abet or assist any other person to make illegal or to render illegal, or to aid or abet or assist any other person to make any act forbidden by any lawful rule, regulation or order issued pursuant to this chapter, or to prevent, hinder or delay the defense or protection of persons or property, or to impede, invoke, or put into practice any regulation or order issued pursuant to this chapter.

Notice of Public Hearing

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2.48.090 Orders by Member of Emergency Services Organization.
During the existence of a state of war emergency or of a declared state of emergency, local emergency, disaster, or war emergency, the EOP shall provide for the structure of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and establish the execution of required duties; and

Notice of Ordinance cont.

2.48.060 Emergency Services Director.
The Town Manager shall be the Emergency Services Director. In the event the Town Manager’s absence or inability to act, the emergency services director must be succeeded as Emergency Services Director by, in order: (i) the emergency manager; (ii) Police Chief; (iii) Public Works Director; (iv) Mayor, or (v) Mayor-Pro-Tem, on an as needed basis.

2.48.070 Emergency Services Director — Powers and Duties.
The Emergency Services Director shall have the following powers and duties:

A. To make key appointments, and to make all other appointments of delegate the making of the same, to, by, or through the EOP and shall have the authority to appoint all persons who shall follow the Town’s EOP to be carried out, it being the intent of this chapter that the enumerated powers herein are not limitations upon necessary powers.

2.48.080 Powers of Succession.
Each person who shall succeed to each position or office as provided in this chapter shall succeed to all the powers and duties of the office succeeded to immediately upon such succession.

Notice of Ordinance cont.

2.48.060 Orders by Member of Emergency Services Organization.
During the existence of a state of war emergency or of a declared state of emergency, local emergency, disaster, or war emergency, the EOP shall provide for the structure of the Emergency Services Organization (ESO) and to exercise all police power vested in the Town by the Governor of the State, or the declared existence of a state of emergency, war emergency or other condition of disaster, unless otherwise ordered by the Town Council, shall succeed to all necessary powers.

2.48.080 Emergency Services Organization.
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Proponent:
Warren Hatfield
Hatfield 362 Old Mammoth Road P.O. Box 8262
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 (1/7, 1/14, 2/1, 2/18)

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person Is Doing Business As: H.E.A.L.
M. Leigh Shambo
44 Osage Circle
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 16-212
2017-0006 (1/21, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11)

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person Is Doing Business As: Old New York Deli & Bakery Co.
Sierra Del Rey, Inc.
6201 Minaret Road, Suite 105 ML
P.O. Box 100 PMB 15
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

This business is conducted by a Corporation.
The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on November 28, 2016.
File Number 16-214
2017-0007 (1/21, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11)

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person Is Doing Business As: Pinzottito’s Sierra Hospitality Group
Pinnizzotto’s Sierra Hospitality Group
51321 HWY 395, P.O. Box 330
Lee Vining, CA 93541

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on November 27, 2016.
File Number 16-213
2017-0008 (1/21, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11)

Statement of Abandonment
Use of fictitious Business Name Statement:
No—Vapor Cleaning

The following persons have abandoned the use of one fictitious business name.

 Warren Hatfield/Janice Hatfield
362 Old Mammoth Road P.O. Box 8262
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The fictitious business name was filed in Mono County on September 26, 2014.
File Number 14-170
2017-0011 (1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28)
CANCEL THE BRADY BUNCH
By Hartley

Before the season, these were my predictions:

Conference Championships:
Steelers vs. Patriots.Steelers win and celebrate by all stomping at midfield while wearing Uggs boots and hoodies with the sleeves cut off.

The Patriots will have a full complement of their QBs. Adrian Peterson beats his kid with a football on the field, causing Goodell …

Well, it got half-right. I did write that before the Super Bowl. I misread the entire route. He has a governor on his arm and brain preventing big plays. He is a QB only Grandma would love … although even she would tell him to shave the cheesy ass mustache.

Seattle Seahawks. Let me preface this by saying if you ever watch Pete Carroll talk and don’t feel greasy afterwards you must be oblivious. The guy lies for a living. At a press conference he tried to say CB Richard Sherman was angry and argumentative because he had a bad knee for several weeks. But Sherman’s name had never shown up on an injury report. Then they grilled him at the next press conference and he suddenly had stuttering problems. “Uhuh did I say that? Um, I didn’t see anything that was wrong … uh uh I guess because he never missed anything … uhmm I guess I am not aware of what was wrong or anything that’s wrong.”

How the hell are the Patriots losing picks and millions of dollars while the Hawks get caught cheating all the time and aren’t being punished?

What is the first thing you think when a coach says “Our window isn’t closed. We are right in the middle of our window.” The first thing I think is “your window is closed.” The Hawks act is tired now. They don’t have any reason to keep playing US AGAINST THE WORLD. No one is buying it anymore and they have so many head cases they are turning on each other now since no one else is buying their act. Window, door, shutters, fence, gate … all closed.

San Francisco 49ers have supposedly hired a coach. After their first nine choices turned them down, and their 5 GM candidates all withdrew to avoid the miserable situation. They are hiring Kyle Shanahan, who will undoubtedly try to mortgage their future for Redskin free agent Kirk Cousins. And he will be able to do that because apparently they are giving him complete control of the roster and all. What? He has never been a coach so you give him complete control and a figurehead GM? The 49ers shouldn’t sell a single season ticket. If you buy one, don’t bitch. I would be like giving yourself an enema with a light saber. You are part of the problem.

Julian Edelman. What a little punk. I would pay the fine for somebody to knock his little punk ass out this week. If it weren’t for Tom Brady you wouldn’t know who Julian Edelman is. But he met Tom Brady and grew a raggedy beard and all of a sudden he is a tough guy. After every play he is talking smack and bumping into people and following them around. That s&t wouldn’t fly if he was the same shade as Odel Beckham …

Phenomenal player, but how much can you stand from this self-absorbed jackass? And to tell the world “I don’t give a damn what the coach is saying right now or the coach’s privacy” says something to me about the coach himself. If your players really respect you and have some fear of you, do you think they would do that? Imagine coaches like Belichick, Cowher or Parcells being treated like this? Yeah, right.

Oh and for Tomlin’s mantra about keeping a low profile, he said this about the Patriots having the Steelers’ number in the playoffs … “Professional respect. Competitive animosity. They haven’t had to go through us either since I’ve been here.” Yeah Coach, that’s the way to walk the talk. Not to mention the Patriots have beat the Steelers with Tomlin as coach in the regular season the last two years and three of the last 4 times. Tomlin is a dummy. A walking contradiction.

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