WE THREE KINGS
Dreamers hope Trump reconsiders DACA

MA R Globe, a recently-retired English Learner Specialist at Mammoth Unified School District for 28 years, knew first-hand how scared her former students were when President Donald Trump announced last week that he would be phasing out the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

“I myself would have had DACA status. I came to the U.S. at the age of five,” said Cuelar this week. “I knew exactly how that felt. I didn’t know what I would do if I had to go back to Mexico.”

Cuelar, who gained U.S. citizenship through marriage, ended up guiding many of Mammoth’s students through the process of obtaining their DACA status.

DACA was established by the Obama administration in 2012, when Cuellar was working at Mammoth Elementary School. The policy allows individuals who entered the country as minors illegally to become eligible for a U.S. social security number, driver’s license, and work permit.

Approximately 800,000 young people residing in the U.S. have DACA status, including approximately 618,324 from Mexico. Recipients also have to fill out extensive forms, which include the information of family members.

“We gave them all of my information, including my parents’ information,” said Luis Velásco, now a senior getting his B.A. in business marketing at California State University, Chico, and a former Bishop High student.

“We had to go to Fresno to get fingerprinted,” said Luis’ brother Mario, who is a Freshman at L.A. Valley College, studying kinesiology.

“It was a great feeling” when DACA was announced, said Mario. “My parents would stand in front of the TV” to watch news about the program, and ask others how to get their children accepted.

“My mom would stay up late at night trying to figure out how we would do it.”

He said that getting his driver’s license was “every teenager’s dream,” and that being able to work was a huge gift to his family.

“To know that I could pay taxes, legally, it was kind of a relief be able to help support my parents.”

Mario said it’s been tough to worry about those opportunities disappearing. Though his DACA status had just been renewed for the next two years when he spoke to The Sheet, he’s only in his first year of college.

“I can’t continue my studies, I don’t know what I will do… it was my parents’ dream for us to go to school and get better jobs. They brought us here.”

I’M NOT THE ONLY ONE

I'm going towhelming on Saturday, September 19. See story, p. 13.

Eric Young and Patricia Vanders (with dogs Roger, left, and Tony, right) at the new location of Red Lily Floral Design. Red Lily hosts an opening party on Saturday, September 19. See story, p. 13.

JAMMING WITH TINKERBELL

Water nymph Ally Johnson gets a dip in Gull Lake during the June Lake Jam Fest on Saturday, September 9. See more photos, p. 19.
JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE FAIR

The Eastern Sierra Tri-County Fair Board caught an earful from members of the public at its regular Board meeting held Wednesday, September 13 at the Tallman Pavilion at the fairgrounds.

As the meeting started, a maintenance employee driving a forklift came careening past Tallman Pavilion, dropping a loose piece of equipment (a door handle) and then driving away without noticing something had fallen off while he was impersonating Mr. Toad.

That was a tone-setter, of sorts, and a reminder that former Fairgrounds Maintenance Manager Ben Barlow was fired by CEO Suzie Wolferberger and is no longer among.

To follow up on last week’s cover story in The Sheet, here are some of the new things learned Wednesday.

Longtime Fair volunteer Michelle Denault said she posted a request on Facebook for feedback on the Fair and received 680 replies.

Among the complaints: Lack of responsiveness by the front office, particularly regarding the rodeo; No more self-selection of Demolition Derby seats; General cost; Lack of vendors/entries.

She also (second-hand via Tricia Weatherford), said that Cody Wayne Brown (a Fairgrounds maintenance employee) and his girlfriend Betty Jo Whitman (a Fairgrounds administrative employee) were spotted drinking at the Journey (tribute band) concert of Friday.

Tricia Weatherford confirmed to The Sheet that she had witnessed Brown drinking. She could not confirm the same regarding Whitman.

The reason this is relevant: Former Maintenance employee Jason Schuier told The Sheet last week he was fired for having a beer off-the-clock, after work at the Fairgrounds.

Former Fair volunteer Donna Bird observed that morale is worse than it’s ever been among volunteers, and said the firing of Ben Barlow “was the worst administrative decision ever and left the Fair open to delivering very poor customer service.”

According to Bird, office personnel handed out cash to pay contractors—if true, an alarming allegation based upon past embezzlement.

She also alleged that employees were smoking on-site as they hung banners prior to the Fair. The Fairgrounds is supposed to be a non-smoking venue.

Former Fair volunteer Greg Smith urged the Board not to be dismissive of the feedback it was receiving. Debbie Barbieri added, “We took time out [on a Wednesday morning] to be here for a reason.”

Overall, between 20-25 members of the public attended. Margie Duffy, who serves as the department Head for Exhibits, echoed the sentiments of several people who thought there should be a comprehensive debrief of the Fair.

“I know it’s time-consuming to meet with each department, but we need to do it,” she said.

During her Fair report, CEO Wolferberger said the financials from this year’s Fair look to be comparable with the past few years. The final numbers will be revealed at the October Board meeting.

To explain the decline in food vendors at the Fair, Wolferberger said that could have been because Fair administration strictly enforced the application deadlines this year.

Wrist band prices increased two dollars this year for carnival rides (to $30).

At the meeting, Board member Jaque Hickman was designated to serve as the Board’s press liaison. Maybe a first order of business would be to include contact information for Board members and staff on the Fair’s website.

Two questions submitted to Suzie Wolferberger via email last week went unanswered, but which may as well be asked here.

I understand you were injured on the job during last year’s Fair. Had you consumed any alcohol prior to sustaining the injury?

Can you give me a description of the recruitment process that led to Betty Jo Whitman’s hiring? Was her position advertised statewide? How many applicants were there?

Mono County Budget approved

In other news ... Mono County approved its 2017-2018 budget at its regular meeting Tuesday.

Discussion regarding the $110 million budget took about three hours, and Supervisors made exactly one $15,000 adjustment.

Supes took away money from the Mammoth-Yosemite Airport commercial airline subsidy (reducing its contribution from $50,000 to $35,000) to restore funding for Youth Sports (which had been omitted from the budget due to an oversight) and fish enhancement.

Supervisor Bob Gardner hoped the cut to air subsidy would be seen as a sign that the County is sick of funding a fragmented approach to air service.

When you have a one-in-five chance of having a flight cancelled out of Mammoth during winter versus a one-in-twenty chance in Bishop, “the discussion is over,” he said, in terms of a preferred airport location.

He quoted one of his constituents as asking, “When are we going to get past this pretend airport thing?”

The approved budget has a projected deficit of more than $8 million, but Finance Director Janet Dutcher said nine times out of ten, “we make more and spend less” than what’s in the budget.

For example, last year’s actual total operating budget came in nearly $9 million under the adopted budget.

Of course, it’s that tenth time that makes folks nervous.

Projected costs for salaries/wages increased 8% year-over-year from 2016 to 2017, as did projected employee benefit costs.

Insurance costs will rise a staggering 35%.

Supervisor Fred Stump suggested that the best way to combat spiraling worker’s compensation costs would be for employees not to get hurt.

Correction: At the August 25 Mammoth Recreation Commission Meeting, Jeff Posey suggested Mammoth Youth Hockey might be able to raise $60,000, not $600,000, as was incorrectly stated in the Sept. 2 story, “A Rose by Any Other Name.”
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Dear Editor,

When it comes to new office space, the public interest takes a beating. I appeared before the Town Council last week, and I thought it worthwhile to write this letter as well, because this issue hits every taxpayer in Mammoth and Mono County right in the wallet.

The reason I went to the Council meeting was to let the Council know that I had received an invitation from Town staff to participate in a panel that would review the Town’s options regarding new office space when the Town’s lease expires in 2021.

As I indicated to the Council, I came to Mammoth in 1981 as a very young lawyer with nothing more than a few law books and a hope to be a part of a great mountain community. Whatever I have, I owe to the opportunities Mammoth provided me. So, to decline the Town’s invitation was difficult personally, and I wanted to explain to the Council why I felt it necessary.

Having the perspective of going through the process with the County only a short while ago, the problems were freshly in mind, to say the least. Ideally what we strive for is a process where the playing field is level and each participant has an equal chance at success. More importantly, the decision-makers need to have their representative look at the evidence in an unbiased way, fairly evaluate all the facts, and come up with a recommendation that will best serve the public interest after looking closely at all the options. In theory, that is the role that should be played by the County Administrative Officer (CAO) and her staff or the Town Manager and his staff.

However, when the CAO or the Manager has a particular solution they are strongly advocating from the get-go, then the playing field is no longer level and the decision-makers, the Board of Supervisors or the Town Council, don’t get the unbiased, independent opinion they need from their advisers; they get what staff wants them to hear. This creates an especially difficult situation because the Board or the Council must rely on the judgment of the CAO or the Manager on a daily basis for a million and one things. Given that operating a county or a town requires the governing body to have strong faith and confidence in their county CAO or their town Manager, to ask the Board or Council to put that aside and judge the presentation by staff and CAO or Manager in the same light as any other applicant is virtually impossible, and puts the Board or Council in a chance at success. More importantly, the decision-makers need to have their representative look at the evidence in an unbiased way, fairly evaluate all the facts, and come up with a recommendation that will best serve the public interest after looking closely at all the options. In theory, that is the role that should be played by the County Administrative Officer (CAO) and her staff or the Town Manager and his staff.

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in a terrible position. Further making it impossible to be fair is the fact that it could  be justified was to stretch the analysis out over thirty years, the Supervisors decided that the staff was their multi-million-dollar asset and they must build staff a nice, new building, all cost issues aside.

Although I agree that staff is very valuable, the County is now facing major financial obligations and money to build a new jail in Bridgeport, it has a $20 million-plus obligation for the Sierra Center on one side, staff on the other, and Town Council in the middle. So, I respectfully suggested that the Town do its investigation, and if the Town felt it could afford a new building, then, by all means, go ahead and build it. But, if the Town reached the conclusion that it could not afford a new Taj Mahal, then I would be happy to discuss an economic way to satisfy office needs with a superficially remodeled space that could be designed to meet the Town's needs at a reasonable price. I'd rather not tear down thirty years of good relations with my Town to participate in a contest stacked against me that I know I can't win.

Given the enormous financial implications of building new office space, it would be nice for the taxpayers if the Council had the benefit of an independent analysis. Sadly, they won't.

Paul Rudder
Mammoth Lakes

Multi-Use Folly

Dear Editor:

Early in 2015, three Mammoth Town Councilmembers decided to ignore the long term investment in and the planned roof on our existing ice rink. They pursued building another ice rink/multi-use facility on land the Town owned at Mammoth Creek Park.

Our community has protested this decision time and again but has been ignored. I consider it the Multi-Use “Folly.” Council and staff promised it would open by Halloween, 2017. It hasn’t even started. Cost estimates began at approximately $2 million. They’ve escalated to $13 million—for now. If Council approves this expenditure, it will pile more debt on our town already in deep debt.

Our Town Councilors have not served us well. We would be better served if they addressed the ‘elephant in the room’, i.e., workforce housing. We’ll never be a destination resort without people to serve our guests.

Sharon R. Clark
Mammoth Lakes
GOT CAPITAL?
Team effort to sponsor capital summit for Eastern Sierra businesses
By Rea Bearden

On Friday, September 22, the Westin Monache in Mammoth will host the first-ever Eastern Sierra Capital Summit, a unique opportunity for small businesses and entrepreneurs to network with lenders looking to invest in Eastside endeavors. Kelly Bearden, Director of the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at California State University, Bakersfield, told The Sheet this week that a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to the Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce made the event possible.

“We’ve always been providing small business services all over Inyo, Mono and Kern Counties, at least in the five years I’ve been [with the SBDC]” said Bearden. “And this issue kept coming up [among small business owners] about accessing capital. It’s been the number one inquiry by far.”

He said that any business interested in financing from the range of $3,000 to $50 million is the target audience for the summit. He said that lenders, mostly based in the San Joaquin Valley, “will be present to try and network with those who need capital in the Eastern Sierra,” noting that “the Sierra Nevada mountains typically get in the way, which is why we serve Inyo and Mono counties out of Bakersfield.”

However, he said, the Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce, Mono County Tourism, and Bearden’s SBDC “have come together and recognized that there’s a huge need” for lenders in the Eastern Sierra. “It’s really the growth toward opportunity, but also growth toward more jobs in the community.”

Bearden also said that new methods of raising capital, such as crowdfunding (raising funding for a venture by garnering money from a large number of people), will be discussed at the Summit. “We have clients in Mono County with the SBDC that are working on crowdfunding projects,” said Bearden on Tuesday, September 13. “It’s really a viable option.”

Bearden said participants in the free summit (he made the point of noting that, although the event is free this year, it may not be free in the future) should expect to hear presentations from over a dozen lenders and experts in the field. He also emphasized that “even though most of the funding is coming from Mono County, we like to think it’s a program for the entire Eastern Sierra as well. I did meet with officials from the City of Bishop and Bishop Chamber of Commerce, and they’re very excited to have it as well.”

It’s a sort of a “rising tide lifts all boats,” for both Eastern Sierra Counties. Or, as Bearden put it, “if it’s good for Mono, it’s good for Inyo.”

The Eastern Sierra Capital Summit will take place on Friday, September 22 at the Westin Monache in Mammoth Lakes at 30 Hillside Drive. It will run from 8:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. See ad, p. 4.

TOIYABE
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loud and heated” argument between the two overheard by others working in the office.

It was also reported to The Sheet that the former acting CEO, Cynthia Stone, is out on “stress leave” and that two members or the THHP Board for the Bishop and Big Pine tribes resigned after Lent was reinstated last Friday. One of the two Benton tribal representatives, Board member Shane Saulque, changed his vote to allow Lent to be reinstated after hearing Lent’s responses last Friday. He has reportedly been “threatened” by others who oppose the reinstatement. Lent had been suspended since July 14, along with three others, for 60 days without pay and without explanation, formal charges, or the opportunity to respond to Weaver’s letter. No formal investigation was ever launched nor were any specific, formal charges ever presented to those suspended.

Two of the administrators, COO Rick Frey and CFO Mary Daniels, have yet to be reinstated, and the third, Human Resource Director Cyndee Kiddo, was fired for failing to return to work the following Monday while she was already on suspension.

But then, many observers, both inside and outside of THHP, have repeatedly commented that the actions of the representatives of four tribes on the THHP Board against the administrators (Big Pine, Bishop, Timbisha Shoshone (Death Valley), and the Uru Uru Gwaiati Tribe (Benton)) have never really made much sense but seem to be largely personal and emotional and taken at the very real risk of closing the newly built Toiyabe Health Clinic.

Dr. Boo (as reported in the Inyo Register last Saturday) said he hoped Lent’s reinstatement would “mean a more stable workplace,” noting that “There’s a lot of division. We need to bring people together and move forward.”

This Friday’s meeting on September 14 will very possibly determine the fate of the Toiyabe Clinic, whether it can remain open, be closed down, or the Federal agencies overseeing Indian health will finally be prompted to take action.

There’s a lot of division.
We need to bring people together and move forward.
- Thomas Boo

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Head-on vehicle accident kills Coleville resident

According to the California Highway Patrol, Coleville resident Christopher Harper of Coleville was pronounced dead at the scene of a head-on vehicle collision on Highway 395 south of State Route 89, at approximately 5:40 p.m. on Saturday, September 9. According to the CHP, Amelia Markarian, 65, of Mammoth Lakes was traveling northbound on 395 at the same time Harper was traveling southbound. Markarian failed to negotiate a right-hand curve allowing her Ford F-150 to cross over the solid yellow line and collided with Harper who was driving a Dodge pickup truck. Harper was pronounced dead at the scene and Markarian was flown to Renown Medical Center in Reno. Further investigation revealed that Ms. Markarian had a blood-alcohol level over the legal limit. She was charged by the Mono County District Attorney’s office with second-degree murder, vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, driving under the influence of alcohol and with a blood-alcohol level of 0.08 or more and causing great bodily injury. She was arraigned on September 12 in the Bridgeport courthouse, and pled not guilty. She is being held on $2,000,000 bail. Her next court date is October 10.

McDonalds property sold

Steve Selcer of The Selcer Group in Encino will soon be the owner of the McDonalds’ property on the corner of Sierra Park Road and Highway 203. He told The Sheet he is still under contract with McDonalds until the sale is final and wasn’t sure when the deal will close. Selcer is in the shopping center business. He said he doesn’t want to change things too much but is always looking for a niche he can fill in a market. McDonalds shuttered its doors in 2016, without notice. On September 5, 2016, restaurant owners Liz and Kevin Mazza let most of their 20 go, as reported in The Sheet (“I’m Hatin’ It,” September 9, 2016). Selcer said he’s been courting McDonalds for more than two years.

Walters moves on

Jeff Walters, Mono County Public Works Director, has accepted a position in Sun Valley, Idaho, according to Tony Dublino, Assistant County Administrator and, now, interim Public Works Director. Dublino said the County will use this time between directors as an opportunity to analyze the department and areas of responsibility to increase efficiency and decrease duplicate jobs. The Public Works Director position will fly once the budget is adopted, said Dave Butters, Mono County Human Resources Director. County Supervisors approved the budget on September 12. The position may not be filled by the winter season, but Butters said that the experienced Road Superintendent, Brett McCurry, and his crew should be able to handle the job.

CHP helicopter saves man from bees

The California Highway Patrol Inland Division H-80 helicopter had just refueled at the Bishop Airport on Sunday, September 10 and was headed back to Apple Valley when the crew noticed law enforcement responding to a man being attacked by a swarm of bees. According to a press release from the Inyo County Sheriff’s Department, the incident happened adjacent to the airport and in the H-80 flight path. The man was easy to find—he had arms flailing trying to fend off bees. The helicopter was able to hover just 15 feet above the man, and the rotor wash was used to keep the bees at bay. The man was transported to Northern Inyo Hospital with multiple bee stings.

Another CHP helicopter helps nab escapee

During a warrant sweep on September 9, Inyo County Sheriff’s Deputies detained Preston Wayne Piper at the Sheriff’s Posse Hut located at the Bishop Airport, according to the Inyo County Sheriff’s Department. While awaiting transportation to Inyo County Jail, Piper made a run for it. A person involved in the pursuit who wished to remain anonymous said Piper was shackled at the time. He had his arms flailing trying to fend off bees. The CHP helicopter was able to hover just 15 feet above the man, and the rotor wash was used to keep the bees at bay. The man was transported to Northern Inyo Hospital with multiple bee stings.

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How much has the Town of Mammoth Lakes paid its favored architectural firm?

By Giles

Last week, Mammoth Lakes Public Works Director Grady Dutton announced that the planned Multi-Use Facility at Mammoth Creek Park West could cost the town as much as $3.5 million more than initially expected.

Since October 2015, HMC Architects has been awarded roughly $800,000 in compensation for various feasibility studies, conceptual designs, and something called “scoping and programming services” associated with projects sponsored by the Town of Mammoth Lakes (TOML), Mono County, and Mammoth Unified School District.

According to Mammoth Town Manager Dan Holler, HMC Architects first worked with the Town after responding to a Request for Qualifications for the design of a new police station in Mammoth Lakes in October 2015. At that time, the TOML entertained bids from 5 architectural firms. The TOML agreed to pay HMC $230,000 for all design services associated with that project, from site review to construction administration.

In January 2016, Town Council voted to allocate $50,000 for “facility planning and development,” of the Multi-Use Facility (MUF). At the same January 6 meeting, Town Council voted to authorize Holler to enter into an agreement with HMC Architects for architectural and engineering services for the MUF. Over the course of Fall 2016, Town Council voted to amend the 2015/2016 budget in order to hire HMC Architects to create a conceptual design for a Community Center for $150,000. At the December 21, 2016 Town Council Meeting, council members voted to allocate an additional $250,000 to HMC to “enable additional value engineering work to prepare more detailed cost estimates,” which was not, apparently, included in the initial $150,000 the firm was paid.

HMC Architects has been paid $450,000 to date by the TOML for its work on the Multi-Use Facility at Mammoth Creek Park West. The town did issue a request for qualifications for that project, and HMC was the candidate selected. The scope of the project did not include hard engineering costs or environmental review (Michael Baker International was hired for this component of the project, and was paid $125,000 to compile an Environmental Impact Report that was posted for public review in December 2016).

Additionally, in March, 2017, the Mono County Board of Supervisors asked TOML staff to collaborate with County staff to prepare a scope of work and cost for a joint office building that would meet both entities’ needs. HMC Architects was selected to carry out this task, for which the firm was initially paid about $37,000 to “prepare a cost model” among other services. On March 21, that contract was amended to “include cost estimating” for an additional $11,000. That brought the total sum of money awarded to HMC architects to $48,000, just under the legal limit ($50,000) for contracts administered and arranged by Town staff without issuing a request for proposals or qualifications.

Mammoth Town Manager Dan Holler told The Sheet in June that it is common practice for municipalities to keep a “short list” of consulting firms that have worked on past see HMC, p. 16
DEER SEASON IS OPEN AT ALBERT’S
Long-time local Jason Bullington takes over iconic Albert’s Meat Market and Deli—the only place to process a deer in Bridgeport

By Giles

There is only one place in Mono County to have your deer processed, and that’s at Albert’s Meat Market and Deli on Main Street in Bridgeport.

The shop was owned and operated for about twenty years by Albert Pegorare, and was recently taken over by long-time Bridgeport local Jason Bullington, following Pegorare’s death this past year.

Bullington first met Pegorare when he worked at the General Store as a high school student in the late eighties. At the time, Pegorare ran the deli and cut meat. Bullington said it was Pegorare who taught him the art of making a good sandwich. “He had this story about how we were long-lost cousins by marriage,” said Bullington, who never found out if that was true, but said Pegorare treated him like family.

Bullington went on to work at Buster’s Market, where he apprenticed under a butcher and learned to cut meat. He also learned to process and skin deer there, which he said typically involved using a truck, a chain, a very smooth rock, and a large pole or tree.

Bullington moonlighted as a bartender and eventually as the manager at Rhino’s Bar and Grille for almost thirty years. In 2012, he opened his own restaurant, called J’s On the Corner.

In 2012, Bullington was diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer. Bullington, who has done away with that particular tradition. Bullington said that customers often tell him stories about Pegorare and kind things he did for them. He is often tasked with telling friends and customers of Albert’s death.

When Bullington purchased the business in the spring, the first thing he did was to give it a deep clean and bring in new products. He donated a chest full of frozen meat to the church. Like Pegorare, he sources most of his meat through the Reno-based company Sierra Meat and Seafood.

Bullington said that, after Pegorare’s death, several community members approached him, asking if he would take over the business. After Buster’s Market closed, Pegorare single-handedly facilitated an economic boom every deer season by providing hunters with a place to have their deer processed in Bridgeport. Jim Reid, owner of Ken’s Sporting Goods, said that if hunters don’t have a place to store a carcass locally, they’ll leave the area.

“Having a place like this to process meat locally cuts down on waste and keeps people in town,” said Reid. When asked why he chose to take over the business, Bullington said, “I did it because I thought it would be good for the community, for all of us, and for Albert.” As a bartender, he saw first-hand how much a good deer season boom could do for year-round locals. “To get a group of people staying in town, buying beers every night, going out to eat, during a time that is usually slow? That’s huge,” said Bullington this week.

Bullington has discontinued Pegorare’s famous “Roadkill Sandwich,” in part because it was so big, he couldn’t make it without it falling over.

In addition to most of the options Pegorare offered, Bullington offers hip additions, like avocado. He isn’t using Pegorare’s signature sandwich board, a point of contention among die-hard fans.

Aside from a fresh coat of paint inside and out, not much has changed. There are still deer mounted on the walls.

“Like making people happy,” said Bullington, reflecting on his experience as a bar tender, “I’d like to be a guy who gets stuff done quietly. Who people know they can count on. Bullington will be accepting walk-in deer cleaning and processing appointments starting Saturday, September 19. You can also call ahead at 760.932.7177. He claims that he once processed a deer in seven minutes. He swears by the truck method of skinning, and said some customers request to drive the car themselves.

For more on skinning a deer, check out Episode 4 of our podcast, “Stories from the Sage: Tales from California’s Eastern Edge,” at thesheetnews.com.

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Bullington said the labor required to run a one-man restaurant grew to be hard on his body, and he closed the place. While he was open, he was proud to be the place locals went to grab a beer after work at 4 p.m., but, “I’m not one to do anything half-way,” said Bullington, who has been living with the disease since. He said his last treatment was successful.

When Pegorare died last year, Bullington, like others in town, felt his absence profoundly. “He was a big man, and a character. He was a real old-timer, and he kept a loaded shotgun mounted on the wall of the shop, above the deli counter,” said Bullington.

Mammoth Hospital Offering Free Childbirthing Classes Starting October 4th

Bi-Lingual Classes Taught by Obstetricians and OB-GYNs

Our Obstetrics and Pediatric Team

William White, MD, Kristin Wilson, MD, Louisa Salisbury, MD, Kristin Collins, MD, and Maxine Karimoto, MD.

Topics Include:

• 10/4/17 Nutrition and OB Basics
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• 10/25/17 Breastfeeding
• 11/1/17 Anesthesia
• 11/8/17 Pediatrics and OB Postpartum

Classes held weekly on Wednesdays starting at 6:00pm for one hour each session.

For more information and to sign up, call 760.924.4044.

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The Mammoth Huskies girls volleyball team hosted the 10th annual Mammoth Invitational tournament this past Friday and Saturday at Mammoth High School. The Huskies JV and Varsity hosted Bishop JV and Varsity, Yosemite (Oakhurst) JV and Varsity, Rosamond, California City, Lone Pine and Vasquez.

In Friday’s pool play, the varsity Huskies went 4-2 splitting games with Lone Pine and Cal City and taking two from Bishop’s JV team. The JV Huskies played extremely well posting a 2-4 record but taking a game off of Rosamond’s Varsity and nearly defeating the Vasquez Varsity as well.

The top seeds for Saturday’s double elimination tournament were Yosemite (6-0), Cal City (5-1, Mammoth 4-2) and Bishop (3-3). For Mammoth fans the day started with a fun and spirited match between the Husky varsity and JV teams with the varsity winning 25-11, 25-16. The JV Huskies went on to lose their second match to Lone Pine’s varsity, but the gym was buzzing with the level of play and energy the young Husky team showed all weekend.

Mammoth’s Varsity squad defeated a tough Cal City team in the winner’s semi 25-23, 25-23. The Huskies then faced top seeded Yosemite in the winner’s final. The Badgers (Central Section division 3) handled Mammoth 25-18, 25-14 to advance to the finals. Mammoth again faced Cal City in the loser’s final and played very well winning 25-14, 25-22 to reach the final and another rematch with last year’s tourney champs. The Huskies played a highly competitive match in front of a frenzied crowd, eventually losing 25-19, 25-22 to take second place in the tournament, their best finish in many years.
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here for a better opportunity.

“There are so many kids that have attended our school district from K-12, so they identify as American,” said Erin LeFrancois, history teacher at Mammoth High School (MHS). “But then your executive representative is saying, ‘You’re not,’ so I think it’s confusing and [many students] don’t really know what that means.”

Angel Aranzubia, who now works and lives in Orange County, was one of the first students that Bishop High School counselor Delfina Trotter helped obtain DACA status, though he did a lot of the work on his own.

“I used to be a teachers’ aide for Del- fina, so I had a lot of time while I was in the office to do research and get all my paperwork together,” said Aranzu- bia last week. He said the counselors at BHS “were a big help to me...either calling somebody or helping me fax papers” to obtain his DACA status.

Cuellar also helped many students fill out their DACA applications with MUSD before she retired. She said that then-Superintendent Rich Boccia was a huge supporter of her work. She had previously been at Mammoth Elemen- tary School for 23 years.

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Patricia Vanders with Roger (left) and Tony (right) at the new Red Lily Floral Design.

Red Lily’s old location, in the red barn on Center Street, was gorgeous inside, decorated with Vanders’ unique sense of style. The new location is equally eye-popping. A towering shelf made of at least ten different tables stacked together hosts funky white ceramic vases, filled with succulents and orchids. Victorian-style tin tiles adorn the ceiling and gilded geometric glass terrariums line antique trunks, which have been bolted into the wall by the consummate handyman, Vanders’ boyfriend Eric Young.

“I asked her, ‘Are you sure you want to drill through these trunks?’ as I held the power drill in my hand,” said Young this week.

The place has the feel of the secret garden, cool and whimsical, with ornate velvet-cushioned chairs and rubber snakes hiding out beneath a stack of Vanders’ business cards. It’s clearly a reflection of Vanders, who decorates her person in crystal prisms, ornate antique rings and starry leggings. Her grandfather was a horticulturist, and his father before him was a landscape architect. Vanders herself ran a nursery in idylwild when she was just 16 years old.

She moved to Mammoth in 1997 and started Red Lily Floral Design about 13 years ago. At the time, she was helping Jenny Bowman, owner of Mammoth Nursery, with her business. When asked how many weddings she’s done in her career, Vanders laughs incredulously—the number is astronomical. For reference, she said, she does about sixty per summer. Red Lily provided arrangements for 19 weddings this July alone. “It’s absolutely busier for weddings in Mammoth,” says Vanders of the last several years. “It’s gone through the roof.”

As we spoke, two women peeked through the door of the not-yet-open shop, which is fitted with a gate to keep Roger and Tony inside, asking if they could meet with Vanders to discuss an upcoming wedding. It’s hard to imagine Vanders’ business going anything but gangbusters at the new location, which is far more accessible and visible than the location she moved from on Center Street.

The new location of Red Lily Floral Design is at 437 Old Mammoth Rd, Unit D in the Minaret Village Mall. Vanders will host a grand opening party on Saturday, September 16 from 5-7 p.m. with bubbles, cheese and music—not to mention flowers. Call 760.934.0033 for more information.

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**TOWN STUFF**

**Friday, Sept. 15**
- ESIA Campfire Program @ Shady Rest Campground, Mammoth, 7-8 p.m.
- MHS Football hosts Trona @ Gault-McClure, Time: 7 p.m.

**Sept. 15-16**
- Poetry Days in Lone Pine, Poetry workshops and readings.

**Sept. 15-17**
- Millpond Music Festival @ Millpond Park just a few miles north of Bishop. See sidebar next page.

**Kamikaze Games @ Mammoth Mountain Ski Area continue. More info. see sidebar next page.**

** borough meetings**

**7:20 p.m.** See ad page 9.

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**HAPPY HOURS**

- Cold Without Pants
  - Happy Hour 4:30-6 p.m. Monday & all day Sunday.
  - $5 dollar menu items, drink specials. See ad, p. 13.

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

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

- Side Door Happy Hour daily 3-6 p.m.

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

- Hanakuchi Happy Hour daily 3-6 p.m., $4.50 margaritas, Mai Tai. 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 Canteen Happy Hour 3:30-6:30 Sunday–Thursday. Street tacos $2.50, $3.50 beers, $7.50 beer/wine and house fries.

**Sept. 15-16**
- Live music @ S Kitchen and Cocktails in the Village at Mammoth. Cold Without Pants play Liberty Bar. High energy rock from Hollywood. 9 p.m. See ad, p. 2.

- Saturday, Sept. 16
  - LocalMotive plays the Gallery at Twin Lakes. 5-7:30 p.m. Eastern Sierra band specializing in rock, country, and blues.

- Sunday, Sept. 17
  - Swing Dancing at Mammoth Brewing Co. 7 p.m. Free. Lesson at 8 p.m.
  - Happy Hour all night at the Outlaw Saloon for Sunday football. Starts 10 a.m. See ad page 9.

- Tuesday, Sept. 19
  - Trivia Tuesdays @ Mammoth Brewing Co. 9 p.m.

- Monday, Sept. 18
  - Bowling ‘N Beers @ Mammoth Rock n’ Bowl. 9 p.m. See ad, p. 5.
  - Opener with Black Doubt Brewing Co. 9 p.m.
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- Wednesday, Sept. 20
  - Post-Farmers’ Market Jazz at Liberty Bar. Eddie Evans plays happy hour, 4-7 p.m. See ad page 11.
Mammoth Kizakime Games

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Lakes Basin fire danger meeting

The Mammoth Lakes Fire Safe Council and Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District are seeking comments on the fuel reduction project, which was previously scoped for National Environmental Quality Act compliance and is now being scoped for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance. The project proposes to reduce fuels on 667 acres of land, by cutting and removing standing fuel from all layers of the forest canopy. The project is expected to cost $822,000. There will be a public meeting regarding the project at Mammoth Lakes Fire Station 1 at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, September 19. For information about the project, or to submit comments on the ongoing CEQA analysis before the September 22 deadline, contact Captain Robert Williams at 760.934.2300 or Robert@mamild.ca.gov.

Crowley Lake Trail Run

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Reds Meadow Shuttle to run Weekends Only

Beginning Thursday, September 7, the mandatory Reds Meadow Shuttle from the Adventure Center at Mammoth Mountain Ski Area through the Reds Meadow Valley will end its daily service.

The Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) will run a complimentary weekend intervalley shuttle service this fall, starting September 9 and continuing through until Sunday, October 8.

The intervalley shuttle will run from the park area at Reds Meadow to Devils Postpile from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The Devils Postpile parking lot will be closed during this time and visitors will be directed to park at Reds Meadow Resort and take the bus to the Devils Postpile.

UPCOMING

Mammoth Cross Country hosts the DML Invitational. Time: 3 p.m. MHS Volleyball hosts Boron. JV's start 4 p.m. Varsity plays - 5 p.m.

Bishop hosts Silver Valley. Time: 7 p.m.

Sept. 23/24-

CHSRA: District 9 Rodeo at the Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop.

Saturday, Sept. 23 - Volunteer Day: Sage Grouse Workday at Sweetwater Flat. 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Come together with volunteers and staff from the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Bridgeport Ranger District, to help maintain a safe home for sage grouse near Sweetwater Summit. To learn more and sign up, contact Monique Nelson, USFS, monique.elkin@fs.fed.us.

Love and Logic Early Childhood Parenting Class. Mammoth Lakes Fire Station #1, 3150 Main St, 6-8 p.m. Free. Call Shana Stapp to pre-register 760.934.4131.

Sunday, Sept. 24 - Book Launch Party with Mike Gable. 4 p.m. @ Pupfish Cafe (at Spellbinder Books in Bishop). Mike Gable is a skilled and knowledgeable physical therapist. Now he shares much of that knowledge in his new book, “Beyond Tape.” While the book is geared to injuries that climbers are prone to, much of the information is transferable and of use to many other activities.

Mammoth Storytelling Festival

Hosted by the Southern Mono Historical Society and the Mammoth Museum at the Hayden Cabin, the 2nd Annual Mammoth Storytelling Festival will run Saturday, September 23 from 12 p.m. until 4 p.m. Tellers this year include Mono County Supervisor Stacy Corless re-enacting the adventures of Nan Zischak, local author David Woodruff sharing “Tales Along El Camino Sierra” and professional actor James Harnagel playing Mark Twain in an excerpt from “Roughing It.” Tickets are $10 for adults/$5 for children (under 18) and will be available at the gate. Complimentary sweet treats will be served during the afternoon’s musical interlude. For info, call 760.934.6918 or email leslie@mammothmuseum.org.

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Help Wanted

Mammoth Rock & Bowl/Mammoth Rock Braeser has the following positions available: Bowling Desk Employee, Server, Food Runner, Bartender, Line Cook, Contact Kevin O’Connell 760.934.4200 ext 17 or email ondine@1849condos.com. Full and Part time Hospitality Positions Available. Seeking responsible, outgoing hospitality/ reservation agents for local management company. Excellent phone/customer service skills required. Previous reservation experience preferred. Flexible 16-40 hours per week including evenings, weekends, and random projects. For further information and to apply, visit www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov, or call 760.934.8372, or email info@mammothreservations.com.

Full Time Maintenance Manager

Needed. Looking for a responsible and reliable Maintenance / Property Manager for our Mammoth Mountain complex. Previous maintenance experience required. Billing experience preferred. Full time. 40 hours per week. Pay DOE. Email resume to info@mammothresortmanagement.com, call 760-934-4200, or stop by 4 Meridian Blvd.

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 & willing to operate a variety of vehicles/equipment. Benefits included. Debbie & Mike Crowe Mammoth Mountain Chalets. (800) 327-3681 Ext 0 (CA) (760) 934-8318 Ext 0 Reservations@MMAChalets.com

Mammoth Spa Creations is looking for an additional spa therapists for our spa here at Mammoth. These positions are Full Time, Year Round positions. We have immediate openings for a Spa Maintenance position and an Office/ Spa Associate position. These positions also offer vacation accrual, benefits and paid holidays. Experience is preferred, but not required. Heavy lifting and a clean DMV is required. Please call 760-934-3091 or stop by the store located at 1401 Tavern Rd. Mammoth Lakes for more information. If interested please send an application to info@mammothspa.com.

Norco 76 is hiring mini-mart/cashier/ clerk positions in person.

Maintenance-Office receptionist:

Maintenance with office duties needed for Mammoth Mountain company in town. Vehicle is a must. Please send resume to info@mountainbackrentals.com. mammothreservations.com

For Rent

Restaurant space for lease, 2000 – 4000 sq ft. Excellent dense available in downtown. Full interest to dave@mammothgear.com

Quiet Sunny Snowcreek Meadow 1 BR Furnished private home, 2 Full Bathrooms. Fully equipped, all utilities included, Near Mammoth Village &公式配方, Walk-in Closet, Pellet Stove, Long-term, 3-5 days a month. $1,950/ month.

For Hire

Bookkeeping Services Available. Let me keep your books up-to-date and in order. I’ve been running my own business or travel the world. Experienced in Quickbooks, Microsoft Office, Drupal, Google Docs, with great references available. 805-540-0902.

Z-Z-ZIPPERS! Quality work, speedy service. Snow gear, parkas, pants, bibs, and duffels. Henry’s, too! Call 760.873.4499.

Sierra Nevada Resort & Spa

Housekeepers (STI)

Cleaners/Dishwashers

Maintenance Worker

Please complete an application at 164 Old Mammoth Rd. Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546-9724 or e-mail pl@thelandingtahoe.com or call 760-934-8372, or stop by 1914 Meridian Blvd. Mammoth Lakes for more information. If interested please stop by or e-mail pl@thelandingtahoe.com.

TONIK - NOW HIRING

Full and Part time Positions Available join our awesome team, work in a fun environment. Pick up an application at Tonik, 201 Old Mammoth Road.

NOW HIRING - full time/weekend customer service, part time/full time, competitive wage based on experience. Call for more knowledge a must. Please send resume to manager@1849condos.com.

Looking for part time dog kennel. Duties include general kennel cleaning, watering, walking dogs, brushing, and random projects. For further info contact Jim @ 760-914-1019.

Pizza Chef/Delivery Driver/Cashier

Z Pizza Mammoth is hiring full and part time. Apply online at www.zpizza.com, or by email - mammoothilicess@gmail.com. Good Earth Yogurt Now Hiring Manager Good Earth Yogurt and bar is on the lookout for an outgoing and versatile team leader with experience in quick service restaurant operations, the ability to work effectively in a fast-paced, customer-centered environment and the ability to work evenings and weekends on a regular basis. This position will be responsible for the daily operations and management of the store.

TeamMembers: Good Earth Yogurt is looking for new team members. If you have an outgoing personality and love working with people in a fun upbeat family environment, this may be the job for you. We are filling full and part time positions for various positions, including food server positions with the ability to work evenings and weekends on a regular basis. Basic wine and beer serving experience a plus! If you think you are the right fit, please send resumes to hello@goodearthyogurt.com.
Notice of Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. 17-08
AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 09-01 TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES AND THE VILLAGE OF CARSON CITY PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM. THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES (“Town”) are members of the California Public Employees’ Retirement System (“CalPERS”), which is a defined benefit retirement plan funded through the contributions of participating employers and employees. The Town has the following employees participating in CalPERS: Assistant Town Manager, Town Manager, Town Engineer, Town Treasurer, Fire Chief, Police Chief, Public Works Director, Community Planning Director, Parks and Recreation Director, and Community Development Director. The Town has been a member of CalPERS since 1966. The Town has contributed to CalPERS for its employees pursuant to Chapter 37 of Government Code Section 37500. The Town has a current valid use permit and for which a permit is required pursuant to Chapter 24, Division 17, Section 17.68.160 of the Mammoth Lake Municipal Code. Section 4. The Town Council finds that this ordinance is necessary for the immediate peace, safety, health, welfare, and general welfare of the Town. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption. APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of September, 2017, by the following vote: AYES: Commissions Members Ferrin, Richardson, Mayor Pro Tem Cladford Hoff, and Mayor Wentworth NOES: ABSENT: JOHN WENTWORTH, Mayor ATTJST: JAMEY GREER, Town Clerk TS-K617-9194

Mammoth Lakes Basins Fuel Reduction Scoping

The Mammoth Lakes Fire Safe Council and the Mammoth Lakes Village Fire Safe Commission are seeking comments on a fuels reduction project located at the Mammoth Lakes Basins and the Inyo National Forest. The project is a collaborative agreement between the Mammoth Lakes Fire Safe Council (“Mammoth Board”) and the Inyo National Forest (“Forest”) to reduce fuel levels in the Mammoth Lakes Basins and the Inyo National Forest. Public input can be provided by attending the project scoping meeting or by submitting comments online. Written comments may be submitted by mail to: Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District, P.O. Box 1769, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546, or by email to: mammothfire@cityofmammothlakes.com. The next public scoping meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 19, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Mammoth Lakes Library. Written comments will be collected until 5:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. The project will seek to achieve the following objectives: reduce the risk of wildfire; improve wildlife habitat; reduce the risk of wildfire in the Lakes Basin; improve public safety; improve recreation opportunities; and improve public access to the lakes. For more information, please visit http://mammothlakesfire.com or call 760-934-2300.
Notice Inviting Bids

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