SAME, SAME BUT DIFFERENT
Gregory talks Mammoth’s change of ownership
By Rea

Mammoth Resorts Chairman and CEO Rusty Gregory spoke to a crowd of approximately 100 people on Monday, April 17 to discuss the future of local ski areas after Mammoth Resorts’ sale to Aspen Skiing and KSL Capital Partners was announced last week.

“Most importantly, we need to close the transaction,” Gregory told attendees, adding that the sale should be complete in the next 3-5 months.

“When this transaction closes, it’s…being combined with other resorts in a large geographical footprint…in a way that hedges against weather, in a way that only a multi-geographical resort can achieve.” Gregory cited “tremendous volatility and, of course, climate change” as challenges to the future of the ski industry. “The way to hedge against that is to not have all your eggs in one regional basket.”

He emphasized that, unlike the Vail collective, which has made an effort to homogenize their resorts’ feel, the Aspen-KSL consortium seeks to “go out and find the radically idiosyncratic, authentic cultures in mountain communities…and create a company of affiliated one-of-a-kind resorts rather than common resorts.”

Essentially, the goal is not to turn Mammoth into Aspen, but to keep the feel of the Eastern Sierra, which pro skier Glen Plake called “radically different” than any other ski area in the world.

Local property owner Paul Rudder asked Gregory on Monday what he foresaw in the way of capital investment in Mammoth Mountain in the next five years. Without missing a beat, Gregory responded, “One hundred million dollars.”

The priority focus, Gregory said, is Eagle Lodge. A replacement for the “temporary” sprung structure (“those tents are a testament of things of the past, they need to go”) will be built, so Mammoth can “take Eagle Express and turn that into the gondola it is.” That proposed gondola would end at the top of Chair 5, which would host a new restaurant. The third stage of the gondola would connect to the top of the mountain. A “gondola interconnect” would close, it’s…being combined with other resorts in a large geographical footprint…in a way that only a multi-geographical resort can achieve.”

Toboggans of booze
No Cook in the kitchen
Sweet ride, Sheriff
Co-eds
Hear me roar
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NO PASSING LANE ON TIOGA
Media and public officials get a look at the snowy road to Yosemite
By Giles

On Wednesday, April 19, Caltrans District 9 staff opened the gates to Tioga Pass Road, also known as State Route 120, to local media and public officials. The group of Mono County staff, along with California Highway Patrol staff and Supervisors Bob Gardner and John Peters, met at the lower gate closure and was briefed by Mountain Superintendent Cliff Weier before donning hard hats and orange vests.

Caltrans crews and Mono County officials survey progress on the Tioga Pass on Wednesday, April 19. See more photos of Easter, p. 11.

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WHOM TO BELIEVE?

So the question is, when it comes to a multi-million dollar decision which will affect local taxpayers for decades to come, whom will Mono County Supervisors choose to believe: Its staff and consultants, or one of its current landlords in Mammoth Lakes.

The ballad of the proposed South County facility robbed the various participants of another 4.5 hours of their lives on Tuesday, April 18. First, there was a two-and-a-half hour workshop in the afternoon featuring the County only.

The evening session was supposed to include the Town of Mammoth Lakes as well, but Assistant County Counsel Christian Milovich informed those in attendance that the Town couldn’t participate because the item had not been properly advertised.

So the County, to indulge those members of the public who’d shown up for the meeting, obliged by volleying the issue around for another two hours.

Alas, Federer-Nadal this was not.

The following are the two options the County is considering.

1.) Extend the lease at the Sierra Center Mall, which is set to expire in 2019.

Drew Hild, representing the Sierra Center, said the mall is offering a 10-year lease extension which would give the County 30,000-square feet of space for an all-in cost of $73,000/month. He then estimated it would cost the County $164,000/month to build and finance a new building, or a total of $55 million over 35 years. The assumptions in his calculation: 42,000-square foot building financed at 4% over 35 years.

Jay Bretton, a general contractor with 35 years of local experience, said he’d run some numbers on the proposal and gave his estimate in the afternoon meeting: a $58 million project, based on “formulas and percentages from buildings we have actually built.”

2.) Build a new building, possibly in collaboration with the Town.

Chris Taylor of HMC Architects spoke at the evening session. Interestingly, his contract is with the Town of Mammoth Lakes. He said he was hired 18 months ago to do a study of a civic center facility while he was designing the police facility. He had the construction number at approximately $30 million. In addition, Taylor said a joint 53,000-square foot building with the Town would cost a total of $34.7 million, with the Town’s share at $14.2 million.

“I’m really struggling with whom to believe here,” said Stump, after hearing Taylor’s presentation. “Where do we find an umpire?” Mono County Administrator Leslie Chapman piped up, “In my opinion, HMC (Taylor) is the referee.” She said she thought HMC had “nailed” the police facility.

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Population meditation

Dear Editor:

The most dangerous problem facing our environment now and in the future—whether local, national or global—is human overpopulation. The prominent theme at the first Earth Day in 1970 was “sustainability” which included population stabilization. U.S. population was 200 million then and has grown 80% to 320 million now, with the majority coming from immigration. Honduras had 1 million people in 1950, now it has 8 million people and is projected to have 13 million in 2050. Overpopulation is why people immigrate. The ecological footprint of a Mexican is 6 acres versus an American is 26 times larger. An average American is 26 times larger than a person living in India. The prominent theme at the first Earth Day founder and former U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson, former Sierra Club director David Brower, and former Interior Secretary Stewart Udall. As reported in the March 7, 1998 Washington Post: Immigration Policy Dispute Rocks Sierra Club. Sierra Club leaders on the other side were determined to stop any attempt to advocate for reduced immigration and launched a “guilt by association” smear campaign prior to an election of all club members on the topic. They provided members information that supporters of reduced immigration were “extremists acting from racial prejudice.” They aligned former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke with the supporters of reduced immigration. Carl Pope, the club’s then-executive director, told the Washington Post that if the organization favored reduced immigration “we would be perceived as assisting people whose motivations are racist.” Pope added “when environmentalists say the human impact is just too large, people will suspect we are saying the human footprint is just too dark.” With the politically correct elite globalist cheap labor lobby from both political parties on Pope’s side, the reduced-immigration proposal failed by a 60-40 margin, with 13 percent of Club members voting.

“People have been silenced because they are scared to death of being charged with being a racist, but racism has nothing to do with it. It’s a question of numbers” said liberal and civil rights advocate Gaylord Nelson regarding the smear campaign.

David Brower highlighted his frustration with the Sierra Club’s immigration stance when he resigned from the board in 2000. “Overpopulation is perhaps the biggest problem facing us, and immigration is part of that problem,” he said. He added: “It has to be addressed” “The planet is being taxed, but the board has no real sense of urgency.”

Environmentalist Don Weeden said “When the principal source of population growth morphed from the baby boom to the immigration boom, that’s when they [Sierra Club] dropped out of the discussion.” Other major environmental organizations followed with an open border approach to immigration, dropping overpopulation concerns from their platforms.

In 2004 Wall Street hedge fund manager and California philanthropist David Gelbaum gave a donation of $101.5 million to the Sierra Club which dwarfed all previous individual contributions. Gelbaum is quoted saying, “I did tell Carl Pope in 1994 or 1995 that if they ever came out anti-immigration, they would never get a dollar from me.”

In this age of hypersensitivity to identity politics there is nothing people fear more than being labeled a racist, xenophobic, nativist, bigot. Projecting these “white guilt” labels with absolute moral authority to reframe and end any rational debate on immigration is failing. The stigmatization of environmentalist who advocated “sustainability” by human rights “open borders” environmentalist has now expanded into our national political debate.

On this Earth Day 2017 consider the “population challenge” of Professor Albert Bartlett: Can you think of any problem in any area of human endeavor or on any scale, from microscopic to global, whose long-term solution is in any demonstrable way aided, assisted, or advanced by further increases in population, locally, nationally, or globally?

Gary Guenther
Mammoth Lakes

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FLOODS AND FIRE: IN THE WAKE OF THE DROUGHT
Forty-nine atmospheric rivers so far this season won’t necessarily reduce fire risk in Sierra

By Giles

On Monday, April 17, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Meteorologist Chris Smalcomb gave a lecture in Mammoth Lakes regarding flooding forecasts for the spring and summer. According to Smallcomb, 49 atmospheric rivers made landfall over the western United States between October 1, 2016 and April 12, 2017. The average is about 10.

On Thursday, April 7, California Governor Jerry Brown declared an end to California’s drought-driven state of emergency. Data collected by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration’s Airborne Snow Observatory indicates that, as of April 1, there was 1.2 million acre feet of snow in the Tuolumne River Basin alone. That’s enough water to fill the Rose Bowl nearly 1,600 times.

Despite record snowfall, Deb Schweizer, Public Information Officer for the Inyo National Forest, told The Sheet that fire managers are hesitant to agree with Brown’s statement that the drought is over. “This year was tremendous,” said Schweizer in an interview this week, “but we as fire managers are hesitant to say that this winter is enough to end the drought.”

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-Deb Schweizer

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) announced this month that it plans to drain water from its Eastern Sierra reservoirs, including Long Valley Reservoir, in preparation for the record volume of snowmelt and runoff forecasted for the spring. The City of Los Angeles even declared a state of emergency for its aqueduct equipment.

Smallcomb confirmed that flooding is inevitable. “In the best case scenario, we will see a gradual rise of temperatures, with a gradual melting rate for snow. In the worst case scenario, we see a continuation of the pattern of atmospheric rivers making landfall into late spring. Instead of snow, they drop rain. Then we’ll see flash flooding,” said Smallcomb on Monday. He also predicted that the Walker River Basin has an especially high risk of flooding, particularly from May to July.

Schweizer said that the excess water will likely delay the start of fire season in forested areas. “In big snow years such as this one, we often see snowpack persist in higher areas well into July. I think it’s fair to say that we and other forests will be looking for opportunities to manage natural wildfire fires that occur in wilderness areas and do not threaten communities, especially early in the season.”

During the drought years, forest managers across California observed widespread tree mortality. This tree mortality was attributed to a handful of factors, including climate change, lack of water resources, a history of fire suppression, and Pine Beetle infestations. The result is that many forests on the Western slope of the Sierra have a lot of standing dead trees. Schweizer said that the Inyo National Forest has not observed the same drastic rise in tree mortality, as the southern Sierra, but that it is still a concern. “The Sierra Nevada is a fire-adapted ecosystem, and our trees have protections that served them even during the drought,” said Schweizer. “For example, Jeffrey Pine bark is very thick and contains fire-resistant resins. That’s still a great defense for those trees…in moderate fire exposure,” said Schweizer. In desert areas, the additional precipitation allowed grasses to grow that could boost fire danger in the valleys. “We will likely see a bumper crop of grasses, that, when they cure, will pose an increased fire hazard.”

Moderate fire exposure is precisely what the Inyo National Forest and its partners seek to facilitate in local ecosystems. Schweizer said that, prior to human intervention, Eastern Sierra forests burned every five to ten years. “We are dealing with the legacy of 150 years of fire suppression, not management,” said Schweizer. “If we manage sections of forest using prescribed burns in wet years, we can prevent the massively destructive fires that we saw during the drought…” I’m sure forest managers on the west side will be thinking the same thing. That said, there’s a big difference in the amount of smoke produced by a managed 10,000 acre lightning fire and a 150,000 acre fire like the Rough Fire.”
DOESN'T PLAY WELL WITH OTHERS

Paul Cook dodges the Indivisible gang and protestors

By Bodine

Representative Paul Cook, (8th) which includes Inyo and Mono counties, was noticeably absent from appearances for several months following the inauguration of President Donald Trump. A website was dedicated to looking for the missing Congressman, www.whereispaulcook.com, and missing posters were placed on milk cartons.

Cook joins a growing list of Republican Congressmen that are not showing, not holding or regret attending town hall meetings in their districts. Constituents are angry at Trump’s agenda and are asking and yelling their demands and questions, California Representative Tom McClintock (4th) needed a police escort from one rowdy meeting.

Since being elected in 2013, Cook has held one town hall meeting in Bishop in September 2013, another in 2014 in Hesperia and a Twitter town hall in 2014, and that’s it prior to Trump’s election. Jason Graham of Indivisible Victor Valley said he’s never been a fan of Cook, “But he’s been easy to forget since 2013.”

Cook held his first town hall meeting of the new administration, via telephone on Wednesday, March 29, attended by 3,700 people, but he will not participate in any Indivisible events in the future.”

“People that have never done anything political are coming out of the woodwork,” Verba said. This includes young people, a rarity at civic clubs or Indivisible protests who “seek to dominate the event with bellicose behaviors, creating not a dialogue but an indoor protest space with ample media coverage.”

Cook is not alone in his wariness to go outside. Think Progress reported on February 23 that Texas Representative Louie Gohmert wrote in a letter to constituents that he will not be attending town hall meetings because of violent protestors, some of whom he believes are paid, that threaten the safety of himself and others.

McClintock was one of the first to make town hall news when he had to deal with 750 angry constituents for two hours. Later in February, he needed a police escort after a town hall got rowdy.

Verba said Indivisible is doing what Cook is not doing — getting people motivated about participating in democratic process and showing them how.

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Cook is seeking re-election in 2018.

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“Rep. Cook will not participate in any such political stunt, and he will not participate in any Indivisible events in the future.”

Cook spends time in his district but no one ever sees him, Graham says. Cook will come out for a ceremonial speech at some event, then leave quickly.

Cook votes against the interests of his constituents, Graham said. Cook consistently voted against immigration reform, including President Obama’s Executive Amnesties. Cook supports President Trump’s plan to build a wall between the U.S. and Mexico.

Cook is not a fan of the town hall meetings that “reward the loudest constituent that helps local activist groups effect change and defeat the Trump agenda.

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-Jason Graham on Paul Cook
a snow flow that has a large cornice at its top, they shoot it and trigger the avalanche before the crews arrive.

Jim Patterson is the Avalanche Supervisor. The tour guests met Patterson just before the end of the cleared section of road, about 7 miles below Yosemite’s gate, and just before Warren Canyon. He and his crew use a nitrogen-powered “Ava-launcher” to fire one-kilogram charges at snow-covered slopes that affect the road. The gun is fixed to a snowcat and has a range of roughly 3 miles. It is so powerful that it has the potential to set off rock slides and avalanches on the far side of the canyon when it is fired, just by virtue of the noise it produces.

According to Patterson, it takes at least three years of training to acquire a blasting license in the State of California. On Wednesday, he and his crew were observing a thirty-to-forty-foot-high cornice on top of Mount Warren that Patterson said could, if dislodged, create a slide that would spill over State Route 120 and into the canyon below. He and Weier hoped it would fall naturally over the weekend. If it does not, the crew will blast it away early next week.

When asked how his crew aims and fires the “Ava-launcher,” which has no scope, Patterson said, “experience.” They use a 100-foot-long detonation cord to fire the gun.

“That’s new. Until a few years ago there were no regulations and we just fired it ourselves—OSHA found about that and made the 100-foot rule,” said Patterson. “We only ever do things safely.”

According to Weier and Patterson, one of the most challenging safety considerations Caltrans staff has to contend with is the public’s desire to access the backcountry while the road is being cleared. Over the course of our tour, participants saw a small wet avalanche spill down a gully, over a berm and into the road. There were countless boulders in the road, which Weier said were new since the night prior. Two backcountry skiers skinned up the powerplant road at the base of the canyon, looking like dots against the white landscape. Patterson said he and his crew do their best to block the road and put up ample signage to inform the public of when they are blasting, but that skiers and motorists often disregard the warnings. “Once the charge goes off, the scene becomes very different,” said Patterson.

With regard to the pass opening, District 9 Supervisor Brent Green said that there is still no hard date for when Tioga Pass will open this year. The latest the pass has ever opened is July 1. Caltrans plans to host these behind-the-scenes tours, open to media and public officials, every few weeks until the pass is open.

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EMERGENCY, OR AN ANSWERED PRAYER?

Will record snowmelt be a boon for traditional water managers?

By Anna Hohag

On March 20, 2017 the Mayor of Los Angeles issued an emergency declaration for the first time in response to the record snowpack that fell upon the Sierra Nevada mountain range this winter. With snowpack levels in the Eastern Sierra registering at 241 percent of normal, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is expecting one of the largest snowpack runoffs from the watershed in the over 100-year history of the Los Angeles Aqueduct. To put this into perspective, up to 1 million acre feet of water, about twice the amount of water that residents of Los Angeles consume in a year, is expected to flow through the aqueduct system from the Owens Valley.

But this flooding phenomenon is not a new concept in the Owens Valley. Over 100 years ago, the original inhabitants of the valley rightfully called this place Payahüínadu—"the place of flowing water. My people are the Nüümü (Paiute) and Newe (Shoshone) and our traditional water management systems, including flood irrigation and the manipulation and spreading of water across the valley, was instrumental in helping our ecosystems flourish. To bring our ecosystems back to their pre-colonial. Our elders and stories tell us of times when our entire valley consisted of wetlands, marshlands, and swamps—making for an abundance of fish, animals, hunting and fishing grounds, and simply put: a good life.

There is a reason that the Paiute and Shoshone people call the wetlands Mother Earth’s liver. They provide valuable functions that no other ecosystem can, including their ability to naturally purify and improve water quality, provide flood protection and maintain surface water flow during dry periods, recharge groundwater, and provide habitats for fish and wildlife. The restoration and protection of these wetlands throughout the Owens Valley is necessary not only for the indigenous people and the local residents of the valley, but for the entire ecosystem. Indigenous knowledge of wetlands management provides an important basis for natural resource management, which has evolved over several hundred generations of people engaging actively in these ecosystems and managing custodial responsibility for the environment.

LADWP reasons that protection measures need to be expanded to prevent flood waters from ending up in the natural end point in the valley: the Owens dry lake. Once one of the largest lakes in California, the Owens Lake had been reduced to a dry lake bed after LADWP built the Los Angeles Aqueduct and began diverting the surface water 200 miles south to Los Angeles. This caused the area to become one of the worst dust pollution problems in the country. Because of subsequent lawsuits that mandated LADWP mitigate the dust pollution under the Clean Water Act, they have since “invested” $1.1 billion in dust mitigation infrastructure on the Owens dry lake. They now claim that the excess runoff threatens to damage these dust control areas; hence the Emergency Proclamation.

There is a lot of debate about whether the water from LADWP is toxic to the Owens Valley and for good reason. Many have heard about the California Water Wars and the associated stories of LADWP sneaking buying-up and monopolizing land and water rights in the valley. For my people, who once were the only people living in the valley, a land exchange between the federal government and LADWP (to the benefit of LADWP) left the numerous tribes in the valley on some of the smallest land bases in the country—away from their traditional homes, water resource, sacred sites, and hunting, fishing, and gathering grounds.

My advice to the Mayor and LADWP is this: slow down, listen, and rethink your strategy. The indigenous people of the valley have managed the water systems for centuries; perhaps it’s time to look to them for some solutions. To proclaim an emergency to prevent water from going into the lake you caused to go dry as opposed to revitalize an ecosystem is contrary to progress. After a century of monopolization and exploitation, forcibly removing people from their homelands, and destroying riparian areas and precious groundwater basins, it’s time to put consciousness above the economic value of an outdated, imperialistic scheme.

Our people will be at the shores of our riverbeds joyfully and eagerly welcoming the arrival of our paya (water) back into the Payahüínadu. Anna Hohag is a citizen of the Bishop Paiute Tribe, born and raised in the Eastern Sierras in Bishop, CA. Currently, Anna is in her final year of law school at the James E. Rogers College of Law at The University of Arizona where she is studying Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy and Water Policy. Anna serves as the Area 1 Representative for the National Native American Law Students Association (NNALSA), President of her local NNALSA chapter at The University of Arizona, and is a board member of the California Indian Law Association (CILA). This year, Anna was selected as a Delegate Speaker at the One Young World Environmental Summit where she was honored to be introduced by President Alejandro Toledo, the first indigenous President of Peru.

ROSSY TO SERVE NINE YEARS

Complex investigation results in prison sentence

Press Release

Former Inyo County Health & Human Services Integrated Caseworker Supervisor Dawnee Rossy was sentenced this week to nine years in prison to be served at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DCR), Ms. Rossy has been in custody at the Inyo County Jail since August 29, 2016, and will soon be transported to the reception center for the DCR. She was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of $1,543,785.24, plus an additional $272,491.00 for unpaid state income tax.

The sentencing followed a long legal process which began in January 2013 when irregularities were discovered in a public assistance benefit case supervised by Ms. Rossy. Upon being interviewed by Bishop Police Department and District Attorney Investigators, Ms. Rossy admitted her involvement in diverting public assistance monies to her own use.

The complex investigation that followed revealed over thirty false or fraudulent welfare accounts created or reopened by Ms. Rossy. The evidence at trial showed that she developed a sophisticated plan whereby she acquired social security numbers and other identifying information for individuals living throughout the country and created public assistance benefit accounts on their behalf in Inyo County. The benefits were then placed on electronic benefit cards (similar to ATM or credit cards) which she then used to withdraw cash for her own benefit. Ms. Rossy forged and filled hundreds of false documents in the cases, creating a realistic looking “paper trail” justifying the benefit awards. None of the individuals whose identities were stolen were aware that their identifying information was being used improperly. Obviously forged documents were found in a search of her office, and she was recorded using electronic benefit cards issued to fraudulent cases at local financial institutions.

The trial in her case began in February, 2016 before the Honorable Philip Argento, who was assigned to the case by the California Judicial Council. Over the course of the multi-week non-jury trial, over 450 exhibits were admitted into evidence, and the court heard testimony from more than twenty witnesses. On August 15, 2016, Judge Argento found Ms. Rossy guilty of 88 separate felonies including grand theft, embezzlement, conspiracy to commit theft, misappropriation of public funds, forgery, identity theft, manufacture of deceptive identification documents, filing false documents in public records, and state income tax evasion. He also found to be “true” various enhancements regarding the amount of loss, and found that Ms. Rossy had misappropriated $1,543,785.24.

The investigation was coordinated by DA Investigator Stephanie Bennie and Bishop Police Officer Mark Gutierrez (now an Inyo County Sheriff’s Deputy). The tax fraud investigation was conducted by Special Agent Karen Lees of the California Franchise Tax Board. District Attorney Tom Hardy personally handled the trial proceedings. Invaluable assistance was also provided by the Fiscal Services office of the County Department of Health and Human Services as well as current and former Health and Human Services Employment and Public Assistance staff.

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SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT SAVES UP FOR A NEW CAR
Better budgeting to keep Mono County Sheriff in new cars

By Bodine

Mono County Sheriff’s Department needs to purchase five more vehicles this year, but are $75,000 short. The Department will remain short for years to come, as vehicle replacement is, usually, an annual event. In the past, seven vehicles, for example, would be bought one year, then zero purchases would be made the next year.

The five vehicles desired will cost between $339,597 and $356,983 total, depending on the make of the vehicle, or about $72,000 a piece. This includes outfitting costs of approximately $35,000. The Ford Interceptor comes in at $70,332, the Ford Expedition costs $73,532, and the Chevy Tahoe amounts to $73,914.

The fix will be for the Sheriff to increase contributions to the County motor pool by 30-percent this year, and every year for next six to seven years, so by 2022-23 there will be sufficient funding to purchase new vehicles annually without deficit. The Sheriff will have a separate capital reserve within the motor pool, with the Sheriff’s Office to purchase whatever vehicles they wanted to, which will likely be the Tahoe.

The Sheriff will purchase a minimum number of vehicles, no less than three, every year, which will keep down maintenance costs and not have to use motor pool funding for repairs of aging vehicles.

There are current salary cost-savings, with the Department currently down five deputies, but CAO Leslie Chapman said she did not want to use those funds. There are savings in the non-payroll operating budget and that money can be added to the pool.

The County is also hoping for an increase in property tax revenue, Transient Occupancy Tax is doing very well, according to Finance Director Janet Dutcher, and an added recreational marijuana tax could bring in extra revenue, too.

Dutcher said other departments will never be cut to fund Sheriff vehicles.

Dutcher is not suggesting budget cuts, but rather fine tuning with an “increased precision” in budgeting. For example, if $100,000 is budgeted for Ford vehicles, that money can be spent, and the carryover would go into the General Fund, why not budget that item for $85,000, allowing a little wiggle room, and carry less over $15,000 of Sheriff vehicles, any carryover from annual purchases would go back into the General Fund. Dutcher suggested putting the left-over into the Capitol Reserve Fund.

A bridge loan may be necessary to provide cash flow for purchases until the Capital Reserve account reaches a sustainable level of $400,000 to $500,000, said Dutcher.

Mono County Supervisors heard from Dutcher and Sheriff Ingrid Braun about the funding, or lack thereof, and costs of vehicles on Tuesday, April 18. Supervisor Larry Johnston has been against the purchase of expensive vehicles. For the price the Sheriff wants to spend on cars, he suggested buying tanks or Portable Interceptors. He added he has heard that the Ford dealer in Bishop can sell Interceptors to Inyo County Sheriff’s Department for $40,000.

Both explained those vehicles need to be outfitted just as any vehicle would at a price of around $35,000, for a total of $75,000.

Johnston has claimed that County policy is to purchase vehicles all of the same make, such as all Fords or Chevys, to save on repair costs. Chapman said the written article or document of the “same maker” policy, cannot be found, and there is likely no such policy.

Johnston also said that, since the Department is down five deputies, he didn’t want to buy cars if there’s no one to drive them.

Supervisor Bob Gardner told Johnston that making comparisons to Porsches is not doing any good, nor is it good governance.

The Supervisors gave direction to staff to move ahead with the Capital Reserve Fund and gave permission to the Sheriff’s Office to purchase whatever vehicles they wanted to, which will likely be the Tahoe.

JAPANESE-AMERICANS GATHER TO REMEMBER
75th Anniversary of Santa Anita Assembly Center recognized

By James

On Saturday, April 15, over 250 Japanese Americans and guests gathered at the Japanese American National Museum (JANM) in Los Angeles for the 75th Anniversary of the Santa Anita Assembly Center.

Best known for thoroughbred horse racing, the Santa Anita Race Track in Arcadia hosts some of the most prominent racing events in the United States. Largely unknown to most Americans and racing aficionados, it also served as an assembly area for seven months after President Roosevelt issued Executive Order 9066 on February 19, 1942 which resulted in more than 19,000 Japanese Americans being evacuated from their homes and incarcerated between April 1942 through October 27, 1942 after the outbreak of World War II.

Executive Order 9066 authorized military commanders to exclude “any or all persons” from certain areas in the name of national defense.

The original Executive Order 9066 is on temporary display at the JANM until May 21.

There were seventeen temporary “assembly centers” designated to house the evicted population until construction on the more permanent and isolated concentration camps were finished. Most, like Santa Anita, were converted from race tracks or fairgrounds.

Most survivors attending Saturday’s event were only children at the time and many have little or no memory of their time there. The concern now is how to go about making sure that the lessons from that sad time continue. Will the current and future generations continue to keep the memory of the camps and lessons learned alive?

The museum hall in which the event was held was a fitting place to have the event. It sits on the site of one of the pickup points where Japanese Americans were ordered to report to be bused to the concentration camps.

The Bombok Taiko Group from Higashi Jonganji Buddhist Church performed on drums to kick off the event, followed by the Reverend Dr. Alfred Tsuyuki of the Konko Kyo Church, who lead an opening prayer to celebrate the 75th Remembrance.

Lunch was traditional bento, which is a single-portion takeout meal common in Japanese cuisine. A traditional bento holds rice, fish or meat, with pickled or cooked vegetables.

There was a video greeting from the actor and activist George Takei, best known for his role as Hikaru Sulu, helmsman of the USS Enterprise in the television series Star Trek.

Entertainment included a very poised Veronica Toyomi Ota, the 2015 Nisei Week Princess, singing “I’ll Be Seeing You,” a much-loved song during World War II, when it became an anthem for those serving overseas.

The Honorable Akira Chiba, Consul General of Japan in Los Angeles, spoke to the gathering and told them that his goal is to visit all the former camps and honor the former internees, which was met with applause. He was followed by Ann Burroughs, the JANM President and CEO, delivering the keynote address during which she praised all those detained for their service in the history of American Japanese American incarcerated.

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A moving musical performance was given by Darrell Kunitomi and Scott Nagatani of the Grateful Crane Ensemble as slides of many former Japanese American incarcerated were shown.

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One has to imagine that it can get lonely being a boy straight out of high school, stuck 30 miles from Big Pine, milking cows every morning before studying Nietzsche in German with a bunch of other dudes, but company's coming. Located on the eastern edge on Inyo County, Deep Springs College and Ranch is one of only four all-male colleges in the nation. Famed in 1917 by hydro-electric magnate Luscious Lucien Nunn, the two-year program is part agricultural college complete with a farm, cattle, cowboys and a garden, and part rigorous liberal arts school. It is one of the hardest colleges to get into in the country, accepting only 13 freshmen that are chosen by the enrolled student body.

Deep Springs College, an all male college located in Deep Springs Valley and founded in 1917, will soon be admitting females. Following a six-year legal battle, a California Appellate Court, 4th District, ruled in favor of co-education. The change is over two words - men versus people - but it is also about changing the trust and intent of the college's founder, L.L. Nunn.

It was argued in court that Nunn was explicit in his vision that the school was attended by "promising young men." However, it is only in the deed of trust that he specifies males.

At a Board of Trustees meeting in 2011, nine of the 11 members decided to allow co-education. The ensuing argument landed them in court.

The heart of the argument is around changing the language of the trust and the words and intent of the founders, not the acceptance of women into the student body. The college has veered away from Nunn's words in making past policy decisions. For example, prior to the 1980s, students were not allowed to cook in the kitchen. Students at Deep Springs College are also highly engaged in self-governance. Today, they pick and choosing curricula, instructors, and who gets to be part of the student body, which was not part of Nunn's original vision. Attorney and Alum Joseph Liburt, represented the trustees opposed to the change in court.

Liburt argued that co-education "blatantly violated" Nunn's words and that changing the college's trust also changes its purpose.

The trust has been modified with a simple word change, from "the education of promising young men" to "the education of promising young people."

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THE BIRDS AND THE ... FISH?

By Giles

Since 2014, University of California Davis PhD student Mary Clapp has been collecting data about how introduced trout impact bird populations at ponds and lakes above 10,000 feet in Kings Canyon and Sequoia National Parks. At a lecture hosted by the Eastern Sierra Audubon Society on Wednesday, April 20, Clapp said that alpine lakes in the Sierra Nevada are a perfect place to study the relationship between terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems, because the food available to inhabitants of both communities is so sparse. “They don't have the productivity of lower ecosystems...it's just granite, water, and some flora. A freshly emerged, big juicy mayfly goes a long way to provide nutrients for a Rosy Finch up there,” said Clapp.

For years, scientists have surveyed bird populations by physically counting calls and sightings during distinct observation periods. The more observations made and collected as data points, the more full and accurate the set of information about the habitat in which the data was collected. For bird surveys of alpine ecosystems, a scientist may only be able to access a field site a few times a year due to factors like weather, snowmelt, and the time required to reach the site on foot.

Clapp is experimenting with something called the Soudscape Approach to Acoustic Recording. To compliment her manual bird surveys, she is installing audio equipment at her field sites. The equipment is set to record for consistent intervals during the times of day when birds are typically most vocally active. Clapp collects that data in the form of spectrograms, or succinct sound bytes. Using computer programming, she chops the spectrogram into pieces and compares the frequency and amplitude of each piece. The sum of their differences is the Acoustic Complexity Index for that spectrogram. That number reflects the amplitude of the cacophony of sounds in a given backcountry recording session and can be compared with other spectrograms.

Clapp is studying pairs of lakes in the same basins, at the same elevation, for which one lake has been stocked with fish and the other has not. Since 2014, she has collected 12 terabytes of data of this kind from 5 pairs of lakes in 5 basins in Kings Canyon and Sequoia National Parks over the last three years.

In the early 2000s, Dr. Roland Knapp of the Sierra Nevada Aquatic Research Lab and his colleagues surveyed thousands of alpine lakes in the Sierra Nevada to assess macroinvertebrate diversity and health. Macroinvertebrates are the aquatic larvae of large flies such as mayflies and dragonflies, and are frequently used by biologists as indicators of the health of an aquatic ecosystem. They are an essential food source for trout, amphibians, and, when hatched as flies, birds. Knapp’s research found that macroinvertebrates were more abundant in alpine lakes where trout had not been introduced than in lakes where they had.

Clapp told lecture attendees that in the alpine zone, there is less organic material for birds to forage from the edges of lakes. As a result, the nutrients they gather from hunting macroinvertebrates may be even more important to their diet than in a forested environment.

It is too early to draw conclusions from her data, but her project is testing new technology that could greatly enhance the power of bird population surveys in the Sierra Nevada. She hopes to determine whether the documented decline of macroinvertebrate populations in high alpine lakes populated by non-native trout has an adverse impact on bird activity in the same ecosystem. She is also testing cutting-edge technology in her field. Clapp assuaged the bird surveyors in attendance. “Don’t worry. You’re not out of a job, and there will likely always be a need for manual bird surveys,” said Clapp, who added that bird call identification has not yet been automated so there is still no replacement for traditional birding methods and skills in research.

For more information about upcoming Eastern Sierra Audubon Society lectures and field trips, visit www.esaudubon.org.

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"I'll be here, wearing the same shirt, I even have some clean ones," said Rusty Gregory on Monday evening, the first day of the new company. He also clarified that there are two simultaneous transactions underway—the contract of Intrawest, which owned 15 percent of Mammoth Resorts (contracted for purchase by Aspen-KSL for $1.5 billion), and then the purchase of Mammoth Resorts by the same group. "As the opportunity presents itself we'll be attempting to buy other resorts and adding to that platform," Gregory said. "That creates a rather large and, we think, stable company. The basic bones of that are a great competitor for Vail." Housing and community revitalization were also subjects of concern for audience members. Gregory emphasized that housing is a top priority, saying "we may have a lot of tourists here, but unless there's people here to take care of (guests), Mammoth will have a difficult time finding long-term success. He said that Aspen considers workforce housing a top priority as well.

"What we need to do is be able to come together behind a common vision for what we want the community to be. A lot of the work has already been done. The General Plan. Feet first…If we can get our act together to come to common agreement…we've got a huge opportunity." He said that one of the main reasons Aspen-KSL is investing in Mammoth is that it's "viewed as the biggest growth opportunity in the U.S."

He said that the new vision for Mammoth can be realized, if the players cooperate. "We as a community are in no different [of a] position now than we were before, except the capital is here and available to us, if we can work together close enough for that capital to make a return."
PUBLIC NOTICES

Request for Bids

GREAT BASIN UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT REQUEST FOR BIDS

Bid Number 2017-0070 (4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22)

File Number 17-059

Clerk of Mono County on March 10, 2017.

This statement was filed with the County listed above on April 26, 2004.

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Chicken McNuggets.

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Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mono County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) will conduct a public hearing June 7, 2017, at 3:00 in the Town/County Conference Room at Minaret Village Mall, 437 Old Mammoth Rd., to consider the preliminary and
draft of a proposed annexation that would include the property known as the Stotts Ranch, located at 94 Laurel Mountain Road, P.O. Box 7667 Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546.

The Clerk of the Board is requesting bids for:


For detailed specifications, bid information and special requirements, contact the Clerk of the Board by telephone at (760) 872-8211, in person, or by mail at 157 Short Street, Bishop, California 93544, or at the District’s website, www.gbnapcd.org, under What’s New. Questions regarding this request for bids should be directed to Mr. Nik Barbieri at the above address and phone number.

Sealed bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on Thurs-
day, May 4, 2017, at which time all bids received will
be opened. No faxed bids will be accepted.

This business is conducted by an Individual

The Following Person Is Doing Business As:

red Carpet Rentals And Sales

Lisa Nelson

508 Idle Place, P.O.Box 9003

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 April 1, 2017. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on April 5, 2017. File Number 17-071 2017-0085(4/22, 4/29, 5/6, 5/13)

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The Following Person Is Doing Business As:

Eastside Auto Glass

David P. Lane

Tom’s Place, Ca. 93546

This business is conducted by an Individual

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 6, 2017. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on April 6, 2017. File Number 17-071 2017-0074/4(15, 4/22, 4/29, 5/6)

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The Following Person Is Doing Business As:

The Nest

Laetitia Welcome

94 Laurel Mountain Road, P.O.Box 7667 Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546

This business is conducted by an Individual

The registrant has not yet begun to trans-
act business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein. This state-
ment was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on April 3, 2017. File Number 17-069 2017-0079(4/15, 4/22, 4/29, 5/6)

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The Following Person Is Doing Business As:

SW Construction

Skyler Waters

6310 Crowley Lake Dr. #1 Crowley Lake, Ca. 93546

This business is conducted by an Individual

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 19, 2013. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on March 21, 2017. File Number 17-057 2017-0069(4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22)

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The Following Person Is Doing Business As:

Construction Specialty

CONSPEC Inc.

155 Hansen Rd., P.O.Box 181

Lee Vining, Ca. 93541

This business is conducted by a Corpora-
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on March 10, 2017. File Number 17-059 2017-0070(4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22)

PERSONALS

I hope to see you ... on Earth Day. I know you just broke up with my best friend, but he doesn't mind if I see you. He is into recycling.

I saw you ... are really committed to saving the Earth. I draw the line at prophylactics.

I saw you ... at the Post Office looking at the notices board. Hani: For your line of work, you are going to have to move to Reno or Pahrump.

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BARS & MUSIC

Happy Hour/
The Liberty Sports Bar and Grill. Pursuit of Happiness Hour, 3-6 p.m. $2 off all beers, $2 off wine, $2 off specialty drinks. $5 Flatbread.

Outlaw Saloon. Monday All Night Happy Hour: 4- Midnight. Tues/Fri 4-6pm. Tuesday $2 Tacos 4-10pm. 6-9pm Wing Wednesday 50% off all wings; new time; Thursday Burger & Beer special 4-9pm.

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 Unwind with daily drink and food specials 5-6 p.m. Hal prix sushi Mondays.

Clocktower Cellar Happy Hour 4:30-7 p.m. daily and all day Sunday. $5 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 Rel. 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 Tavern Happy Hour Tuesday-Sunday 3:30-5:30 p.m. Closed Mondays.

Smokin’ weekend Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. in the bar only.

Side Door Happy Hour daily 3-6 p.m. Mammoth’s famous Scoums Happy Hour: Monday thru Friday 4-6; Saturdays 4-5. Closed Sunday.

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

Mtn. Flambier Brewery Bodie 601 4/21 8pm

Lakanuki Happy Hour daily 3-6 p.m., $4 sushi, appetizers, Mai Tais. Happy Hour drink specials 10 p.m. close.

Black Velvet Coffee’s Happy Hour, from 4-6 p.m. every day. $9 glasses of wine.

Morris’s Happy Hour Daily 4-6 p.m. $50 for two-hour three course meal on Wednesdays.

Food Cache Cafe Happy Hour 3:30-6:30 Sunday-Thur. Street tacos $2.50, $3.50 beers, $7.50 beer/wine and house fries.

Friday, April 21/ Cottonwood Creek at Rusty’s Saloon. Husband and wife country duo. Begins 9 p.m. Free Show.

Bodie 601 Band @ Mountain Rambler Brewery in Bishop. 8 p.m.

Monday, April 24/ Bowling ’N Beats @ Mammoth Rock ‘n Bowl. Theme: Apocalypse. Wear an outfit of your choice for $3. 9 p.m.

Tuesday, April 25/ Karaoke at Rafter’s. 7 p.m. Channa. Begins 9:30 p.m.

Trivia Tuesday @ Mammoth Brewing Co. Test your skills and have some laughs. 6 p.m.

Thursday, April 27/ Latin Night with DJ Orbit at Rafter’s. All night happy hour. Music starts at 10 p.m.

TOWN STUFF

Friday, April 21/ “Music by the Pound,” the story of Crown Records’ Independent Project Press in Bishop. Filmmaker Jerold Kress will be in attendance to present the film. 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 22/ Pressure Canning with Sizzle Workshop with Mono County Master Food Preservers. Learn recipes, test pressure gauges. $15, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. @ Mammoth Community Center. Must pre-register. See sidebar, next page.

Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep Field Trip. 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Free event, pre-registration required. Meet at Cal Fish & Wildlife office on Main Street once registered. Plan to carpool. Join local biologists and find Bighorn Sheep in the mountains nearby. Limited space. Field trips weather/road condition dependent. Register at askunder.

Earth Day at Bishop City Park. Starts 10 a.m. Information booths, vendors, games, food, and fun for all! Hosted by the Bishop Sunrise Rotary.

March for the Earth will begin in conjunction with Earth Day celebrations in Bishop City Park. March begins 9 a.m. If you need a ride, contact Don at condon.don@gmail.com. For info call 760-937-8081.

Veterans’ Night Out: Vets Helping Vets Presents dinner, dance, cash bar, & prizes. Live Music. 5 p.m. Social Hour. 6 p.m. posting of Colors. Home Economics Building at Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop. RSVP at 760.873.7650 for free raffle tickets. Designated drivers available.

The Bishop Elks Lodge hosts a 5k run/walk for Steps For Scholarships. Time: 10 a.m. at Bishop City Park. Race day registration starts 8:30. All proceeds go towards scholarships for BHSU students. The cost for this event is $20 for adults, and $10 for students.

Steve’s After Party: Remember fishing guide Steve Osterman. Thurs at Hot Creek Ranch. All are welcome to join in a Bar-B-Q, BYOB.


Sunday, April 23/ MMSA Pond Skim/Spring Party @ Canyon Lodge. Starting at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 23, tickets will be issued to the first 50 people in costume and in line to register for the competition at Canyon Lodge. Competition will start at 2 p.m. No costume, no entry. See sidebar, next page, ad p. 6.

Hike historic Wagon Trail with the Sierra Club. 8 miles round trip. Meet 10 a.m. Mammoth Union Bank. Contact Melissa for up-to-date info, 760.937.0499 or melissas1@verizon.net.

Trips weather/road condition dependent. Register at askunder wildlifecq.gov.

MMSA Pond Skim/Spring Party @ Canyon Lodge. Starting at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 23, tickets will be issued to the first 50 people in costume and in line to register for the competition at Canyon Lodge. Competition will start at 2 p.m. No costume, no entry. See sidebar, next page, ad p. 6.

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The Imagimation Lab presents Shira Dubrovner, Artistic Director of Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre. 621 W. Line St. in Bishop. 3 p.m. Call Eva at 760.872.2466 to reserve a seat.

Through April 23/ Early bird sale for the third annual Mammoth Lakes Film Festival starts today! Purchase a VIP Pass for only $135 or a Movie Pass for $99. Prices increase on April 24, so purchase your pass early and save. The festival takes place May 24-28.
Shady Rest fat biking

The Mammoth Lakes Trail System team is pleased to announce the start of a winter fat biking pilot program as a newly allowed use of the current winter trail system running from Shady Rest Park. To help introduce the great fun of this activity we will be grooming the multi-use trails at Shady Rest for as long as weather and snow conditions allow with up to 2 ½ miles of expanded packed trails. Be sure to get out there early in the morning before the snow gets too soft.

Trail user etiquette will play a critical role in the successful operation of the program. A general sense of common courtesy and kindness is the key ingredient for success. We ask that all trail users respect the following guidelines:

- Be kinder to the trail by being courteous and yield right of way according to etiquette code. All trail users yield to grooming machines.
- Do not ride or walk in cross country ski tracks.
- Fat bikes: yield to all other trail users. Skiers do not have brakes, but you do. Leave room for others to pass (do not ride side-by-side blocking the trail). Do not ride in soft conditions. If you leave a rut deeper than 2 inches, it is too soft.
- Keep your dog leashed at all times. Pick up and dispose of any dog waste on and off trails and at trailsheads.

Thanks to everyone for your enthusiasm and cooperation while we work to improve and expand outdoor recreation opportunities for the community of Mammoth Lakes.

Off-limit snowmobile areas

Based upon reports from rangers and visitors alike, the Inyo National Forest is reminding snowmobilers to respect off-limit areas of the forest that do not close to snowmobile traffic. Forest Service rangers are patrolling closed areas for illegal snowmobile activity; focusing on locations where these incursions are problematic. These areas include designated Wilderness and Research Natural Areas, Mammoth Lakes Basin, Devils Postpile National Monument, Mcgee Mountain, Obsidian Dome cross-country ski trails, Shady Rest cross-country ski trails, and the area west of the G-trail from June Lake Junction south to the Glass Creek Hill.

Pick up your free copy of the Eastern Sierra Winter Recreation Map at the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center (a waterproof version is available for purchase as well), obtain it online, or download to your mobile device using the Aveza map app (www.pdf-maps.com). These maps inform recreationists of motorized restricted areas.

Mammoth Lakes Film Festival Tickets Available

This year’s five-day festival will open with a screening of the Cheech and Chong film “Up in Smoke,” with star and uncredited director Tommy Chong in attendance for a question and answer session after the film. This year’s festival will run from May 24 - May 28 in Mammoth Lakes. Tickets go on sale starting April 24. The film roster will be announced next week. VIP Passes are available for $195 and include access to 10 film screenings, including opening night of the festival, advance screening selection, access to the filmmaker lounge from 9-11 a.m., and admission to 4 parties.

Additionally, you can purchase a Movie Pass for $125 that includes access to 10 movie screenings and advance screening selections. This pass does not include a ticket to opening night of the festival. Tickets for Opening Night Screening only, Individual screening tickets, as well as Individual Gala Events and Filmmaker Parties go on sale May 10. For tickets, visit www.MammothLakesFilmFestival.com.

Put someizzle into your life

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Monday, May 1/Mono Basin Historical Society meeting @ Lee Vining Community Center. Potluck @ 6 p.m. Info: 760.647.6644.

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Help Wanted

Nordco is looking for a 24 hour dispatcher for our rental bike store. Must have excellent customer service skills, be able to work flexible hours & holidays. Salary DOE. Apply via e-mail (lisak@nordco.com) or in person @ 6201 Minaret # 105.

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In the afternoon session, several people gave public comment urging the County to figure out a solution that did not involve new construction. Second homeowner Christopher Wiles said, “We have an obligation as taxpayers to stop you from spending money we don’t have.”

Former Mammoth Mayor Matthew Lehman said new construction would create a massive commercial real estate vacuum, adding significant inventory.

He said it was as if the government was saying, “We’re going to take your tax money, and then we’re going to build a building to compete with you.”

Lehman did acknowledge that the government owning its own property was a smarter long-term strategy, a sentiment also voiced by local businessman Tom Cage.

They, along with Mammoth Lakes Planning Commissioner Greg Eckert, hoped a deal could be worked out where the County would have an option to purchase the Sierra Center at some future point in time.

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The Mono Board is expected to make a final decision regarding its South County future at its May 16 meeting.

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In other news, the deal for Sam’s Woodsite has been finalized.

Dirk Winter, who established a very successful “Christmas Village” concept in Cambria, hopes to bring a similar type of event to Mammoth. Mammoth Lakes Tourism stepped in to commit $300,000 to the deal. The contribution is meant to be used for site improvements and guarantees the town an outdoor events venue for at least the next decade.

Mayor Pro-Tem John Wentworth said at Council Wednesday. “It’s important to clarify this is not a permanent solution; this is a 10-year thing.”

The deal guarantees a home for Labor Day Arts Festival and Sierra Classic Theatre’s Summer Shakespeare events as well as two other public events to be determined.

What does the future hold for Bluesapalooza? Unclear. The agreement stated that for-profit events like Bluesa should pay a “commercially reasonable cost” for site rental—whatever that means.

LIONS WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The Mammoth Lakes Lions Club officially welcomed several new members at its weekly luncheon on Wednesday, April 19. From left, new Lion member Dr. Arianna Weiner, Lion President Jeffrey Mitchell, new Lion member Greg Newbry, and new Lion member Aleksandra Mendel. Mammoth Lakes Lions supports the local community in a variety of ways, from clean-up efforts, to volunteering, to awarding scholarship dollars to local students. “I joined Lions because I was looking for ways to volunteer in my community,” said Mendel. “I was attracted to Lions because of its legacy, but more so because the people in the Mammoth Lions Club are great. They’re a fun bunch and I enjoy spending time with them while contributing to our community. Come join us!”

Mammoth Lions meet the first four Wednesdays of every month at noon for lunch. Call 760.934.3815 for information.

Lion Secretary Eric Olsen gave a presentation about Lions International and the work the local club does to the new Mammoth Lakes Lions members during Wednesday’s luncheon.

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Hourly wage based on mechanical ability, experience and qualifications. Experience with bowling equipment is not required, as we will provide training, but basic mechanical aptitude will be helpful. Applicants should also be comfortable in the hospitality industry setting, friendly, outgoing and also be well groomed. Ideally, the applicant should also be able to work at the front desk, assist bowling customers, and help with food and beverage operations.

Applications can be obtained and returned to the Front Desk at Mammoth Rock n Bowl.
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It’s the kind of job that other people just cannot relate to... and that’s part of the bond, the camaraderies. We could tell the stories for years,” says former ski patroller Ian Scott. Scott is one of the organizers of Mammoth Mountain’s first Ski Patrol reunion, which will take place from May 5-7 and bring together patrollers from the era of Dave McCoy’s rope tow on McGee Mountain to those still protecting skiers at Mammoth today.

It started as just a hint of an idea—a Mammoth Ski Patrol Facebook group where members shared memories, photos and war stories from their times at Mammoth. “A couple of guys who worked on patrol for 20-some years said, ‘Hey, we should get together and celebrate those who have worked so hard to keep this mountain safe,’” said Steven McGrath, the media representative for the reunion. And so began the plans for the “three days of skiing, barbecuing, debauchery, and toboggan races,” to take place at Mammoth Mountain. “People are coming from all over the country to do this,” said McGrath.

Some don’t have to travel very far. Daryl “Animal” Aukee, 82, lives in Bishop, with his wife Mary Lou, whom he met when she gave him a haircut as per Dave McCoy’s wishes. Aukee was the head of Mammoth Ski Patrol from 1959-64. He was a surfer from La Jolla whose friend one day asked him if he wanted to learn to ski. Sure, he said. They took off for Aspen the next week, where they’d earn lift tickets by ski-and-boot packing for the resort (it was a tough life before lifts and snow cats).

After a winter of skiing, Aukee hitchhiked to Sun Valley, ID and then to Tahoe. He was headed back to La Jolla, “and on my way back to the beach I stopped in Mammoth. I was just sneaking around the lifts. Tony Milici, who ran the cafeteria, gave me a job.”

The next fall, he was offered a gig with ski patrol. Halfway through the season, his supervisor ran off with his gal, a nurse, and Aukee was offered his position.
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Dahlgren who, at almost eighty, sounds like he should still be out patrolling. Ever been down Gremlin’s? It’s an ode to Dahlgren.

“There weren’t a lot of people working there, but we all looked out for each other,” said Aukee. “It was like a family. We worked together and we all lived and played together too.”

Patrollers found their way to Mammoth in a myriad of ways—many of them, like Scott and Aukee, stayed. Others, like Dahlgren, moved to other ski towns. But a whole heap of them will be descending back on Mammoth to relive memories and revel in their old stomping grounds. Local businesses have offered discounts to patrollers and, Scott said that MMSA has offered us tremendous support.

Oh, to be a fly on the wall of this event—over 270 people have registered so far, a number which includes both patrollers and their guests. A temporary museum will be erected in the Old Gondola Room at Main Lodge. Ian Scott said that, while the event is for former and current patrollers only, the general public is invited to come visit with the attendees at a barbecue on Sunday, May 7 at The Mill (Chair 2) from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. It is rumored that Bob Cloe, who worked for Dave McCoy at McGee Mountain and is now in his nineties, will make an appearance at the reunion.

For patrollers who are interested in joining and haven’t yet registered, please email Ian at mmspreunion@gmail.com.

The Sheet will follow up with more ski patrol stories, including reviews of some of the cinematography produced by former patrollers, in a future issue.

In their own words: Patrollers share their stories with The Sheet

On injuries:

Aukee: “I never broke a leg. I fixed a few of ’em.”

Dahlgren: “We had so many accidents that were just frightening…this was before ski lift towers had padding. The most interesting wreck was at the bottom of (Chair 2). There’s this guy sitting in the snow. Skis are all over the place. In those days the general public used ski straps (with) 8-10 inches of slack, so when you fell and your skis came off, they just helicoptered. I looked at this guy and went ‘Ugh.’ He had scraped himself. His scalp…was hanging off to the side. ‘Okay sir, we’ll fix you up,’ and I took a deep breath and picked up his scalp with two fingers, slid it back on top of his head and wrapped him up with ace bandages like a WWII fighter.”

Oh hijinks:

Mary Lou Aukee: “I know back then the boys liked to have a good time.”

Dahlgren: “We would more than often go down to hot creek and everybody would get ripping, and we’d go down with the ski school guys and girls, and the patrol girlfriends, and just stay in there till 3-4 in the morning drinking wine.

So we’re down there, and this French ski instructor Tony…he had a dong about a foot long. And he’s standing by the bonfire naked, and here comes this Greyhound bus and out trapeze all these dentists and their wives. So a couple of the wives really get angry and they tell Tony to put some clothes on and he just says, ‘Welcome to Hot Creek!’ And

On cars:

Mary Lou Aukee: “Daryl had a Woody station wagon and he sold it so that we’d have some money for our honeymoon in Lake Tahoe (the couple were married in Carson City).

Dahlgren: “I drove a 46 Chevy club coupe with a cracked block. My surfboard would stick in the back. In the morning (I lived in a 14’ trailer in the ghetto) I would pour water in it and drive to Main Lodge, trailing a cloud of steam, and park. More water in the afternoon, enough to make it back down to the Village. Well, I coveted the Varne sunglasses the lift operator at the bottom of Chair 2 wore. I traded my Chevy straight across for the sunglasses.”

On booze:

Dahlgren: “We’d always assemble at the top of Chair 3, and if you look down the mountain to your left a couple hundred feet, there’s an area that can’t be seen from below or either side. So we put a big piece of plywood and made a snow cave there. A snow deck. And it’d be stocked in the woods that didn’t have any first aid stuff in them, they’d have blankets and booze… I think Dave McCoy probably just preferred not to know about those toboggans.”

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Horoscope

Aries: The Stars are reporting that this next year of your life will be much more positive and enjoyable than its predecessor. The best news is that good news should start right now—Aspen did just buy Mammoth Mountain Ski Area! The best way to receive good news is with open arms and, in some circumstances, wearing little more than a smile and a maybe a beanie in case it gets cold. Relationships will progress to the next level, too. Just accept that for some the next level will be the basement, or the parking garage.

Taurus: In honor the passing of fellow Taurus Don Rickles at the ripe old age of 90, please remember not to take life too seriously and to enjoy a couple of his lines. On life: “Whatever you do to gain success, you have to hang in there and hope that everyone else is taken. Since you are in the beginning stages of a very positive turn in your life, don't be surprised when you have to repeat this Tracy Jordan line: “What is this, Horseville? ’Cause I’m surrounded by a bunch of naysayers.”

Leo: Please remember to be yourself, since Oscar Wilde reminded us that you’re impacts on others are positive.” On Frank Sinatra: “When good things happen. Always think positive.” On life: “Whatever you do to gain success, you have to hang in there and hope that everyone else is taken. Since you are in the beginning stages of a very positive turn in your life, don't be surprised when you have to repeat this Tracy Jordan line: “What is this, Horseville? ’Cause I’m surrounded by a bunch of naysayers.”

Gemini: To help you make sure you’re impacts on others are positive, and thus creating good karma for yourself, please don’t adopt one of these new taglines for United Airlines: A) “We offer First Class, Business Class and No Class.” B) “If you can’t beat the repotion, beat the customers.” C) “We put the ‘hospital’ in ‘hospitality.’”

Libra: The Stars are asking you to try to not make your life so hard. Sure, you need a little drama now and then to spice things up, but you don’t need to turn your life into an endless soap opera. Therefore, please accept that you can’t stay mad while saying the word “bubbles,” and adopt this attitude from the old TV show, Soap; “Let’s synchronize our watches. It’s now 3-ish.”

Scorpio: It’s true that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself. It’s also true that we need to give fear a beatdown like it stole our milk money when we were kids, except that now we’re all grown up and have watched a lot of Bruce Lee movies. Henceforth, your new motto comes from the Little Phoenix: “As you think, so shall you become.”

Sagittarius: The Stars are reporting that this is a time of change in your life, especially where work and routine are involved. It’s time to mix up what isn’t working or helping you stay in a positive and productive mindset. To help you embrace this change, and not by putting it in a mindset. To help you embrace this change, and not by putting it in a headlock, never forget this: “Someone once said that making a movie about tornados full of sharks was a good idea—and that person was right.”

Capricorn: Since laughter and a positive attitude are the most important ingredients in the recipe for your ultimate happiness, your new motto may help as well: “This, too, shall pass. It may pass like a kidney stone, but it will pass.”

Aquarius: Okay, here’s your advice not only for this week, but for every week hereafter: Don’t be Dick, or even a Richard for that matter, unless that’s your real name. If that’s the case, please be the best Richard or Dick you can be. The way you can tell if you’re succeeding is if you can get through most days by not giving anybody a good reason to tell you to go eat a bag of your namesakes.

Pisces: If you’ve been having trouble keeping your New Year’s resolution to get in better shape, Clouds has some thoughts that may help. Perhaps you just didn’t choose the proper shape to get into. “Apple,” “pear” and “generally good” should be perfect. Mixing up workout routines can also help make workouts more interesting, so please consider incorporating activities like streaking and wrestling in your undies into your routine.
Aspen-KSL recently announced its plans to purchase Mammoth Resorts for an undisclosed sum, which got The Sheet thinking about naming rights.

The Sheet asked people on the street: Would you agree to rename Mammoth Lakes “Zuckerberg, CA” if the Facebook founder paid for the rights? How much should he pay?

By Giles

“No. There’s too much history here for them to let some rich guy just buy the place and change the name.”
- Stephanie Hukkanen, Mammoth Lakes

“No. Some things aren’t for sale. The soul of Mammoth is the soul of Mammoth, and it’s an amazing thing.”
- Marcus Nobreus, Sweden

“No. That would be a stupid name.”
- Hailey Bachman, Mammoth Lakes.

“No. It’s a classy name, Mammoth Lakes, and it’s Dave McCoy’s legacy... It’d be like when the Chargers left San Diego. People would get all pissed off and have to sell their t-shirts and stuff.”
- Justin Bell, Mammoth Lakes

“Absolutely not! We are what we are because of Dave McCoy and the community he helped to build here. Sadly, it’s being lost, and we need to hold on to it.”
- Emma Hasten, Mammoth Lakes

“What with the Town debt, they’d probably be stupid not to! I bet Zuckerberg could afford to foot that $50 million airport settlement bill.”
- Peter Mayforth, Mammoth Lakes

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