BOND FOR GLORY

Holler says no public vote will be necessary.

This week, Town of Mammoth Lakes (TOML) Town Manager Dan Holler and Finance Director Rob Patterson announced that the Multi-Use Facility (MUF) at Mammoth Creek Park West could be financed using a combination of public bonds and all of the Measure U and R funds currently saved since the measures were passed in 2008. The announcement came at Tuesday’s Mammoth Lakes Recreation (MLR) Board of Directors Meeting, along with the announcement that the bonds could be approved by Town Council without being subject to a public vote. Patterson presented two alternatives for funding construction of the MUF; which Holler reported is still a $9.5 million project. Both scenarios involved leveraging the roughly $6 million currently sitting in reserve from unspent Measure U and Measure R tax revenue.

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At this meeting, Council and PEDC members agreed that a plan for parking has to be dealt with before a minimum FAR can be imposed. There was consensus that if in lieu fees for parking were to be imposed, they would go to a separate fund to be used for planned parking projects within a reasonable time frame of a project’s construction. Referring to the fact that this didn’t work out in The Village, Mayor Shields indicated, “Hopefully our town doesn’t continue to make the same mistakes.”

For us to achieve a vision, we have several of whom were property owners on Main Street. Mammoth Mountain Ski Area (MMSA) CEO Rusty Gregory was present along with VP of Development Tom Hodges. Former Mayor and Main Street business owner Kathy Cage said that if a minimum FAR is imposed, public-private partnerships will be needed to provide the required parking downtown. “The parking requirements for The Village are half of what they are in Old Mammoth, and Intrawest couldn’t even afford that. If you had an in lieu fee substantial enough to actually create parking, people would just build their own, and if the standard remains so high as to require developers on Main Street to provide twice the parking allotted in The Village, it will be cost prohibitive.”

Conway confusion

By Giles

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to be willing to change and swallow the notion of very prescriptive development patterns in the code… it's clear that if we don't change, we will get exactly what we have and it will keep happening to us until we decide what the vision is as a community,” Gregory said that the reason no new development has happened on Main Street in the last 30 years is that people don't know what their neighbors will put up next to them. Addressing the public, Gregory said, “Right now, it's not The Mountain's choice, it's not big money's choice, it's our choice.”

Gregory said he tried to call Lehman to discuss a vision for development in Mammoth Lakes, but that Lehman told him his was on vacation in Mexico and couldn't talk. “I see you’re ear is bandaged so I won’t ask you about the details of what happened down there,” said Gregory.

“My ears are bleeding because I’m hearing so much B.S. right now,” reported Lehman. “That’s so good, I forgot what I was going to say next,” said Gregory to raucous laughter from the public and members of the Boards. Ken Sample, owner of the Mammoth Shell Station, told Council and the PEDC, “If you pass a minimum FAR, you’ll just end up with twenty more years of no development on Main Street. I’ve been here since 1986 … I want my business to be around for my daughters when they are ready to take over the reins, and I don’t need the Town telling me what the vision is for how to do that.”

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Former PEDC member Dave Harvey said, “I think the pieces are already in place to achieve what you want to achieve here.” No action was taken by Town Council or the PEDC regarding a minimum FAR. Consensus was that the groups were interested in other means of encouraging higher density development in the downtown corridor before making a decision.
Adopting a Minimum FAR (Floor Area Ratio for zoning) is either incredibly stupid or unscrupulously brilliant – depending on the Town’s goal.

If the goal is to facilitate individual owners redeveloping their properties, then adoption of the Minimum FAR is incredibly stupid. Compliance is physically impossible without a current or foreseeable parking solution as well as economically impossible as there can be no viable return on the enormous investment required.

If the goal is to force individual owners to fire-sale their properties to major developers or the Mountain, on whose behalf the Minimum FAR will operate as a reverse Robin Hood – that is, taking land from the “little guys” and giving it to the “big boys” – then adoption of the Minimum FAR is unscrupulously brilliant. As an intended and unavoidable consequence, since the Minimum FAR deprives us “little guys” of the right to make any economically sustainable use of our properties, it will force us to sell out to the “big boys” at distressed prices.

Downtown planning consultant Hart Howerton may have explained the scheme best: “the Town needs to set a higher bar . . . that will attract the right kinds of developers to Mammoth.” (See Hart Howerton letter to Dan Holler dated 1.3.16 included in Public Comments for the 4.15.17 Council meeting.)

Well folks, there it is, in black and white. We, the “little guys”, already here, who have hung in there with Mammoth through thick and thin, are not the “right kinds of developers”. So at the command of the “big boys”, the Town is poised to adopt that higher bar, the Minimum FAR, actually a guillotine, to be rid of us and ensure our property ends up in the clutches of the “right kinds of developers”’ own Mammoth, it will be fun to see how fast the Town adopts a new pro-developer Code.

So which is it, Council, Commission, and staff members? Incredible stupidity or unscrupulous brilliance? Absent any economic analysis to the contrary, which has yet to be provided and is hereby strongly requested, the fact the TOML’s own analysis has confirmed developing under the current Code, even without the Minimum FAR, is already economically infeasible, makes the answer pretty clear. Unscrupulous brilliance, without a doubt. (See Economic Analysis of Case Study Sites: Mammoth Lakes Main Street Plan.)

Forcing us “little guys” land owners to construct over-built structures with off-site or underground parking, the construction costs of which will far exceed completed values and for which there will never be enough tenants to fill the floors or rents sufficient to provide a return on investment, leads to only one result – a land grab by the Town for the “big boys”. Upon the Council’s voting in the Minimum FAR, we “little guys” might as well just hand over our property deeds to the Town, or to save the middle man, hand them directly to the “right kinds of developers”.

The Public Comments on the Town’s website for the April 5, 2017 meeting confirm this conclusion. Not one of the letters from the local business community and impacted individual landowners supports the Minimum FAR. Their opposition is logical and vehement. The only support comes from Hart Howerton’s letters, cc’d to the Mountain of course and written on its behalf, among others. Not exactly a surprise. However, the Town may be, as before, short-sighted, and yet again, misled by purportedly sound legal advice and unattainable pie-in-the-sky visions. While we “little guys” may not have the big bucks – we do have property rights which we could take very, very seriously, much to the financial detriment of an arrogant, over-reaching, puppet Town. Again, and importantly to all TOML citizens, it is the Town and those citizens who will suffer financially, not the “big boys” pulling the strings and benefiting from the Town’s inartfully disguised takings on their behalf through the Minimum FAR.

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LETTERS
No magic solutions

Dear Editor:

As you know, MMSA is funding a workforce housing study, via WSW Consulting, which will analyze the Town’s needs and culminate with a “Community Housing Action Plan.” In respect to the need for workforce housing, the Town-adopted Nexus Study states that between 79%-90% of new employees will be low, and very low income service workers. The Town’s existing workforce housing deficit is approximately 264 units (Needs Assessment 2011-2015). At built-out, it is estimated that Mammoth Lakes may need approximately 1,250 workforce housing units (p. 14: draft Comprehensive Workforce Housing Strategy). MMSA’s base lodge redevelopment is not included in the 1,250-unit estimate.

One might assume that a workforce housing study will discover that the town has a workforce housing deficit, not only for service workers, but for teachers, medical staff, office workers, retail managers… all the people who make up a viable, healthy community. On March 15, WSW Consulting held its kick-off community meeting to target the scope of research into Mammoth’s workforce housing needs. At the meeting, a Mammoth Councilmember suggested that the town should address its housing needs down valley in Benton or Chalfant. Really? Minimum wage earners are going fill their gas tanks at three to four dollars a gallon and drive an hour, each way, to Mammoth to put in an eight-hour day during a winter snowstorm? In October, 2016, Mammoth’s Town Council approved a $150,000 consulting contract with Darin Dinsmore. Mr. Dinsmore is contracted to provide a Visioning/Planning process to revitalize Downtown Mammoth Lakes. In California, the cap-and-trade program designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions is limping through a weak first-quarter 2017 auction, netting about $8 million. Cap-and-trade provides funds for transit projects, workforce housing, and other initiatives. Locating Mammoth’s workforce in Benton would not exactly be a greenhouse gas reducer. At the March 15 workforce housing kick-off meeting, WSW Consulting was asked to find “creative,” “innovative,” “collaborative” (magical) solutions which don’t exist. The fact is that, in order to address Mammoth’s workforce housing shortage, Town Council will have to use the local, legislative tools it has available: increase developer housing fees; reinitiate the inclusionary housing ordinance; provide full funding for voter approved 2002A; keep Shady Rest zoned for workforce housing; incorporate deed restricted housing units into a FAR ordinance; and add workforce housing to any discussion of a Downtown EIFD (Enhanced Infrastructure Finance District).

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Here’s the disconnect. The Dinsmore’s “Action Plan” is expected to be completed before June 2017. Meanwhile, Part 1 of the workforce housing needs study is expected to be completed by mid-July 2017. Part 2 of WSW Consulting analysis is to provide a workforce housing “Action Plan.” The development of WSW’s “Action Plan” will begin the third week of July and culminate in November. This raises the question: How does Mr. Dinsmore’s Downtown “Action plan,” due in June, incorporate the WSW Consulting “Action Plan,” due in November, into a single “Action” plan that addresses the community’s vision and the needs of the whole community? Without an updated workforce housing assessment, how does Mr. Dinsmore know what to propose for the Shady Rest Tract site? He proposed rezoning Shady Rest into market rate homes and tiny homes, what’s the supporting rationale or justification? Put another way, shouldn’t the housing needs study and ‘Actions Plan’ inform planning for Shady Rest? (Full disclosure, Mr. Dinsmore has acknowledged in a public meeting that he is involved in a tiny homes project in Arizona.)

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WHOSE JOB IS IT ANYWAY?
Mono County Supervisors seek better communication with Eastern Sierra Land Trust

By Giles

After several hours of deliberation, the Mono County Board of Supervisors (BOS) directed county staff to compile additional information regarding possible strategies for future management of the Conway and Mattly Ranch properties at its March 7 meeting.

At that meeting, Supervisors Stacy Corless, Fred Stump, and Larry John- ston said they favored selling the properties. Johnston said, "The county cannot continue to fund this project, and needs to sell the property. We are not in a position to run this property anymore."

The next day, Kay Ogden, Executive Director of ESLT submitted a letter to the Mono County BOS, in which she stated, "Eastern Sierra Land Trust remains confident that the County will continue to uphold their commitment to protect all of the property’s Conservation Values, including wet meadow and riparian areas, which provide important habitat for Bi-State Sage Grouse." Ogden’s letter also clarified that, when the Conservation Easement on Conway Ranch was established, ESLT received a total of $35,000 split evenly between Mono County and Caltrans. Those funds became the Stewardship Endowment Fund. The Conservation Easement Management Plan states that ESLT has “no obligations, upkeep or maintenance of the property.” It’s role is to ensure that the property is being managed in accordance with the Conservation Easement Management Plan.

Tuesday’s BOS meeting, Larry John- ston said that FIM Corporation, the county’s former tenant at Conway and Mattly ranches, had informed the BOS that it does not intend to irrigate the property for the duration of its lease.

Who will now irrigate the wet meadows? Do they have to be irrigated?

“What is this letter really all about?” asked Supervisor Johnston at Tuesday’s Meeting. “I think we need to make sure that ESLT is present in considerations and that their requirements are made clear,” said Supervisor Corless. Ogden was not present to clarify her organizations expectations at Tuesday’s BOS meeting or the March 7 meeting at which the BOS decided not to issue a request for proposals for a new lease at Conway Ranch.

On page 10 of the Conway Ranch Conservation Easement Management Plan, under a heading titled, “Property Restoration Upon Ceasation of Aquaculture or Livestock Grazing Op- erations,” the respective roles of The County and ESLT are made very clear. The document states that, if livestock grazing operations on the property are terminated, “The Conservation Easement requires that restoration activities be conducted to allow any disturbed … portion of the land where the activity was permanently cease to return to a natural … condition … The parties will work together to create a comprehensive restoration plan that will be funded and implemented by Mono County.”

The document goes on to state, “Mono County will continue to provide irrigation to existing meadows and wildlife habitat.” Irrigation is defined to include “cleaning and repairing ditches and sedimentation basins, managing water flows …”

Floyd Rathbun, a Range Consultant who has represented FIM Corporation, said this week that company sent employees to Conway and Mattly Ranches to irrigate the properties from spring through the end of the summer throughout the duration of their lease. “FIM Corp has spent a great amount of money on labor and equipment to repair and make functional the old irrigation ditches that need constant attention and irrigation that is completed with a lot of hard work done mostly by hand,” said Rathbun in an email.

Mono County staff was unavailable to provide information about how much it would cost for the County to take over these responsibilities. County Agriculture Commissioner Nate Reed said this week that if all irrigation were stopped at Conway Ranch, it could take less than a year for the wildlife habitat on the property to be adversely impacted. The land in question has been grazed and irrigated for over 30 years.

In January, The USDA’s Regional Conservation Partnership Program created an $8 million fund to support projects that “conserve the Bi-State population of Greater Sage-Grouse and enhance ranch water quality in the region.” ESLT and ten partners leveraged an additional $20 million in funding for the program. According to Ogden, private land owners and managers are eligible to receive funds for sustainable land management practices, but governments and public agencies are not. A lessee at Conway Ranch would be eligible for those funds, but Mono County is not.

The Conservation Easement clearly states that, should Mono County opt to end domestic grazing and irrigation of Conway and Mattly Ranch, the County will be responsible not only for irrigating and maintaining the properties, but also for restoring them to their pre-grazing state. It is unclear how much that will cost taxpayers, but ESLT made it clear that the agency expects Mono County to get started promptly.

At Tuesday’s BOS meeting, Supervi- sor Corless asked that a discussion regarding mutual expectations be completed with a lot of hard work done mostly by hand. The motion passed 4-1. The motion passed 3-1. Supervisor Bob Gardner recused himself from the entire discussion as he is the President of ESLT’s Board of Directors.

Additionally, it was reported that Mono County paid Caltrans and ESLT roughly $100,000 at the time the Con- servation Easement was established. Mono county and Caltrans each paid ESLT $17,500 to establish a Steward- ship Fund, and Mono County paid Caltrans approximately $95,000.
By Bedine

911 fails in Hammil Valley

A person, whose identity has not yet been released, died alone in Hammil Valley in January. The body was eventually found. However, the party that found the deceased had to use a phone at the neighbor’s house to call 911 because the service wasn’t good enough to call 911 from the home of the deceased.

According to the investigation into the incident, poor Frontier Communication phone service or lack of 911 access did not contribute to the death, nor did the deceased attempt to call 911.

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AERIAL PHOTOS OF TI OGA PASS ROAD TAKEN BY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON ON MARCH 3.

When asked if Tioga Pass will be open any time soon, Caltrans District 9 Public Information Officer Florene Trainor said, “Oh, heavens no,” and chuckled. Southern California Edison tried to edge in a small pathway over the pass and Trainor said the amount of snow was ominous. Massive amounts.

There are also rock slides and road damage in addition to the snow which could delay opening further. There’s no word from any agency involved when Tioga Pass will open. The park doesn’t start to officially plow Highway 120/Tioga Pass until April 15. Frank Gehrke, chief of the California Cooperative Snow Surveys program for the Department of Water Resources told CNN last month the road may not be open until mid-July.

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Caltrans is responsible for the 12.9 miles, from the 120/395 intersection to the gate at the entrance station. The park is responsible for what’s in the park.

Mammoth Mountain Ski Area may aid in helping get the roads open, Public Relations Manager for Mammoth Mountain Lauren Burke said in an email, “While there isn’t anything confirmed as of today (April 5), Mammoth Mountain Ski Area is willing and able to support the efforts of all agencies in their efforts to clear Tioga Road and open access to the Eastern Sierra for the summer.”

According to Caltrans District 10 Facebook page, the Department of Transportation is beginning to clear Sonora and Monitor passes and expects to have the two open by Fishmas.

The main character in the road trip, Yosemite, doesn’t answer the phone. Ideally, Tioga is open around Fishmas, the last weekend in April, but you take what you can get, say some Lee Vining residents.

Wayne Weaver of Beaver Sporting Goods and Hardware and Lee Vining resident for more than 40 years said, “When you live in Lee Vining you deal with it. We don’t complain a lot.”

When he was younger, Weaver said, he used to fight and argue with the powers that be about trying to get the pass open as soon as possible, but he quickly realized it did no good. Yelling and complaining will not make the snow melt any faster or the plows plow any quicker.

“The park is going to do what’s going to do,” Beaver explained.

The Mono Basin Visitor Center will be opening later than usual this year, too. The Forest Service is short on staffing and can’t open the popular center looking Mono Lake until the end of the month. It is usually open by the first of April.

A local Forest Service partner, the Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association, that runs and manages the visitor centers at local visitor centers, has the staffing to open the center. But, there has to be Forest Service employees have to be on-site for the center to be open, according to ESIA Office Manager Scott Trotter.

Deb Schweizer, public information officer for the Inyo National Forest said seasonal staff is just now coming on.
Having a one-hour telephone town hall with your local U.S. congressman is sort of like listening to the lyrics of the Adele song, “Hello”:

“Hello, it’s me
I was wondering if after all these years you’d like to meet
To go over everything…”

In the one-hour telephone town hall meeting held last week, Rep. Paul Cook, the 18th Congressional District representative whose district includes all of Inyo and Mono counties, answered only about a dozen questions, including two from Bishop residents. A moderator selected callers, who were only allowed to ask Cook one question, with no follow up questions. Cook’s office made excuses for not having an in-person town hall meeting by alleging that “the main local agitators demanding a town hall seek not a dialogue but a platform to espouse an extreme political agenda that was resoundingly rejected in this district and in the U.S.” and that “he [Cook] will not allow fringe groups of any type to dictate the political discourse.”

Cook said the recently proposed American Healthcare Act did not meet his standards for a “comprehensive replacement health care plan” needed to replace the “flawed Obamacare” [Affordable Care Act] plan. He added that he didn’t just want to pull the plug on it [The Affordable Care Act] and not have a safety net for all those people who would be harmed.

Cook is concerned about whether the current congress will be able to pass a federal budget by the April 28 deadline to avoid a government shutdown. He’s concerned that the consequences will be “devastating if there is no kind of bi-partisan support.”

As a military veteran, Cook said he welcomes proposed increases in defense and national security spending, but not much else in the budget proposed by President Trump. In response to a question from Bishop resident Charlie Broten about that budget, Cook said, “I didn’t like the budget. I’m not happy with the proposed social aspects of the budget.” He referred specifically to funding cuts to the Meals on Wheels food program for seniors.

Betsy McDonald of Bishop asked about efforts underway in several western states to pressure the Trump administration to sell off federal public lands currently held by the BLM, the U.S. Forest Service, and the National Park Service. While saying “we need to be careful,” he also believes that there is a need for more funding to increase the number of border patrol agents and enhance the technology available to them. “Funding is going to be an issue,” he said.

Cook is “100 percent” against The State’s legislative push to turn California into a sanctuary state, and feels that it will be “a huge, huge mistake.” He went on to say this is a complex legal issue that will likely end up in the courts for a final decision.

As to Russian meddling and interference in the last election, he said it was “a serious problem.” Calling it the “new hybrid warfare,” he said that the Russian government is now using various forms of media—online and television—to advance its agenda.

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June Lake debates short-term rentals

By Bodine

Over the past few years, the lucrative proposition of renting out a house for less than 30 days, known as transient nightly, or short-term rentals, has made its way to June Lake. There have been nightly rentals in the hamlet for years, but the community is now in the process of establishing guidelines.

The June Lake Short-term Rental Subcommittee met for the third time on Wednesday, April 5 to discuss dates for public input and workshops and drawing preliminary lines on maps that will ultimately dictate the zoning designations that govern transient rentals. The meeting was characteristic of the slow, tedious work required to get a project like this going, said Wendy Sugimura, of Mono County Community Development. Setting up meeting times, drawing lines and creating fliers are the initial sequential steps needed to move forward. In essence, the goal of the meeting was to get everybody on the same page about how the community will decide where to allow transient rentals.

The problem is, not every resident of June Lake with skin in the game wants to do the hard work necessary to take action on the issue. They do, however, have plenty of energy to argue with neighbors who don’t think the way they do. The issue of where people live and who’s going to be living next door is very personal.

“It’s going to be messy and it’s going to be ugly,” Sugimura said to the 16 or so people who showed up to Wednesday’s June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting, “but we’re going to work through it.”

County Supervisor Bob Gardner said the idea of the meetings is to find a consensus between the obvious two factions: those in favor and those not in favor. She said it was her goal to start with common ground between the warring factions. If consensus cannot be found, the decision of where to allow transient rentals will have to come to a vote, which Sugimura was not in favor of.

Mono County recently passed a Transient Rental Overlay District that allows Type 1 Transient Rentals and imposes a moratorium on Type 2 Transient Rentals. That ordinance goes into effect on April 13. Type 1 rentals are transient rentals for which the owner occupies the premises and is present during a visitor’s stay. Currently, Mono County residents can obtain use permit from the Planning Commission to rent their property in this manner. The moratorium put in place to halt permitting for Type II Transient Rentals, where owners do not occupy the property, was approved by the Mono County Board of Supervisors to allow time for additional public outreach.

The process in June Lake could be completed as early as August.
FROM NOVICE TO BLUE RIBBONS

Amy, what you gonna do? Preserve food!

By Amy Weurdig

With apologies to the Pure Prairie League...

I remember the first time I stumbled upon the Master Food Preserver program. I was seeking out food preservation ideas to do some small batch canning. I had helped my mom with canning while I was growing up, but had not yet delved into it on my own. It was daunting to say the least. Should I pressure can instead of using a water bath? What’s the point of taking the extra effort? Can’t they be interchanged? All kinds of crazy questions ran through my head.

Then the internet landed me on the UC San Bernardino’s Master Food Preserver (MFP) Program site. Wow, I thought, here are people who teach about these questions, who could teach me to teach others! How fun would that be? I was so excited, I go right to the registration page, and then got a smack in the head. It said, “Must attend all classes.” All classes in San Bernardino, all during the day and for two weeks. Spare time was not something I had in abundance.

So I forayed into getting my scuba diving certification, spent time traveling, making homemade pizza sauce, doing some small batch canning. I saw my share of failures, doing some small batch traveling, making homemade pizza diving certification, spent time in San Bernardino, all during the day and for two weeks. Spare time was not something I had in abundance. I remember the first time I

Months drag by. The summer ends and I get buried in preserving all kinds of garden goodness. Dried onions, chives, and tomatoes are in constant rotation in the dehydrator. Pickled cherry tomatoes are put up for future martinis. Finally, I get an email about the MFP program taking applications. I go through the process; applications, fees, interview, finger printing. I get accepted!

The first day of class I meet lots of nice, smart people. I feel like I’ve found my people. We learn about food-borne illnesses, examples of what not to do, and how to keep food safe. Above all, we learned “When in doubt, throw it out!”

The information was flowing. Ideas were shared. Then we get to the good stuff, the stuff in the kitchen, the stuff with Ernest Miller. The Eureka lemon, the California Walnut, the dehydrated kimchi all swirling together in perfect harmony. We learn about state history from a culinary point of view. We are inspired to try new things like making Campari and strawberry leather. My head explodes.

We deep dive into freezers; the how, the why, the what to freeze. We explore dehydrating, the oldest form of food preservation known to man, by sun, by oven, by different kinds of dehydrators. Canning by water bath, by steam canner, by pressure canner – learning why we use each different type. Check your food acid levels before you determine how you’re going to can, it could save a life! Use a USDA approved recipe and method for all canning. Education is not limited to the art of preserving, we learn about cleanliness, hand washing, prevention, shelf life, labeling, head space, proper containers, inventorying of items, pre-treating chemicals, why to use tested, proven recipes, (did I mention labeling?), in fact we learn so much that we are filled to overflowing. Which is the point. By agreeing to go through this program, we agree to be volunteers, advocates on teaching others. We are to take what we have learned out into our community and spread this knowledge, promote safe food handling, proper ways to preserve food and support and educate the public with the information imparted to us.

I hope to spread this happiness with more people. I hope they can feel my excitement of this movement to preserve food. I learn something from every person I meet, I hope that others can learn from me as well.

Need assistance or more information? For information about scheduling a Master Food Preserver for your public event or to learn about current activities, please contact our office at (760) 873-7854 or follow up on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/inymonomfp.

By Amy Weurdig

Bonnie Kelley over shoulder and Amy Weurdig.
Warning- your taxes are due on April 18 this year.

The Sheet asked people on the street: What is your favorite tax loophole or write-off?

“I declared myself legally dead in 2016 and the money just started rolling in.”
- The Black Velvet Crew, Mammoth Lakes

“I have two dependents. Kids are finally good for something other than filling diapers.”
- Scott and JJ Wilson of Mammoth Lakes

“The mortgage deduction and I spend that money on my mortgage. Garbage in, garbage out.”
- Paul McFarland, June Lake

“I haven’t paid taxes in years!”
- William, Transient

“Tentatively, I want to put my tax return in my savings account, but I’ll probably end up blowing it on place to stay.”
- Jen Signorella, Mammoth Local/Couch Surfer.

“This is my second year of having a child,” and loving that earned income tax credit.”
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OFF THE SLOPES
GENDER BENDER
Dirk Addis talks about what it’s like to be gender fluid

By Lunch
Dirk Addis was a guest lecturer at Mammoth’s Cerro Coso College on Monday, March 27 for the Human Sexuality and Sociology classes.

Dirk works at Mammoth Mountain and spent five years as part of marathoner Meb Keflezighi’s training team. A native of the Chicago metro area, he’s lived in Mammoth for well over a decade.

Except it wasn’t Dirk speaking. It was Athena Indigo. She was wearing a wig, and a skirt and boots and spoke about what it’s like to be a “gender fluid” person.

Athena made the distinction between gender fluid and transgender by explaining that being transgender involves going through hormone therapy and “transitioning” to the other sex and she had not decided to take that step, at least not yet.

But as she said, quite bluntly, “Since the age of 13, I’ve always wanted to wake up as Athena. Period.”

“Most of us,” she added, “have known there is something different about us for our entire lives.”

Athena described seminal moments in her life at ages 9 and 13. At 9, she recalls watching the Olympic Games and identifying more with the female gymnasts than with the male face of the Olympics who would soon grace the front of Wheaties boxes everywhere, gold medal-winning Decathlete Bruce Jenner.

How’s that for irony?

Then at 13, there was a moment of clarity while sitting in an 8th grade classroom having just returned from summer break. A girl walked into the classroom, and, well, she had grown in a few places over the summer and the boys immediately took note. Athena did too, but for different reasons. “I thought to myself, ‘I’ll never have those.”

Athena acknowledged she had a certain fear of going “all the way over,” but also acknowledged that by inviting the press to the class, “I am in effect outing myself.”

She came out to her family in October, 2015.

According to Athena, the transgender population is estimated at three-tenths of 1%. Which doesn’t sound like much, until you consider that means there are approximately one million transgender people in the U.S. (out of 300 million).

Increasing awareness and tolerance has led to more headlines, both nationally and internationally.

Last month, theblaze.com website reported a story about the first transgender parent/child:

“A Michigan mother and her teenager made headlines a couple of years ago as Erica Maison surprised her kid — 14-year-old Corey — with a dose of hormones. Corey was transitioning from a boy to a girl — and a video of Corey getting hormones for the very first time went viral. And now Corey’s mother is becoming a...
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man.
Inspired by Corey’s transgender decision, Maisin followed suit and chose to become male, undergoing a double mastectomy and getting a new first name — switching to Eric from Erica — after years of feeling trapped in a woman’s body.

The February 11 issue of The Economist ran a feature entitled “China’s Transgender Oprah.”

The story talked about Jin Xing, a ballet dancer and colonel in an army dance troupe whom The New York Times labeled “a Chinese genius.”

She then had a sex-change operation. “As a woman,” reported The Economist, “she resumed her career as a ballerina, set up the country’s first private ballet company, ran a bar in Beijing and married a German businessman.”

She is now considered the country’s most popular television personality, and hosts the “Jin Xing Show,” a talk and variety show with an audience of 100 million.

A bit closer to home, The Sheet caught up with Los Angeles native Jake Hofheimer at the Westin on Wednesday.

Jake, 18, was profiled by sportswriter Bill Plaschke of the L.A. Times last Wednesday.

In Boulder this fall, says millennial males, are generally accepting. On the baseball team, he’s just one of the guys and the nickname they gave him is the sort of nickname guys will give you when they accept you. “They call me Seahorse,” says Jake.
**BARS & MUSIC**

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  - WhiteBar Restaurant & Lounge:
    - 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 bowls, salad, and glass of wine, 5-6 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 Snowtop:
    - 4:30-6:30 p.m. daily.
  - Mammoth Tavern Happy Hour Tuesday-Sunday 3:30-5:30 p.m.
  - Closed Mondays.
  - Smokeyard weekend Happy Hour
    - 4-6 p.m. in the bar only.
    - Side Door Happy Hour daily 3-6 p.m.
  - Mammoth’s famous Slocums Happy Hour:
    - Monday thru Friday 4-6; Saturdays 4-5. Closed Sunday.
  - Giovanni’s Happy Hour:
    - 4-6 p.m. Sun.-Thurs.
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**TOWN STUFF**

**Friday, April 7/**

- Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association leads organized snowshoe tours (Saturday also). Trips depart from the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center Thursday-Saturday at 11 a.m. RSVP at 760.924.5301 or meet at the Welcome Center. Snowshoes provided.
- Patrick Armstrong, author of “Log of a Snow Survey” (a Sheet favorite) will host a slide presentation on the book at Mammoth Lakes Library. Time: 5:30 p.m.
- Bishop Unified School district “Students Supporting Cancer Awareness” Luminary Walk:
  - Time: 6:30-8 p.m. Location: BUHS track. $5 donation. Walk for 30 minutes. All proceeds benefit the Eastern Sierra Cancer Alliance.
- Saturday, April 8/**
  - Music, facepainting and more, join Wooly and friends from Ski and Snowboard School for his parade through the Village. Starts 3:45 p.m.
  - Alabama Hills Days 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Eastern Sierra Interpretive Visitors Center, Hwy. 395, Lone Pine (Sunday also). See sidebar next page.
  - Eastern Sierra Audubon Bird Walk:
    - 8:30 a.m. Meet in the Forest Service building parking lot on West Line St., behind the DMV. Bring your binoculars or reserve a pair by calling ICA. Info: www.esaudubon.org.
  - Big Pine Fireman’s Association Bingo Fundraiser, check-in at Happy Hour, daily 4-6 p.m. games starting at 3 p.m. Pre-sale tickets are $25, $30 at the door. This is an adult only event. Call Damon Carrington for information and where to buy tickets at 760.937.4712.
  - Eastern Sierra Land Trust Pollinator Workshop:
    - 9:45 a.m.-12 p.m. at Inyo Council for the Arts. 137 So. Main in Bishop. Learn how to get your pollinator-friendly garden growing this spring. Guest speakers will share insights on gardening in the Eastern Sierra.
  - Community Art Day, 10 a.m. ‘til 2 p.m. at the Big Pine Schools Multi-Purpose Room. Event features art activities for all ages that celebrate and benefit birds.
  - Hospice of the Owens Valley Community Fundraiser:
    - 8:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 205 North Fowler St., Bishop. Silent Auction and Breakfast. $10 per person, $5 for children 10 and under. Mono County CSA #1 beaded bracelet class with instructor Kim McCarthy. A few spots left! Learn to make a beautiful bracelet using two different color seed beads with a magnetic clasp. *All materials may be purchased at class for $10. Info: Kim @ 760.935.4367. Time: 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Place: Crowley Lake Community Center. To register, call Isabel @ 760.935.4899. Cost: Free to district residents. $5 for all others.
  - Sunday, April 9/**
    - The Eastside Writers Circle hosts local author Pat Armstrong (“Log of a Snow Survey”) at 3 p.m. The Imagination Lab, 621 West Line St., Bishop. Free. Info: 760.872.2446. 8th annual Texas Hold’em Poker Tournament hosted by Mammoth’s Noon Rotary at Lakanuki. Starts 11 a.m. Info: Mike @ 760.934.1688. Info: See ad p. 3

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**Sunday, April 9 (cont.),**
Sierra Club Patterson Summit
Snowshoe Hike Trip departs at 9:30 a.m. from the Mammoth Lakes Union Bank parking lot at 10 a.m. This is an easy to moderate 6 mile round trip hike featuring views of the Glass Mountains and Whites. Bring snowshoes, layers, water, snacks, and be prepared for an atmospheric river. Well-behaved dogs are welcome. RSVP at 760.789.5050 or rhun@skidmore.edu.

**Monday, April 10/ Passover Seder (Tuesday also) at the M.L. Community Center. 7-10 p.m. Monday and 8-10 p.m. Tuesday. Info: See ad p. 4**

Early bird sale for the third annual Mammoth Lakes Film Festival starts today! From April 10 to April 23, 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.

**Tuesday, April 11/ Mono County Board of Supervisors. Meet at the BOS Chambers, at the Bridgeport Courthouse. Live broadcast from the CAO Conference Room, 3rd floor of the Sierra Center Mall in Mammoth Lakes.

**Wednesday, April 12/ Mammoth Lakes Planning and Economic Development Commission meets. 2 p.m., Suite Z, Minaret Mall. Mono Arts Council Art & Wine class. Tonight: Acrylic painting with Miguel Flores. 5:30-8:30 p.m. $45 buys you class materials and a glass of wine. To register, call Kristin at 760.914.2731 or email Kristin@monaoarts.org.

**Friday, April 14/ Annual Easter Egg Hunt Now at the Mammoth Lakes Community Center.**

**UPCOMING**

**Mammoth Creek Park** (be prepared to search in the snow!). Egg hunt will begin promptly at 3:15 p.m. Don’t forget to bring a basket or bag to collect eggs! Info: 760.965.3694.

**Saturday, April 15/ 2017 Winter Ezakimak. Join Mammoth Mountain on Saturday, April 15th and take the challenge to ascend to the summit! New this year, the Fastest Male & Fastest Female will each take home $1,000 and each finisher will receive a great long sleeve tech shirt at the Finish! Register @ ****

Ride the Panorama Gondola to the top of the Sierra at dusk to watch the sunset over the Minarets, then cheer on and celebrate with the 11,053’ Ezakimak Challenge racers as they finish a 5k race. The top of the mountain will be buzzing with indoor/outdoor fun including the Ezakimak finish line, music from DJ Phoenix, plus food and drink stations. Time: 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tix (limited capacity): $19. Kids 12 and under FREE.

**April 15-16/ Free Entry Days for all National Parks. Fee waiver includes entrance fees, commercial tour fees, and transportation entrance fees. Other fees such as reservation, camping, tours, concession and fees collected by third parties are not included.**

**Sunday, April 16/ Easter Sunrise Services**

**Easter Sunrise Services**

The schedule of events is as follows:

- 6:30 a.m. Service at the Temple, followed by a mass sweep. Lunch and ceremony at the top of the gondola, skiing, toboggan races, a raffle, and a ceremony at the top of the gondola, followed by a mass sweep. Lunch and Hurricane at the top. The event will end at Gold Gondola Room at Main Lodge. Events run until 7 p.m.

- On Sunday, May 7th there will be skiing all day and a博会 for the third annual Easter Sunrise Services! The event will begin promptly at 3:15 p.m. and end at 5:30 p.m. Tix (limited capacity): $19. Kids 12 and under FREE.

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**Wisconsin Imaging Society (WIS) lecture series**

Amy Leist, Project Manager for The Great Basin Bird Observatory’s Lower Colorado River Riparian Birds Project will give a talk about birding surveys. The lecture will run from 7 - 9 p.m. at WSW Consulting, 40 Mammoth Ave. in Bishop. Talks are free, but space is limited.

**New IPP classes**

There will be two new printing classes at Independent Project Press starting on April 11th & April 13th.

The first class is our Letterpress Printing Workshop, which will meet on Tuesday evenings from 3:30-6:00 p.m., from April 11 - May 2.

In the Letterpress Printing Workshop, participants will create their own printed projects as they learn the fine art of letterpress printing with artist & designer Bruce Licher.

The second class is a Fine Art Block Printing Workshop, which will meet on Tuesday evenings from 3:30-6:00 p.m., starting April 15th, and running through May 9.

In this class, participants will explore creating images using linoleum blocks, rubber and other easily-carvable material with local Eastside artist Lori Michelon. Each workshop consists of 4 classes and costs $180.00. That cost includes materials such as printing ink, a selection of paper stock, and use of cutting tools and other shop equipment and materials.

For more information or to register, call 760.934.0031 or email wendy@wswconsult.com.
Part Time Admin/Design Assistant needed for busy Interior design firm in Mammoth Lakes. 20-25 hours per week. $16 per hour. Proficiency with basic Auto Cad and Adobe Photoshop required. Can be done with schedule. Please email resume to julie@designbdg.com

Stellar Brew is looking to employ an experienced kitchen person who is seeking long term stable employment in Mammoth Lakes. A full time position has opened up for us to add to our stellar staff. On the job training will be immediate. On site training is available but you must have knowledge of food service and prep. Please e-mail stellarbrew@gmail.com with your resume or any questions.

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Cook/ Dishwashers/ Maintenance Worker

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Part Time Year Round Maintenance La- borer for the Mammoth Lakes Condo-plex. You may complete an application at 2298 Sierra Nevada Road or email you resume to mammoth_maintenance@sierra-employment.com or call 760.934.4893 for more information.

Gomez's Restaurant & Tequeria is buscando cocineros de Line & Prep, y lavadores. Se requiere experiencia para llenar estos puestos. Remuneracion $1000 per month. 362 Old Mammoth Rd. 760.934.2414

ESIA is hiring seasonal part time sales associates: Mammoth Lakes Visitor Center, Mono Basin Visitor Center, Eases.com. Sierra Visitor Center in Lone Pine, and the Ansel Adams Center at Shulman Grove. The ideal candidate has retail experience and a passion for the Eastern Sierra. Responsibilities include consult product base, cashiering, inventory, and customer service. Also responsible for assuring bookstore maintenance and range of duties including stocking, opening, closing, etc.

The Position: Secretary to Board of Commissioners, Long Valley Fire Protection District, 3605 Crowley Lake Drive, Mammoth Lakes, CA. 93546. The ideal candidate will have prior restaurant experience, excellent customer service skills, the ability to understand policies & procedures, and be available to work flexible hours & holidays. Salary DOE. Apply via e-mail to the FPD Board serves under the direction of a seven-member elected Board of Commissioners.

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Juniper Springs Lodge is looking to hire Food & Beverage Manager for the remainder of the winter season. Please apply online at www.mammothresorts.com or stop by the cafe for an application. 452 old mammoth rd ste 106.

The Position: Secretary to Board of Commissioners, Long Valley Fire Protection District, 3605 Crowley Lake Drive, Mammoth Lakes, CA. 93546. The ideal candidate will have 2 or more years of experience as a mechanic in a rental bike store. Must have solid basic hands on experience with all brake bleeders and familiar with electronic shifting. UBI or BHI certification preferred but not required. Email your resume to felixmammoth@gmail.com or call 760-734-2414

Help Wanted Part Time Long Valley Fire Protection District

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NOTICE OF HEARING given that Mono County Plan- ning Commission will hold a public hearing on March 20, 2017, in the Town/City Conference Room, 437 Old Mammoth Rd., Mammoth Lakes, CA, to consider the following:

10:10 a.m. CONDITI...
MHS SHOWS OFF TALENT AT MOCK ROCK


Senior Valerie Reyes, Johnny Morales, Katherine Brown, Torrey Patrie, Maria Cameron.
MHS Librarian Lea Ann Eller once again herded the cats this year for the annual Mock Rock and Talent Show held in the MPR on Wednesday. The event was a fundraiser for the National Wounded Warrior Center. There were 15 acts, and judges had the average score of 1st through 6th place separated by less than a point. Top: Seniors get wild during the finale. Above right: Two of the six (that’s right, six) emcees, Myra García and Gloria Oliver. Above left: Alexia Craven, who tied for third with her rendition of “A Million Reasons.” Some of the unsung heroes of the event included the backstage crew of Lily Pederson, Annie Matthiessen and the “Dancing Queens” pictured on the preceding page, as well as MHS Administrative Asst. Trina Sobota and Band Director Michael Hammers.
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