GROOMING WITH A GRIN

Mammoth Lakes Trails System staff Andrew Mulford and Kim Analcerio stop to chat with Rea while grooming nordic ski trails at Shady Rest Park. See story about free ski trails, The Poo Fairy, and newly installed avalanche beacon checkpoints for The Sherwins, p. 9.

NOT ANOTHER SNOW DAY!

MUSD seeks waiver from State for record number of Red and Yellow Days

By Giles

As of this week, students enrolled in Mammoth Unified School District (MUSD) have already missed more days of school in 2017 than in any school year in recent memory, said Superintendent Lois Klein this week. Days when school is canceled altogether are called Red Days. The school district can also call a Yellow Day, and postpone the start of school until 10 a.m. There were 6 Red Days in January alone, with a total of 0 so far. School has been delayed for a Yellow day 3 times.

According to Klein, MUSD is required to provide 180 instructional days of school per school year. In addition, California Education Code requires that each school year include a minimum number of instructional minutes. This requirement is tiered by grade, with kindergartners requiring fewer instructional minutes per school year than older students. Mammoth High School is required to provide 64,800 instructional minutes in a school year. Despite built in minutes for anticipated delays and cancelations, MHS students are within 160 minutes of that minimum requirement. “I’m comfortable with a margin of 160 minutes,” said Klein this week. “But if we have another yellow day, we’ll be down to about 30 minutes, and I won’t be comfortable with that.”

Klein added that March and April have historically been snowy months and could bring more cancelations and delays.

Klein said the state audits instructional minutes very carefully, and that if MHS does not meet the required 64,800 minutes this school year, the minutes they miss will be built into each of the next two school years.

As of this week, MUSD students are on track to be in school until June 19, 2017. That end date includes the three days Klein says the district builds into the calendar every year to anticipate potential Red Days. When asked if MUSD could make up the lost minutes by adding them onto scheduled school days, Klein said that, “You can make up minutes for see SNOW DAY, page 12

GOV’T INEFFICIENCY NOT DEAD

Mono County almost trips over headstone

By Bodine

Mono County Supervisor Fred Stump calls it, “The greatest example of government inefficiency at a county level.” Mono County cemeteries have been left to grow weeds and gates are locked all-day, forcing little old ladies to climb over chain link fences to place flowers on tombstones. Supervisors heard an update on a cemetery ordinance at a special meeting on Wednesday, February 15 and are trying to sort out what to do.

Cemeteries in Mono County are governed by codes adopted in 1964 that have minimal regulations for fees, policies or procedures. The last movement was in 1988 when supervisors approved a fee at Morrison; $465 for a five-foot by ten-foot plot. In 2000, the county began working on a new ordinance for the cemeteries but the document has been in limbo ever since. In 2007, Mono County Public Works put out a moratorium on plot reservations at the Mono Lake and Bridgeport cemeteries, working on a first-come, first-served basis. Cemetery policies have been brought before respective Regional Planning Advisory Committees (RPAC), in Bridgeport and Mono Basin, but the policies get lost in the shuffle.

“We’ve been working on this issue for 17 years and it just goes around and round, and nothing ever comes of it,” Stump said. He said that the layers of bureaucracy, such as the RPAC, are holding up progress and wanted see CEMETERY, page 8

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ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE

This week, President Trump identified the media as the “enemy of the American people.” An unsurprising selection from the political playbook. The press is a fairly convenient target. It’s like blaming a team’s poor showing on the referees.

And the press is, let’s face it, in a weakened state. The internet has conditioned people to believe that you don’t have to pay for publicity and that you don’t have to pay for news. So the media is in financial transition. And marketers have taken advantage of this by conning folks into believing the following: 1.) Everyone is biased and no one is objective so therefore, 2.) The marketing spin you receive from us is no better or worse than what you receive from legitimate news sources, so you are under no obligation to seek truth, as all sources are corrupt.

The press, meanwhile, feeds its own self-immolation, as it is top-heavy with self-doubters and apologists. The press is too eager to inform you of declining circulation numbers, too eager to report that “no one reads newspapers.”

Which is patently untrue. What people don’t like to read are crappy newspapers with no original content that are so afraid of pissing off potential advertisers that they won’t report anything.

What I know is that demand is higher than it’s ever been for The Sheet. I’m printing 6,500 papers a week and I’m restocking the shelves constantly. I am inundated with requests for publication of articles and press releases. Why? Because marketers are desperate to place their p.r. in publications that are perceived as independent and therefore authentic.

I am not ready to crown social media king just yet. Because social media is a fast-cluttering landfill of meaningless bullshit. Sure, I am not the perfect gatekeeper of truth, but unlike social media, at least there are a few people in this office trying to sift out the noise as best we can.

The people who have the most to lose by the decline of traditional media are not its graying readership. The people who have the most to lose are young people. Because those older people are currently running the government, and while they pay lip service to your shining futures, they are not its graying readership. The press are not its graying readership. The people who have the most to lose by the decline of traditional media are not the people who have the most to lose by the decline of traditional media.

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News and notes

I spoke to Councilman John Wentworth this week about an agenda item scheduled for Mammoth’s March 1 Council meeting.

Council will consider the formation of a subcommittee, consisting of Wentworth and Councilman Colin Fernie, to look at Measure A funding, specifically where it goes and in what amounts and whether or not the allocation of those funds needs to be “recalibrated.”

-Measure A dedicates 2.5% of the 13% T.O.T. (transient occupancy tax) to housing, marketing, transit and capital improvements. 2.5% is the equivalent of approx. $2.75 million.

In regard to the police facility construction, project superintendent Tony Bajtala said this week that it’s been a week, week-and-a-half since crews worked on the project due to inclement weather and lack of snow removal. With a break in the weather, they hope to get back to the job later this week. He says the project is perhaps a few weeks behind schedule but that it should not affect the budget.

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Ode to Carl “The Truth” Williams

Open letter to Town Council:

Sometimes being on Town Council is like being the referee in a boxing ring trying to officiate a dozen altercations where half the punches are thrown at the referee.

Not only are people beating up Mammoth’s Town Council over contemplating an $11 million dollar Multi-Use Facility (MUF) at Mammoth Creek Park West, but according to one letter to the editor the town is being threatened with litigation.

Homeowners surrounding the Bell Shaped Parcel are ready to jump into the political fray, given that they are unsure what’s being proposed for development in their backyards: a passive park, workforce housing, a recreation facility, R-1 residential, or relocating events from Sam’s Wood Site?

Homeowners in the Knolls are keeping a watchful eye on the community park adjacent to the Village, which was identified in the Hart/Howerton plan for a parking structure. Some home-owners are asking, who’s going to pay for the $200-space parking garage at $30,000 to $50,000 per space?
Punches also come from outside the ring. If President Trump is successful in deporting undocumented workers—restaurant, hotel, snow shovelers, caregivers, construction workers—employees across the spectrum will be hard pressed to find replacements without a substantial raise in wages. Especially hard hit will be the Central Valley where 50- to 70 percent of the field and orchard workers don’t have legal status. Expect food prices to rise.

In respect to President Trump’s Muslim ban, Hispanic green card holders in Mammoth have asked me, if I go back to Mexico to visit my family and try to reenter the U.S. will I be denied reentry? If President Trump’s next executive order targets undocumented Hispanic and green card holders, expect a worker shortage in a range of industries: agriculture, hotels, restaurants, housekeeping…

And then there are the Town Council’s self-inflicted wounds: Town Manager Dan Holler attempting to sign a TOT collection agreement with Airbnb without notifying his TOT compliance committee or the community. The community counterpunched with the passage of Measure Z.

The Council’s upcoming appearance in the ring, according to rumor, will be trying to pass a development agreement which rezones Shady Rest from workforce housing to mixed use, residential, recreation, and some workforce housing. The argument for rezoning (a Council action that is subject to referendum) will be that some workforce housing on Shady Rest is better than having the property sit vacant for another twenty years and that a community venue on Shady Rest will spur investment Downtown. The counter argument will be—not only does the community need all of Shady Rest to address its workforce housing shortage, but the Town Council needs to reinstate the inclusionary housing ordinance, revisit the housing fees, fully fund Measure 202A, and add deed restriction requirements to any FAR (zoning) calculation in the commercial zones.

Setting aside Mammoth’s workforce housing shortage and ignoring the “help wanted” signs hanging all over town, pre-Intrawest the focus on Mammoth’s future was to provide a great guest experience. The business community focused on retraining its employees to be visitor friendly, regardless of a guest’s disposition.

Fast forward to today’s guest experience. The Mountain and community employees are great, but waiting in line for an hour is not a great experience, driving in circles looking for a parking space can turn from mild frustration to irritation, walking Downtown on the frontage road, dodging cars, is not a great experience, and being greeted with a “Help wanted” sign when entering Vons and then standing in line for twenty-to-forty minutes is not a great experience, which brings up a possible community/Town Council win.

The Council needs to focus its attention on addressing State Highway 203. Why? Because no Main Street property owner or outside investor is going to purchase or redevelop Downtown property until they know if they have ownership—or not—of the frontage road that the Town owns.

Yes, Downtown can be revitalized, a win for the community and Council since everyone agrees that Main Street needs a major facelift. But first, property owners and outside capital must know what can and can’t be redeveloped—what storefronts can and can’t be moved 35 feet closer to 203? Until that issue is resolved, Downtown isn’t going to redevelop.

In 2013-14, Consultant Nore Winter, president of Winter & Company Urban Design and Planning Studio, presented a plan that reconfigures State Highway 203 and provides for the sale of the Town-owned frontage road to Main Street property owners. The plan provided a roadmap for incentivizing Main Street businesses and property owners to redevelop, folks who are currently invested in our community, rather than those who want to flip property and move on.

With all due respect to Town Council’s leadership, and the forthcoming Dinsmore (the latest consultant) plan, no one is going to invest in Downtown until they know what property they can or can’t develop, and rezoning Shady Rest for residential or a MUF isn’t going to entice outside capital investments. Resolve 203 and give the community a consensus win.

Kirk Stapp
Mammoth Lakes
Dear Editor:

I am in strong opposition of the Ice Hockey Rink & MUF to Mammoth Creek Park West. This is in stark contrast to Dan O’Connell (owner of the Rock’n’Bowl) who just wants to move on: hanging onto a foundation-less belief that the Town Council cannot, or will not, reverse course. If Mr. O’Connell thinks the final decision has been made, upon reading the Draft EIR the nearly homeowners and HOAs are more emboldened to challenge the weak, and sometimes non-existent, mitigation measures, then he is mistaken.

One possible motive why Dan O’Connell is such a grand supporter of moving the Ice Hockey Rink & MUF to Mammoth Creek Park West, is because he doesn’t want it in HIS backyard (NIMBYism). Why? It would most likely be because he can’t protect himself and his business. This occurs at the expense of residential neighbors surrounding Mammoth Creek Park West, many of whom have been homeowners there for decades, and Mammoth Lakes residents at-large. Mr. O’Connell is a newcomer (with his Rock’n’Bowl) and the Town Council should not pay favor to him. This could explain why Mr. O’Connell energetically advocates for the focus to be at Mammoth Creek Park West.

Surely there is another more appropriate location for this commercial business (yes, the Ice Hockey Rink and MUF are commercial businesses!) that can be found in this town that doesn’t butt up against residential neighborhoods. How about putting it next to the new Police Station, which was never discussed as an option when the Recreation Committee performed their “due-diligence” or better yet, why doesn’t the Town Council work out the details with the US Forest BLM to buy the land behind Mr. O’Connell’s Rock’n’Bowl…placing one commercial business next to another…now wouldn’t that be a beautiful concept?

Maria-Paz Sandoval Mammoth Lakes

Dear Jack:

Thank You/Mil gracias to everyone who made it possible to put our Bishop Spider-Man on the front cover of your newspaper on Saturday, January 21. I would like to get a message to our real life superhero, however, I don’t know how to get it to him, so I am writing to you, in hopes that you will publish it in your newspaper and he will read it. This is my message:

Dear Spider-Man from Bishop,

My words can’t express how thankful I am to you and Giles for giving me more hope in my earthly life journey… I feel blessed to live in such a Majestic Place as Mammoth Lakes, but it is very difficult for me now as I am in physical pain everyday, 24/7.

YOU BELONG, STAY STRONG AMERICANS.

As a Naturalized Mexican American I know I belong where I am… but at this present time in our American History, it is difficult for me. There is so much Racism around me.

Anyhow, I just wanted to extend an invitation to come and visit Mammoth Lakes to share your positive message here. If your spider-webs are not suitable for the weather of Mammoth Lakes, feel free to call me for a free ride at (760)934-4450. It would be an honor to give you a ride to and from Mammoth.

Gracias y cuidate/Thank you and Take care,

America Hernandez Mammoth Lakes

Further, how could the town justify condemning one property while another (Bell parcel) could easily be used for the same purpose?

Andrea (Clark) Roope, an affordable housing developer who’s toyed with the idea of buying the Shady Rest\] will fly in this town.”

Former Mayor Kathy Cage believes

City, “You sort of need free land for projects to work in Mammoth ... I think you need some market-rate housing in there to make the whole thing work.”

Jennifer Halferty more or less concurred regarding land. “Affordable housing doesn’t come with great profit to pay for great land cost.”

Carney shot back that the term is oxymoron. Further, how could the town justify condemning property one while another (Bell parcel) could easily be used for the same purpose?

Ultimately, the town will have to offer significantly above appraisal to get something done., Otherwise, the multiple owners can just sit and wait. The Sheet estimates it costs each owner a little more than $100/year to pay the property taxes - a small price to hold-and-see.

Take care,

Gracias y cuídate/Thank you and

America Hernandez Mammoth Lakes

You are cordially invited to the Grand Opening

Mono County Office of Education’s Adult Education Center Wednesday, March 8, 2017 5:30PM to 6:30PM Mammoth Lakes Library Learn what the AEC has to offer the community. Snacks and beverages served.

RSVP or Just Stop By! (760) 934-0031 X128
By Giles

A s reported in the February 3 edition of The Sheet, in the column “Jailhouse Math” Mono County is eligible for up to $25 million in reimbursement funds from the State of California (per Senate Bill 844) for construction of a new jail. The application deadline is February 28. The funds will be allocated to improve programming for inmate healthcare as well as professional training and education.

At the January 3 Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting, it was established that the County would either construct a new facility at the site of the newly defunct Mono County Hospital on Twin Lakes Road or construct a new annex to the existing jail on an adjacent parcel currently owned by Frontier Communications.

At the January 17 BOS meeting, County Engineer Gerrett Higerd presented a Conceptual Budget Estimate for constructing a new jail on Twin Lakes Road that was compiled by consultant VANIR Construction Management, Inc. VANIR estimated the hard cost of demolishing the existing hospital, and constructing a 48-bed, 20,796 square foot facility in its footprint would be $21.3 million. Soft costs including architectural fees and the cost of financing the project, were estimated to be $5.7 million, with a total project cost of $27 million. The proposed facility includes dental, medical, and mental health exam rooms that can be secured and used for required program such as Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, bible study, and classes for continuing education are currently held.

Higerd reported that Mono County is eligible for reimbursement by the State of California for $25 million of those funds if it meets the criteria set forth by State Bill 844. That means demonstrating that the county is committed to financing its roughly $2 million share. At Tuesday’s BOS meeting, Supervisors voted 5-0 to approve the application presented by Higerd.

According to Mono County Director of Finance Janet Dutcher, the County has already budgeted $400,000 of in-kind staff hours for the project and is prepared to provide the $200,000 necessary to demolish the existing hospital facility. That leaves a remaining $1.4 million for the County to front, which Dutcher says Mono County can borrow with a 2.5 percent interest rate by using funds from the Mono County Investment Pool.

Per California Government Code, Mono County and its school districts are required to participate in the pool by investing their capital credit ratings to that of Mono County municipalities with comparable credit ratings to that of Mono County are currently eligible for, so it’s both reasonable and a good deal for the Investment Pool participants. Participants are largely represented on the Treasury Oversight Committee, which oversees the fund.

If Mono County secures the $25 million from the State, it will only bear about 5 percent of the cost of constructing the new facility. At Tuesday’s BOS meeting, Supervisor Larry Johnston said, “We can either pay for it now, or we can pay for it later, with a lawsuit.”

By Giles

Mono County Supervisors approve application for SB 844 funds to build a new jail.

IT’S ALL PART OF THE POOL

The 10-foot wide corridor behind the Bridgeport Jail booking office, where programs such as Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, bible study, and classes for continuing education are currently held.

PHOTO: MIKE BODDER

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A SHORT-LIVED APOCALYPSE
This wet winter could spell the end of the state’s drought
By Bodine

Unless you’re living under a rock or wish your roof had caved in, the Golden State has experienced a deluge of rain and snow this year. The precipitation comes on the heels of an historic drought. The state suffered from below average snowpack from 2007-2011. There was a brief spike in precipitation in 2011-12 before the flattining into the Biblical drought conditions of 2013 and 2014.

The amount of water in the Sierra snowpack is far above normal and it is predicted that drought designations will be lifted for most of the state.

The National Weather Service is predicting that most of the drought designations in the state will be lifted this summer. But that’s from water on the surface, not lakes and reservoirs.

The other essential component of the state’s water system, groundwater, has been depleted during the drought but no one knows by how much.

Prior to 2015, California had no way of knowing how much groundwater has been pumped.

Jeff Dozier, Snow Scientist at UC Santa Barbara and the Sierra Nevada Aquatic Research Laboratory (SNARL) said in an email to The Sheet, “…we know that water tables have dropped, but in individual basins we don’t know how much. A NASA satellite that measures Earth’s gravity field can tell we have significantly less water, but over very coarse resolution (200-, 300-mile radius), so we can’t use those data to judge what’s happened in individual basins. We can identify problems though, indicating that some basins are in critical overdraft; the water table is deeper so people are drilling deeper; land subsidence has occurred in some areas by more than 2 feet; in coastal locations, we’re seeing salt water intrusion; and in some areas nitrate pollution has made groundwater non-potable. Identifying more precisely is hard because some of the information is private; we know where the wells are, but we may not know withdrawal volumes. We get depth to water table from smaller-diameter observation wells, but we probably need more of them.

Water has been falling from the sky at an above average rate all season. Grady Dutton, Public Works Director for Mammoth Lakes said there’s so much snow, he’s running out of places to put it. He added the National Guard will be lending trucks to the town to help carry it away. There has been snow but, also plenty of rain which is the best form of water for the state.

Dozier said, “Rain will fill the reservoirs. However, the snowpack is a bigger reservoir, so we more easily use the water when the runoff is delayed. When the reservoirs fill early, the managers have to spill some water before it’s needed downstream, because they have to make room for more.”

There’s plenty of water, but nonetheless, on Wednesday, February 8, the State Water Resources Control Board voted to keep water conservation regulations in place.

Board Chair Felicia Marcus was quoted on the Resources website, ’We are beyond happy that water condition is improved but we are concerned. But the rainy season isn’t over yet and some areas of the state continue to suffer significant drought impacts. As glorious as the first half of the season has been, we know that weather can change quickly, and vary depending on where you are, so it is most prudent to wait a bit longer until close of the rainy season to take stock of the statewide situation and decide what to do next.”

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), as of Tuesday, February 14, the southern half of California, from about the San Francisco Bay to the Mexico border were still in drought conditions, from abnormally dry to tiny slivers of severe and extreme drought that persist in the Santa Barbara area.

The 2017 NOAA Seasonal Drought Outlook is for the drought designation will be lifted for most of Southern California but the drought will continue for some areas.

California’s pension debt grows
In 2014, state and local government pension systems have gone from surplus to multibillion dollar unfunded liability.

SLIGHT REVISION = BIG EXCISION
CalPERS ready to stick it to taxpayers to meet pension obligations
By James

At Tuesday’s Inyo County Board of Supervisors, Auditor-Controller Amy Shepherd gave the supervisors a hard wake-up call on its future budget deliberations as CalPERS, the state’s retirement fund for public employees, is beginning to call in debt owed by it member agencies to cover the large unfunded liability on its books which sits at an eye-popping debt of $39.4 billion for the five plans in the main CalPERS fund. Inyo County’s share of that debt is $59 million; $11 million of which is owed to the Safety Employees Fund and $48 million to the State’s Stabilization Fund (basically those employees not in public safety.)

Under the state’s system, taxpayers are responsible for any unfunded liability (debt) on the books if it comes due. When CalPERS recently decided to lower its projected investment rate of return for many years from 7.5% down to 7% in incremental steps over the next five years, the monthly and annual payments made by employers’ contributions into the fund are expected to skyrocket, threatening some local governments and local agencies’ budgets to the point that a few officials have expressed great concern that bankruptcy is on their horizon if the system is not changed. The actual rate of return on CalPERS investments over the past 9 years averaged only 4.3%.

Shepherd cautioned the supervisors that the numbers are still somewhat up in the air and these added employer costs to the retirement fund must be addressed in future budgets. CalPERS pension costs do not include the cost to the county for other post-employment employee benefits, often simply referred to as OPEB. Other Post-employment benefits (other than pensions) generally take the form of health insurance and dental, vision, prescription, or other healthcare benefits provided to eligible retirees, including in some cases their beneficiaries.

The state’s total debt for the five plans in the main CalPERS fund sits at $39.4 billion, prompting the state to act. The law now requires that unfunded liabilities and payments towards the debt be posted in annual budgets. They have a choice of making lump sum annual payments up front or monthly payments under a 30-year, 20-year, or a 15-year payment plan to bring their retirement debt under control.

In the past, the CalPERS rate structure was payroll-based and employer contributions were calculated on the number of county employees the county had on its payroll. Under the new changes the county must pick one of the three amortization payment plans offered by CalPERS and pay that amount whether it has 50 employees or 100 employees. Shepherd explained in the past when the county did not fill a position was a savings, but under the changed plan the retirement costs associated with the position must still be paid, which lessens the amount of savings to the county.

Once the county picks a payment plan, it cannot be changed. The best way to think of the CalPERS payment plans is to think of a how home mortgages work. The sooner a home-owner pays off the debt of the loan, the larger the savings in interest to the home owner.

Using CalPERS estimates, under the 30-year amortization payment there would be no savings realized by the county but under the 20-year plan the county could save up to $14.6 million in interests. If the county chose the 15-year plan, the savings could be a whopping $34 million. The problem is, the more quickly you pay off the debt, the larger hit to your current budget which might result in fewer employees or fewer services. So far, the 20-year payment plan seems to be the most attractive option.

The supervisors have until July to decide. It’s a decision that will have long-term effects on future county budgets.
HOROSCOPES
By Clouds McCloud

Aquarius: 2017 is the Chinese year of the Rooster. This is good news for most members of this sign. The rooster is the sign of dependability and punctuality. Of course, roosters can also be real a-holes and the term “cocky” does refer to them. Therefore, you—and many others—assignment for the Year of the Rooster is to control you ego, or basically, to check yourself before you wreck yourself.

Pisces: It’s estimated that at any given moment only 1% of the world’s population is drunk, despite best efforts in Chico, Berkeley and Mammoth. This just goes to show that statistics can prove anything, especially for people with poor math skills. To help with your number crunching, try adding up all the good things in your life and accept that you may be drinking too much if your blood type is now listed as IPA.

Aries: As the first sign in the zodiac it’s only fitting that you select your own new good luck quip. A) A person who feels appreciated will always do more than expected. B) Shutting the hell up is gluten free and good for most diets. D) Whenever people are talking behind your back, it’s best to simply fart.

Taurus: The great part about life is that even though it likes to occasionally kick us in our respective mommy-daddy buttons, it also loves to reward us for getting back up and getting back after it; especially if we have to do so with a limp and a slightly higher voice than we previously had. You should keep this in mind as the next few months will give you clues about how to overcome any challenges you’re facing.

Gemini: The Stars are reporting that you’re in the midst of a period when you’d be well advised to start sowing seeds, working the soil and putting some sweat into your work life. Therefore, try to remember that there’s usually a long road to overnight success, while the road to mediocrity is paved with nightclubs, Chic-fil-As and Walmarts.

Cancer: Clouds is happy to see that the good folks of this sign are starting to embrace happiness more. Now if you can just start to give contentment hugs, imperfections High Fives and maybe even start groping acceptance of others, your life will start feeling like the blessing it is.

Leo: Clouds understands that most Leos are getting sick and tired of hearing how great days are just around the corner. So that will stop right now! Instead, the news is that great times are just down the straightaway. While the track may not be as short as Daytona’s, the after party should be just as fun.

Virgo: Go ahead, say it out loud if you want. It’s okay to want more happiness, ease, and enjoyment in your life. Just because you’re and America doesn’t mean you have to take less vacations, have less sex or pay three times as much for medical care as the rest of the industrialized world. Well that last one might not be right, but the President seldom is anyway. Therefore, your new mission is to start holding imaginary press conferences about your wildest dreams and how they’re starting to come true.

Libra: Lovely Libra, meter maid, nothing shall come between us. When it gets dark you tow you heart away, away. But that never really helps. When it gets dark is actually when we need you to shine your light the most. And if you’d like to shine more than that, well more power to ya—and please put some of the photos on Instagram. It will not only raise your karma levels, you’ll get at least one more follower, too.

Scorpio: Since this is one of signs Clouds knows best, please take this advice to heart—lead with yours. The biggest challenges Scorpios ever have are always caused when you let your ego rule. Therefore, your new assignment is to live a Heart First Life. If it isn’t good for your heart or your heart doesn’t like it, don’t do, say, or even think it. Except for eating donuts, of course, which may be bad for the heart but are great for the soul.

Sagittarius: Here’s your latest installment of Clouds’ Rules for Life. #33: Make love with your eyes open. #35: Make dinner with your eyes open, especially when cutting or frying. #77: Love can cure anything. #123: Hatred cures nothing, but does cause things like back problems, impotence, bloating and support for President Trump.

Capricorn: Sometimes life feels as effortless as trying to carve turns down a freshly groomed ski run. Sometimes life feels like your trying to carve turns down a ski run with moguls the size of minivans. Sometimes life seems like it’s asking you to eat a five course with a spork. The key is to enjoy it all and to remember Emerson’s line, “consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds.” It’s also overrated and can lead to serious cases of boredom.

PERSONALS

I heard your court case ... has been extended into its fourth year. Do you plan on running for reelection?? Is it true ... the Mountain got its dynamic pricing idea from a guy sitting at a barstool at Lakanuki at 2 a.m.? I saw you ... are building a coyote fence. Is it true that cougar fences cost four times as much?
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W ith Mammoth enjoying a winter worth crowing about, the Mammoth Lakes Trails System is seeing locals and visitors alike flock to the free nordic skiing at Shady Rest Park, backcountry enthusiasts launching their adventures into the Sherwins, and, finally, some magic from the Poo Fairy.

Trails Coordinator Joel Rathje told The Sheet that the success of the grooming program is due to staff dedication, Measure R funds, and a little bit of luck.

“As we were approaching [the first of many January] storms, our usual contractor, Friends of the Inyo, told me that they would not have the staff to be able to do the grooming” at the three miles of trails at Shady Rest Park. Rathje said that FOI agreed to rent out its grooming equipment (essentially a snowmobile with a corduroy-creating track attached) to MLTS and that town staff are currently grooming the trails almost every day.

“We have some staff that really takes pride” in the grooming program, said Rathje. One of those staff members is Andrew Mulford, whom The Sheet ran into on February 3 on the job as he waited for a tow for his groomer near one of the geothermal monitoring wells at Shady Rest.

Mulford said there were worse places he could be stuck, looking around at the frolicking dogs and snowmobilers returning to their trailers from a day out in the woods.

Andrew Mulford is the person that really takes pride in [the trails], he’s not been a groomer in the past, but [former FOI groomer] Casey Penn volunteered to help train myself and Andrew,” said Rathje.

Rathje said that the success of the program is a true testament to a number of entities working together to create a successful and popular program for the greater good.

“People really worked together in different non-profits and government agencies to make this work,” said Rathje. “The Forest Service really stepped up... The Town [of Mammoth Lakes] now holds the agreement to do the grooming, which is what Town Council has desired for a long time... this is the first season where we have proper agreement between agencies, the Town, and the Forest Service.”

This winter, Mammoth Lakes Trails System also partnered with the Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center to install avalanche beacon checkers and maps at three popular access points to the Sherwins—the Sherwins Trailhead (known colloquially as the “borrow pit” or “propane tanks”); at Mill City at the end of Old Mammoth Road; and at the base of the Sherwins boot pack in the Lakes Basin.

At these locations, skiers and snowboarders can check to see if the batteries in their electronic transceivers are functioning properly. They can also view topographic maps, emergency information, and read a little bit about backcountry etiquette on signs funded by Measure U (which is also helping ESAC to hire a third avalanche forecaster—just in time for a winter truly deserving of the five-day-a-week avalanche forecasts currently being issued by the nonprofit).

Rathje said that MLTS is currently working with Waste Management to implement the “Poo Fairy” program at both the Sherwins and the Mill City trailheads.

The new waste stations will sport a Tinkerbell-esque silhouette holding a bag of what we can only assume is, well, dog poo. “There is no Poo Fairy,” the purple sign reads. “Please clean up after your dogs!”

“We have all these lofty ideas about projects we should be doing here, big fancy things,” said Rathje, “But I’m just here to say, ‘Hey folks, can we maybe just try for the best damn public restrooms of any National Forest anywhere?’ That is a worthy goal. It’s achievable, it should not cost ten million dollars.”

“It is one of those baseline levels of service that we have a duty to provide. It’s a reflection of community pride,” says Rathje. “It’s a reflection of us.”
In Tales Along El Camino Sierra, David and Gayle Woodruff have put together a very handy, “pocket” history of the Eastern Sierra along Highway 395 from Little Lake to the Nevada state line.

Many of the stories you know. Some you don’t. Some the Woodruffs didn’t even know before they started their book! Regardless, the stories make the reader want to explore or re-explore the region’s geography.

El Camino Sierra is the original, christened name of Highway 395. The impetus behind the name was a result of the city of San Francisco hosting the World’s Fair to commemorate the opening of the Panama Canal in 1915.

When announced in 1911, “An immediate flood of letters was received by the [Fair’s] organizers, inquiring of the best way to see California by motorcar,” write the Woodruffs. W. Gillette Scott of the Inyo Good Roads Club (which had 62 founding members in 1910, even if Inyo County likely didn’t have 62 cars in total according to David Woodruff) promptly suggested to the state an auto route comprised of the four “El Caminos” (El Caminos Real, Capital, San Diego and Sierra) which would “take in the sublimity of the ocean, the desolation of the desert, the grandeur of the Sierra and the fertility of the valleys.”

While it may have been too ambitious to get the project done by 1915, Scott’s proposal did convince the state highway commission to send a survey party out in 1914. The result: The segment of 395 from Bishop to the top of Sherwin grade was completed in September, 1916 to much fanfare (a crowd of 1,000 people gathered to celebrate the accomplishment - the 1910 census showed a total of 9,000 people living in Inyo and Mono Counties combined).

The Woodruffs book then takes you through a 100-year highlight reel of the people and places which became more accessible and known as a result of the highway. There are chapters on Father Crowley, Dave McCoy and Norman Clyde, though my favorite was the one on Charles Brown - it was nice to learn more about the man whose name adorns an auditorium at the Fairgrounds.

Of the places, I enjoyed the chapter on “Dirty Sock.” A man named Oliver Thorsen acquired a property near see EL CAMINO, page 11
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Olantha from the Santa Fe Pacific Railway and convinced a developer to build a concrete swimming pool at the site along with other improvements. The claim was that they were going to make Palm Springs “sit up and take notice.”

But there was a big problem, which one can surmise by the name. “According to Thorsen,” writes Woodruff, “the origin of the name Dirty Sock is that once the [original] well was abandoned [by the railway], miners in the area would take their weekly bath at the well. At the conclusion of his bath, one miner noticed one of his socks had too many holes to put back on, so he left the dirty sock on a fence to help offset the odor from the rotting algae [in the well].”

Inyo County operated the springs as a County Park for a time in the 1960s but the aroma kept and still keeps bathers away, even if the spring and pool are still there.

The story the Woodruffs discovered in their research? That was the proposed ski resort in Southern Inyo County at the west end of Horseshoe Meadows. Woodruff then dug up a 1974 Forest Service planning document which contemplated 12,000 recreation visitors at one time and accommodations for 2,600 visitors. If built, this certainly would have changed the character of Lone Pine.

About the authors

Gayle and David Woodruff are residents of Independence. David serves as the President of the Board of Directors of the Eastern California Museum.

The couple split its tasks on this book. David was the writer, Gayle the editor and both did the research. Two-thirds of the photos used in the book came from the Museum archives.

The two met in South Lake Tahoe in 1976, and both had careers as sales reps for rival cookie companies in the Seattle area from the late ’70s to the early ’90s.

In the winters, to escape the bleakness of Seattle winters, they would take an annual trip to Death Valley for a cheap winter vacation.

The year Dave turned 40, they decided to ditch their jobs, sell their home and move to Death Valley. They would seasonally work for seven months a year at Furnace Creek Resort and take five months off to backpack and explore.

Over the past five years or so, David has turned his attention to writing. He said he got a bit of practice in his role as a Food and Beverage supervisor at Furnace Creek in marketing and p.r. and writing employee manuals. He also has a history degree from Cal State Long Beach. This is his third book. He also writes visitor guide pieces for locally-focused publications and a monthly history column for the Inyo Register.

His father, interestingly, had a career as a technical writer (he wrote the manual for the Minuteman Missile!) and also wrote books for kids on scientific subjects like astronomy and chemistry.

The Woodruffs will be signing their new book at the Eastern California Museum in Independence from 2-4 p.m. this Saturday. Also look for future signings in Bishop and Mammoth. The book retails for $10.95. It’s certainly a book that would fit well in any hotel lobby in the Eastern Sierra. Lunch’s recommendation: Buy.
your minute requirement by adding minutes to an instructional day, but... days can only be made up by adding days."

Klein said it was possible but unlikely that those days would be taken from Spring break. "Attendance is a factor in the State’s calculations. Staff and student families have reservations, tickets. If we drew from districts all over the state due to continued weather related emergencies.

Klein said she was confident the State would waive the makeup requirement for 5 of the canceled school days. "They look at how many times you have submitted a waiver in the last 5 years, and we have only applied for a waiver once, for one day, in the last 12 years. We’ve also planned ahead by budgeting an extra 3 days... that said, they [California Department of Education staff] told me that our application passes the upper maximum of what they’ve ever waived." If the days are not waived, Klein said that MUSD will be forced to make up all of the Red Days.

She said that this year's historic storms have put the school district in a bind. "The decision about whether to call a Red or Yellow day is one of the most difficult decisions I have to make, and when it’s a bad call, it’s mine... I do feel the weight of every one of our 1,200 students on my shoulders when I make those decisions, and when we have nasty days, I don’t go home until every child is accounted for.”

## LOCAL NEWS

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At the end of January, MUSD submitted a request for a waiver from the California Department of Education for the 6 Red Days called in January alone. Klein said an employee from the department recently told her they haven’t processed MUSD’s application yet, in part because they have received so many applications from districts all over the state due to continued weather related emergencies.

Klein noted that attendance has suffered district-wide as a result of the storms, but... days can only be made up by adding days."

**LOCAL BRIEF**

**Carl Lind Dies**

Beloved Bishop veterinarian, community volunteer and friend, Carl Lind, died on Sunday, February 12 at his home in Bishop. After a long battle with ALS disease, known as Lou Gehrig’s, age 74. He is survived by his wife, Carol; sons, Mark & Steve; step-children, Cindy, David and Rich; nine grandchildren; sister, brother and several cousins. “Carl will be greatly missed by the community,” the family said. He was always active working as a veterinarian and volunteering in Bishop Mule Days, 4-H Leader, Jr. Livestock Show, School Ski Program, Boy Scouts and served as a member of the School Board.

At Carl’s requested there will be no services. Please send all donations in his name to: Bishop High School Scholarship or to ALS Research, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, 8700 Beverly Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90048.

**Dawndee Forever**

Inyo County District Attorney Tom Hardy sent out a press release on Tuesday, February 21, that he had anticipated he would announce the court’s sentencing decision in the Dawndee Rossy case. “However, after hearing the arguments of counsel and considering the Probation Officer’s report, Judge Philip Argento decided to put the matter over to April 18, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. for the announcement of his decision.”

Hardy said the defense argued for a six-year sentence, while he, on behalf of the People, argued for 22 years and 8 months.

He added that he would be releasing a more detailed statement after sentencing, presumably in April. Rossi and her husband Ken Rossi in April 2013 and charged with more than 200 felony counts including embezzlement, grand theft, misappropriation of public funds, welfare fraud and identity theft.

Dawndee Rossy worked at the Inyo County Welfare Office and had access to people’s Social Security numbers from all over the country. She would, allegedly, file a false claim using someone’s social security number and collect the benefits in the form of EBT cars she could redeem for cash.

Rossy remains in custody at the Inyo County Jail pending the conclusion of her sentencing.

**Erin “Willi” Willingham Dies**

Erie “Willi” Willingham, 45, resident of the community of June Lake, died early Friday morning, February 17.

Willi had been employed by the Town of Mammoth Lakes since 1996, as a Road Maintenance Worker, equipment operator and jack-of-all-trades.

He was a dedicated father and friend with a huge smile and infectious enthusiasm.

Grady Dutton, Town of Mammoth Lakes Public Works Director said Willi had been off for a couple days, Tuesday and Wednesday. Dutton said he tries to get drivers some time off when weather allows.

Dutton said he heard Willi say he might be coming down with a cold of the crud du jour but that was Monday and there was no word of him being ill on Friday.

“Sick people go home,” Dutton said.

Between 5 and 6 a.m. on Friday, Willi was at the garage performing a routine check of his blower, Dutton said. This was at about the midpoint of his 12-hour shift and was also the first time it had snowed in a couple days and Willi was checking to make sure the machine was ready to take on some powder.

Willi was found by an employee at the yard, lying near the blower. Sheriff Ingrid Braun said it could be several weeks to a month before the coroner’s report to determine the cause of death.

Dutton said morale is high at the garage and among the drivers. A memorial will be held at 12 p.m., noon at the June Lake Community Center.

**Carl Lind.**

**Erin “Willi” Willingham.**

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Nelson told The Sheet that, despite stalled a chain link, barbed wire fence between the shore and the island and engineers famously dynamited the land between the main land and Negit, and coyotes are documented scavenging chicks. The same year, the Army Corps of Engineers reported that predation could be a factor in the Gulls’ decline. Nelson reported that California Gulls on Mono Lake for 12 years, the second largest breeding ground for the species in North America. “California Gulls put a lot of eggs in one basket, literally. I mean, the success of this species in the Mono Basin and Mono Lake’s surface of Mono Lake was nearly a foot higher than it is right now and Negit island was separated from the shore by a couple hundred feet of shallow water. Nelson observed coyotes within a few hundred feet of Negit’s islets via time lapse videos installed on the land bridge that same summer.

While a coyote has never been observed swimming to the islands, Nelson says their presence is well-documented on Paoha island, which formed about 250 years ago. She said accounts of their presence on Paoha Island predate 1941, the year that Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) began diverting water from the Mono Basin and Mono Lake’s shore was about forty feet higher than today. This suggests the animals swim there occasionally. When asked if there was any chance the coyote scat could be from a domestic dog, Nelson said it clearly contained feathers, fur, bones, and other items uncommon in dog scat.

Nelson, who has been studying California Gulls on Mono Lake for 12 years, told The Sheet that Mono Lake is the second largest breeding ground for the species in North America. “California Gulls put a lot of eggs in one basket, literally. I mean, the success of this breeding ground could really impact the entire species,” said Nelson this week. Nelson reported that California Gull populations at Mono Lake have been declining since 2004. That pattern continued in 2016, despite average snowpack in the Mono Basin, and Nelson reported that predation could be a factor in the Gulls’ decline.

For years, nest predators diversified by LADWP the birds nest on Negit Island. In 1979, a land bridge formed between the main land and Negit, and coyotes were documented scavenging chicks. The same year, the Army Corps of Engineers famously dynamited the land between the shore and the island and installed a chain link, barbed wire fence that has since eroded into the lake. Nelson told The Sheet that, despite the lake level’s rise and consequential disappearance of the land bridge, Negit Island has never truly been recolonized by the birds. “All it took was that one nesting season, and they have been very slow to recolonize.”

Nelson, who is also a rancher, will install a solar-powered, 14,000 volt, pulsating electric fence along the eastern side of Gaines island (the body that becomes the land bridge) in March. The mesh fence will have a black and white pattern so that it is visible to coyotes and other animals that encounter it. An apparently identical but not electrified section of fence will extend into the lake on either side of the land bridge to discourage coyotes from swimming around the fence. This fence, unlike the old chain link fence, can be adjusted to accommodate changing water levels.

When asked how the fence will impact recreationalists, McQuilkin said that it is being erected in an area that is already closed annually per Forest Service, California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR), and Mono County Code from April 1 through August 1 to protect nesting shorebirds. McQuilkin said that restriction has been in effect since at least 1984 and that there will be ample signage warning that the fence is electric.

CDPR is the lead agency for the project, which was deemed exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The project permit is for 1,900 meters of electric fence across the exposed lakebed and land bridge. According to CDPR Environmental Scientist Dan Shaw, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, The Inyo National Forest, and the Bureau of Land Management were consulted about the plans and determined that a temporary fence would not significantly obstruct the movement of other wildlife at that site.

At an open house for the project on Wednesday, February 15, at The Mono Lake Committee bookstore, McQuilkin said that the fence will be taken down in August 2017 and stored for potential use in future drought years. The Mono Lake Committee is currently funding the project in its entirety and has started a fundraising campaign to do so. Shaw said CDPR will contribute staff time to maintaining and installing the fence and are also pursuing funding for the project. Materials include about one and a half miles of mesh electric fence, fence posts, a solar kit to operate the fence, and a battery and tools such as video cameras. The Mono Lake Committee hopes to raise the $15,000 in donations by March 10.

“The goal is not just to build the fence, but to monitor it closely, and to collect data to determine how effective the fence is at deterring coyotes,” said Nelson, who added that electric fences of this design have been used effectively for a long time to keep coyotes and other predators away from livestock. “I used essentially the same type of fence to deter a large bear that got into one of my beehives last year. After it’s nose got zapped, it lumbered off, and it hasn’t come back.”
**BARS & MUSIC**

**Happy Hour/**
The Liberty Sports Bar and Grill. Pursuit of Happiness Hour, 3-6 p.m. $1 off light beers, $2 off wine, $4 well drinks, $2 off specialty drinks. $5 Flatbread. Outlaw Saloon. 4-7 p.m. daily and all night on Mondays. <br>**Roberto’s** 4-6 p.m. every day. Austria Hof. 4-6 p.m. Sun.-Thurs. Fri.-Sat. 4-5 p.m. Whitebark Restaurant Bar & Lounge. Open 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, 5:00-8:00 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 Snowcreek** 4:30-6:30 p.m. daily. **Mammoth Tauren** Happy Hour Tuesday-Sunday 3:30-5:30 p.m. Closed Mondays. **Smoky weekend happy Hour** 4-6 p.m. in the bar only. **Side Door** Happy Hour 3-6 p.m. Side Door Wine tasting last Tuesday February 12th from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. $30 pp. **Mammoth’s famous Slocums Happy Hour** Mammoth’s famous Slocums Happy Hour: Sun thru Fri 4-6; Saturdays 4-5 **Giovanni’s Happy Hour**, daily 4-6 p.m. Large pizza and a pitcher of beer gets you free wings. **Lakanuki** Happy Hour daily 4-6 p.m., $4.50 margaritas, Mai Tais. Happy Hour drink specials 10 p.m.- close. **Black Velvet Coffee’s Happy Hour**, from 4-6 p.m. every day. $7 glasses of wine. **Morrisons Happy Hour Daily** 4-6 p.m. $50. for two Wednesday’s three course meal See ad. p. 19. **February, Friday 24/**
**The Bodei 601 Band plays Liberty Sports Bar and Grill**. Free show. Music and dancing begins 9 p.m. **Syngry**, reggae rock soul, play Rafter’s. 10 p.m.-2 a.m. **Saturday, February 25/**
**Big Sticky Mess**, extraterrestrial funk, plays Rafter’s 10 p.m.-2 a.m. **February 24-25/**
**Joe Gray Jr.** at the Baby Grand playing smooth jazz at Tamarack, 5:30-9:30 **WLDCT plays** 53 Kitchen & Cocktails. 9-11:30 p.m. **Tuesday, February 28/**
**Taco Tuesdays at the Outlaw Saloon**, $2 each taco (beef, chicken or fish) with toppings. **Closed** Tuesday @ Mammoth Brewing Co. 7 p.m. **Wednesday, March 1/**
**Half off wings @ John's Pizza Works**. See ad. p. 11. **Thursday, March 2/**
**Dirt Nasty & DJ Rodney O play Lakanuki** in the Village at Mammoth **TOWN STUFF**

**February 24-26/**
**DC Hit & Run** at Mammoth Mountain. Take the turns of a banked slalom, add the jumps and jibbs of a slopestyle and you've got a snowboarding contest designed to put riders to the test. Visit www.mammothmountain.com for info. **Friday, February 24/**
**Join local biologists and find Bighorn Sheep** in the mountains nearby. Free Pre-registration required in advance. Limited space. Field trips weather/road condition dependent. Trips begin 9 a.m. and end around noon. Register at asknbs@wildlife.ca.gov. **Inyo County Employees Assn. hosts a “Protect Public Services” rally at Bishop City Park. Noon.** **Crowley Lake Peapod playgroup, 10-11 a.m. Crowley Lake Community Center, 458 S. Landing Rd. Celebrate the end of skating season at the Mammoth Ice Rink. Free skating all night.** **Saturday, February 25/**
**Motocross race** in the Main arena at Eastern Sierra Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop. Gates open 7 a.m. Adult admission $10. Kids under 12 are $5. Join the **Death Valley Natural History Assn.** from 2-5 p.m in the Mountain Falls Ballroom (next to the Grill Room), 5001 Clubhouse Dr. in Pahrump, Nev. Local historian and author Kenneth E. Lengner will share some of the insights and interesting tidbits he’s uncovered during his research. Coffee, tea, and appetizers will be served. Free to the public. **Big Pine Winter Wildlife Tour**, 8 a.m. ’til 1 p.m. Meet: Glacier View Campground at the intersection of Hwy 395 & 168 in north B.C. close. Tom & Jo Heindel’s annual Winter Wildlife Field Trip from Klondike Lake to Tinemaha Reservoir. Win your own water, snacks, binoculars, and telescope if you have one. Info. Tom & Jo Heindel at 760.938.2784. **Woody’s Birthday Party and Saturday Parade** in the Village at Mammoth. Decorate your helmet and make Woody a birthday card beginning at 11 a.m. at Canyon and Main Lodges. Music, fun and face painting begins @ 3:45 in The Village. **Halfpipe, Revolution Tour Qualifier** in Main Park at Mammoth Mountain. 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Visit www.mammothmountain.com for info. Book signing for Gayle and David Woodruff’s latest, “Tales of the El Camino Sierra,” at the Eastern California Museum in Independence. 2-4 p.m. Info. 760.878.0258. See related story p. 10-11. **Sunday, February 26/**
**Eastside Writers Circle meets @ the imagination Lab in Bishop. 1:30-3 p.m. Location: 621 West Line St (approx). Birthday breakfast with Woolly at Mountainside Grill, 8:30-10 a.m. Woolly’s fun zone at Main & Canyon Lodges from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. **Sierra Club ski/snowboard in Lakes Basin, Moderate outing, ~ 8 miles. Meet 9 a.m. @Mammoth Union Bank. Contact Brigitte (760.924.2140, jungbergt@mac.com).**
**Calendrier des événements**

**TOWN STUFF**

**Monday, February 27/ Bishops City Council meeting, 6 p.m.** 777 W. Line St. Questions. 760.873.5863.

**February 28-March 3/ MakerSpace at the Mammoth Lakes Library.** Tuesdays: 2-6 p.m. for elementary aged children: Wednesdays 2-6 p.m. for middle school; Thursdays 1-6 p.m. all ages; Fridays 10 a.m.-noon for adults.

**Tuesday, February 28/ Eastside Velos cycling club event at Whiskey Creek Bar in Bishop.** 5:30 p.m.

**Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours @ Sierra Nevada Resort from 5-7 p.m.** Enjoy drinks and fondue at this month’s ski lodge-themed event. No RSVP needed. Free for members and guests, $10 for non-members. Bingos from Independence @ the Civic building, 6 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 1/ Mammoth Lakes Tourism Board meets @ 1 p.m. at Mammoth Welcome Center.**

**Mammoth Lakes Town Council meets.** 6 p.m. Suite Z, Minaret Mall.

**Kick-Off Party for this year’s Community Reads program.** Time: 5:30-7 p.m. Location: Inyo Council for the Arts building @ 137 S. Main St. Bishop. This year’s theme: birds and birdwatching. Kick-off event hosted by Inyo County School Superintendent Lisa Fontana and ICA will feature refreshments, music, bird demonstrations from Eastern Sierra Wildlife Care, and bird-themed activities for all ages.

**City of Bishop public workshop re parking location: Executive Conference Room at Bishop City Hall.** Time: 3-7 p.m. Info: 760.873.8458.

**UPCOMING**

**Thursday, March 2/ “Conducting the College Search” workshop for 11th graders and parents.** 6:30 p.m. Mammoth High school library.

**Becoming an emotion coach with First 5 Mono County.** Register by calling 760.924.7626. Visit www.6phonokids.org for info.

**Instructional basketball at the Mammoth Middle School Multipurpose room, 5:15-6 p.m.** Free, designed for children of all ages.

**Friday, March 3/ Antelope Valley Birding, beginners welcome.** Meets @ 9 a.m. 10753 Hwy 395 in Coleville.

**March 3-4/ Carson City Heritage Crawl sponsored by the Friends of the Eastern California Museum.** Visit various cultural/heritage sites in Carson. Space limited to 25. Reservations/info: 760.878.0258. $30 for FECM members and $40 for non-members.

**March 4-5/ Celebrant Singers come to St. Stephen’s Catholic Church in Mammoth. Saturday: 6 p.m. mass & concert. Sunday: 8 a.m. mass.

**Saturday, March 4/ Bishop Rotary: International Film Festival! Eat, Drink! Dance! Tri-County Fairgrounds, 1234 Fair St. Bishop.** Time: 5:30 p.m. $40. See ad p. 3

**Alahama Hills Film History Hike.** Meets 10 a.m. Eastern Sierra Interagency Visitor Center, Lone Pine. Info: Dave Kirk, dmirk@blm.gov or call visitor center, 760.876.6222.

**Film Showing: Jack Reacher Never Go Back.** Movie starts @ 6 p.m. Location: Museum of Western Film History in Lone Pine. Free, tho’ donations to film program welcome.

**2017 June Lake Winter Festival**

The June Lake Winter Festival returns to June Lake on March 4 with exciting events for the whole family, from a winter triathlon to a snowmobile poker rally and snow sculpture competition. With record-breaking snowfall to date and more in the forecast, it’ll be an action-packed weekend. “There is a reason June Lake is dubbed the Switzerland of California,” said Ralph Lockhart of the Double Eagle Resort & Spa and June Lake Chamber of Commerce board member. “If you are ever dreaming of a winter wonderland, then this year is the year to come.”

A winter triathlon combines Nordic skiing, laser rifle shooting and a fat bike segment on March 4, with prizes for winners in each division. There is a snowmobile poker rally where contestants follow a 20-plus mile course between June Lake and Mammoth Lakes with stations along the way to draw cards and assemble a poker hand. Awards for best hand, worst hand and most will be handed out at the finish.

To find out more, go to VisitJune.com or facebook.com/June lakewinterfestival.

**AT THE MOVIES**

**Minaret Cinemas**

**A Dog’s Purpose (PG):** A dog ponders the meaning of his life through several reincarnations and lifetimes with different families.

**Fifty Shades Darker (R):** Second installment in the popular romance trilogy.

For movie times, call 760.934.3131 or visit mammothlakesmovies.com. Custom- er appreciation nights on Tuesdays. All seats, all shows $6

**Banff Film Fest returns**

The Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour traverses the globe, with stops in about 450 communities and 40 countries, and features an exhilarating and provocative collection of films that explore the mountain world, highlight new landscapes and narratives, and expose viewers to exciting adventures and adrenaline-packed sports.

Join ICA and the Banff Mountain Film Festival in bringing the spirit of outdoor adventure to the Charles Brown Auditorium at the Tri-County Fairgrounds. Visit www.banffmountainfilm.com for more information. Tickets are available at ICA and Eastside Sports in Bishop, and the Booky Joint in Mammoth. Credit card and call-in orders will be processed at ICA only.

Adults - $15/night. Kids (through 8th grade) - $10/night. Discount tickets are shown each night and the tax is non-refundable. Visit ICA online at inyo.org or call 760.873.8014 for more information.

**Bookmark contest**

That’s right—it’s (yet) another design-a-bookmark contest at the Bishop Library! What can we say—we’re suckers for cute kids and their equally cute art. The annual theme is springtime and all the holidays that go along with it: Presidents’ Day, Valentine’s Day, Easter, etc. Of course, artwork relating to books, libraries, and reading also are encouraged! The rules and deadline (March 3 at 6 p.m.) are printed on the entry form, which is available online (http://www.inyocounty.us/library/Library_Events.php) or at Bishop Library. Info: Heather Todd @ the Bishop Library. 760.873.5115.

**Community Reads**

Join Inyo County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Lisa Fontana for the 9th annual Inyo County Community Reads kick-off party on March 1 at 5:30 p.m. as in B Council Meeting. Visit cityofbishop.ca.gov. The Community Reads program celebrates and promotes literacy and community by bringing kids and adults together to read.

This year’s program theme is birds and birdwatching. The program has published this year’s reading lists for elementary school-aged kids, young adults, and adults. In keeping with the annual theme, this year’s reading list contains books in which birds play a central theme. Participants are encouraged to read selected books and attend complementary events.

Events for this year’s program include a bird walk hosted by the Eastern Sierra Audubon Society in Bishop on Saturday, March 11, and a Pollinator Workshop hosted by the Eastern Sierra Land Trust on Saturday, April 8.

All books for this year’s reading list are available for purchase at Spellbinder Books in Bishop.
Help Wanted

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

Cashier/Driver SDOE
Office Assistant 17.55
Office Manager $12.15
Stress Coordinator $10.13
Stress Coordinator SDOE
Snow Shovelers M $20-$25
Spa Maintenance M SDOE

Call 760.924.0523 or 760.873.8599
See our full job list online www.SierraEmployment.com

Accountant and Full charge bookkeeper at 2289 for a Nevada Road. Email resume and flexible pay, medical insurance, 401 k, profit sharing, 8k, 800. Submit resume via email to butnerhero@gmail.com or Fax resume to 760.934.5396.

Work With The Best. Footloose Sports, nationally recognized as a top 60 retailer, 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 excellent customer service. We have full and part-time positions open in our sales, rental and ski repair departments. We pay great DOE, discounts and flexible hours, in addition to our robust benefit package. These positions also offer vacation fractional, benefits and paid holidays. Experience is preferred, but not required. Heavy lifting and a clean DMV is required. Please call 760-924-3091 or stop by the store located at 1401 Tavern Rd. Mammoth Lakes for more information.

My Mammoth Shuttle is a commercially permitted limousine (premium SUV) business in Mammoth Lakes since creating 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 required. A Class B license is preferred but not required. Qualified candidates must pass background check and go through drug testing. A clean 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/Chauffeur can expect to make between $15-20/hour with tips. This is an ideal position 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. Send your info to info@mymammothshuttle.com.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes is looking for an experienced Snow Removal Operator. Full-time hours for the winter season, Class B required. Visit www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov for more information.

Mammoth Spa Creations is looking for additional members for its team. These are Full Time, Year Round positions. We have immediate openings for a Spa Maintenance position and an Office/Sales Associate position. These positions also offer vacation fractional, benefits and paid holidays. Experience is preferred, but not required. Heavy lifting and a clean DMV is required. Please call 760-924-3091 or stop by the store located at 1401 Tavern Rd. Mammoth Lakes for more information.

For Rent

2 BDR/1.5 BA apt. for rent, $1,800/month. Newly remodeled. Includes water, cable/internet, W/D, Pets ok. FAI unfurnished. 201 Nevada St. Call Eric @ 760.420.4005.

For Sale

Snow Shovelers-M $20-$25
Office Manager $12-$15
Office Assistant $17.55

Z-Z-ZIPPERS! Mammoth Rock & Bowl/Mammoth Rock Bronzerie has the following positions available: Food and Beverage Floor Supervisor, Server, Bartender, Bras- serie Hostess. Contact Kevin O’Connell can email applications to info@gomezs. sierra-nevada-resortspa.com - please send resumes to

Part Time Year Round Maintenance La- borer Needed For Condominium Complex. You may complete an application at Sierra Employment Services, Inc. Please email resume to cindy@ mammothsierraonline.com

Goerz’s Restaurant & Tequilera está buscando cocinero de las horas. Pronto, y lavaplatos para comenzar de inmediato. Un buen sueldo y un montón de horas están disponibles para el horario de invierno y más allá. Las aplicaciones están en línea en www.gomezrestaurantes.com - puede enviar solicitudes de correo electrónico a info@gomezrestaurantes.com o detenerse para hacerlas.

For Sale


Mammoth Brewing Company is currently hiring for a Full Time mini-market Cashier/Casher Z-Z-Pizza Mammoth is hiring full time and part time. Apply online at www.zpizza.com, or by email - mammothsierrasales@gmail.com.

O’Brien’s Pizza & Pub is now hiring for a full time-staff. Good Earth Yoga is looking to hire new staff. If you’re outgoing, friendly, and love working with people in a fun upbeat family environment, please apply at www.obearyoga.com.

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Mammoth Lakes Restaurant & Tequileria está buscando a su próximo cocinero de las horas. Pronto, y cocinero para comenzar de inmediato. Un buen sueldo y un montón de horas están disponibles para el horario de invierno y más allá. Las aplicaciones están en línea en www.gomezrestaurantes.com - puede enviar solicitudes de correo electrónico a info@gomezrestaurantes.com o detenerse para hacerlas.

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For Rent

Room for rent in Mammoth. Your own bedroom, bath & entry and 400-square feet of living space. No pets. Call Mary @ 760.709.1169. $750/mo. Includes free wi-fi and a pellet stove. Great views. SV Sites next to Obsidian. 2000/Mo. 6-month lease. Call Erica @ 760.420.4005.

For Rent


For Sale


Mammoth Lakes Lakes Hotel & Spa is seeking to hire a Food and Beverage Floor Supervisor, Server, Bartender, Bras- serie Hostess. Contact Kevin O’Connell can email applications to info@gomezs. sierra-nevada-resortspa.com - please send resumes to

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For Sale

Fictitious Business Name Statement

Is Doing Business As:

Fond of Bags

Michael Scott McGuire MBR
325 Old Mammoth Road, P.O. Box 4089
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

This business is conducted by a limited liability company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 01, 2017.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on January 31, 2017. File Number 17-018.

2017-0027 (2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25)

Fictitious Business Name Statement

Is Doing Business As:

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Michael Scott McGuire MBR
325 Old Mammoth Road, P.O. Box 4089
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

This business is conducted by a limited liability company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 01, 2017.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on January 31, 2017. File Number 17-018.

2017-0034 (2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25)

Fictitious Business Name Statement

Is Doing Business As:

Erbagb

Michael Scott McGuire MBR
325 Old Mammoth Road, P.O. Box 4089
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

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2017-0028 (2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25)

Fictitious Business Name Statement

Is Doing Business As:

Fond of Distution USA

Michael Scott McGuire MBR
325 Old Mammoth Road, P.O. Box 4089
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

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2017-0029 (2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25)

Fictitious Business Name Statement

Is Doing Business As:

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Michael Scott McGuire MBR
325 Old Mammoth Road, P.O. Box 4089
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

This business is conducted by an individual.

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on January 31, 2017. File Number 17-018.

2017-0030 (2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25)

Fictitious Business Name Statement

Is Doing Business As:

Golden State Construction

Don Soucy
P.O. Box 822, 3771 Main St. # 11
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

This business is conducted by an individual.

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 February 07, 2017. File Number 17-026

2017-0039 (2/11, 2/18, 2/25,3/4)

Fictitious Business Name Statement

Is Doing Business As:

Snowcreek Resort

Snowcreek Management Co. LLC
P.O. Box 100 PMB 605
Mammoth Lakes, CA. 93546

This business is conducted by a limited liability company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 18, 2017.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on March 14, 2017. File Number 15-119

2017-0053 (2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25)

Statement Of Abandonment Of Use Of Fictitious Business Name Statement:

Dempsey Construction Inc.

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

Snowcreek Investment Co. LLC
P.O. Box 100 PMB 605
Mammoth Lakes, CA. 93546

This business is conducted by a limited liability company. The fictitious business name was filed in Mono County on July 14, 2015.

File Number 15-119

2017-0024 (2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25)

Fictitious Business Name Statement

Is Doing Business As:

Mountain Cakery

Mammoth Catering & Events, LLC
P.O. Box 100 PMB 605
Mammoth Lakes, CA. #1
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 13, 2017.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on February 06, 2017. File Number 17-024

2017-0038 (2/11, 2/18, 2/25,3/4)

Fictitious Business Name Statement

Is Doing Business As:

Mountain Cakery

Mammoth Catering & Events, LLC
P.O. Box 100 PMB 605
Mammoth Lakes, CA. 93546

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 13, 2017.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on February 06, 2017. File Number 17-024

2017-0038 (2/11, 2/18, 2/25,3/4)

Statement Of Abandonment Of Use Of Fictitious Business Name Statement:

Mountain Cakery

Mammoth Catering & Events, LLC
P.O. Box 100 PMB 605
Mammoth Lakes, CA. 93546

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 16, 2014.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on July 17, 2015. File Number 15-126

2017-0026 (2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25)

Fictitious Business Name Statement

Is Doing Business As:

Mammoth Lakes, CA. 93546

Rachel Rainey
285 Rio Vista Blvd.
McCall, ID. 83638

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I saw you ... aren't working on the police

have to go through so much trouble to examine

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 13, 2017.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on February 06, 2017. File Number 17-024

2017-0038 (2/11, 2/18, 2/25,3/4)

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Mammoth Lakes, CA. 93546

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2017-0038 (2/11, 2/18, 2/25,3/4)
Notice of Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. ORD17-03
AN ORDINANCE OF THE MONO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DELEGATING INVESTMENT AUTHORITY TO THE COUNTY TREASURER

WHEREAS, Government Code Sections 53607 and 27000.1 authorize the Board of Supervisors to delegate to the County Treasurer the authority to invest or reinvest the funds of the County and the funds of other depositors in the County treasury (hereinafter “investment powers”); and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Government Code §26889, Mono County has created the office of Director of Finance, which office is consolidated with the office of County Treasurer (see Mono County Code Chapter 2.14); and

WHEREAS, accordingly, delegation of investment powers to the County Treasurer is a delegation of functions to the Director of Finance, as County Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, further, pursuant to Government Code section 24100 et seq., any deputy of the Finance Director has all of the powers and duties of the Finance Director; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, any deputy of the Finance Director would have investment powers if such powers were delegated to the Finance Director; and

WHEREAS, once delegated, such authority includes the ability of the County Treasurer to contract with an investment manager further delegating discretionary authority to invest funds on deposit with the Treasurer pursuant to 79 Ops. Cal. Admin. Reg. 88; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to renew the delegation of authority to the County Treasurer under Government Code Sections 53607 and 27000.1.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONO ORDAINS that:

SECTION ONE: Pursuant to Government Code Sections 53607 and 27000.1, the authority to invest or reinvest funds of the County and the funds of other depositors in the County treasury is hereby delegated to the County Treasurer, who is the County Finance Director.

SECTION TWO: This ordinance shall become effective 30 days from the date of its adoption and final passage, which appears immediately below. The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall post this ordinance and also publish the ordinance in the manner prescribed by Government Code section 25124 no later than 15 days after the date of its adoption and final passage. If the Clerk fails to publish this ordinance within said 15-day period, then the ordinance shall not take effect until 30 days after the date of publication.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of February, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: Corless, Gardner, Johnston, Peters, and Richardson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

DISQUALIFICATION: None

A certified copy of the complete text of the Ordinance is posted and may be read at the Town Offices, Minaret Mall, Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, and/or a copy may be obtained from the office of the Town Clerk at a nominal charge.

Dated: February 16, 2017
JAMIE GRAY, Town Clerk
Town of Mammoth Lakes
TS #2017-0044

Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE OF CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE MAMMOTH LAKES TOWN COUNCIL will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Wednesday, March 1, 2017, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and continuing until finished, at the Mammoth Lakes Town Council Chamber, Suite 2 within the Minaret Village Shopping Center, 437 Old Mammoth Road to consider the following:

Adopt the resolution regarding the 2017/18 Recreation Department fee schedule amendments.

All persons having an interest in the proposed resolution request may appear before the Town Council either in person or represented by counsel and present testimony in support of, or opposition to, the proposed fee schedule amendments.

The Clerk of the Town Council will place the above notice in the local newspapers and post this notice on the official Town of Mammoth Lakes website. A copy of the complete text of the Ordinance is also posted on the official Town of Mammoth Lakes website. A complete copy of the Ordinance is obtainable from the Office of the Town Clerk at the Town of Mammoth Lakes Town Hall, 437 Old Mammoth Road.

Dated: February 10, 2017
JAMIE GRAY, Town Clerk
Town of Mammoth Lakes
TS #2017-0045

Notice of Ordinance

Notice is hereby given that on February 15, 2017, the Town Council adopted an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 17-02
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONING CODE AMENDMENT 18-003, AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE, CHARTER, AND ORDNANCE 99, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: Councilmembers Fernie, Hoff, Sauer, Mayor Pro Tem Wentworth, and Mayor Richardson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

DISQUALIFICATION: None

A certified copy of the complete text of the Ordinance is posted and may be read at the Town Offices, Minaret Mall, Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, and/or a copy may be obtained from the office of the Town Clerk at a nominal charge.

Dated: February 16, 2017
JAMIE GRAY, Town Clerk
Town of Mammoth Lakes
TS #2017-0043

Notice of Ordinance

Notice is hereby given that on February 15, 2017, the Town Council adopted an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 17-03
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, REPEALING MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 8.10 - DISPOSABLE AND REUSABLE BAGS.

by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Fernie, Hoff, Sauer, Mayor Pro Tem Wentworth, and Mayor Richardson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

DISQUALIFICATION: None

A certified copy of the complete text of the Ordinance is posted and may be read at the Town Offices, Minaret Mall, Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, and/or a copy may be obtained from the office of the Town Clerk at a nominal charge.

Dated: February 16, 2017
JAMIE GRAY, Town Clerk
Town of Mammoth Lakes
TS #2017-0045

Public Hearing Notice

THE SHEET | Saturday, February 25, 2017

Public Hearing Notice

TRI-VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to California Water Code section 10721 and California Government Code section 6066, the Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District (“District”) will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 15, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. at the Benton Community Center 58869 Hwy 120, 93512 Benton, CA. The purpose of this hearing is for the District to consider and determine whether it will become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“GSA”) under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (“SGMA”) for that portion of the Owens Valley Groundwater Basin lying within the District’s statutory boundaries.

Advance notice of this public hearing is hereby given to all persons residing within the District, as well as those persons having an interest in the proposed action. Notice is hereby given that all persons having an interest in the proposed action may, in their own behalf or in behalf of others, present objections in writing or appear at the hearing to be held on March 15, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. at the Benton Community Center 58869 Hwy 120, 93512 Benton, CA. Written comments may also be presented at the hearing.

In the event of an appeal to the District’s determination that it will become a GSA, the District Board may adopt a resolution of intent to that effect and may take any and all actions necessary to effectuate said resolution consistent with SGMA and its implementing regulations.

For additional information regarding this hearing, contact Marion Dunn at 760-933-2269 or by email at TVGMD2012@mail.com, or Carol Ann Mitchell at 760-873-8648 or by email at rick.and.cariann@gmail.com.

TS #2017-0047

Sheriff Ingrid Bean sworn in Deputy Chris Walston at the February 21 Mono County Board of Supervisors Meeting.
WE DON’T NEED NO STINKING GRASS
Husky soccer teams excel in the elements

Mammoth Huskies athletes have survived a winter sports season like no other. Weather has delayed games and forced the soccer team to share space at the gym with basketball teams.

Mammoth High School Athletic Director Heidi Burmerister Thompson told the Sheet, it didn’t matter what was thrown at the students, they persevered and succeeded.

She said the soccer teams hadn’t practiced on grass, hadn’t stepped on grass, since before Christmas, but were still able to come out on top of the CIF standings.

“We have been able to host ONE of our scheduled league home games,” Thompson said of the soccer matches. “Home” games have been played hours from Mammoth, from California City to Lancaster. “We have had significant challenges in scheduling, cancelling, re-scheduling, enough to really mess with the mental game of it all.”

Both soccer teams were league champions that begs the question that maybe a lack of grass is a good thing. Thompson said the boys team scored 48 goals this year, giving up only two goals in seven games.

Both teams made to CIF finals, but both teams lost this week, now it’s time to move onto baseball, softball and track.

Thompson wanted to thank all the coaches and leaders that have endured the weather to see the athletes succeed; Tom Cage, Jesus Moreno, Jorge Cruz, and Laura Bowman, William Thomas Bauman, Robbie Presson and Andrew Jones.

Baseball and softball players will join the track team in practicing in the gym – for the foreseeable future. Thompson joked that with these results, the indoor practice technique might be used again.


Mammoth High School Boys Soccer. Back row, left to right: Danny Garcia, Cody Chase, Francisco Hernandez, Jorge Garcia, Omar Prieto, Jose Martinez, Jonathan Vargas, Jairo Yanez, Jesus Castillo. Front row, left to right: Alberto Quintana, Jose Alejandro, Tyler Goodwin, Carlos Lemus, Luis Vaca

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