Erick Codoner and Karl Dawson, co-owners of The Food Cache, came in 1st place for the Burger Battle at this year’s Villagefest in Mammoth. For more photos, see p. 10.

By Lunch Brownlie named Mammoth’s new President/COO

*O* n Monday, July 31, the new joint venture formed by affiliates KSL Capital Partners and the Henry Crown and Company (owners of Aspen Skiing) made public the completion of its previously announced acquisition of Intrawest Resorts and Mammoth Resorts. Meaning Squaw Valley Ski Holdings, Intrawest and Mammoth Resorts are now combined as one company.

This new entity boasts 12 four-season mountain resorts with approximately six million skier visits, 20,000 skiable acres and significant land available for real estate development, as well as Canadian Mountain Holidays, the world’s leading heli-ski operator, plus comprehensive aviation and real estate businesses.

Its mountain resorts include Squaw Valley, Alpine Meadows, Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, Snow Summit, Bear Mountain and June Mountain in California; Steamboat Ski & Resort and Winter Park Resort in Colorado; Blue Mountain Ski Resort in Ontario; Mont Tremblant Resort in Quebec; Stratton.

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**RING OF FIRE**

The Grant Fire, likely lightning-caused, erupted near Parker Bench on the June Lake Loop on June 30. As of press time, the fire was at 400 acres and 100 percent contained. The Parker Bench Trail reopens Friday morning

**HANTAVIRUS STRIKES AGAIN**

Employee at Bodie State Park contracts the disease and survives—narrowly

By Bodine

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die State Park employee Spencer Fry, 22, hadn’t been feeling well when his family came to visit him over the Fourth of July weekend. According to his family, Fry had a fever of more than 104 degrees and headaches when a park employee drove him to Mammoth Hospital on July 7, but Fry was later sent home.

According to the California Department of Public Health, there have only been 14 cases of Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS) recorded over 40 years in Mono County, and 63 total in California since 1993.

But Spencer’s mother, Haven Fry, had been studying Bodie and the death of Bodie Park employee Richard Johnston who died of HPS in 2010. Her instincts told her Spencer had the deadly airborne virus and she urged her son to seek help, according to Spencer’s father, Curtis.

On July 8, Spencer’s fever was still high and the family put him in the vacation camper and rushed him to Kaiser Permanente in Roseville, close to their home in Citrus Heights. He later tested positive for HPS. According to the Center for Disease Control, the virus kills 36 percent of those who contract it.

It is contracted when urine or fecal droppings from infected mice are stirred in the air, such as from sweeping, and then inhaled.

Curtis said Spencer started to vomit an hour outside Roseville then began to show signs of pulmonary edema and his lungs began filling with fluid an hour after he reached Kaiser.

“If we weren’t there,” Curtis said, “he’d be dead today.”

Curtis told The Sheet on July 25 that Spencer spent 13 days in the Intensive Care Unit. “He apparently beat it (hantavirus),” Curtis said, but Spencer has total hearing loss in his left ear, complications with liver function and has started to show emotional scars.

It might be the shock of nearly dying or the effects of 20 different medications, Curtis said, but the once athletic and outgoing Spencer has become introverted and

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1,001: A SHEET ODYSSEY

This week marks the Sheet's 1,001st issue.
You'd think I might have said something last week but I was back east visiting the folks.

It probably turned out better this way - given the timing of the resort deal's closing and Rusty's official departure as Mammoth's CEO.
A few stories which tie in the Sheet's 1,000 and Rusty's farewell.
I moved to Mammoth in mid-December 2001 and talked the marketing department into hiring me as the snow reporter at $8/hour.
My job, as best as I can describe it, was to wake up at 4 a.m., go to the mountain, dictate snow reports to various radio and newspaper outlets, and then try to sneak out of the office for some skiing before a higher-up in the marketing department dreamt up some way to keep me busy.
I was not an employee looking to make my mark. I was an employee who chiefly desired to leave the faintest footprint in a windy desert.

My attitude towards work wasn't very good. But damn, I was good at having fun.

Saturdays were my worst days because after I finished the snow report, I was generally the only person in the marketing department that day so I had to answer the phones.
A particularly rude guy called one Saturday and berated me about this and that and after about ten minutes of politely nodding my head and picking my teeth with a toothpick, I said something like this, “Hey man, you know, I'm nothing but a peon around here. I have no pull. And frankly, even if I did care about your problems, and it sounds like you have a few, there's nothing I could do to help you. So why don't I give you the CEO's phone number and you can tell him all about it directly.”
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Dumbass.
From May 2003-August 2005 (when we switched from being a quasi-daily to weekly paper), The Sheet published 378 issues.

Sometime during the winter of 2003-2004, I randomly boarded a gondola car at McCoy and among those seated inside was Rusty.

When we got out at the top, Rusty noticed that I was skiing a pair of 210cm PReS. These were skis I had scavenged in Sun Valley circa 1999.

Ski patrol had dumped their unwanted extras by the ski patrol shack on the last day of the season, offering them free to the public, so I had nabbed a pair.

A few days later I receive an envelope in the mail from Mammoth Mountain. Inside is a voucher, signed by Rusty, good for “one pair of modern skis” at Mammoth’s retail shop inside Main Lodge.

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Years pass.
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Now onto Christmas in August, or this weekend's Bluesapalooza.
A few late details:
Saturday tickets of all descriptions are back on sale.

Ticket prices are unchanged from last year.
9o visiting breweries are participating in this year's festival of beers, with tastings on both Saturday and Sunday.

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As for the music, the Valerie June interview appears on page 13 this week. She plays Friday night right before Mavis Staples.

Vintage Trouble, branded as a “young Rolling Stones” absolutely tore it up here a few years back and the band returns this year as Sunday's closer (approx. 3:50 p.m.).
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On April 20, the Toiyabe Indian Health Project (TIHP) held an open house to celebrate its new Bishop health clinic. Now, just a few months later, four of its top administrators have been suspended without pay by the TIHP Board of Directors for 60 days. The suspension comes after an investigation into allegations of improper personnel practices and a lack of openness over the lease for the land on which the new clinic was built.

The four of five suspended administrators are CEO David Lent, COO Rick Frey, CFO Mary Daniels, and Human Resources Manager Cyndee Kiddoo, leaving only Human Resources Assistant Geraldine Weaver in place. The Board sent a letter to Weaver informing her that she was not being given authority to make any decisions.

The first vote in favor of the suspensions by TIHP’s board of directors was 8 to 4. In a follow-up meeting, the decision was confirmed with a 7-6 vote.

The Board consists of two tribally appointed or elected representatives from each of the seven Federally Recognized Tribes in the Toiyabe service area: Bridgeport Indian Reservation, Utu Utu Gwaîtutu Paiute Tribe (Benton), Bishop Paiute Tribe, Big Pine Paiute Tribe of the Owens Valley, Fort Independence Indian Reservation, Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Reservation, and the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe (Death Valley).

Chairman John Glazier resigned his position as Board Chair at the end of the first meeting and voted at the next meeting against the suspensions, reportedly claiming that “it’s about politics.” He accused the members representing the Bishop Paiute Tribe of being behind the unreasonable accusation that the lease negotiation for the land upon which the clinic was built was “not done openly.”

The voting totals show that a slim majority of Board members believe there is some truth to the allegations that led to the administrative suspensions.

According to comments by Glazier, the issue of “lack of openness” on the land lease is ridiculous as it was approved by the Tribal Council. Glazier said it fell on him to inform Lent of the suspensions. Calls to other members of the board from The Sheet have not yet been returned.

No details have been released on who will conduct the investigation.

Turmoil at Toiyabe Clinic
Four top administrators suspended
By James

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TRULY A CASH CROP

Mono County seeks to find the right balance in regulation of cannabis

By Giles

At the August 1 meeting of the Mono County Board of Supervisors, County Tax Administrator-turned-consultant Douglas McPherson of Hdl Companies presented a series of options to the County regarding taxation of marijuana businesses. McPherson told Supervisors that Mono County will have to consider the taxes imposed on legal marijuana sales by the State when setting its own local tax rates and fees. If local tax rates are set too high, the County could dissuade marijuana businesses from coming to the area. If they are set too low, the regulatory costs of enforcing local ordinances could cause the County to operate at a loss.

The Adult Use of Marijuana Act, also known as Proposition 64, which was enacted in November 2016, imposed a 15 percent statewide tax on recreational marijuana sales. In addition to the sales tax, an excise tax is levied by the Internal Revenue Service on the producer or merchant, not the customer. However, the tax is often effectively passed onto the consumer when merchants build it into the cost of the product. McPherson, formerly the Deputy Sheriff of Orange County and a retired Tax Administrator-turned-consultant, warned that if the cumulative taxation of marijuana sales is too high, consumers will turn to the unregulated market. McPherson said that, after excluding the excise tax, the manager of Oak Valley and Union Counties in California imposes a nearly 25 percent tax on all marijuana sales, with some exemptions for medical pot.

According to McPherson, the established industry threshold for taxing alcoholic beverages is 30 percent. He said 25 to 30 percent is a reasonable threshold for marijuana, and that local ordinances in California and Nevada are choosing to impose local taxes on marijuana-related business revenue of 4 to 6 percent.

McPherson noted that there will be huge administrative costs incurred by the County as a result of the passage of Prop 64.

Mono County Finance Director Janet McPherson told Supervisors that the managers of Oak Valley and Union Banks, the only two banks in Mono County (which employ humans), told County staff they would not open business accounts for marijuana-related businesses. They will, however, accept money from the County earned through the taxation of marijuana businesses. The County can request that the banks consider the administrative expenses incurred by the County as a result of the additional staff time needed to enforce and collect the Transient Occupancy Tax as a means of comparison.

At the same meeting, Paul Smith and Arthur Wylene of the Rural County Representatives of California, an advocacy group comprised of County Supervisors from the smallest counties in the State, gave a presentation regarding the legal ambiguities surrounding taxation of marijuana. They warned that the American Civil Liberties Union had pursued a lawsuit against the city of Fontana for imposing exorbitant taxes on marijuana sales with the intent of discouraging business.

Medical and recreational use of marijuana were signed into law in two separate bills in California. On June 27, Governor Brown signed the 2017 Cannabis Budget Trailer Bill, which creates a single regulatory structure for both industries. Under the new Trailer Bill, the State of California has said it will not issue a cannabis-related business license (required for commercial cannabis activities under Proposition 64) unless the proposed business is in compliance with the ordinances adopted by the jurisdiction in which it plans to operate. To enforce this, the State has asked counties and cities to submit a copy of their current marijuana-related ordinances, if they have them, as soon as possible. When an application for a state license is processed, the State will notify the local jurisdiction that the proposed business has been submitted, and ask them to demonstrate that it is either in compliance with the local commercial cannabis ordinance or non-compliant.

Smith and Wylene said that the State can start issuing cannabis licenses on January 1, 2018, but that there is no deadline that says local jurisdictions must have an enacting program in place at that time. It’s just that if they don’t, the state could issue a license without local say in the matter.

For instance, Mono County will be responsible for developing its own strategy for enforcing compliance with whatever commercial marijuana ordinance it chooses to pass. According to Smith and Wylene, oversight of the crop could legally be understood to fall under the jurisdiction of the Agricultural Commissioner. They said other counties have assigned that duty to the Sheriff’s Department, since the Agricultural Commissioner is not a law enforcement officer. “This is a cash industry, so anticipate that these business owners may showing up at your office with a year’s worth of taxes. There are security considerations there,” said McPherson.

Additionally, cannabis-related money cannot cross state boundaries. A prospective grower in Antelope Valley could not open a business account with a bank in Nevada. The only regional option for growers in the Antelope Valley is local Union Bank. However, Union Bank maintain their stance against cannabis-money, to deal in cash.

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SUMMER READING

Mammoth Lakes Tourism Board take on Requests for Qualifications

By Rea

The Mammoth Lakes Tourism (MLT) Board of Directors agreed on Wednesday, August 2 to have Board members Scott McGuire and Paul Rudder take a second look at Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) for an approximately $70,000 air service consultant contract.

A group of four members (Mammoth Mountain Ski Area’s Eric Clark, Town Public Works Director Grady Dutton, and MLT Executive Director John Urdi) had previously looked over completed RFQs for four different consulting firms (Urdi had developed the RFQ and sent it to five agencies, one did not reply). At Wednesday’s meeting, Urdi told the Board that the group of three had decided on Mead & Hunt, a firm that has also submitted a plan for the proposed new terminal at the Mammoth Mountain Airport.

Urdi said on Wednesday that Mead & Hunt had provided a cost estimate of approximately $70,000, about $10,000 more than the $60,000 MLT’s Board had budgeted, to develop a five-year strategic plan for air service in Mammoth. “The main purpose is to determine what we can do to get to consistent, reliable and sustainable air service for Mammoth Lakes and the region,” wrote Urdi in an email to The Sheet on Thursday, August 3.

On Wednesday, McGuire said that he felt the Board would not be doing their due diligence if at least some members did not look over the RFQs from the other applicants. This prompted discussion from the Board about what monetary expenditures require a vote by the Board, and when it’s acceptable for the Executive Director to decide on a contract himself. “We’ve not clarified how we want to run this Board,” said Rudder, “and (Urdi’s) role in bringing us stuff and what the (monetary) cutoff is… it’s something we should codify in our Board rules.” The Board agreed to tackle that issue at the September meeting.

“The Board has a critical interest in the outcome of this contract,” said McGuire, saying that, with no disregard to Clark or Dutton, they were not experts on air service. “I think the Board should have been involved in this company search from the very beginning. To vote on (this without seeing the RFQs) would be to vote in a vacuum. We needed to have a committee that was involved in this … and instead we sort of outsourced that.”

Urdi questioned whether MLT Board members had the time to call or read “four 100-page RFQs…I don’t think we have any experts at this table either.”

“...it would be good to find a couple (Board members) who could at least go through and review the rating system,” said McGuire. “So there was at least some scale of checks and balances.”

“I feel we have a capable, well-qualified Executive Director that we gave direction to,” said John Morris. However, “I do agree…that it helps John position a little bit to have more of the Board involved so that he’s not an island.” Morris also said that the timing was not ideal for Board members to look over RFQs. “Who has time to do that right now, the busiest time of year, the busiest weekend of year?”

Rudder and McGuire volunteered their time to review the RFQs submitted by the consulting firms and come back to the Board with their recommendations. Urdi told The Sheet he is hoping that he can meet with McGuire and Rudder early next week to discuss their findings.

Rudder emphasized “this is not a criticism of John. John’s worked very hard to do this. It’s more a criticism of us. Making sure we’ve done our obligations, because if we don’t, and this thing goes south, we’ll hear about it. And we should.”

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Last day to embezzle at JCPenney in Bishop

Bishop Police arrested Tyler Amisone, 23, of Big Pine, for alleged embezzlement on Monday, July 31. It cannot be confirmed that he was an employee at JCPenney, but on the day the doors closed at the store, he was arrested at the address for JCPenney for forging a check to embezzle $40, according to inyo crimenealgraphics.com. Amisone was charged with one felony count of embezzlement and one count of forgery. Bail was set at $15,000. Bishop Police Department will release more information when it becomes available. Management at JCPenney did not comment.

By Sheet Staff

PCT hiker dies in Yosemite

A Chinese national died on the Pacific Crest Trail last week, bringing the death toll for hikers of the popular 3,000-plus mile Mexico-to-Canada trail this year to four.

According to the Public Information Officer at Yosemite National Park, the Board Sheet that the identity of the woman, who was found on July 30 in Burcheria Creek in Kerrick Canyon (in the northern section of Yosemite), was being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Rita Morita, 32, of Osaka, Japan, was also found deceased on July 23, submerged in the South Fork of the Kings River in Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park.

River crossings for hikers on the PCT have been especially treacherous following a record snow year. Hiker Marcus Mazzaferri, 25, fell a day into Return Creek and a night spent in the wilderness without communication in late June of this year (see “Saved by the Plow,” June 16).

Two other hikers have also died on the PCT this season—the body of Marvin Novo, 57, of Turlock, was discovered by hikers west of Desert Hot Springs in late May, according to CBS news. His death was suspected to be heat-related. The Pacific Crest Trail Association also stated on August 1 that another hiker had died after falling on ice near Islip Saddle in the Angeles National Forest, but did not provide the name of the deceased hiker.

Will you buy my food stamps, officer?

According to the Bishop Police Department, on Friday, July 28, Lawrence Hall, 23 of Bishop allegedly tried to sell his welfare benefits to a uniformed officer. “Suspect knew it was illegal but followed through with the transaction anyway,” the BPD posted on Facebook. He was arrested at 926 North Main, or Taco Bell across the parking lot was arrested for violation of probation. Hall was arrested for violation of probation, a felony, and a misdemeanor charge of food stamp program violation. Bail was set at $30,000.

SUMMER READING

West Nile in Inyo County

For the first time since 2011, the Owens Valley Mosquito Abatement Program (OVAMP) confirmed on Friday, July 25, that some mosquito samples trapped last week tested positive for West Nile virus.

West Nile virus was first discovered in the Owens Valley in 2004, but there have not been any reported human infections. Three horses have died from the virus.

According to OVAMP Interim Manager Rob Miller, “the positive samples were collected to the southeast of Bishop, in the same trap location that West Nile virus has been found in prior years.”

The most recent positive samples in Inyo County came on the same week that 21 samples tested positive for the disease statewide.

“Every 100 people who are bitten by a West Nile virus-carrying mosquito, one of those will get sick with West Nile virus, and of those, fewer than 1% are likely to experience life-threatening reactions” according to Inyo County Health Officer Dr. James Richardson. Nevertheless, the public is urged to take precautions discussed below.

Horses are more at risk for contracting the disease, but vaccines are available and horse owners are urged to get their horses vaccinated.

Miler said the area where positive samples were found was heavily treated with an adulticide application following trapping activities due to high adult mosquito populations in the area. This eradication effort has already resulted in significant decreases in the number of mosquitoes in this area.

According to Agricultural Commissioner Nate Reade, “crews will continue to aggressively treat this area until trap results show diminished population levels”.

For information on West Nile virus, visit California West Nile virus website at http://www.westnile.ca.gov/. Please report mosquito problems to the OVAMP by calling 760. 873.7853. Saddlebag Lake Resort can’t reopen for summer

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The Sheet reported last year (“For Sale: A Little Slice of Heaven,” July 23, 2016) that the Resort is for sale. To enquire about its purchase, contact Heidi Vetter at June Lake Properties.
EASTIN ON EASTSIDE
Longshot gubernatorial candidate makes two stops in Mono County
By Lunch

Delaine Eastin, former State Superintendent of Public Instruction, former State Assemblywoman, and 2018 Democratic candidate for Governor, was in Mono County August 3 and 4.

On August 3, the candidate attended a meet and greet hosted by Mono County Schools Superintendent Stacey Adler. On August 4, Eastin is scheduled to deliver the keynote address at a meeting of Inyo and Mono School Administrators, representing the eight school districts serving the two counties.

The Sheet spoke to Eastin prior to her Thursday engagement.

The 69-year-old former State Superintendent, unsurprisingly, started with education as her top theme.

She said that during her two terms in office, “we moved the needle,” citing a jump in pupil spending from 47th in the nation to 27th.

Some of that jump was attributed to a report issued by the California Teachers’ Association, which Eastin championed, and which forced the state, in 1995, to restore $1.8 billion in education spending that had been siphoned off for other uses during a 1992 state budget battle.

Since Eastin’s tenure as Superintendent, she maintains there’s been some drift.

According to a California Budget and Policy Center report from 2015, the state ranks:

• 36th among all states in K-12 spending as a share of the state economy in 2014-15.
• Last in the nation in the number of K-12 students per teacher in 2014-15.
• California’s student-to-teacher ratio was greater than 22-to-1, more than 40% higher than the national ratio of 15.5 students per teacher.
• Last or close to last in the number of students per staff.

Eastin believes the state should double its per-student spending, make college tuition free, and make its educational focus teaching as opposed to pretty new buildings.

“Would you rather have your child sitting in a new building listening to a medicore teacher, or sitting on a rock listening to Socrates?” she asked rhetorically.

Some of her ideas on how to pay for it:

1.) Eastin says the state has built 22 prisons since 1965. By comparison, it has built just six colleges. California ranks #1 in prison spending. Time to flip the priorities.

2.) While it only takes a 55% vote to pass school infrastructure initiatives, it takes a 2/3 majority to pass staffing initiatives. Eastin says it’s time to roll back that number to 55% as well, and spur more staff hiring.

3.) Amend Proposition 13 as it relates to public companies. Eastin says holdings of shares of public companies generally turn over by greater than 50% each decade. That, she says, qualifies as a change in ownership and the commercial real estate of these corporations should be reassessed accordingly.

Other her pet issue: Long-range planning. She says the state’s last water management plan was adopted in 1957. The last higher education plan in 1960.

“Why did we not have a plan in place to claim some of the record water runoff that otherwise just spilled into the ocean?” she asks rhetorically.

Infrastructure, education … that’s how Silicon Valley was born, she adds.

“Some of her chances? She’s taking on a number of high-profile state democrats, including Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom, State Treasurer John Chiang and former L.A. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa.

“I would guess that if you did a poll test on her name recognition, it would be essentially zero,” Darry Sragow, a longtime Democratic strategist, told Politico last November.

Eastin’s response: I have no way to go but up.

“IT’s the daughter of a machinist and a sales clerk,” she says. “I remember where I came from, and I want that opportunity (She ultimately obtained a bachelor’s degree from Davis and a master’s degree from UCSB) for every kid.”

Delaine Eastin, Democratic candidate for Governor in 2018.

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Mountain Resort in Vermont; and Snowshoe Mountain Resort in West Virginia.

The companies also announced leadership changes. KSL’s Bryan Traficanti became interim Chief Executive Officer, while a comprehensive search for a new CEO is completed.

Effective as of closing, Thomas Marano, Intrawest’s CEO, resigned his position; Rusty Gregory, Mammoth Resort’s Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, is an investor in the new company and will serve on the Board, and become Senior Strategic Advisor to the new company; and Andy Wirth, President and Chief Executive Officer of Squaw Valley Ski Holdings, will become President and Chief Operating Officer of SSVH.

Additionally, David Perry, previously Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Aspen Skiing Company, L.L.C, was named the newly-integrated company’s President and Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Perry has spent more than four decades in the ski industry, including previous roles with Intrawest, Whistler/Blackcomb, and Canadian Mountain Holidays prior to being CEO of Colorado Ski Country USA and then Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at Aspen Skiing Company.

Gregory’s ascension within the new company means that he will no longer serve as Mammoth Resorts CEO. Mark Brownlie becomes the President and Chief Operating Officer of Mammoth.

As Gregory told The Sheet this week, “Mark emerged as ‘the guy’ based upon his job performance over the past several years. It’s been pretty clear to me for the past five years that he had the potential to do this. He’s a natural leader, and he has an astute understanding of people through the lens of his race coaching background.”

Eastin said Brownlie has already been running the organization for the past few years as COO along with Eric Clark, and anticipates that the pair will continue to work together. As Gregory described it, Brownlie handled the “outside the buildings” mountain operations while Clark is the “inside the buildings” (hospitality) guy.

When asked about his new role as Senior Strategic Advisor, Gregory joked, “It’s another way of saying that I’m a senior who gives advice. To be a Senior Advisor requires an AARP card.”

Gregory maintained that Mammoth would continue to stay on track with priorities including the development of Eagle Lodge and the improvement of existing facilities/buildings. As for what the ownership change means for employees, Gregory said, “We know we are dealing with careers, lives and communities … and we will be proceeding very thoughtfully.”

Of his former executive management team, which included Brownlie, Clark, Erik Forsell, Ron Cohen and Dave Likens, Gregory said “All will likely have opportunities to be with the company going forward.”

For the full 2017-18 winter season, the new company will continue to honor the existing pass products that are currently on sale, including the Rocky Mountain Super Pass +, the M.A.X. Pass, and the Mountain Collective. The new company expects to launch a new name and brand prior to the 2017/2018 ski season (Gregory anticipated this will occur in September).
REAL ESTATE

AVOIDING THE BLUES

Mistakes buyers make in a sellers market

By Paul Oster

I’ve been watching the Mammoth real estate market and it appears Mammoth has become a true seller’s market this summer. So from your experience, what are the typical mistakes buyers make in this type of market? We want to buy something but we’d like to avoid making a mistake...

Nobody likes making mistakes. But we’ve all made them, everyone does. The best thing we can do is learn from them. Even the most successful stock traders are only right a little more than half the time. There are things you have control over and many you don’t. But all investing has some basic rules and they apply in every type of market. So let’s take a look.

Mammoth looks like it is heading into a seller’s market once again. This is definitely the case in the low-end of the condo and home market. But unlike much of Southern California we haven’t been in a seller’s market for over 10 years. We’ll know more as we march towards the end-of-the-year holidays. Observers of Mammoth real estate believe most of the market has significantly less than they purchased sellers purchased at the peak of the last cycle and can purchase a second (or third) home for a reason. They are typically successful buyers. They are matched with personality types. Mammoth real estate buyers come from the three primary types: the analytical, the emotional and the egotistical buyer. Mammoth has plenty of analytical buyers. They are typically successful and can purchase a second (or third or fourth) home for a reason. The range from a variety of professions and businesses. Some even get “analysis paralysis” and never buy. But analytical types don’t normally make the mistake of making poor choices. And if they do, they are small ones at best. It is the emotional and egotistical buyer that can get in trouble.

Emotional buyers in this market often purchase without seeing the big picture. They’ve had some very good times here in Mammoth (like exceptional skiing) and fall in love with a particular property they’ve seen or heard about. Sometimes these incurable defects are hidden by shiny objects like granite countertops and snazzy decor. Properties in updated or remodeled condition are often good sellers in the Mammoth market. Many out-of-town buyers don’t have the time or patience or inclination to do renovations. So they are especially drawn to the updated and “turn-key” properties. But many times sellers will do the remodeling or updating to simply hide the true (incurable) defects of the property. After many years (or perhaps a short couple of years) of ownership they have become acutely aware of what the incurable defects are. But they know the improvements can add value AND get a sale. These types of properties have performed very well in the past 24 months. They will perform even better if the market heats up and values rise. This scenario is especially true right now because finding a contractor in Mammoth is so hard. So they are especially attracted to the updated and “turn-key” properties.

One of the interesting “mistakes” made often in this market is when buyers purchase expensive homes in substandard locations. Spending $2 million or more on a home is not to be taken lightly unless you are arriving on your own Gulfstream V. But even if the improvements (the home) look like it should be worth that kind of money, the location could be screaming something different. The real estate principle of regression is alive and well in Mammoth’s residential subdivisions.

Town of Mammoth Lakes Cannabis Workshop

The Town of Mammoth Lakes is in the process of updating their cannabis regulations to reflect changes in the allowed uses of marijuana as a result of CA Proposition 64 (the “Adult Use of Marijuana Act”) and recent updates to the State cannabis regulations. At the workshop, staff will be presenting draft regulations and asking for input from the Commission and the public. For additional information on this project, please visit the Town’s website at: www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/index.aspx?NID=768

Opportunity to provide input at a public workshop with the Planning & Economic Development Commission

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Local chefs, restaurant owners faced off in an annual battle of the eats last weekend

On Friday, July 28, the 14th Annual Mammoth Villagefest kicked off with live music. The same night, The Mill took first place for the Chili Cook Off.

The finalists in Saturday’s Chicken Cook Off were as follows: 1st Place—Burgers Restaurant, 2nd Place—Red Lantern, 3rd Place—The Mill.

The Rib Cook Off was also on Saturday, with this year’s finalists as follows: 1st Place—Toomey’s, 2nd Place—Liberty Sports Bar and Grill, 3rd Place—The Mill.

On Sunday, The Food Cache Cafe took first place for the burger cook-off, rounding out a weekend of good music and good eats.


Toomey’s took 1st in the Rib Cook Off. Fernando Rivera and Chef Matt Toomey.

Rich Leonin, Chef at Red Lantern, holds the 2nd place trophy for the Chicken Cook-Off.

The crew at Burgers (l-r): Ed Hurley, Molly Geirman, and Dace “Daddyo” Diaz.

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**DIVERSION PERVERSION PART DEUX**

Environmental Diversion Solutions is back, this time with grant money!

By Rea

Mammoth’s Town Council voted 5-0 on Wednesday to allocate matching funds in the amount of $125,000 for a U.S. Forest Service Wood Innovations Grant to partially fund the creation of a “Green Transformation-Transfer Station,” the “final phase” of a program proposed by consulting firm Environmental Diversion Solutions (EDS).

In November 2016, EDS presented Mammoth’s Town Council with a feasibility study for a biomass (organic material such as wood) processing facility that included waste disposal data that did not jibe with that collected regularly by Mono County Solid Waste.

On Wednesday, Council also authorized staff to prepare agreements with both EDS (to assist staff in the implementation of a work program) and HF&H Consultants (to assist with a franchise agreement renewal with Mammoth Disposal).

To illustrate the project, Town Manager Dan Holler gave a PowerPoint presentation on Wednesday to Council which included an image of waste products being “funneled” into a power plant that then distributed electricity back into the grid. “The integration of the technologies discussed in the EDS report will make this one of the greenest transfer stations that they are aware of in the country, especially in a small community,” stated the staff report.

Essentially, the goal is to build a new transfer facility (Council directed staff to continue to work with the Forest Service on a potential location for a 15-20 acre site) which could convert biomass to usable material for energy production.

Holler used as an example the “Mariposa Waste to Energy & Biochar plant,” which was the winner of the Wood Innovations grant in 2015, as well as the winner of $5 million in additional funding from the California Energy Commission. Angela Dominguez at the Mariposa County Solid Waste Department told The Sheet that plant is not in existence yet. “It’s something that’s been in the works for a while,” Dominguez said on Thursday, August 3.

EDS made the Town aware of the grant while the firm was updating the original feasibility study, per Town Council’s request, that the TOML paid $26,575 for in April of 2016. That study was presented in November of 2016, and “a number of questions were raised regarding some of the details of the report, but not necessarily the overall direction as proposed,” read the staff report on Wednesday.

The Sheet reported at the time (see “Diversion Perversion,” November 26, 2016) that EDS’ feasibility study used figures for the volume of sludge produced by the town that were incongruous with the County’s numbers. Tony Dublino, Solid Waste Superintendent for Mono County, told The Sheet at the time that he’d never been contacted by EDS for data regarding solid waste production.

“None of the large-scale manufacturing equipment EDS pitched [in November] had websites associated with it. The firm did not provide images of the machinery, except for several handmade models including one that appeared to be made out of Legos,” reported The Sheet. Representatives from EDS were not present at Wednesday’s Town Council meeting.

Mayor John Wentworth expressed concern that “as we approve these things we are potentially getting in over our skis … The community is going to need to buy in on something like this to make it happen.”

“I would also caution that the last time we had a presentation with the EDS folks there were some problematic components with that presentation,” said Wentworth. “We have to be very very smart about the capacity we have to deliver a program like this, especially when I hear the Forest Service say, ‘Geez, this is going to be a lot of work.’”

“For what it’s worth, the other consulting group, HF&H can work with me and Dan [Holler] to vet some of the ideas EDS might propose,” said Town Attorney Andy Morris, who said that HF&H were “the best technical consultants I’ve ever worked with. They know everything.” He said that they might “act as a reality check” in the process with EDS.

Council voted 5-0 to approve matching funds for the grant and for staff to prepare agreements with both EDS and HF&H. Final agreements will be brought back to Council for approval.
JOHN NORDLINGER 1963-2017

By Bodine

John Nordlinger passed away at his home in Bishop, CA following a short battle with Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). Born in Boston, MA on July 5, 1963, John died on July 31, 2017. He was 54 years old.

John was forced out of his home as a child, he’d said; a combination of resentful parents, abuse and neglect. He and his siblings could only have breakfast if they watched the Jim and Tammy Faye Bakker TV show with their mother. He often went hungry.

Northeastern University admitted John, despite his initial experimentation with alcohol in high school—he once, under the influence, challenged the principal to a foot race and was subsequently suspended.

Low on cash in his sophomore year (at one point, John hadn’t eaten in four days) he applied for a job with Academic Computer Services. The department head asked John what computer languages he knew, and knowing of only two (Basic and Fortran) he replied, “all of them.” She was impressed and hired him.

He owed Northeastern so much money, the bursar’s office said they wouldn’t release any information about his grades, graduation etc. “So, trusting them,” John said, “I left and applied for the job.”

In 1988, his father, Louis Nordlinger, was diagnosed with ALS, or Lou Gehrig’s Disease. He had cared for his father for months while the rest of the family had no idea Louis was ill. After years of separation, John was able to collect his splintered family together and pay their last respects to Louis.

Caring for his father was the proudest moment of his life, he said. After his father passed, John began a tech job version of musical chairs, running Digital’s Alpha Migration Project and the Microsoft Research Laboratory in India to keep Indian PhD students in their native country, addressing the brain drain by PhDs to the U.S. He convinced Bill Gates it was a good idea.

While in India, he found yoga, traveled extensively through India practicing yoga and continued to practice his entire life.

He also spent nights in ashrams on the banks of the Ganges and even kissed a python.

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Services have not been announced, with updates to be posted on the Friends of John Nordlinger Facebook page.

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(The quotes from John are taken from his, “Memoir” from April 2017 and interviews in July 2017.)
JUNE IN AUGUST: VALERIE JUNE TAKES THE STAGE

By Lunch

I had never heard of Valerie June before this year’s Bluesapalooza music lineup was released. Now, I’ll never forget her.

She is one of those artists who ... how do I describe this ... you put her album on and you kind of get lost in it and by the time you come to, you realize that it’s already played through and you’re halfway through listening to it for a second time.

June, who performs this Friday night (the act preceding headliner Mavis Staples), is a native of Jackson, Tennessee. The daughter of Emerson Hockett (whose claim to fame was being the promoter of one of Prince’s earliest shows), June was raised on gospel music, singing in church three times a week.

Her debut album as a signed artist, titled “Pushin’ Against a Stone,” was co-written and produced by Dan Auerbach of the Black Keys. It made her an immediate sensation amongst music critics who are largely too smart for me to understand (NPR, The New Yorker).

June spoke to The Sheet last week from her home in Brooklyn. Her speaking voice reminded me of Dolly Parton.

Sheet: In one of your interviews, you said, “There is a time to push and a time to gently tend the garden.” What’s the preferred ratio between pushing and tending?

June: I’ve just started tending for the past few years. I was pushing for the 15 before.

Sheet: At one point, you pushed too hard (circa 2009) and your body broke down. What happened?

June: I was working seven days a week and I was on my feet constantly. I was trying to save money so I could record ... no one was offering me a shitload of cash to make a record (laughs). My body couldn’t handle it. I went to a lot (laughs) of church growing up. Now, I find church in my life.

Sheet: Do you still go to church?

June: I’m not churchgoing, but I still go with my mom when I’m home ... I went to a lot (laughs) of church growing up. Now, I find church in my life.

Sheet: Your dad died last November. Now that you’ve had some time to reflect, what comes up for you when you think about him?

June: I responded by saying she is learning a new way to speak to him, and when asked to elaborate, she had a few mystical stories to relate which occurred during a recent tour in Europe.

In one instance, she was thinking about her dad, happened to look up, and there was a sign overhead, a big billboard-type sign which said, simply “Emerson.”

In the second instance, she was doing a sound check before a show and this black butterfly alit on the end of her guitar. It then flew off, but she noticed it stayed in the arena during the remainder of the sound check.

“Communication,” she observed, “doesn’t end when a body leaves the earth.”

Valerie June will be performing at Sam’s Woodsite on Friday, August 4 at 6:40 p.m. Her latest album, “The Order of Time,” was released this year.

She acknowledges that she does not typically play the blues circuit and has been classified in all sorts of different genres. Probably the best description is simply “singer/songwriter” although Hua Hsu of the New Yorker said he saw her music classified in at least three different sections of a local record store (jazz, soul/r&b, rock).

However you classify it, it’s different and memorable. Don’t miss out.
has to use a walker to get around. He said his son has some survivor’s guilt and regrets about ever going to Bodie.

“He’s not the same boy,” Haven Fry said. By law, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPPA) prevents Mammoth Hospital from sharing medical information about Spencer’s case without authorization. When asked if he wanted to give The Sheet the authorization, Curtis Fry said he “didn’t want to go down that avenue.”

Spencer took a seasonal job as an aide at Bodie State Park for the summer 2017 season. For an anthropology major, Bodie seemed like an ideal fit. Spencer was given a place to stay on site with four other employees, according to Curtis.

Mono County Public Health Officer Richard Johnson (no relation to the 2010 hantavirus victim) told The Sheet in an email that it cannot be determined exactly how Spencer contracted the airborne virus. He may have contracted the virus while cleaning his cabin or from the carpet, as he worked out on the floor, Curtis said.

“In all the cases we have had, there is never a way to prove exactly where the exposure happened. Sometimes we see a ‘smoking gun’, such as nesting material in or under a mattress where a person has been sleeping, and it can be presumed that the exposure was there, but it is a ‘best guess’, and cannot be proven. In Spencer’s case, my investigation on July 10 did not find a ‘smoking gun’,” Johnson said.

Curtis Fry said that Bodie employees cleaned all of the living quarters on July 7. Technically, there has never been a confirmed hantavirus case in Bodie, according to Johnson. Bodie employee Richard Johnson contracted the virus while living in his own camper parked off Bodie State Park grounds in 2010. There is no conclusive evidence that Spencer contracted the virus at the park.

The story has made headlines in Sacramento, the Fry’s hometown, because the couple went to the press, Johnson explained. In Mono County, it was business as usual, Johnson said. He said that as is procedural, the name, gender, age and even location of the case was not released. He said in a small county, it could be easy for the public to find out who the person is, which goes against privacy rules.

He said Mono County is working with California State Parks and Kaiser to ensure consistency of messaging from all of the organizations. Gloria Sandoval, Deputy Director of Public Affairs for California State Parks, told The Sheet that until an investigation is concluded, the park system is not posting additional signage about hantavirus. She said there is no overnight camping and the risk posed to visitors is small.

The park had not closed before Spencer Fry’s symptoms appeared or after his diagnosis. “As we conclude our investigation, we will take a hard look at enhancing safety. Public safety is our highest priority,” Sandoval said.

The investigation by the park system will include whether employees were adequately trained, said Adeline Yee, Information Officer for State Parks. She said all applicants and employees at Bodie are given literature describing the dangers of hantavirus and how to properly clean to prevent contracting the deadly virus.

Sandoval added that worker’s compensation will be handling any bills accrued by Spencer Fry. Spencer’s brother Chantal Todoroff has started a crowdfunding campaign for Spencer’s rehabilitation and other costs at www.youcaring.com/spencerfry-878271.

With the wet winter and plentiful summer of food for mice, it would make sense that mouse populations would increase, but there is no evidence of that occurring, Johnson explained.

“What is known is that the Eastern Sierra has had more hantavirus cases than any other region in California, according to the California Department of Public Health.
OBITUARY

GARY WILLIAMSON 1938-2017

By Bedine

Best known for his decades as the manager at The Toggery in Bishop fitting tuxedos and cowboy boots, Gary Williamson passed away on June 16 at Northern Inyo Hospital. Gary battled pancreatic cancer in his final days, but remained generous and reverent until the end. He was 79.

Gary was always offering his help to people who couldn’t help themselves. He had a passion for gardening and flowers and would deliver flowers for elderly neighbors physically unable to get down in the dirt. His daughter Janet Fant said helping other people was always a part of his DNA.

At The Toggery, he would wrap presents his elderly customers purchased and even delivered them. “He was always the first one to offer a helping hand,” Fant said. He was calm and gentle.

“He wouldn’t get angry if you disagreed with him,” says Phyllis Stroud, who worked with Gary at The Toggery for 20 years, “but he’d sure debate it with you!”

Fant said her father was very supportive of the entire community, buying local 4H livestock, attending community events and supporting organizations. He lived in Bishop for 75 years.

Gary and Glenn Courtney were friends in high school and Gary was Courtney’s best man at his wedding. Courtney said. He never performed in a prom or a wedding, so Gary was the chef at the original Welch’s Pancake House in Bishop. In 1971, he became manager of The Toggery, where he stayed for 45 years. The Toggery is one of the only places in Bishop to rent a tuxedo for a prom or a wedding, so Gary was pretty well known.

When asked about her job interview with Gary, Phyllis Stroud said, “It was more of a conversation than an interview. He would tell you he wasn’t pretty well known. He was the kind of guy that would go to the doctor maybe once a decade. His poor health didn’t affect his mood, says Stroud. ‘He’d get cranky, but we just figured that was because he was old,’” she joked.

Gary is survived by his wife, Betty Williamson of Bishop; his daughter, Janet Fant (Kevin), of Denair, CA and Julie Williamson of Eugene, OR; grandchildren, Kayla Fant, Weston Fant and Lauren Fant all of Denair, and Macey and Madison Williamson of Eugene. He is also survived by his brother, Bart Williamson and sister, Jeanie (Lee) Powell, both of Bishop; and nieces and nephews, Melissa, Jeff, Justin, and Matthew Powell, Kelly Huntsinger and her children, Carly, Alesha, and Patrick; Paula Boxley and her children, Jessie Mack, and Jordan, Kailyn, and Kori Boxley. He is also survived by his friends Ralph Palsrock and Glenn Courtney.

Services have already been held for Gary but donations in his name can be made to ICARE Inyo/Mono County Animal Resources and Education. P.O. Box 76, Bishop, CA 93515 or by calling 760.872.3802 or emailing ICAREforPets@gmail.com for more information.
ARE YOU GONNA EAT THAT?
Rea communes with nature thanks to Friends of the Inyo’s Wild Harvest hike

By Rea

Compared to most of California, the Eastern Sierra isn’t exactly a forager’s dream—it lacks the abundant mushrooms of the Bay Area, the wild asparagus of the delta or the delicate native raspberries found in neighboring Yosemite Valley. Life can be a challenge for plants in a place where the high desert meets the alpine in what’s called an “ecotone,” a new word I learned on the Friends of the Inyo (FOI) “Wild Harvest” interpretive hike led by Trail Ambassador Astra Lincoln on Tuesday, July 25.

An ecotone is where two biomes (a biome is a naturally occurring community of flora and fauna occupying a major habitat) meet. Lincoln herself said she’d just learned the word from a participant on one of her hikes the previous week. In fact, said Lincoln, she’s learned a great deal from participants on her free hikes, sponsored by FOI. I myself got to be a star pupil and show everyone a bolete mushroom and how to identify it (a sponge, not gills, on the underside of the cap, in case you’re wondering).

I joined Lincoln’s hike on a whim. I’ve always loved foraging and have wanted to know more about the Eastside’s edible and medicinal plants for some time. I’d placed the hike in The Sheet’s calendar section the week before, thinking I’d like to attend the free event, which took place on a Tuesday morning. I decided to call it an extra-curricular activity.

Around 9 a.m. (the hike began at 10) I stopped into Stellar Brew to grab a burrito and, spur of the moment, convinced owner Andrea Walker to put down the steam wand and fix me a cocktail. Walker and I hustled back down to Parker Bench on July 25. Hikes will continue through the summer.

I’ve got a cursory knowledge of local edibles—I pick wild onions when they’re in season (they’re the big purple firework-esque flowers attached to green stalks that grow near High Sierra lakes); I harvest the aforementioned boletes (also known as the valuable porcini mushroom) in early summer near High Sierra lakes; I harvest the Juniper, the berries of which are inedible to humans but provide the basis for the distinctive flavor of gin. Insert obligatory joke about brewing some local moonshine. A second bunchgrass, ricegrass, was distinguishable from ryegrass by its circular leaves and smaller size.

As we climbed higher, we were introduced to ryegrass, a native bunchgrass that once served as the main staple grain for residents of the Mono Basin. Walker and I then made the obligatory joke about brewing some local moonshine. A second bunchgrass, ricegrass, was distinguishable from ryegrass by its circular leaves and smaller size.

We found wilting Mule’s Ears, which sport bright yellow blooms and are related to sunflowers. Lincoln told us her introduction to foraging came when she was leading backcountry youth crews to do trail work, and she was “constantly hungry. So I had to figure out what I could eat on the trail.”

However, the soft, woolly leaves of Mule’s Ears served a different purpose. “I forbid my crews to use any toilet paper at all, so you could eat a plant like this would become very important to us,” said Lincoln.

We found Pennyroyal, which is in the mint family and said to induce miscarriage in women (and is the subject of a sweet Nirvana song), and Juniper, the berries of which are inedible to humans but provide the basis for the distinctive flavor of gin. Insert second booze joke here.

When we reached the riparian corridor about 500 feet above the trailhead (a mellow climb that took us two hours with plenty of stops), we were treated to a show of wildflowers—monkshood, Indian Paintbrush, and Columbine. The group dispersed, and Walker and I hustled back down to our busy days. However, in the week since, I’ve been noticing many of the plants we discovered on our walk. And I’ve shared that knowledge with others. Which I suppose is the whole point.

Lincoln intends to continue the “Wild Harvest” hike on Tuesdays, beginning at 10 a.m. throughout much of the summer, perhaps adapting the venue due to the progression and changes of plants over the course of the season. You can find out more about Lincoln’s hike, as well as other free interpretive walks and volunteer opportunities, at www.friendsoftheinyo.org or by emailing Astra@friendsoftheinyo.org.
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Benefits included.

Debbie & Mike Crowe, Mammoth Mountain Chalets (800) 327-3681 Ext 0 (CA) (760) 934-8518 Ext 0
Reservations@MMChalets.com

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**Mammoth Rock & Bowl/Mammoth Rock Brasserie**

Mammoth Rock & Bowl/Mammoth Rock Brasserie has the following positions available:

- Bowling Deck Attendants
- Server, Bartender, Brasserie Hostess
- Cooks/Part time, benefits-eligible Tellers in its Mammoth Lakes office (34 hours and 20 hours). 225.00/week. Send resume to Manager, John Kelly at john@mmrockandbowl.com

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**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 and we are looking to fill it immediately. On site training is available but you must have knowledge of food service and prepare excellent food. Please email stellarbrew@gmail.com with your resume or any questions.

**Maintenance Assistant Job:**

Must be able & willing to assist with maintaining & repairing 20 chalets & other structures. Experience is needed in snow removal, electrical, painting, carpentry & plumbing. This candidate must be able to perform vehicle maintenance on a variety of vehicles/equipment. Benefits included. Debbie & Mike Crowe, Mammoth Mountain Chalets (800) 327-3681 Ext 0 (CA) (760) 934-8518 Ext 0
Reservations@MMChalets.com

**Norco 76** is hiring mini-mar/cashier/shuttle/peterson.

**Maintenance-Office receptionist:**

Maintenance with office duties needed for mammoth lake company town. Vehicle is a must. Please send resume to info@mammothbackrentals.com.

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**ESIA**

ESIA is a hiring a part-time seasonal associates for our Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center bookstore. The ideal candidate will enjoy retail experience and a passion for the Eastern Sierra outdoors! Responsible for learning product base, cashiering, store support, and customer service. Also responsible for assisting the bookstore manager with a range of duties including stocking, ordering, pricing, and cleaning. Please send your letter of interest and a resume to Manager, John Kelly at john@esialonline.org

**Morrison's Restaurant and Bar**

is looking to hire a Bartender. If interested please contact Rachel at 760-934-7427
Or email Rachel@morrionsrestaurant.com

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**Looking for an energetic, enthusiastic person to work for a local nonprofit organization. Must have retail, people and organizational skills. Please call 760-924-2474 or bring your resume to Second Chance Thrift Shop at 126 Old Mammoth Road and ask for the manager.**

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**For Rent**

- **Room for Rent in Nice Home Mammoth Slopes Home. Room for rent w/ private bathroom, Walk to Village & 5 min. drive to Mammoth Mountain. Must be Dog Friendly. Non Smoker $900 per month - 760-301-1308**
- **2 Bedroom 1 Bath in Old Mammoth. Very large two-car garage, w/d, dishwasher, pellet stove, forced air, 2.5a, great views and terrific sun, deck, quiet, private. $2,500/mo. One-year lease. Contact Paul at 760.914.1116**

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**For Hire**

**Bookeeping Services Available.** Let me keep your books up-to-date and in order so you can travel the world! Experienced in QuickBooks and Accounts Receivable.

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**Need - 2 GUYS WITH CHAIN SAWS**

Need approx. 60 - 1 ft. long seasoned lodgepole logs cut, split & stacked this summer. For full and part-time. Please contact Greg Jennison 760.873.4499.

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**Personal Ads**

I hope to see you ... at Saturday’s beer tasting cuz I love the hop in your IPs. I saw you ... just got promoted, I guess they’d call that turning over a new brownie.

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**For Sale**

- **21 Boat 1991 Seaswirl Bowrider w/ tandem trailer. Good condition, approx., $6000.**
- **1999 Baja 22 hp, 7.5 hp OBO.** Please call Greg 760582-8902.

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**Garage Sale**

**Garage Sale** Sat, August 5, 8:30-3:00

Beverage, toy & collectible items, yard tools, books, etc.

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**Contacts**

- Steve Searles/Debra Searles
- Greg Jennison
- Debbie & Mike Crowe
- Paul Deeds
- John Kelly
- Mark Deeds
- John Deeds
- David Deeds
- Cindy Deeds
- Greg Jennison
- Steve Searles

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**Fictitious Business Name**

The Following Person is Doing Business As:

- **Crawley Lake Campground**
  - **Greg Jennison**
  - **4170 Crawley Drive Lake Village, CA 93546**

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- **First Street Leather**
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NO CLASS-IFIEDS
BARS & MUSIC

Happy Hour / The Liberty Sports Bar and Grill. Pursuit of Happiness Hour, 3-6 p.m. $1 draft beers, $2 off wine, $4 well drinks, $2 off specialty drinks. $5 Flatbread. See ad, page 15.

Outlaw Saloon: Monday: All Night Happy Hour; 4-Midnight, Tues-Fri 4-6 p.m. Tuesday: $2 Tacos 4-10 p.m., 8-9 p.m. Wing Wednesday 50% off all wings. Thursday: Burger & Beer special 4-9 p.m. See ad, p. 13.

Robert's: 4-6 p.m. every day. Austria Hof: 5-8 p.m. daily.

Whitebark Restaurant Bar & Lounge Unwind with daily drink and food specials 4-6 p.m. Half price sushi Mondays.

Clocktower Cellar Happy Hour 4:30-7 p.m. and all day Sunday. $5 dollar menu items, drink specials. Petras 5:30-6:30 $22 Bolognese/drink special. $3 off specialty cocktails and food discounts.

Mammoth's famous Slocums Happy Hour: 4-6 p.m. Mammoth's famous Slocums Happy Hour: Mon thru Fri 4-6; Saturdays 4-5. Closed Sun.

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

Mammoth Tavern Happy Hour Tuesday-Sunday 3:30-5:30 p.m. Closed Mondays.

Smoykward weekend Happy hour 4-6 p.m. in the bar only.

Side Door Happy Hour daily 3-6 p.m. Giovann's Happy Hour, daily 4-6 p.m. Large pizza and a pitcher of beer gets 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. Morrison's Happy Hour Daily 4-6 p.m.

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

August 4-5 / Bluesapalooza After-Party Jam at the Liberty Bar with Crooked Eye Thursday and Friday. See ad, page 15.

Friday, August 4 / DJ Roger That! at Rafters 10 p.m. to close.

Saturday, August 5 / Open Jam at Eastside Bake Shop, 6 p.m. See ad, p. 8

Sunday, August 6 / Bluesapalooza After Party at Mammoth Mountain Brewing Co. 6 p.m. Featuring Brother Yusef. Family Friendly. See, see ad, p. 3.

Mountain Men Collective play the Mobil. 4-7 p.m. Free. See, ad, p. 21.

Monday, August 7 / Bowling ‘n’ Beats at Mammoth Rock n’ Bowl, 9 p.m.

Wednesday, August 9 / Post-Farmers’ Market jazz at Liberty Bar. Free.

Thursday, August 10 / Grateful Shred plays the Mobil. Free. Grateful Dead cover band. 6-9 p.m. See ad, p. 10.

Salsa & Cumbia Lessons with Isabelle. Free at Rafters. 8:30 p.m.

TOWN STUFF

Every day / South Tufa Tours with the Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association/Mono Lake Committee. 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. every day through the summer.


August 4-6 / Mammoth Lakes Fine Arts Festival. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Kettredge Sports Friday-Sunday. See ad, page 4.

Friday, August 4 / ESIA Campfire Program at Shady Rest Campground in Mammoth. Naturalist program around the campfire from 7-8 p.m.

Big Pine Nawanaaki-Ti Farmers Market. 5:30 p.m. to dusk next to the Big Pine Tribal Office, 825 Main Street. Join Lake Friends of the Library speaker series. Presentation by David and Gayle Woodruff. 5:30 p.m. at the June Lake Community Center.

Saturday, August 5 / Volunteer Trail Work Day on the Meadow Trail Connector. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Sherwins Trailhead on Sherwin Creek Road. Ribbon cutting at 1 p.m. Info: traildays@mlpa.org. See ad, p. 15.

Edible and Medicinal Plants of the Eastern Sierra with FOI. Meet at Parker Bench Trailhead at Silver Lake at 10 a.m. for a short interpretive hike with Friends of the Inyo. See story, p. 16.

Wild By Nature at Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Learn about 4-legged friends with ESIA.

Bishop Community Art Day. Arts, Crafts, dance workshops, with Inyo Council for the Arts. 1:30-8 p.m. Free concert at 6:30 p.m. Info: 760.872.7201

Free Yoga Class. 8-9 a.m. in the Village Plaza.

Panum Crater Tour with Mono Lake Committee. 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Meet at the Panum Crater Trailhead, 5 miles south of Lee Vining and 3 miles east on Highway 120.

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Bodie Hills Stewardship Day. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the red barn at the center of Bodie. Work until 12:30 p.m., then return for free lunch and interpretive tour of the State Park. Free entrance for volunteers. Wear work clothes, closed-toe shoes.

Sunday, August 6 / Community Art Day: Independence. Live music, arts and crafts from 1:30-6 p.m. at Deely Park. Open mic @ 1:30. Masanga Marimba Ensemble from 6-10 p.m. IMACA food drive.

Oolation Singers perform choral music from around the world. 7 p.m. at the Mono Lake Tufa State Natural Reserve. Info: 760.847.6331 or oolation.com. Free.

Free Guided Bird Walk at Mono Lake with Crooked Eye Wednesday 50% off.

Pursuit of Happiness Hour, 3-6 p.m. Tuesday: $2 Tacos 4-10 p.m.; 8-9 p.m. Wing Wednesday 50% off all wings. Thursday: Burger & Beer special 4-9 p.m. See ad, p. 13.

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Join the fun at Mammoth Lakes with a variety of events throughout the month!
Notice of Public Hearing
RESOLUTION NO. 07-20-17.15
APPROVING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MAMMOTH COMMUNITY WATER DISTRICT EXHIBIT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE REPORT OF DELINQUENT WATER AND SEWER CHARGES AS OF JUNE 30, 2017
WHEREAS, staff of the Mammoth Community Water District ("District") has prepared the report on delinquent water and sewer charges as of June 30, 2017, containing a description of each parcel of real property within the boundaries of the District, the amount of any such delinquent charges, and the time since such delinquent charges are due; and
WHEREAS, the delinquent water and sewer charges are delinquent, along with the amounts such delinquent charges, together with interest and penalties thereon;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Hilton Creek Community Services District that a public hearing is set for August 17, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. at the District office located at 1335 Meridian Boulevard in Mammoth Lakes, California, on the Report of Delinquent Water and Sewer Charges. At said public hearing, the Board of Directors will hear and consider all objections and protests to said written report.

Notice of Public Hearing
DELINQUENT WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNTS THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017
EXHIBIT A
The Clerk of the Board is requesting bids for the site preparation (Bid No. 2017-LVB1-1), construction of a concrete building foundation (Bid No. 2017-LVB1-2), installation of buried electrical line and electric connection to primary power (Bid No. 2017-LVB1-3); and, construction of a buried electrical line (Bid No. 2017-LVB1-4); at the District’s monitoring site in Lee Vining, California. All work is to be performed by licensed California contractor(s) at the District’s monitoring site. Installation requires the labor and materials necessary for:
1. Construction of a perimeter fence (approximately 100 linear feet).
2. Construction of a foundation for an 8’x8’ Foundation Pad.
3. Installation of a buried electrical line (100 ft. in length) and connection to nearby power line; and, 4. Construction of a perimeter fence (approximately 100 linear feet).
For detailed specifications and information for further bidding, contact the Clerk of the Board (760) 934-8211, at www.mammothlakes.org, under, “What’s New: Request for Bids,” or in written correspondence only those issues raised at the public hearing pertaining thereto. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65503, notice of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of real estate subject to any property tax sale as described in this notice or in written correspondence may be given to notice interested persons unless they have waived notice or have been notified of the sale.
The petition will be granted unless good cause is shown why it should not be. The petition is set for hearing in Dept. No. 1, 100 Thompsons Way, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546, on August 17, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

Notice Inviting Bids
REQUEST FOR BIDS
Bid Number 2017-LV1B-1 Site Preparation, Bid Number 2017-LV1B-2 Construction of Building Foundation, Bid Number 2017-LV1B-3 Installation of Buried Electric Line and Electric Connection to Primary Power, Bid Number 2017-LV1B-4 Installation of a Perimeter Fence in Lee Vining, California
At The District Monitoring Site in Lee Vining, California
The Town of Mammoth Lakes has received an Application Request for Stormwater Permits.

Notice of Public Meeting
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REQUEST FOR STORMWATER PERMITS
The Town of Mammoth Lakes (Town) has invested significant resources in stormwater planning through the 2005 Storm Drain Master Plan Update, 2008 Erosion, Drainage and Flood Control Recommendations Report, 2008 Master Facilities Plan; and the 2015 Stormwater Master Plan. One of the primary sources of funding the Town is likely to pursue to address stormwater issues is State Water Resources Control Board (SRP) and California Proposition 1 Grant Funds. The next round of this funding will be available in 2017. General Plan Amendment Application Request for Stormwater Permits and the CEQA CEQA Determination: Exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(c)(3). Location: General Plan Institutional Public land use designations
Proposant: Mammoth Lakes Foundation
All persons having an interest in the proposed application may appear before the Planning & Economic Development Commission either in person or represented by counsel and present testimony or may, prior to said hearing, file with the Executive Secretary written correspondence in support of or in opposition to the request, with all written correspondence, as described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Town of Mammoth Lakes at or prior to, the public hearing. For additional information, or to provide public comment prior to the staff report which will not be published no later than August 4, 2017, contact Ruth Droge, Attorney for Petitioner: Gian Carlo Simonetti (SBN: 279468), Wood Law Group, 126 Old Mammoth Road, Suite 203, P.O. Box 3857, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546.

Notice of Petition
NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MATTHEW C. CANGIO, CASE NO. FR17-2016
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of the Estate of Matthew C. Cangio, any of whom may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both: A petition for Administration of the ESTATE of MATTHEW C. CANGIO in the Superior Court of California, County of Inyo, has been filed by WALTER KATHEN CANGIO, as personal representative. You are required to appear at the hearing of the action at the time and place designated in the Notice of Hearing or to file a written objection with the court before the hearing.

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Condos too. And learning about it when you become a seller is the wrong time.

And sometimes buyers simply get impatient and concede to “live with” the defects. Until they really have to. In the end, not all Mammoth properties are the same.

There are other fundamental mistakes. Not having a physical inspection of the property is one, no matter how good the property looks. In heated markets some buyers waive the physical inspection rights to make themselves stand-out to the seller. That can have pitfalls for both buyer and seller. Lawyers love this stuff.

Another mistake is not fully understanding the state of any existing Homeowners’ Associations (HOAs). Most Mammoth condos have substantial HOA operations and they are all in various states of financial and operational condition. Some residential areas have active HOAs too. The documents passed in escrow will contain plenty of insightful information. Buyers need to read and comprehend before completing the deal.

And then there is the “mistake” of buying into the hype. Mammoth has a history of not being able to recognize hype from reality. And hindsight sure helps. One could look back to 1999 when we planned to bring the new gondola off of Chair 15 (Eagle Express) down into that area. Thirty-seven years later we are hearing it again (that is telling). We’ll believe it when we see it.

And of course, years ago when everybody was saying Mammoth was going to become the Aspen West,”I wrote a column titled “A Long Road To Aspen” that basically spelled out why Mammoth wouldn’t become anything like Aspen. And in many ways we’ve gone backwards since then. Now it is more like the long (downward?) road to be purchased by Aspen.

So Mammoth is likely to go into hyperdrive in the coming months. Having the right perspective will be critical. Patience and knowledge will be virtues. Enjoy the ride!

Paul Oster is the Broker/Owner of RE/MAX of Mammoth. For other timely real estate information you can go to www.MammothRealEstateBlog.com. For legal or other advice, please seek out the appropriate professional.

On the Pandora Moth...

Dear Editor:

We are so lucky to live in an incredible and unique landscape here in the Eastern Sierra, where there is so much more going on in the forest than meets the eye. We are thankful that The Sheet is showing an interest in the natural history happenings in the forests because it brings attention to what both locals and visitors may be missing as they zip by on a mountain bike or blow through in an OHV. Knowing tidbits about the natural world can deeply enhance the wild experience. We are happy that there was an article on Pandora Moths last week but disappointed in the small but important misquotes and misunderstanding about them. We wanted to give a little more information about the moths and their life history.

The Pandora Moth, Coloradina pandora, doesn’t live for two years in the way one might think. Their entire life cycle is on average two years long from egg to adult. They typically lay eggs in clusters on the needles of pine trees in mid-summer. The larvae (caterpillars) hatch in late August and have 5 instars (essentially molt four times to grow and change). The larvae forage on pine needles and will overwinter in the trees for their first winter, then spend the next Spring eating and growing, before crawling down to pupate underground (typically in early June). The pupal stage usually lasts a year, but can take up to four years for adults to emerge, depending on conditions in the forest. Isn’t that amazing? The adult moths then mate and lay eggs, and die in less than a week. They don’t even have mouthparts to eat with because their goal is only to start the cycle over again.

These critters live among us in the thousands, and they can be found every year, but their presence is hard to observe if we don’t take the time to look. I hope knowing a little bit more about the Pandora Moth will help us all slow down and pay attention to the wonders of what’s out there sharing this landscape with us. There’s always more to learn!

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GETTIN’ FISHY WITH IT
30th annual Kids Fishing Festival brings a crowd to share the joy of angling

The 30th annual Kids Fishing Festival saw over 700 children descend on the Snowcreek ponds to land themselves a big one on Saturday, July 29.

Festival Director Gaye Mueller told The Sheet that many of the kids showed up early “because that’s when the fish bite!” and that most got to take home a tasty trout dinner.

Photos, clockwise from top left: Volunteer AJ Delmonte helps Azure Witters, 5, land a big trout, which he isn’t so sure about touching. Tucker White, 6, of Mammoth is definitely pleased with his catch. Isaac Anderson (left), 16, with Brandon Rice, 13, of Ventura. Maddox McDuffee, 2, makes a souvenir at the art station. William (left), 9, and Nicholas Carmona, 11, of Mammoth, show off their fish, with Nicholas going in for a kiss.

By Rea

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Photos, top row, left to right: Hailey, 4, and Tim Nelson of Hemet. Tobias Schmidt, 6, of Huntington Beach checks out fly larvae. Isaiah Saenz, 9, shows off his fish, which he estimated weighed “100 pounds.” Luc Huber, 2, gets artistic.

Left: Violet Vondersaar, 5, of Riverside, gets an anatomy lesson from Julia Swanson, scientific aide for CDFW. Marissa Nelson, 10, with Holly Nelson, show off their huge trout. Lions Jeff Mitchell, Eric Olson, Tony Rojas and Roxanne Tallman offer donuts and coffee.
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