HUSKIES FINISH STRONG

Mammoth High Varsity Baseball finished a successful season last week. Top Row (L-R): Jared Mahler, Storm Patrie, Liam Bassler, Mason Forsythe, Dylan Vankampen, Dylan Martin, Eric Guzman, Trace Calven, Charlie Reggelbrugge, Carson Thompson, Seth Gache. Bottom Row (L-R): Barrett Calven, Cardiff Smith, Cody Elliot, Conner Kusumoto. For more photos from the season, see page 11.

PLAYING DIRTY

HUSKIES FINISH STRONG

LISTEN TO THE MONEY TALK

Local politicos do some early Christmas shopping

(UN)CURB YOUR ENTHUSIASM

Standing room only for Mule Days

By Bodine

Caltrans District 9 is putting down its orange foot this year and banning chairs from the sidewalks bordering Highway 395 before the 2017 Mule Days parade. For the uninitiated, the Mule Days Parade is one of the longest non-motorized parades on the planet and has traveled down a major interstate Highway (395), every Saturday morning of Memorial Day weekend since 1969.

Dedicated parade patrons have made a tradition of placing chairs in their favorite spots on the sidewalk, and some even chain and lock their chairs to streetlamps or signposts as early as the weekend before.

No one’s counted the number of chairs but it has been estimated at “hundreds,” according to the people interviewed for this story including Bishop City Councilman and former Bishop Police Chief Joe Pecsi. He said he remembers seeing chairs on the sidewalk before the parade since the 1970s.

The chairs create a safety issue, according to Florene Trainor, Public Information Officer for Caltrans. One year, a gust of wind blew a stringer of chairs, linked together with chain, into Highway 395 traffic. Trainor said the chairs got caught in the undercarriage of a big rig and no one

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up every word of criticism of mall management. The stories about inoperable fire alarms, noxious fumes and leaking roofs.

At one point, Assistant CAO Tony Dublino asked rhetorically if County employees “deserved” to hear the soothing sounds of dripping water at work.

He was summarily chastised by Supervisor Fred Stump for piling on. Of the lease proposal from Sierra Center Mall which asked for $1.65/square foot and in rent and $0.75/square foot in common area, Dublino said, “This proposal isn’t close. It’s never been close.”

As for the lease/option proposal which surfaced at the 23rd hour (giving the County the right to buy the mall after seven more years), Dublino acknowledged that this deal was never analyzed.

The Mall was most recently purchased in 2011 for $8.6 million. The purchase option called for a minimum $16.5 million price in 2024. The proposed new construction would have approximately 24,000-square feet of usable space. The Sierra Center currently has 75,000-square feet of usable space.

Supervisor Stacy Corless said the County was informed this winter that the building wasn’t for sale. The above offer was not on the table when Dublino was told to undertake his final analysis in April.

“You time is up,” Supervisor Corless told the Sierra Center’s Drew Hild.

“You could modify that,” he replied.

The County, however, had already voted 4-1 (Johnston dissenting) not to reopen the negotiations it had closed at its April 18 meeting.

Supervisor Johnston noted that a potential mall purchase which offered the County the opportunity to lease out the first floor (and even the second floor possibly, to the Town) should be studied. “We may be passing on a decent opportunity,” he said.

Ralph Lockhart agreed. “If they want to own their own facility, buying an existing building is so much more cost effective than building a new structure … it is unfortunate that emotions have played such a big role in County decision-making.”

In particular, Lockhart was dubious of the public-private financing scheme favored by Supervisor Stump.

Instead of borrowing the money to build the project themselves, Stump proposed getting a private firm to handle the construction (offloading that risk). The County would have a lease-purchase option in place to buy the building over a 30-year period.

If that is an option to explore then a “profit” factor would need to be plugged in to the annual cash flow to account for the return on investment (ROI) that the private builder would require, noted Lockhart in an email.

Which would make it appear that the $21.3 million building has already seen a price increase. Borrowing $21.3 million over thirty years at 4% would incur interest charges of approximately $15 million. This would ignore the above-mentioned “profit factor.”

Dublino acknowledged that the County will come back with financing options in July, and that yes, a public-private partnership would effectively increase that $21.3 million number.

Multi-Use Facility (MUF)

Wednesday evening, Mammoth’s Town Council voted 3-2 to move forward with its $9.5 million MUF. Mayor Richardson and Councilmember Hoff voted against.

The facility will be paid for with a combination of existing Measure R balance ($2.6 million), existing Measure U balance ($500,000), a $4.9 million bond financed over 10 years and …

That leaves the project $1.5 million short.

The initial $9.5 million project does not include a community center, to be added at a later date.

The Town suggested that the money could be raised by next March with a concerted community effort. The strategy, in essence: “If you approve it, the money will come.” Or as Councilman John Wentworth suggested, “Let’s launch this ship,” so the community can sail it.

Rich McAteer noted that it took the library two-and-a-half years to raise $1 million.

The X-factor could be the imminent hire of a new director of Mammoth Lakes Recreation. Fundraising will be a significant part of the new director’s job description. And in a conversation with The Sheet last week, Town Manager Dan Holler suggested that the naming rights for the new facility could bring in as much as $500,000 alone.

Whether the fundraising is successful or not, Councilman Bill Sauser made sure the motion to approve included a commitment to begin site work later this summer.

Cost projections do not factor potential litigation expense by neighboring homeowners, which Town Attorney Andrew Morris said could cost approximately $100,000.

The packed house in Suite Z was mostly in favor of the project.

Hockey supporter Patrick Bernard said 41 teams have come to play tournaments in Mammoth over the past three years, demonstrating that hockey is a draw.

The Town’s Recreation Manager, Stu Brown, said the existing ice rink has drawn up to 12,000 skaters per year.

Operations and maintenance cost at the new facility is expected to cost about $500,000 per year.
Hello Mr. Carleton,

I am forwarding this e-mail I sent the Mono Co. Supervisors and a few others involved. Like I wrote in the letter below, it is a shame your publication focused more on the messenger than the message.

Regards,
Ken Sample

Sent: Friday, May 12, 2017 12:44 PM
To: scorless@mono.ca.gov
Subject: Cartoon Commentary

Dear Stacy Corless,

Since discussion of my cartoon commentary had been subject to scrutiny in the current edition of “The Sheet”, I felt the need to send you an e-mail clarifying the issue.

I sent out cartoon commentary primarily due to my disgust with government in Mammoth. It is my own personal commentary. I am sick of all the influence-peddling the Mammoth Mountain Ski Area has forced upon the Town. Rusty Gregory himself stated recently MMSA has over the years paid for multiple of the Town’s conceptual planning drawings and docs. Look at the TBID, who gets the most benefit from subsidized air travel? How hard is it to pass the TBID with MMSA having 40% of a simple majority vote?

Look at the 30 million Airport debacle, what could have been done to improve Mammoth with those wasted taxpayer dollars? The hiring of consultant Darin Dinsmore—a $150k waste by Town Manager Dan Holler, without any checks and balances on the purse strings. The Town was pushing “minimum [Floor Area Ratio]” rules as a pathway for big investor-sized development to drive out the little guy. None of this helps Mammoth or Mono County, all I see is a waste of taxpayer dollars, a rise in residential real estate costs, policy that drove out the middle class and decimated the labor pool.

My cartoon commentary was obviously pointed at unjust influence and lack of fiscal responsibility regarding some of Mono County’s office space decision makers. I believe the current office property will thrive regardless of the Supervisor’s decision, my family was one of the owners when it sold for $21 million and smartly participated in buying it back at value. I believe all government should be run like a business, make fiscally smart decisions for the taxpayer, not special interests. Like the family budget, debt is the enemy. So when I hear of unattainable construction estimates that prostitute simple math and contradict recent reality, who is protecting the taxpayer? Who is driving a decision that is not fiscally sound? I believe the Town’s past history may provide the answer. All I want is to see is the Mono County Supervisors cast a fiscally responsible vote in the matter.

Another important item of note, Paul Rudder and Drew Hild had no knowledge of my cartoon commentary email. My relationship with Paul and Drew is usually cordial but can be very volatile. The Sierra Center is not managed or operated by me or my family, however my family does own a percentage of the building. I doubt if Paul and Drew are happy with my artwork e-mail.

In closing, the shame in the matter is “The Sheet” focused more on who sent my cartoon commentary than my message. I appreciate your interest in my cartoon commentary. You were hired or elected to make smart fiscal decisions for your local constituents, I hope this will be the case in the future.

Ken Sample
Bishop

The infamous cartoon, as it appeared in the inboxes of Mono County employees and certain local politicians on Monday, May 8.

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LOCAL NEWS

BEARLY LEGAL?
June Lake property owner depredates bear in self-defense
By Giles

On Thursday, May 4, at 5 a.m., a resident of June Lake woke to a bear attempting to break into his home. According to Andrew Hughan, Public Information Officer for California Department of Fish and Wildlife, this was not the first time the bear had broken into the individual’s house and other buildings on the property, but it was the first time the bear broke in while the homeowner was on site. The homeowner proceeded to kill the bear with a shotgun, shooting it in front of a shed that was located on the property.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife investigated the scene and found that the homeowner was justified in killing the bear as a matter of self-defense. CDFW issued a depredation permit to the homeowner retroactively, warned him about the dangers of using firearms within a prescribed No-Shooting Zone such as the village of June Lake, and closed the investigation.

Mono County Sheriff Ingrid Braun said her staff were not involved in the incident, but that, “the individual would not have been cited because he was protecting life or property.”

A bear checks out second story forage opportunities this spring in Mammoth Lakes.

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A bear checks out second story forage opportunities this spring in Mammoth Lakes.

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MINING MESS AT STAMP MILL

Forest Service says unnamed “potential responsible party” liable for $3.2 million

By Gilnes

On Monday, May 16, U.S. Forest Service (USFS) hosted a public meeting to disseminate information about the site and prompted the Forest Service to gather soil, surface water, and groundwater samples from the site to determine the extent of contamination.

Scholten said the USFS is in negotiations with an unnamed “potential responsible party” to pay for the cost of cleaning up Mammoth Creek. The settlement agreement will allow the responsible party to quietly clean up the site without being required to make a public announcement.

Some of the Mill City Tract residents who live on the creek said they were pleased with the USFS’s decision to address the contamination.

Robert Joki, of the Hayden Cabin Museum and co-owner of the Twin Lakes Gallery, told Scholten, “Before heavy equipment comes in, we [Mammoth Museum] are very insistent that proper historical preservation measures be taken through the site EPA,” Joki said there were almost certainly artifacts buried in the contaminated soil currently scheduled for removal. District Ranger Jon Regelbrugge told the audience that human health and safety is his district’s first priority, but that preserving artifacts is also important. Regelbrugge also said that the tract is closed and that eligible for refunds or to have their fees returned.

The Full Lateral and Vertical Extent of the Tailings will be excavated. Scholten also said that the Forest Service does not plan to excavate any cabins or the historic flywheel from the Mammoth Stamp Mill site. Excavation will occur around some of the cabins, and trees and stumps will need to be removed to do a complete excavation of the five tailing piles.

Carol Blanchette, Director of the Mammoth Community Water District, said that the district is very insistent that heavy equipment comes in, we [Mammoth Museum] are very insistent that proper historical preservation measures be taken through the site EPA,” Joki said there were almost certainly artifacts buried in the contaminated soil currently scheduled for removal. District Ranger Jon Regelbrugge told the audience that human health and safety is his district’s first priority, but that preserving artifacts is also a close second.

Inyo National Forest Public Services Staff Officer Diana Pietresanta told the audience that the lease-alle related fees due to the National Forest by Mill City Tract cabin lessees have been suspended for 2017. Those who have already paid are eligible for refunds or to have their fees rolled forward to 2018. Regelbrugge said that the tract is closed and that people can be cited for violating the Forest order if they choose to go to the site after October 14, 2017. Regelbrugge also said that the tract is closed and that eligible for refunds or to have their fees returned.

CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN ON UPPER MAIN STREET SIDEWALK/KEELED RETAINING WALL PROJECT

The Town is pleased to announce the start of construction of the Upper Main Street Project. Construction is anticipated to begin the week of May 15 with minor activity outside the paved area. This much-needed improvement will result in a six-foot wide sidewalk on the north side of Main Street/State Route 203 from Mountain Boulevard to Minaret Road. Also included are street lights, a new retail center, and the package Southern California Edison (SCE) will also be working in the area removing the last of the utility poles.

HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY – WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The Town is conducting a survey about housing needs. Type this link into your web browser: https://www.research.net/6lueWorkMono. Complete the survey before May 26, 2017 and you’ll be entered into a drawing for a $100 Visa gift card. Thank you in advance of your participation.

Meetings/Events:

June 6: Recreation Commission Meeting, Suite Z, 9:00 AM
June 7: Town Council Meeting, Suite Z, 6:00 PM
June 14: Planning and Economic Development Suite Z, 2:00 PM

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**A REAL CATCH-22**

Recharging the aquifer, as well as the mosquito population

By James

The Long-Term Water Agreement Standing Committee, comprised of representatives from the City of Los Angeles and the County of Inyo, met last Thursday in Independence to receive an update on the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power’s annual operations plans. At that meeting, LADWP announced that it plans to pump between 47,000 and 57,000 acre-feet of groundwater in the Owens Valley in 2017-2018 for “operational flexibility.”

In response to a question from Supervisor Jeff Grifths as to why that would be necessary, Senior Assistant General Manager of the Water System, Richard Harasick, explained that, at most, 7,000 acre-feet of that pumped water is for export, while the rest will be set aside for “in-valley use” to meet environmental, mitigation and irrigation needs. He called it a “place-hold-to” to be used “only if the need arises.”

In his report of runoff conditions, LADWP Aqueduct Manager James Yannotta said that one of the utility’s biggest concerns is that this year’s runoff will damage dust control infrastructure on the Owens Lake. The dust control infrastructure has already suffered damage, and if it proves extensive, the Owens Valley may see dust problems return once the water evaporates.

That project covers more than 45 square miles of the lake bed and over the past 17 years—at a cost of over $1.5 billion to Los Angeles rate-payers—LADWP has eliminated more than 90% of the excess blowing dust which, at one time, was considered the largest single source of dust pollution in the United States. There could be an additional 70,000 to 100,000 acre-feet of water added to the dry lake bed on top of the approximately 60,000 acre-feet that the dry lake usually receives annually. Yannotta said that model projections suggest that runoff of this scale could raise the Owens Lake seven feet and degrade years of progress made on the dust mitigation project.

Inyo-Mono Counties Agricultural Commissioner Nathan Reade expressed concern that the efforts to keep as much water as possible from spreading it out before it reaches the lake, is a “Catch-22” scenario; which is to say there are competing public health issues at play. The spreading of water across the valley floor will create a lot of standing water and a bumper crop of mosquitoes. Yannotta said that spreading the excess runoff should help recharge the aquifers.

Inyo County Water Department Director Dr. Bob Harrington voiced a similarly optimistic view to Yannotta’s, saying that, “Having too much water is a nice problem to have after such a terrible drought.”

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**Deceased Fisherman**

Just after noon on Tuesday, May 16, members of a four-person fishing group called Inyo County Sheriff’s Department to report a missing member of their party. The reporting party said they were alarmed when their friend did not return to his vehicle after fishing. He was last seen on the east bank of the Owens River, below the Tinnemaha Reservoir.

Inyo County Sheriff’s Department deployed 20 search and rescue personnel in a foot search of the area, with the assistance of three all-terrain vehicles and a California Highway Patrol H-82 helicopter out of Apple Valley, California.

The victim was located, deceased, in the Owens River at 5 p.m. His body was found near the area where he was last seen. The victim has been identified as Jon Overgaauw, a thirty-year-old man from Bellflower, California. Inyo County Coroner’s department has not yet determined an official cause of death but preliminary investigations by Inyo County Sheriff’s Department indicate that he appeared to have slipped or lost his footing on the rocks and subsequently fell into the Owens River.

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, California Highway Patrol, Inyo County Sheriff’s Department, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and CalFire all assisted with the search and rescue effort.

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**LOCAL BRIEFS**

By Giles

**Caveman apprehended**

On Monday, May 15, at about 4:20 p.m., Andrew “Caveman” Benham allegedly entered Sage to Summit, a gear store on Main Street in Bishop. An employee said she assisted him while he looked at items. When the employee walked away, Benham allegedly grabbed two sleeping bags, a tarp, and other camping items and ran out the front door.

According to a press release by Bishop Police Department, Benham is transient and typically camps near the Buttermilk bouldering area. He associates with “climbers and other transient subjects,” is unshaven, and generally appears dirty. His clothing is dirty too. He is approximately 5 feet and eleven inches tall, weighs 175 pounds, is a white male, and has shoulder-length brown hair. He is 28 years old.

Benham was arrested by Bishop Police on Tuesday afternoon in a field off of Spruce Street, behind Knart and Vons in Bishop. The arrest was made after a witness called in a tip and told the police Benham was hiding amidst the sage brush at that site.

Benham is being held at the Inyo County Jail and has been charged with grand theft and possession of stolen property. According to a statement by Bishop Police Chief Ted Stec, Benham has also been linked to a strong-arm robbery that occurred in Mammoth Lakes in March.
**Housing Assessment In Process**

**Action Plan Process To Follow**

The first phase of the Mammoth Lakes Community Housing Action Plan: Live, Work Thrive is in full swing. The study is being facilitated by an independent consultant team and is occurring in two phases. This study will first update the 2011 Housing Needs Assessment to identify local housing gaps. A draft report will be prepared in June, with the final report presented at the regular Town Council meeting on Wednesday, July 19th. The kick-off for phase two, The Community Housing Action Plan, will occur next the day on Thursday, July 20th. This part will engage a Housing Working Group, consisting of about 20 active community members, in a series of public work sessions during the summer and fall.

Members of the community are encouraged to get more information, track progress and participate at the project’s website: www.housemammothlakes.com

Community members who have not yet participated in the joint Mono County/Mammoth Lakes housing survey that is being conducted, can find a link on the project website. Responses will be collected through May 30th.

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ALL (BEARS) EARS FOR NATIONAL MONUMENTS
Local non-profits host information session about potential land management changes

By Rea

Before president Barack Obama left office, he went on a spree of designating National Monuments under the Antiquities Act, a tool employed by sixteen presidents since Theodore Roosevelt signed the Act into law in 1906. One of Obama’s last designations was Bears Ears National Monument in southeastern Utah, which Obama designated on December 28, 2016. Critics called his actions a “federal land grab,” and proponents said the designations protected America’s heritage and would be a boon to the communities that surround the monuments. This week, Miguel Perla, the Southern California Organizer for Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, spoke in the Eastern Sierra about the Trump administration’s attempt to rescind some of the newest National Monument designations, and what actions people can take to fight against it.

Fran Hunt, an organizer for the Sierra Club, told a group gathered at the Crowley Lake Community Center on Tuesday, May 16, that “I have never seen an assault on our nation’s values and public lands like I’m seeing now.”

In his presentations to Eastern Sierra community members, Perla (who spoke at the Lone Pine Smokehouse, Crowley Lake Community Center, and Inyo Council for the Arts last week), urged those concerned about National Monument protection to take several courses of action to make their voices heard. This included petitioning California Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris to Support HR 2044, or the American Red Rock Wilderness Act, which was introduced by California Representative Alan Lowenthal this year. This proposed act would designate lands in Southern Utah as part of a National Wilderness Preservation System.

Perla warned that if the Bears Ears National Monument status is rescinded by an executive order, it could set precedent that would allow other National Monuments on the chopping block (five National Monuments in California are also subject to review: Berryessa Snow Mountain, San Gabriel Mountains, Mojave Trails, Carrizo Plain, Giant Sequoia and Snow to Sand Monuments).

“It’s not even just our time, this is a legacy that goes beyond us,” said Perla on Tuesday. “We shook off the funk from November 8 [election], we’re back on our horses, and doing what we need to do.”

Perla’s presentation was sponsored by the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, Friends of the Inyo, and the Sierra Club. The Bears Ears Comment Period is only 15 days, and ends on May 26, 2017. For all other National Monuments, including Grand Staircase-Escalante, the comment period ends on July 10, 2017.

To comment on the Bears Ears National Monument, visit www.sierraclub.org. You can also sign the Sierra Club’s petition at www.sierraclub.org/bearsears, call the Department of the Interior at 202.208.7351, Tweet @SecretaryZinke, or comment directly to the Department of Interior at https://www.regulations.gov/comment?D=DOI-2017-0002-0001. Find links to these comment opportunities on The Sheet’s Facebook page and at www.thesheetnews.com.
LETTERS
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Thanks to Sara Chavez!

Mammoth and Bishop resident John Cunningham requested the following letter to Mammoth Hospital physical therapist Sara Chavez be published.

Dear Sara,

I want you to know how great you are. Every single person I know who has been your long term patient is convinced you “are the greatest.” You are different! How? Creative! Direct! Serious.

Last week you had me walking all around the hallways with a single cane. A miracle for me. That one activity gave me renewed hope that I would learn to walk again. No big pep talk. Just do it!

I know the statistics. Most improvement from a stroke happens early, and very little later. You seem to be gifted at curing and have built up a cult-like following who know that your approach is different, more than just hard repetitive work. Your special knowledge of muscles, body mechanics and brain healing allows you to see what others miss.

An example: I had just finished a six-week class in balance training, and was disappointed with how little progress I had made. At the first PT session, you made a simple observation that changed everything for me. After watching carefully, you quietly said, “John, you are placing all your weight on your heel. Use your whole foot.” Immediately I felt a big improvement, both in balance and confidence.

I felt like hugging you. I joined the cult of true believers.

But progress is slow. For me it’s like climbing a steep sand dune, three steps forward and you slide back two. Progress is measurable, but slow, with jumps. Like suddenly walking with a single cane.

It’s not magic, just continuous hard work and faith in the patient. It is amazing to meet other members of the cult. They all say “She is the greatest, very quiet and unassuming.”

John H. Cunningham
Bishop

Get a job

Dear Editor,

The Letter to the Editor in last week’s issue of The Sheet (“Recognizing human dignity,” May 13, 2017) from Astra Lincoln is absolutely ridiculous!

I can’t believe you would publish that crap, she needs to grow up and take responsibility for her life, like I was forced to do about 20 years ago. Come on people!

Jaime Sallee
Mammoth Lakes
RV GOOD WITH THIS?

By Lunch/Rea

One wouldn’t go so far as to say it’s “Politicians Behaving Badly,” but Mammoth Lakes Councilmembers Bill Sauser and Colin Fernie have found themselves in the midst of neighborhood/code enforcement disputes this year. Sauser’s case doesn’t even involve Sauser directly. It involves his friends Sue and Phil Freeman camping in a fifth wheel on the lot across the street from his home on Manzanita. Sauser cleared the lot of snow and debris to allow the Freemans to park when they first arrived in town this year.

Freeman works as a painting contractor locally in the summer months. The property owner, Brian Frazier of Long Beach, has several abandoned and dilapidated structures on the property. According to Sauser, Frazier inherited the property from his deceased father, and there may be a dispute with a lien holder. So the property just sits.

For the past few summers, Sauser said the Freemans have parked an RV on the property with the knowledge and tacit permission of Frazier. When they came back this year, however, a complaint regarding their tenancy was filed with the town.

Parking an RV on private property, according to Town Municipal code 17.152.190, is something only an owner can do, and then, only temporarily.

17.52.190: Mobile Home or Recreational Vehicle—Temporary During Construction.
A. Limitation on use. A mobile home, trailer, or recreational vehicle may be used as a temporary residence of the property owner when the property owner is the builder and a valid building permit for a new single-family dwelling is in force, or as a temporary residence for security purposes on the site of an active construction project consistent with Subsection 17.56.030H (Exempt Temporary Uses and Events - Construction Trailers).

The Town sent a letter to the property owner on May 8, informing Frazier of this code violation as well as nuisance violations related to the abandoned trailers on-site.

According to several sources, when police officers came around to inform the Freemans that they wouldn’t be able to squat indefinitely, Sauser asked the officers to look the other way.

When asked if this were true, Sauser said yes.

“It’s accurate that I asked them to turn the other way … as a policy, it’s probably a good policy overall, but I wish we could enforce [code] with more common sense. For me, it’s positive to have them there … they’ve taken two or three dump truck loads of garbage off the property.”

But, he said, once a complaint is made with the town, he acknowledged there has to be enforcement. Community Development Director Sandra Moberly put it fairly bluntly: “You can’t live in an RV and park it on a lot like that.”

The Town gave the Freemans a deadline of May 22 to vacate the premises.

Black Tie affair

In the height of Mammoth’s record winter, employees of Black Tie Ski Rental, owned by Mammoth Town Council member Colin Fernie and...
The Mammoth High School Varsity Baseball Team finished off a successful season on Tuesday, May 9, with a gripping game against local rivals, the Lone Pine Eagles. The Huskies won Tuesday's game 8-3, and finished the season with a 9-6 record overall and 5-5 record for regular league play.

These photos are from the team's April 28 double header against Boron High. Pitcher Eric Guzman threw a shutout to win his fourth game of the season. The Huskies offense performed well, landing 10 hits and 10 runs to win the game. Coaches Brent Forsythe and John Martin led the team to a great season.

Pictured, clockwise from top left: Charlie Reggelbrugge, Carson Thompson, Dylan Martin (Sr.), and Eric Guzman (Sr.)
Town’s finance system and once the Mammoth Lakes Foundation, which is spearheading the project, comes forward to make a formal request for funding, the funds will be released. The Town had previously dispensed $100,000 for design work on the MACC.

Evan Russell, CEO and President of the MLE said that the estimated cost of construction for the facility is $14 million.

“Our marching orders from community is to design a state-of-the-art facility inside, from sound, acoustics, lighting and technology” which he estimates will add another million dollars to the cost of the project. He said $2.5 million has already been committed from private donors, and that the project will hopefully get $8 million in Measure C funds from Cerro Coso College.

Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theater Artistic Director Shira Dubrovner tackled the issue of the design of the proposed facility, which will be designed to be prettier on the inside, as it were. “Some people have been making comments that it needs to be an architectural piece like the Sydney Opera House [but] when people come to Mammoth, they’re looking at the mountains, not the buildings … I’d rather the money inside than outside.”

Several members of the public expressed support for the facility. Juliana Olinka-Jones said that the MACC has “the potential to benefit the community in a way it has not been able to take advantage of in the past.”

Councilman John Wentworth said that “based on the…acts the Council took on the MUF we are now moving forward on a number of fronts with important efforts that are going to need an amount of support from the public to be successful.” He said that it would be imperative that fundraisers are “very smart and tactical about who we’re approaching for what. That we’re not cannibalizing each other…if we’ve got the same group of people going to the same group of donors, that’s not going to be in the best interest of the community.”

On Wednesday, Mammoth’s Town Council also approved a Measure U funding recommendation to allocate $2.5 million for the fiscal year of 2017-18 for future capital support of the Mammoth Arts and Cultural Center (MACC). The expectation is also that an additional $300,000 per year will be needed from Measure U funds to support the MACC, said Finance Director Robert Patterson.

Town Manager Dan Holler said that the funds will be retained within the

GERNOT’S GROOVE
Grammy-nominated composer featured in Spring Concert

Every so often, a recording comes along that is really off the beaten path … so far off, in fact, that it seems to create its own genre … Wolfgang’s music is not just jazz music with a little more form, or classical music that swings. He has found a way to completely blend the two types of music in such a way that there is no real delineation between them … a beautiful and deeply moving listening experience.”


Grammy-nominated composer Gerot Wolfgang will be in Mammoth this weekend as his composition “Santa Barbara Suite” will be performed by members of the L.A. Philharmonic and Pasadena Symphony at St. Joseph’s Church on Friday, May 19, as part of the Eastern Sierra Symphony’s Spring Concert.

“Suite” was commissioned by the Santa Barbara Chamber Orchestra to commemorate Conductor Heichiro Ohyama’s 30th anniversary with the Orchestra. Wolfgang’s wife Judith Farmer, a professor at USC’s Thornton School of Music, is the Principal Bassoonist of not only the Santa Barbara Chamber Orchestra, but also the Eastern Sierra Symphony Orchestra.

Yes, they’ve got a Mammoth connection. As the Austrian-native Wolfgang admits, his mother ran a ski school when he was a young child. “We’ve already been skiing in Mammoth three times this winter.”

Wolfgang’s career path has not exactly been linear—he didn’t have his first serious guitar lesson until age 19 and didn’t go to music school until the age of 24. His initial calling was as a computer programmer.

He also started out as a jazz musician. It’s the introduction of and experimentation with the jazz influence in orchestral settings which makes him unique. The subtitle to his Grammy-nominated album describes it best: “Groove-oriented chamber music.” And as he acknowledges, “The thought process between writing software and writing and arranging music is very similar—you try to find the most elegant solution.”

His musical journey ultimately led him to the “Scoring for Film and TV” program at USC. One of his professors and earliest mentors was the late Joe Harnell, who was the musical director on the Mike Douglas show and wrote the original theme music for the television series Bionic Woman and the Incredible Hulk. Harnell also referred Wolfgang for his first orchestrating job (a whiskey commercial).

Wolfgang is much in demand in Hollywood as an orchestrator, with recent credits (courtesy of IMDb) for Big Hero 6, Ride Along 2, Pixels, The Boss and Sausage Party.

While he said his earliest musical inspiration included such pop acts as the Rolling Stones, Genesis, Cream, Supertramp and yes, Barry White, Wolfgang said his world was turned upside down the first time he heard jazz pianist Oscar Peterson. “I became less interested in the other stuff after that,” he said.

And through film, he became interested in contemporary classical. His Grammy category was officially, “Classical Compendium.”

The Eastern Sierra Symphony Summer Festival is August 10-12.
ROCK ME, STRADIVARI

“Strad Style,” directed by Stefan Avalos, is an underdog story to rule them all

By Rea

It was about two and a half minutes into Stefan Avalos’ documentary “Strad Style” that I became entirely enamored with Daniel Houck, the geeky, tattooed, enigmatic violin maker whom Avalos follows on his quest to create a replica of the world’s most famous violin. It was probably his laugh that first endeared me to him, a high pitched couple of notes that trail off into a wheezing chuckle. Then Houck showed off some of his tattoos (a portrait of violinist Jascha Heifetz on his forearm and Antonio Stradivari on his calf) and a gilded low rider plaque that reads “Strad Style,” a piece of art quite out of place in Laurelville, Ohio, where Houck lives “in the middle of a cornfield.”

“I’m basically nothing,” says the thirty-six-year-old, as Avalos films him driving, talking about his love of violins and what drove him to begin creating them—he knew he could never afford a nice instrument, so he decided to learn to make one.

Through a twist of fate and social media, Houck offers his services to a rising star, violin soloist Razvan Stoica, and confidently says he can make a replica of “Il Cannone Guarnerius,” a 1743 violin which Stoica says is his “dream” instrument. Houck agrees to a tight timeline to finish the painstaking project (mind you, Houck has never laid eyes on this violin, tackling the entire project from photographs and models) for a concert Stoica will perform in Europe. Thus, Avalos’ documentary becomes a nail-biter at 7 p.m. at the U.S. Forest Service Film Festival on Thursday, May 25 and www.stradstyle.com for more on the screening. Houck will attend the screening of “Strad Style” at the Mammoth Lakes Film Festival on Thursday, May 25 at 7 p.m. at the U.S. Forest Service Theater. Visit www.mammothlakesfilmfestival.com for a full schedule and viewing.stradstyle.com for more on the film.

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Avalos, who started playing at the age of two and a half, didn’t really set out to make this film, he said. In fact, when Avalos met Houck he was already two years into filming a documentary about the world’s most precious violins—their makers, their players, even their thieves. But once he met Houck, he said, he knew that his subject had chosen him. “There was something about him—something in his mind, it was very scattered in his thinking, it’s very different from me, because that’s just how I feel,” said Avalos.

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Houck cloaks himself in the trappings of the Cremona master luthiers like a superfan might don their favorite pop artists’ wares, except that his idols have been dead for centuries. He sports a vest reminiscent of a motorcycle club’s insignia, but instead of “Hells Angels,” Houck’s vestments rep his “Strad Style.” And though he’s got this “Strad” persona, he struggles with his inner Guarneri—Stradivari was a perfectionist. Guarneri was more of a fly-by-the-seat-of-his-pants guy. I can relate to Houck. I want to meet my deadlines, finish projects with time to spare, but I usually find myself sweating over a keyboard after having spent too many hours watching kitten videos.

The one thing with Danny is he’s very scattered in his thinking, it’s very easy to go off on another tangent rather than working on the violin, Avalos says. This intensity and precariousness carries over to the viewer—will he or won’t he finish his project?

Avalos’ documentary is long at 104 minutes, but I can’t imagine leaving out a single moment of Houck’s story, every piece that Avalos includes is too good to be true.

“Well, I shot over 70 hours of film with him,” said Avalos, laughing. Houck and his accompanying cast of characters are a documentarian’s dream, and it shows. “Strad Style” took the Grand Jury Award at the 2017 Slamdance Film Festival (Sundance’s cross-town rival) and has been wowing audiences across the country. And it’s not just for music lovers. “I was at a Florida film festival about a month ago and these two alligator hunter guys who run a swamp boat, they saw the movie and they were just like, ‘We love this movie!’ said Avalos.

The cinematography is beautiful, and Avalos’ skills as a special effects designer (his day job) are put into play in several scenes. The whole film was like a dream I can’t stop thinking about, and I can’t wait to watch it again, just to hear Houck’s trademark laugh. Both Avalos and Houck will attend the screening of “Strad Style” at the Mammoth Lakes Film Festival on Thursday, May 25 at 7 p.m. at the U.S. Forest Service Theater. Visit www.mammothlakesfilmfestival.com for a full schedule and viewing.stradstyle.com for more on the film.

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BARS & MUSIC

Happy Hour/
The Liberty Bar and Grill. Pursuit of Happiness Hour, 3-6 p.m. off all drafts, $2 off wine, $4 well drinks, $2 off specialty drinks. $5 Flatbread.

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

Roberto’s 4-6 p.m. every day. Saturday Hof. 5-6 p.m. daily

Whitewater’s 

Happy Hour Bar & Lounge. Unwind with daily drink and food specials 4-6 p.m. Half price sushi Monday.

Clocktower Cellar Happy Hour 4:30-7 p.m. daily and all day Sunday. $5 dollar menu items, drink specials.

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 pm.

Happy Hour @ The Bistro at Snowcreek. 4:30-6:30 p.m. daily.

Mammoth Tavern Happy Hour Tuesday-Sunday 3:30-5:30 pm.

Closed Mondays.

Smokeway 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 Sundays.

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

LAkanuki Happy Hour daily 3-6 p.m., $4.50 margaritas, Mai Tais. Happy Hour drink specials 10 p.m. - close.

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

Morrison’s Happy Hour Daily 4-6 p.m. $50 for two-person three courses meal on Wednesdays.

Food Cache Cafe Happy Hour 3:30-6:30 Sunday-Thursday. Street tacos $2.50, $3.50 beef, $7.50 beef/wine

May 19-20/ Big Wednesday! play the Liberty Bar. Legendary surf rock with members of The Surfaris and Dick Dale’s Band. Free live music begins 9 p.m. See ad. p. 11.

Friday, May 19/ Big Bear and Charles Marks play Black Sheep in Bishop. 6-9 p.m. Free.

Dreddie Poppins and The Professionals play Black Doubt starts 7 p.m. Free.


DJ Rodney O at Rafters. 10 p.m. 21 and over.

Monday, May 22/ Bowling to Beasts: Boy Scouts and Brownies. Costume party with DJ Chronfucius at $3 games at Mammoth Rock and Bowl See ad. p. 6.

Wednesday, May 24/ Wild Wing Wednesdays @ John’s Pizza Works. 50 percent off all wings. See ad. p. 9.

TOWN STUFF

Friday, May 19/ Eastern Sierra Symphony Spring Concert @ St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Mammoth. Starts 7:30 p.m. Performances of Dvorak and Wolfgang by Symphony conducted by Helichio Ohyama. Students from Mammoth Lakes Public Schools will also perform. For tickets ($20), go to www.easternsierrasymphony.org. See ad. p. 2.

Deadline for Registration for Sierra Adventure Camp. See sidebar next p.

May 20-21/ Eastern Sierra Chamber Orchestra. Free concert for the public feat. Schubert’s “Tragic Symphony,” among others. Saturday, 7 p.m. @ Cerro Coso College, 101 College Parkway, Mammoth Lakes. Sunday, 4 p.m. @ Cerro Coso College, 4099 W. Line St. Bishop.

Saturday, May 20/ Preview of “The Mawanan Fishing Club” film @ 11 a.m. at the Manzanar Historic Site. Followed by Q&A session and a walking tour of the site’s fishing history at 1 p.m.

Photo Sale @ Mammoth Lakes Library. Framed prints, matted prints and just prints. 12:30-5:00 p.m. 30 percent of all sales goes to the Mammoth Lakes Friends of the Library.

Red Carpet Event for the Mammoth Lakes Rotary Foundation Scholarship. Featuring Dr. David W. (director and producer: The Fugitive, Holes, and more). 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Mammoth Lakes Outlet Mall, 3390 Main St. Suite 0. Tx: $45 individual, $80 couple, includes hors d’oeuvres & cocktail. Info: www.rotaryscholarship.org. See ad. p. 3.

Sierra Club hike to Ainslee Spring and Round Fire Burn. Meet at 8 a.m. @ the dirt road loop, 0.3 miles down Lower Rock Creek Road from the Paradise Fire House. Info: Jerry at jerryzat@gmail.com.

Juke Lake Clean-up Day. Meet 10 a.m. Gull Lake Park. Volunteers who show up get a June Lake Brewing gift card and a delicious meal.

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Skyline Tree Service. On Sale. 90% off. Call for a FREE Consultation Robin Satter - Designer Serving Mammoth, Bishop & June Lake. 760-709-6893

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Sierra Adventure Summer Camp

Registration now open for Inyo County Superintendent of Schools Sierra Adventure Summer Camp. The camp is open to all Inyo County students in grades 5 through 7.

The camp is a 5-day overnight camp at the Sierra Adventure Center near Big Pine. Participants will learn survival skills, hike, do archery, star-gaze, and do crafts.

Boys camp runs from June 19-23, and Girls camp runs from June 26-30. Camp costs $20, and the deadline for registration is May 19.

Info: Hillary Behr at 760.878.3262 ext. 2131 or hbehr@icsos.us.

Bodie opens for Summer

Bodie State Historic Park has opened for the summer, with limited services (no water is available and the restroom in the main parking area are closed, but outhouses are located on the north side of the main parking lot). For information, visit www.monocounty.org or call Bodie at 760.647.6445.

Mammoth Lakes Free Childbirth Series

From May 17 to June 21, Mammoth Hospital will host a series of free, weekly childbirth education classes, with a different topic scheduled for each week. Classes are offered in both Spanish and in English. Participants will gain confidence in their body's ability to give birth, learn from doctors and nurses alongside other couples, and learn about pain relief and the birthing process.

The schedule of classes is as follows:
- May 24: Natural Childbirth
- May 31: Birthing Center Tour
- June 7: Breastfeeding
- June 14: Anesthesia
- June 21: Pediatrics and Postpartum

UPCOMING

Monday, May 29/
Memorial Day Observance
Celebration 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. @ The Big Pine Veterans Memorial, at the intersection of Hwy 395 and Hwy 180. Volunteers who would like to participate meet at Big Pine Cemetery at 8 a.m.

Tuesday, May 30/
Night Owl Acrylic Painting with Miguel Flore at the Mono Arts Council Gallery in Mammoth Lakes. 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tickets ($45) at www.monoarts.org

Mammoth Lakes Film Festival

See sidebar, this page, and ad, p. 9.

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Art in the Park. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday-Sunday, and 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Monday at Bishop City Park. Memorial Day arts and crafts fair organized by Inyo Council for the Arts.

Mammoth Lakes Library Closed for painting.

Friday, May 26/
Archeology Projects at Manzanar. 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. A Manzanar Assist Manzanar Historic Site staff with historic preservation projects. Space limited, RSVP 760.787.2194 ext. 3132. Event also runs Saturday, same time.

Deadline for The Sheet Scholarship Applications. Open to students grades 9-12, $1,500 academic scholarship sponsored by The Sheet and Robertos Cafe. Submit well-written, thoughtful essays to jacklunch@yahoo.com. See ad p.19.

May 27-29/
Taatsawano Traditional Gathering. Naive crafts and food booths, live music and cultural performances, and games at the Paiute-Shoshone Indian Cultural Center. Info: 760.873.8844.

Sunday, May 28/
Artist’s Reception: Steve Cavallo 11 a.m. to 1 p.m @ Manzanar Historic Site. Watercolor exhibit depicts life at Japanese Internment Camps.

Minaret Cinemas

Guardians of The Galaxy 2 (PG-13): The Guardians continue their intergalactic search for Peter Quill’s parents in this movie adaptation of a Marvel Comic.

Alien: Covenant (R): Directed by Ridley Scott. The crew of the spaceship Covenant struggles to escape after landing on an unknown planet.

For movie times, call 760.934.3131 or visit mammothlakesmovies.com.

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Mammoth Lakes Film Festival

This year’s five-day Mammoth Lakes Film 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 24-28 in Mammoth Lakes. For film schedule, see ad on p. 9. 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, also available. For tickets, visit www.MammothLakesFilmFestival.com. See ad p.9.

Pamper Pedal registration open

Registration is now open for Eastside Velo’s (ESV) 11th Annual Pamper Pedal, an all female, 44-mile bike ride. Registration is open to Bishop. This year’s event starts at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 3.

Registration is $50 and includes an annual membership in Pamper Pedal and entry to the post-ride party in Bishop, and support during the ride. $15 from every entry fee will be donated to Eastern Sierra Conservation Corps to fund first-time female backpacking trips for women in the Eastern Sierra.

Registration is open to women riders of all ages and skill levels. Register at www.eastsidevelo.org.

A Sidewalk on Main Street!

Construction of a six-foot wide sidewalk on the north side of Main Street/State Route 203 from Mountain Boulevard to Minaret Road is anticipated to begin the week of May 15 with minor activity outside the paved area. Also included are street lights, a new retaining wall and transit shelter.

The Public is advised to take extra care in the area throughout the construction period, expected to run from mid-May through early September. Once work begins, there will be traffic control and no street lighting for most of the 1,600-foot section. Motorists are advised to reduce speed. Pedestrians are advised to use the south side of Main Street.

The project is funded by a combination of State Transportation Improvement Program funds (STIP), the Town of Mammoth Lakes, and the developer of the future Mammoth View Project. The $3 million project is being constructed by Spieess Construction with oversight by the Town of Mammoth Lakes and Caltrans District 9. See ad p.9.
Sierra Employment Services is hiring for the following positions:

Ferry Creek Resort
Office Clerk $16
Cashier $12-$14
Reservationist M $12-$15
Special Event Coordinator M $12-$15
HR Assistant M/B $12-$15
Journeyman Carpenters M/B $30
Water Treatment Plant Operator in Training $18-$25

AB/AP/Exec. Assi. Bridgeport $16-$20
Call 760-924-8553 or 760-473-8599
See our full job list online at www.Sierraemployment.com

Bleu Handcrafted Foods is NOW HIRING! We are looking for someone to join our experienced team who is passionate about food, great customer service and working with a team in a positive work environment. You must look to fill in immediately. On site training is available but you must have knowledge of food service and prep. Please e-mail bleuhandcraftedfoods@gmail.com with your resume or any questions.

Housekeepers ($11)
Dishwashers
Maintenance Worker

Please complete an application at 164 Old Mammoth Rd. or e-mail pl@thelanding同志.com

Part Time Year Round Maintenance Laborer Needed For Condominium Complex. You must be comfortable and proficient in using basic computer programs as a multi-skilled handyman. Please email resume to footloose@footloosestore.com. Inquire by calling 760-709-6689 or send resumes to thershabarc@yahoo.com.

Bleu Handcrafted Foods is NOW HIRING! We are looking for someone to join our experienced team who is passionate about food, great customer service and working with a team in a positive work environment. You must look to fill in immediately. On site training is available but you must have knowledge of food service and prep. Please e-mail bleuhandcraftedfoods@gmail.com with your resume or any questions.

FOOTNOTE: Spots are looking for an experienced, motivated employee for our year-round summer employment. The ideal candidate has previous, long-term experience as a mechanic in a rental bike store. Must have solid basic skills, experience with all brake bleed techniques and familiarity with electronic shifting. UBII or BBI certification preferred but not required. Email your resume at footloose@footloosestore.com Attn: Zach.

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The Restaurant at Convict Lake is currently looking to hire a Experienced Line Cook/Dishwasher. If interested contact Head Chef Oscar Santos at 760.965.6477/oscar@convictlakemountains.com.

Morrison’s Restaurant and Bar is Hiring servers. If interested email Lisa Fairfax to apply. Lisa@convictlakemountains.com

Pizza Chef/Delivery Driver/Cashier Z Pizzapalooza is hiring for delivery drivers, full and part time. Apply online at www.zpizza.com, or by email - mammothpizzaloves@gmail.com.

Mammoth Rock & Bowl/Mammoth Rock Brasserie has the following positions available: Bowling Desk Employees, Server/Bartender, Brasserie Food Service. Contact Kevin O’Connell 760.934.4200

East Side Bake Shop is hiring counter associates for the spring/summer season. Located in McGee. Please call 760.920.1684-2066. Restaurant experience preferred.

NOW HIRING:

One part-time (30 hours/week) Program Specialist

Two part-time (20 hours/week) Program Assistants Starting at $13/hour

Community outreach for a variety of social service and public health initiatives.

Must be proficient in Microsoft Word.

Must be willing to travel throughout Mono and Alpine Counties.

Call (530) 495-2700 for more information.

Mammoth Brewing Company is immediately hiring for warehouse/delivery drivers and beer packages. Must have good driving record and be able to get a Class B license within 60 days of employment. Pay starts at $15 per hour and $16 for drivers, job incl. benefits. Apply at www.mammothbrewingco.com.

Vons is now hiring energetic individuals with the drive to succeed. Vons offers great opportunities for hiring for all positions including a Pharmacy technician. Come join our team.

NOW HIRING:

Part Time Morning Prep Worker

Applying in person, hiring for open positions at John’s Pizza Works 3499 Main Street.

Looking for part time / full time summer & fall seasonal work! Laid off from the mountain and wanting to stick around for the summer? Don’t want to work for Von’s Grocery store, let alone shag up there? Well then come apply to be a member of our crew of professional painters. We work indoors, outdoors, and because we are seasonally employed the experience is preferred but not necessary to train hard working individuals. $12-$18hr D.O.E. Contact Jonathan Widner (760) 709-1032.

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The Following Person is Doing Business As

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Applications and materials for this position should be submitted online. Required materials are due 4:00 pm June 1, 2017.

Eastern Sierra Transit Authority is seeking DRIVERS for the Mammoth Lakes area. Must be responsible, energetic and have clean driving record. Training for a Commercial License, Passenger Endorsement, and Airbrake Certificate is available.

Seasonal non-benefited positions with full and part-time hours available. Hourly salary range to: $15.25 to $18.41 Plus Mammoth Premium Pay of $0.50 per hour.

Pre-employment and random drug screening required. Applications can be found: online at www.easttransit.com, Mammoth Office (210 Commerce Dr), Bishop Office (731B Airport Rd) or Call 760-872-1901 ext. 117.

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person is Doing Business As

Eastside Handyman

Troy McCall
87 Snowdrift Lane, P.O.Box 8908 Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. This business was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on May 9, 2017 File Number 2017-0104 (5/13, 5/20, 5/27, 6/3)

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person is Doing Business As

Life and the Kitchen Sink

Soo Dennison
432 Monroe Street, P.O.Box 1182 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 May 1, 2017.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on May 1, 2017. File Number 17-0098 (5/6, 5/13, 5/20, 5/27)

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person is Doing Business As

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Notice of Impending Power to Sell Tax-Defaulted Property

Pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code sections 3692 and 3692.4, the following conditions will, by operation of law, lead to the tax collector's power to sell:

- All property for which property taxes and assessments have been in default for five or more years.
- All property that has been assessed and purchased for purchase by a county, city, county or city, or non-profit corporation for housing or for the development of housing for income-eligible persons and for which property taxes and assessments have been in default for three or more years.

Note: The power to sell schedule for nonresidential commercial property is three or more years of tax default status, unless the county adopts, by ordinance or resolution, the five-year tax default schedule.

The right of redemption survives the property becoming subject to the tax collector's power to sell on July 1, 2017, at 12:01 a.m., by operation of law. The tax collector's power to sell will survive the property's being redeemed or made subject to an installment plan of redemption initiated as provided by law prior to close of business on the last business day in June, 2017. The right to the installment plan of redemption shall be declared as terminated after that date the entire balance due must be paid in full to prevent the sale of the property at public auction.

The right of redemption of those properties becoming subject to the power to sell, but that are not closed at close of business on the last business day in June, 2017, but that are closed at close of business on the last business day in the year thereafter to the date of the entire balance due must be paid in full to prevent the sale of the property at public auction.

The address of the assessor's parcel number, the map page, the block on the map, if applicable, and the individual parcel on the map page or in the block. The assessor's maps and further explanation of the parcel numbering system are available in the assessor's office.

Notice of Tax Delinquency

NOTICE OF TAX DELINQUENCY AND DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY

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Notice of Hearing

A PUBLIC HEARING for the proposed 2017-18 LCAP (Local Control Accountability Plan) for the Mono County Office of Education will be held Thursday, May 25, 2017, 10:30 a.m. at the Crowley Lake Library, 3627 Crowley Lake Drive, Crowley Lake, CA 93546.

The LCAP will be Board approved at a regularly scheduled Board meeting; Thursday, June 22, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. at the Lake County Courthouse, 8 granite Street, Lake County, CA 95129

I certify or (declare), under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Janet Dutcher, Mono County Finance Director/Treasurer

Executive Director at Bridgeport, Mono County, on May 15, 2017

TS # 2017-0102

Notice of Sale

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got hurt, she added, but may have caused harm if it struck a motorcycle or bicyclist.

Executive Director for the Bishop Chamber of Commerce Tawni Thompson said she once saw a mother forced out into Highway 935 with her stroller and child, because the chairs took up so much space on the sidewalk.

“We’ve had people complain about the chairs for years,” Thompson said. Trainor added that after talking to local businesses herself, she found that about half of the chairs are from locals.

Dave Grub, Bishop Public Works Director, told the Bishop City Council at its regular meeting on Monday, May 8, there is the fear that angry parade patrons will get take out their frustrations on the City of Bishop, clogging the phone lines to the Bishop Police Department and City Hall.

Thompson, Executive Director for the Bishop Chamber of Commerce said, “It is what it is” and is ready for the calls. She added she has the number to Caltrans and can give that number to people with complaints.

Caltrans’ authority to remove unauthorized objects is contained in California Streets and Highways Code Section 721, and unattended chairs or other objects are a violation of California Vehicle Code Section 23112.7. For more information, visit the Caltrans District 9 website at www.dot.ca.gov/d9 or go to www.muledays.org.

DONALD ZELENY, 1945-2017

Don Zeleny was born on New Year’s Eve, 1945, in Artesia, New Mexico. He was raised on his family’s farm where he learned the value of hard work. That work ethic led him to earn two degrees in Physics from New Mexico Mining and Technology. Donald served as head of the Navy’s Phoenix Standard Missile Branch and later led its Weapons Performance Division. He received the Pacific Missile Test Center’s Executive Director’s award, the US Navy’s Meritorious Civilian Service award, and was a NAVAIR Senior Engineer Fellow.

He was awarded the Ventura County Big Brothers/Big Sisters Service award in 1987. He was paired with his last little brother, Jim Diorio, for 34 years. Jim became a son to Don and his wife of 50 years, O’Cilla Jane, as they had no children of their own.

An avid lover of the outdoors, Don moved to Mammoth Lakes, part-time, in 1978, where he learned to downhill ski. Don developed a love of the arts early in life, playing violin in the New Mexico All-State Orchestra and singing in the New Mexico All-State Chorus. He was partial to classical music and jazz. He enjoyed participating in the local Science Book Club, listening to National Public Radio, watching college football and NASCAR auto racing. He was a supporter of Chamber Music Unbound, Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theater, Eastern Sierra Symphony, the Mono Lake Committee, Eastern Sierra Land Trust, Mammoth Lakes Friends of the Library, the Mammoth Lakes Foundation, Southern Mono Historical Society and Valentine Eastern Sierra Reserve.

The Zelenys kept tabs on Mammoth Lakes’ happenings via local newspapers during their years living in Ventura, CA. Upon relocating here, Don delved into local activities where he became a staunch community supporter for music and the arts and volunteered his time as a member of Mono Lake, an AARP tax-preparer, High Sierra Energy Foundation board member, a STEM volunteer for MUSD, a member of the Measure U Committee, a participant on the Mammoth Arts and Cultural Center business plan review team, and many other roles in which he gave of himself with a passion and presence as if he were born and raised in the area.

Don succumbed to a massive pulmonary embolism on Friday, 12 May, at his home in Mammoth Lakes, CA. He is survived by his wife, O’Cilla Jane (OJ) Zeleny, a sister, Zelda Zumwalt, several nieces, a nephew, and his “little brother” James D. Diorio, Jr.

Should friends desire, please make memorial contributions to Chamber Music Unbound, PO Box 1219, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546-1219, or to Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre, PO Box 1815, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546-1815. A Celebration of Life will be scheduled for the end of June.
A t the Tuesday, May 16 installation of the Sierra Nevada Aquatic Research Lab (SNARL) Spring Lecture Series, Dr. Rebecca Lyons of the University of Redlands presented research on a particularly sinister compound found in most pesticides. A physical chemist by trade, Lyons has spent the last 5 years studying how 4-nonylphenol, a compound that mimics the most common form of estrogen when it gets into the endocrine system of macroinvertebrates and small mammals, is carried via dust and wind. Once 4-nonylphenol enters an organism’s blood stream, it binds with compounds that would otherwise bind with estrogen, a hormone produced naturally by the body. Estrogen is involved in reactions that facilitate reproduction, growth, and other essential bodily processes, so when it gets ousted from those reactions by 4-nonylphenol, it wreaks havoc. It’s been proven to inhibit reproduction in vertebrates such as birds and fish when found in concentrations as low as 3 micrograms per liter of water.

According to Lyons, 4-nonylphenol starts out as nonylphenol polyethoxylate, a synthetic compound used to give pesticides, industrial detergents, sunscreens and lotions a consistent texture. “It constitutes about 10 percent of all pesticides by volume, but it’s not the active ingredient in any of these products, so manufacturers are not required to report it on the label,” said Lyons. Over time, nonylphenol polyethoxylates degrade into 4-nonylphenol.

Lyons and her team have tested countless water sources throughout the state, and have had trouble finding water that is not contaminated with 4-nonylphenol. Knowing the Sierra is an essential water source for Southern California communities, Lyons began studying the way the compound is spread. “In California, we have a very impressive physical barrier to pollutant travel,” said Lyons, referring to the Sierra Crest. “We also know that Fresno, Kern, and San Joaquin Counties use the most pesticides of any counties in the state, and that Mono and Inyo Counties use the least.”

Lyons and her team have collected 5 years of data, sampling surface water, soil, and snow at various locations along the Crest. In most cases, they found higher concentrations of the toxic compound as they moved farther from the Crest. “We found that there was some topographical shielding,” said Lyons, whose team found that, although 4-nonylphenol is present in Eastern Sierra streams, reservoirs, and soil, most of the particles being carried eastward from the central valley are deposited in Nevada, bypassing the eastern slope of the Sierra. This was due in part to the fact that 4-nonylphenol was found in much higher concentrations as dust than in snow, perhaps because it is a non-polar, or water-averse, molecule.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) instituted a voluntary industry-wide phase-out of the 4-nonylphenol from detergents for day-to-day use four years ago. It is still used in industrial detergents, but the EPA is not approving new uses of the compound, except in pesticides. “In 2010, we imported 380 million pounds of it,” said Lyons. The compound is still present in most sunscreens and lotions. Lyons said that climate scientists have documented an increase in the number and volume of dust storms globally in recent years. Those storms carry asbestos, heavy metals, organic pollutants like 4-nonylphenol, and bacteria, and are especially prevalent in places where rapid desertification has occurred. Lyons currently has students studying ways to remove 4-nonylphenol from surface water, soil, and wastewater. Like BPAs and PCBs, other manufactured estrogen disruptors, 4-nonylphenol does not break down readily. It tends to accumulate in organic material and is difficult to remove. “I am hopeful though,” said Lyons. “My students give me hope.”
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