LEDERHOSSEN FOR ALL

From left to right: Stu Need, Robert Schaubmayer, Heather Schaubmayer, Lynn Altieri-Need, Stacy Schaubmayer, Kirk Schaubmayer, Kaatlin Schaubmayer, and Alex Miller (center) celebrate Mammoth’s Oktoberfest. See more photos, p. 11.

HOUSE OF TOIYABE
CEO David Lent fired, others resign

By James

On Tuesday, September 26, the Toiyabe Indian Health Project Board of Directors, following a special meeting, voted 7-6 to fire its long-time “at-will” employee, CEO David Lent, just a little over two weeks after having reinstated him. Lent had refused to resign, saying he had done nothing wrong, and that they would have to fire him.

Lent is credited with putting together a management team that was largely responsible, according to a source at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), for the successful effort to build the new, recently-opened $17.5 million primary care clinic located on the Bishop Paiute Reservation.

However, it appears his refusal to fire his three administrators, whom he had reinstated on his return after a “special meeting” on September 8, ultimately cost him his job.

Lent’s steadfast position was that the charges leveled against him and the suspended administrators by now-former Human Resource Assistant Geraldine Weaver were disproved, and they should be reinstated and paid for the two months they missed while on suspension.

That the three of the administrators were white and not Native American, also played a significant role in some of the accusations leveled at the administrators, with allegations that the American Indian Hiring Preference Policy were not being followed.

The new 55,000-square foot clinic offers medical, dental, optometry, pharmacy, behavioral health, public health and preventive medicine services. It was made possible through a $14 million low-interest loan from the USDA. That loan may be in jeopardy, as the $17.5 million pri-

SPARTAN PRIDE
Mammoth’s Ryan Kent has true grit

By Lunch

It was August, 2014. Mammoth resident Ryan Kent was back in Yorktown, Virginia, visiting family and friends. One night, while he was perched on a barstool, a buddy of his told him about a Spartan race that was going to be held locally the next week. You should try it, said his friend.

The first and most obvious question Kent had was, “What is a Spartan race?”

Answer: They’re obstacle course races of varying distances, from three miles (Sprint) to 12-14 miles (Beat). Some of the obstacles include turning over a 450-pound tire, or carrying an 80-pound bucket of rocks for a half-mile.

BEDBUGGIN’ OUT
TOML steps in after multiple complaints

By Rea

The Travelodge in Mammoth Lakes has earned quite a reputation on online forums for its bedbug infestation, and the Town of Mammoth Lakes Code Compliance department recently stepped in to address the problem.

After more than a year of complaints, Town of Mammoth Lakes Code Compliance Officer Sherine Sanders told The Sheet that the unit she checked at the Travelodge was bedbug-free at its most recent inspection on Thursday, September 28. Online complaints began two years ago. Beginning in September 2015, reports began showing up on sites like Yelp and Bedbugreport.com complaining of an infestation at the Travelodge, located at 54 Sierra Boulevard in Mammoth Lakes. On September 21, a user on bedbugreport.com said he received over 10 bites in room 208. In the ensuing two years, eight other users also posted reports.

The hotel is owned by Kirit Kumar Patel, who assumed ownership in April, 2014 according to the Town of Mammoth Lakes Finance Department.

On Yelp, the comments are even worse. There are 29 reviews mentioning “bed bugs” for the Mammoth Travelodge, although some of those reviews only mention that they heard about others’ problems with bed bugs, but didn’t get bitten themselves.

Heather Y. from New Jersey said that she found live bugs crawling on the bed, and that the owner promised to refund her fully, but that he only refunded her for one night.

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COMFORT PETS

Christina Teixeira, Fair Housing Program Manager for California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA), was in town Wednesday to speak about the ins and outs of housing, rentals and the responsibilities and liabilities of landlords and tenants alike.

She held a workshop for landlords in the morning, and another for tenants in the afternoon. The workshops were held in the Ellie Randol Reading Room at Mammoth Lakes Library.

Lunch attended the morning session. Rea attended the afternoon. The highlight/lowlight of the morning session was the discussion about pets.

It was tough news for landlords and good news for pet lovers.

Essentially, if a potential tenant has what is described as an “emotional support animal,” a landlord cannot discriminate against that person when it comes to renting a unit.

This seemingly expands the traditional definition of a service dog or seeing-eye animal. Emotional support animals, as I understand it, are the ones that help you through a tough break-up. Or the ones that sit on a couch with you smoking a joint after you got fired from your latest job.

So that “no pet” designation you see … well, that’s kind of obsolete.

All a renter needs is a note from a doctor saying he/she suffers from anxiety, depression, or can’t sleep at night without Buffy or Fido and voila, the pet is an “emotional support animal.”

And if the landlord takes the renter, he can’t ask for a greater security deposit on account of a pet.

Yes, the pet does have to comply with whatever rules might exist - cleaning up after a pet, putting a dog on a leash, no barking/noise at night, etc.

But again, they’re not pets anymore. You’ve got to use the proper lingo. They’re “emotional support animals.”

Lunch aside: I wish had an emotional support animal with me in order to finish this story. Oh, that’s right. I have a ton of those already: mortgage, wife, kids, ex, Uncle Sam, FTB …

Whatever criteria a landlord adopts in selecting a tenant has to be uniform and consistent. For example, if there are several candidates for a unit, perhaps the tie-breaking criteria is highest credit score. That was one example given.

If a landlord knows about a problem and does nothing about it, the landlord could be waiving his/her right to do something about the problem, as the tenant has come to “rely” on a particular condition.

The example could be an “emotional support animal” not formerly disclosed, an extra car, an added person not on a lease, etc.

While the landlord workshop drew about 20 participants, the afternoon’s renter’s rights and responsibilities workshop, which Rea attended, drew far fewer.

Teixeira covered renter’s “best practices” from the beginning of a landlord-tenant relationship (moving into a unit) to the end (moving out, recouping a security deposit), and all points between.

One thing that immediately became apparent was that many of the “best practices” discussed to help tenants weren’t exactly feasible in a town with a severe housing crisis.

The first case in point: Teixeira recommends that all potential renters do a walk-through of the unit prior to renting, or at least look at detailed photographs. Scroll through the “Mammoth Buy, Sell or Trade” page and you’ll notice that the pleading posts by potential renters reek of desperation. They just need a roof over their heads, and my guess is they’ll take a 1-bedroom apartment for $1,500 with or without the black mold problem.

She also discussed the issue of subleasing—where a tenant (the person who signs the lease) rents out a separate room (or couch, or closet, this being the tenant’s room) to someone else for $700… you’ll be the one on the lease. That’s problematic for lots of reasons, and lots of leases have prohibitions on subleasing,” said Teixeira. “The primary leaseholder is going to be on the hook, so even if that temporary tenant comes in and wreaks havoc… the person on lease is going to be responsible for that.”

One big topic reiterated again and again—get things in writing.

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night's stay.

The Sheet spoke to the manager at the Travelodge, a man who gave his name as “BJ,” who said that the reports of bedbugs are inaccurate. BJ said that customers were attempting to take advantage of the hotel by reporting bedbugs when they were not in fact present.

“[Customers] stay 4-5 nights, and when they check out, they say, ‘Hey BJ, there is a bug in the room.’ I say ‘Okay, let’s go check,’ and they fail [to show evidence of bugs].”

Users on Yelp and Bedbugreport.com have repeatedly posted photos of bugs in the rooms at the Mammoth Travelodge:

“I don’t know how they got the pictures,” said BJ, who says he believes the photos are pulled from the internet.

“I am really fed up with this bad complaint, but believe me there are no bed bugs. We are sold out every day. There’s too many people who are trying to take advantage.”

BJ said that the Travelodge hired EcoLab (a pest control company based in Reno) to work on the problem.

“If somebody tells me ‘I found a bug’ I myself go into the room and check,” said BJ. “If I couldn’t find anything I wouldn’t call [the pest control company], because they charge a lot.”

Mono County Environmental Health Director Louis Molina told The Sheet last week that the Travelodge had tried to “self-treat” the problem for some time, but the County and the Town of Mammoth Lakes were forced to issue a notice of violation after a spate of recent complaints.

“Bedbugs can be a difficult situation to resolve, because if you don’t jump on them right away, they are insidious. They can get into wall sockets, base boards, carpets, places insecticides don’t easily get to. It takes a professional in most cases to come in who is versed in eradication of the insects to do multiple treatments, which then can become expensive as well.”

He said that both he and Sanders checked the Travelodge this week, and in mid-August, and found no bedbugs on either visit. However, he said he found obvious evidence of an infestation when he inspected the premises a year ago. He also said there was a complaint about once a month about the bedbug problem at the Travelodge for the past year.

“They should continue doing a some follow-up treatments, at least for the foreseeable future, because they have had a history of bedbugs in this motel and it might take a period of time to really get rid of them.”

Molina advised any hotel which has a report of a bedbug to take swift action. “If you have housekeeping people who see a bedbug, call a professional right away. If you allow it to progress, then it could go from room to room and then you run into these more difficult situations to treat and that’s what happened at the Travelodge. They’ve taken too long.”

Molina said that, despite the multiple reports, “bedbugs do not carry diseases, they’re not a vector of diseases, so we can’t tackle it from [a public safety hazard] standpoint.”

Brian Chassey, Branch General Manager for Mission Linen, which cleans bedding for the Travelodge, said that other hotels shouldn’t be worried about the problem spreading to them.

“Bedbugs don’t live on sheer, they live in the mattresses,” said Chassey. He said that Mission’s facility in Lancaster uses a “healthcare formula,” because they also wash sheets for institutions like hospitals. “All of our sheeting gets washed at 180 degrees, plus every sheet gets ironed with a 400 degree iron. There’s no way they can live through that.”

Wyndham Resorts, which owns Travelodge, did not respond to multiple requests for comment about how the hotel chain handles bedbug complaints.
Galen and Barbara Rowell’s Mountain Light Gallery on the corner of Main and Line streets in Bishop is closing its doors. The circumstances are pretty clear; sales are down, every phone has a camera and nearly everybody has a phone and they all think they’re Ansel Adams. The Rowells died in an August 2002 plane crash. Galen was an internationally acclaimed photographer who worked extensively with National Geographic, but his popularity has waned in the past 15 years, says Kevin Calder, the gallery’s operation manager.

The Rowells opened the gallery in 2001, moving the operation from the Bay Area to be closer to the mountains they loved. Not long after the opening, Galen and Barbara, along with pilot Tom Reid and Reid’s friend Carol Maffee were killed in a plane crash near Bishop Airport.

The gallery was the jewel of Bishop—it brought light to the community. It was bright and open and a shrine to Galen’s work. Calder said that people have asked, “It’s such a beautiful gallery, why would you want to close it?” He chuckled.

Tawni Thomson, Executive Director for the Bishop Chamber of Commerce, said the gallery has been generous to the City of Bishop and the community. Mountain Light has supplied images for the Bishop Visitor Guide free of charge.

Like any other business, operating costs were outweighing revenue, according to Calder. It’s a tough business, and art galleries are closing their doors nationwide in response to changing times and declining sales, says Calder, especially in photography. There’s also plenty of competition.

“There’s a million photographers these days,” he said referring to cell phones. He added that processing photos and sharing them are easier and faster than ever before. Workshops were profitable for a while, Calder said, but there was a great deal of competition and class sizes eventually shrank.

“Everyone that has ever taken a photography workshop is now offering one,” he said. These amateurs don’t have the overhead the gallery has, and can undercut prices.

The tentative closing date is expected to be the end of October. Calder said the plan is still being formulated. “We’ve never done this before.”

Calder said he also didn’t know what will become of the collection of photos, stock and workshop materials. Business could be conducted through the website, but that hasn’t been discussed with Calder yet. The Rowell’s children and Barbara’s brother are the trustees of the estate and will make those decisions.

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JUST TURN IT OFF!
Will Death Valley lose its wild nature by gaining cell service?
By Bodine

Death Valley National Park (DVNP) is proposing adding additional towers and antennas to Rogers Peak, which already hosts military and telecommunications antennae. The peak is the only non-wilderness high-point in the park. According to the DVNP, the Naval Air Weapons Station, China Lake, has requested adding instruments atop Rogers as has AT&T. If approved, the site would have an additional cell tower and military antenna.

The National Park Service, U.S. Air Force, Bureau of Land Management, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Caltrans, Inyo County, and Southern California Edison all have equipment on the mountain.

The AT&T tower would increase cell phone service throughout the park, according to DVNP. This would be good news for injured hikers, those who are stranded, roasting in the desert sun, but some park visitors say it could take the “wild” out of the vast wilderness.

Peter Bailis, 56, of New York City has been coming to Death Valley once or twice a year for the past 23 years. Bailis admitted that he does not own a cell phone, “It (cell phones) was a bit of a fad that’s gone out of control.”

He told The Sheet that he understands how increasing coverage makes the park a safer place, but there are side effects. People will rely on their phones as a lifeline instead of relying on themselves. He added that when GPS and other navigational tools are available to the public, tourists rely on them too much, leaving motorists stranded in life-threatening situations.

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When asked whether the extra coverage will actually make the park safer, Abby Wines, Public Information Officer for DVNP told The Sheet she sees it as a mixed bag. Better service means it will be easier for tourists and park employees to call when there’s a problem.

On the other hand, Wines said, it could bring a false sense of safety, and visitors may go beyond their abilities. Better service also means more texting and driving and those inherent dangers.

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The majority of the comments, 20 in all, stated there was no problem with installing additional structures in an area already impacted, but some rejected the notion of offering better service in the biggest national park in the contiguous 48 states. The park redacted the names of the public commenters.

“We gotta keep the land as wild as possible,” said a commenter from Garland, TX.

A person from Las Vegas, NV stated that he understands the opposing views, that cell service, “…will simply lead to people becoming glued to their phones and taking away from the experience.”

Ben Cassell of Panamint Springs Resort commented that cell service will increase safety in the remote and isolated region and quicken emergency response. The service also benefits non-English speaking visitors in finding lodging or directions.

“While I agree that sometimes it is good to be ‘off grid’ or unreachable by the invasiveness of one’s phone, the benefits to increased visitor safety and maximized visitor enjoyment outweigh the perceived benefits of being unreachable,” Cassell explained.

A commenter from Cave Junction, OR stated, “If installed, (it) would be of a benefit to the lame brains that can’t live without a phone.”

No one that commented asked why people who don’t want the added service can’t just shut their phones off.

One commenter from the Grand Canyon made the leap that social media tends to, “normalize rule-breaking, resource-damaging behavior.” The commenter argued that as parks and monuments become more popular, incidences of vandalism increase, as evidenced by posts of illegal activity.

In an article in Ringer.com from November 2016 titled “Loved to Death: How Instagram Is Destroying Our Natural Wonders” the author explains how many beautiful and easily accessible destinations are becoming popular, bringing vandalism, garbage, and disrespect for the area. Ironically, the Leave no Trace ethos of “Take only pictures, leave only footprints” is causing as much damage as hikers trampling off trail.

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There's far too many of you dying... local narcotics deaths on rise

By Giles

A ccording to Lieutenant Phil West, Chief Deputy Coroner for Mono County, of the 122 deaths that were reported in Mono County from 2012 to 2014, none were determined to be caused by narcotics. Since 2015, there have been four.

In 2015, opioids were the cause of two reported deaths in Mono County; one by habitual Methadone use, and one suicide by prescription opioid overdose.

In 2016, narcotics were implicated in five deaths that occurred in Mono County. One was due to a heroin overdose, and three were due to the combined effects of opiates and other prescription drugs or alcohol. One was due to non-opiate prescription abuse.

According to Mono County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Chief Bob Rooks, his staff typically responds to an average of one or two heroin overdoses per year. He said they haven't seen Fentanyl, a powerful drug that opioid that has ravaged the Eastern United States, yet in Mono County.

Rooks said that when Mono County EMS responds to a medical emergency, his staff doesn't diagnose. They look at the symptoms a patient presents, and treat those symptoms based on a protocol that dictates the best way to get the patient to an emergency room safely. In Mono County, Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and paramedics carry Narcan, or Naxalone, which can reverse the symptoms of an opioid overdose. According to Rooks, Narcan competes with the biochemical receptors that opioids bond with in the body. He compared it to taking and antihistamine for an allergic reaction.

Protocol dictates that EMTs and paramedics administer Narcan in any case where it is suspected that a patient is suffering from a drug-related overdose, but where the drug cannot be identified. “When it is an opioid, and you administer Narcan, it is very clear that was the answer,” said Rooks, adding that Narcan becomes effective within thirty seconds of being administered to an overdose victim.

According to Rooks, the chief danger in cases of heroin overdose is that a patient will experience cardiac arrest. It can take several doses of Narcan to safely revive a patient during an overdose. The drug must be administered repeatedly until the patient’s body is able to metabolize the remaining traces of opioid. “The effects of Narcan are fairly short-lived. It’s about keeping ahead of the curve,” said Rooks of that process. He said that patients who receive Narcan can become combative, and often experience intense physical cravings when they are revived. This creates challenges for the people who treat them.

In a July 4 article titled, “Drugmakers and distributors face barrage of lawsuits over opioid epidemic,” The Washington Post reported that at least 25 cities, states, and counties had filed civil lawsuits against manufacturers, distributors, and large drugstore chains that together make up the opioid industry. According to The Washington Post, the industry grosses $13 billion annually. The Washington Post compared the lawsuits to those filed in the 1990s against the tobacco industry, in which 46 states entered into what The Atlantic called “the largest civil litigation settlement agreement in U.S. history.” That law-suit resulted in tobacco companies being required to pay millions of dollars annually that could then be allocated towards public health services to treat the effects of tobacco use.

On September 7, the Sacramento Bee reported that there were 1,925 opioid-related deaths and 1,157 opioid overdoses in California in 2016. In the same article, the Sacramento Bee reported that people living in rural counties in California were more likely to be prescribed an opioid than people in urban counties. Statewide, 15 percent of Californians had prescribed an opioid in 2016. In September, 2017, a bill was presented to the California State Assembly, which would have generated an estimated $88.1 million to pay for treatment and opioid addiction preventative efforts, but did not progress.

Rooks said that, currently, alcohol accounts for about 35 percent of all EMS calls in Mono County, on a given busy weekend in the summer or winter. He said that alcohol abuse and use are still the two largest sources of healthcare emergencies in the town, but that opioid use is a trend worth watching closely.

“We may not be seeing the abuse,” said Rooks, “but that their habits have not put them in a situation where they require emergency medical services.”

“IT’S very possible that... people are using opioids, but that their habits have not put them in a situation where they require emergency medical services.”

-Bob Rooks
Kent, it’s the fastest-growing sport in the world, even outpacing MMA (Mixed Martial Arts). According to an article which appeared in Sports Illustrated in March, “Obstacle Course Racing could be the next Olympic sport, as the IOC looks to bring fresh energy and relevance to the Olympic games with new competition.”

Kent has a background in running. He ran track and field throughout high school and during college at Concord University in West Virginia, his signature event was the steeplechase - a 3,000-meter running race where competitors must clear hurdles and water jumps.

From childhood, Kent had visions of being a professional athlete, and he always thought his sport would be running, but as he got older, he realized he just wasn’t built for it. He was too big (175 pounds) for distance running, and not fast enough to be a sprinter.

But he’s strong, and Spartan racing rewards that.

So he enters his first race, the Virginia Super, and it’s a real ass-kicker. Grueling. He finishes about 20th.

He’s also hooked. “I felt like a gift had fallen out of the sky.” He was perfectly suited to the sport. “It’s like cross-country running to the tenth degree,” he says.

“I dedicated the next few months to training harder than ever, while juggling a 40-hour week job. The early morning workouts and the late nights at the gym paid off when I went on to win the 2014 Carolina Beast, beating every member of the Spartan Pro Team.”

He proceeds to enter (and win) several more races. Spartan Race Inc. calls in January, 2015. They want to sponsor him. Other athletic sponsors also line up. Almost overnight, Kent quits his job as a Mammoth Mountain lift supervisor/bike park employee to pursue his dream as a professional athlete.

This coming weekend, Kent, 31, will compete in the 2017 Spartan Race National Championship at Squaw Valley, a 16-mile race held on the ski mountain, featuring 35 obstacles. The winner’s purse: $15,000.

He said the championships being held at altitude (this is the 3rd consecutive year Squaw will host) has definitely increased interest in altitude training. “There’s a bunch of people in the sport training in Colorado,” he said, “and some people have spent the past month in Squaw (leading up to the event) just getting acclimated.”

According to the Spartan Race website, Kent is ranked 10th in the world among men, and 3rd in his age group. He won his most recent race, a Sprint held in Washington, D.C. on September 9.

He says his roommates Chris Montalto, Madison Walters and Austin Morales as well as his girlfriend Sarah Harvey are planning to road trip to Squaw this weekend to be his cheering section.

Kent said he moved to Mammoth Lakes in 2011, in large measure because he was drawn by the town’s growing reputation as a running mecca. And, of course, he also wanted to ski and have some fun.

He won the 2013 Mammoth Mud Run and has finished 2nd to ultra-runner Tim Tollefson in the Ezakimak (the running race up Mammoth Mountain). If you wish to learn more about the sport or watch race video, visit www.spartan.com.
DROP IN BY NOVEMBER
Crowley Lake Skate Park takes shape
By Bodine

Some of the walls have been sprayed with concrete and a crew is smoothing out the kinks and rounding the edges at the Crowley Lake Skate Park. There’s a couple bowls, some beginner and some advanced, and street features like rails. A new, pre-fabricated bathroom has been installed. Skaters should be able to drop in by November.

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The complex will be the center of town, and he says Crowley’s now a town because it has a center.

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Connolly explained that there are extra costs accrued at every corner, so CSA #1 is holding fundraisers like the Crowley Lake Trail Run 5K and 10K to be held Sunday, October 1 to raise funds for the park.

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Silver Valley’s Edro “EJ” Are closes in on Bishop’s Luke McLean on Friday, 22. The Trojans stomped the Broncos, 58-13 Broncos now stand at 2-2 in non-conference play. Broncos take on the Yosemite Badgers for Bishop High School Homecoming this Friday, September 29. They take on rivals the Kern Valley Broncos in the first conference game, October 6 in Bishop.

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COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT COMING TO BISHOP?

With improvement projects now in full swing and efforts to obtain necessary Federal certification ongoing, the Bishop Airport is closer than ever to being able to offer commercial air service to the Eastern Sierra. Fresh off the heels of Phase II of its Passenger Traffic Study, which included both short- and long-term forecasts subsequently approved by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the Inyo County Board of Supervisors earlier this month authorized the County to begin work on obtaining the certification needed to accept commercial aircraft at the Bishop facility.

According to Public Works Director Clint Quilter, Wadell Engineering Corporation will be developing a draft Part 139 Airport Certification Manual (ACM), which, after the promising results of the Phase II Passenger Traffic Study, felt like the next logical step for the County as it looks at commercial air service in the Eastern Sierra. “Allegiant’s interest along with the results of the Phase II Passenger Traffic Study demonstrate that in addition to an ability to enhance reliability at Mammoth, there is an appetite for air service above and beyond that currently supplied,” Quilter said.

The FAA itself has supported the County’s efforts to improve the Bishop Airport with approximately $7.1 million in grant funding thus far to help cover the costs of the improvement projects. An informal review of the Bishop Airport by a regional FAA representative also informed the list of projects developed by the County’s consultant. The facility has many attributes working in its favor, including significant acreage (895), lack of airspace constraints, minimal crosswinds, wind issues, wide runways (150 feet), long runways (7,500 feet), two federal NAVAIDS on site, three separate runways, unlimited runway lateral clearance and night use, no limit to runway directional use, and the ability to host aircraft as large as 757s, 737s, and 319s.

According to Quilter, recent testing revealed runway strengths to be much stronger than the previously estimated strength of 240,000 pounds allowable for dual tandem aircraft (two sets of two wheels).

Residents of Inyo County have been vocal for many years about the Bishop Airport being improved for the purpose of economic development. The County and Board of Supervisors are committed to exploring the option of commercial air service at Bishop Airport—and working with neighboring jurisdictions to provide the best commercial air service possible, in terms of number of flights and reliability, on a regional level.
“No Small Adventure” is the slogan for Mammoth Lakes Tourism. What if it were the slogan for young, single men in Mammoth?

The Sheet asked local ladies: If you met a gentleman at a bar who promised that if you came home with him, you’d have “No Small Adventure,” what would you think of the proposed night ahead?

“I would think that he thinks he’s pretty good in bed. It’s like when a guy drives a huge truck.”
- Lyndsey Merson

“I would run.”
- Kasey Salfrank

“I would think that I might have to put in a lot of work to get nothing.”
- Jacqueline Hall

“I would think it would be messy.”
- Joe Marrone (token guy, if a lady proposed “No Small Adventure”)

“Weiner stuff.”
- Alyssa Prowler

“I would think that he’s going to try and rock my world, but it might not happen.”
- Ellie Kaylor

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Dear Editor,

Sept. 25, 2017

The Mono County Sheriff Search and Rescue Team (SAR) held its 8th annual Golf Tournament on September 24th at the Sierra Star Mammoth and a good time was had by all! It was a very successful event, raising over $12,000. The money will be used to support our training programs, and much needed equipment. We had dozens of sponsors, raffle prize providers and players, so many that we don’t have space to identify them all but want to send a THANK YOU to everyone who supported us. There are a few people and organizations that we need to call out for going above and beyond the call of duty in supporting the tournament: Curtis Hill Sr. and John Top for offering to take the lead in this huge effort. Dave Schacht, the Manager of the Sierra Star Golf Course, and his staff for providing their expertise and all the assistance we need in hosting a golf tournament, Sheriff Ingrid Braun, Undersheriff Michael Moriarty and Chief Al Davis for supporting us on Sunday, the Sierra Wave for telling the Eastern Sierra about the event, and our SAR volunteers who worked tirelessly on Sunday, and weeks before, to make it a fun event. Thank you to the community, visitors, and SAR supporters everywhere for making this the most successful tournament in our history!

The Mono County Sheriff Search and Rescue Team is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to saving lives.

“We do Search and Rescue at any time, in any weather, for as long as it takes, for free.”

Sincerely,

Carole A. Schultz, President MONOSAR
RONALD KEITH TINSLY
1945-2017

Ronald Keith Tinsley passed away peacefully in the early hours of September 20, 2017, just shy of his 72nd birthday. Ron was born on October 18, 1945, in Prague, Oklahoma. Just four days after his birth, his family moved to Huntington Beach, California, where he remained until he was 18. He then moved north to Mammoth Lakes, California, where his love affair with the mountains began. Ron was an avid athlete and sought after adventure. He spent his time skiing both for fun and as an employee of the Mammoth Mountain ski patrol. His career as a patroller lasted 14 years, during which time he never felt like he was working. Some of his strongest, lifelong relationships were forged during those years.

When he was 27 he welcomed his only child, a daughter, Tera. His love for her was infinite and he insisted that she accompany him on many of his adventures. Much to her mother's dismay, he skied down Mammoth Mountain with Tera in his arms when she was just weeks old. He instilled in her the love of the outdoors, camping, horses, skiing and the beauty of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. There was not a day that went by that Tera could not feel Ron's love and pride for her and her family. She will be forever grateful for that and the free spirit and independence he instilled in her. During his 38 years in Northern California Ron became an avid horseman. He rode bucking broncos in the rodeo and spent a great deal of his time in the Eastern Sierra backcountry on horseback. He was happiest there and had been known to nap on the top of his horse while riding long distances.

In 2001, he and Marcia Jarvis moved from Mammoth to Pagosa Springs, Colorado, where they purchased a 40-acre ranch. Then, in 2002, they were married there. Over the last 15 years they spent their retirement riding their horses and mules and enjoying the friends and family that often visited. Ron and Marcia Jarvis loved to travel and over the course of their many visits, formed a special bond with the people at Red Cliffs Lodge. Before his death, Ron requested that it be written for all to read that his love for Marcia ran deep and his appreciation for her could never be described in words. She was a loyal, compassionate, deeply caring wife for all of their years together, especially in the end when things were especially difficult.

In 2003 and 2007 Ron's two grand-daughters were born. Hayley (14) and Cassidy (10) will have many fond memories of their time with Grandpa at the TJ Ranch with his horses, cows, dogs and cats. Ron was extremely proud of his grand-girls and they both loved spending time with him. Both of them learned how to be cowgirls from the very best. Ron can best be described as a man who lived life on his terms. He enjoyed each minute to its fullest and all of the items on his bucket list have been completed. He loved to have a good time and wanted all those around him to do the same. The poem that is framed on the wall of the tack room in his barn said this: Life should not be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a well-preserved body—but rather to skid in sideways, beer in one hand, steak in the other...screaming 'Woo hoo! What a ride!'

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Ron Tinsley.

Ron's wishes were to not have a funeral or memorial service. Instead, his ashes will be sprinkled in the mountains by his family at a later date. Condolences can be sent to Marcia Jarvis, PO Box 5042, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 and/or Tera Black, 1800 Princeton Ave, Charlotte, North Carolina, 28209. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The American Cancer Society.

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despite a lack of a formal investigation or formal charges against him and the three suspended administrators.

Where might things go now? There is an old idiom about “good news and bad news” that has become a common joke which seems a good fit to what happened at Tuesday’s TIHP board meeting.

An Indian Chief brought his tribe together and told them that he had both “good news and bad news” to share with them. He started with the bad news.

“Thanks to the white man killing all the buffalo, we will have nothing to eat this winter except buffalo chips,” he said. He then followed up with the good news.

“There’s plenty of buffalo chips.”

Metaphorically speaking, there may be “plenty of buffalo chips” in store for the TIHP clinic this winter should TIHP fail to recruit medical staff and other service providers to replace those now resigning and those planning to leave the clinic within the next few weeks and months.

At the meeting Tuesday, Lent submitted the resignations of the CFO Mary Daniel and Human Resource Director Cyndee Kiddoo, and the Chief Medical Director Nancy Fong, along with the retirement letter of COO Rick Frey. On the same day, Dr. Thomas Boos, a popular physician at the clinic, submitted his resignation as well. If enough staff leave because of the board’s decision, the clinic may not easily be healed, especially if those staff result in harmful consequences for the three Indian Health clinics overseen by TIHP.

The schism created by the votes of the four of seven tribes that led to the suspensions of the top administrators and eventually to Lent’s termination may not easily be healed, especially if those results result in harmful consequences for the three Indian Health clinics overseen by TIHP.

He told the board that it’s going to be serious for ToiYabe, and it’s unfortunate that we’re doing this to ToiYabe.”

Lent said that, “we’ve worked damn hard to get to where we’re at right now and we’re throwing it all out the window and that’s unfortunate.

And I hope that you go back and you tell your communities what happened because I don’t think you’ve gone back and told your community what’s going on.”

After the vote terminating Lent’s employment, Dave Moses of the Big Pine Tribe responded to Lent’s remarks. Moses told Lent “that the board members were appointed by their respective Native American communities to represent them in their best interest” and that “since the inception of the clinic 40 years ago the intent was always to provide medical services to our native communities.”

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The Tree line has advanced upslope 19.1 meters since 1950, according to the study.

Limber pine trees are moving up slope, partially because its seeds are so tasty. Bristlecone seeds are small and spread primarily through gravity. Smithers explained, The seeds fall to the ground and that’s as far as they get most of the time.

Limber pine seeds are fat and delicious and a favorite food of the Clark’s Nutcracker. The birds stash the seeds in a cache for the winter. The caches can be located as far as five miles from the tree it took the seeds from. Smithers said the caches are also at a perfect depth for seed germination.

In the past, these caches may have been too far up slope and conditions too cold for the seeds to germinate. But now, temperatures have risen enough that the seeds can pop open.

It’s too early to determine how or if the feeding and caching patterns of Clark’s will change because the limber pines at higher elevation have not yet produced seeds.

“She’ll be Christmas for them in 50 years,” when the trees start to produce seeds, he said. “It’ll be interesting to see it in 100 years and then in 500 years.”

Bristlecone seeds germinate in soils and conditions similar to those of mature trees, specifically, wet and dark and in dolomite rock, while limber pines seem to be able to germinate in a variety of conditions and not limited to those preferred by mature trees, which grows primarily in granite. Limber pines can adapt to conditions where bristlecones are having a hard time establishing itself, according to the study.

This is where there could be some doom and gloom. The bristlecones...
SHOULD WE GET UN-HITCHED?

Casselman questions efficacy of United Nations

By Casselman

President Trump recently visited the United Nations in New York City, and spoke to its general assembly of member states.

It was a candid and tough talk. One establishment U.S. media venue headlined it as “No U.S. President Ever Talked To the UN Like That.” The negative article that followed, of course, got it all wrong, but the headline was correct. If anything, Mr. Trump wasn’t tough enough.

The United Nations was conceived in the dark throes of World War II as a post-war organization that would promote security, international cooperation, and human rights. It was intended to succeed where its predecessor, the League of Nations, had failed, that is, to promote peace, security and humanitarianism among global sovereign nations.

Its stated goals were idealistic and well-meaning, just as were those of a smaller group that emerged a short time later, the Common Market that evolved into today’s European Union (EU).

In fact in its early years, the UN appeared to be fulfilling its promise, including creating numerous laudable humanitarian food, health and economic aid programs to war-torn regions and undeveloped nations facing famine, disease, violence from within and without their borders, and lack of capital. It even provided mostly effective multinational military force in global trouble spots.

The post-war world soon enough also faced a Cold War competition and confrontation between the developed capitalist nations of North America, Europe and Asia, and with the totalitarian communist nations led by the Soviet Union. The UN itself grew from a relatively few initial members to 193 member nations as more and more colonial territories became independent countries. (Some these nations are smaller in size than a U.S. county and/or smaller in population than a small U.S. city.)

From its genesis, the UN conducted its most important business, especially on issues of international security, through its Security Council with five permanent members, each of which had veto power over any UN action. At the same time in its New York City headquarters, a growing elite bureaucracy came to dominate the organization, even as the number of regional conflicts, natural disasters, and human rights violations increased.

The UN General Assembly, which includes all member nations, is now predictably controlled by the large majority of smaller and mostly undeveloped nations. One nation, one vote—regardless of population, area or economic size. Most of the funding of the United Nations is provided by those democratic nations whose interests and values are ignored or rejected by the majority of UN members who control the organization. The inherent structures of the General Assembly and the Security Council have made the United Nations a feckless organization unable to respond usefully to almost any major crisis. Its bureaucrats, many of whom live in New York in sheltered luxury at living standards far above what they might enjoy in their home countries, share ideological world views most Americans would find alien or cruel or arrogant. As UN workers, they are above U.S. law, and too often abuse their privileges as our guests.

One of the most egregious failures of the UN today is in human rights, a vital global cause. Instead of calling out and working against obvious human rights abuses, it allows nations which perform some of the worst abuses to sit on its human rights commission and evade censure.

In fact, the dysfunction of the United Nations is so great that it is difficult to think of ANY compelling reason to keep it going, or for the United States to be part of it, pay for so much of it, and host it in our largest city.

Barry Casselman is an author, journalist and lecturer who has reported and analyzed American presidential and national politics since 1972. His blog “The Prairie Editor” has an international readership and appears on his website at www.barrycasselman.com.
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Friday, Sept. 29/
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Saturday, October 7/
Classic rock 'n roll. Owens Valley Cruisers. 7-9 p.m. @ Mammoth Brewing
Sunday, October 8/
Byron’s Backbeat Groove Company. 7 p.m. @ Mammoth Brewing

TOWN STUFF
Friday, Sept. 29/
Frontline Staff & Management training with Jo Zulaica. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. @ The Village Lodge. See sidebar, next page.
Saturday, Oct. 30/
Chamber Music Unbound presents its fall concert, “Autumn Hues” with special guests. Saturday concert starts 7:30 p.m. at Mammoth Lakes Lutheran Church. Sunday concert at Bishop’s Cerro Coso campus at 2 p.m. Bridgeport Autumn Harvest Festival. Games, vendors, pumpkin patch, hay rides, more. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Both days.

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Sunday, October 1/
Swing Dancing at Mammoth Brewing Co. 7-9 p.m. Lesson on 8 p.m. Happy Hour all night at the Outlaw Saloon for Sunday football. Starts 10 a.m. See ad page 9.

Monday, October 2/
Bowling n’ Beats at Mammoth Rock n’ Bowl. 5 p.m. See ad, p. 8.

Open Mic at Black Doubt Brewing Co. 9 p.m. Happy Hour all night at the Outlaw Saloon for Sunday football. Starts 7:20 p.m. See ad page 9.

Tuesday, October 3/
Trivia Tuesdays @ Mammoth Brewing Co. 7 p.m.

October 6-7/
Byron’s Backbeat Groove Company plays Liberty Bar. Not to be missed! Free, 9 p.m. See ad, p. 7.

Saturday, October 7/
Free dance party in the SCHAT’s Roadhouse parking lot with the Owens Valley Cruisers. 7-10 p.m. Classic rock ‘n roll.
Join Sierra Eastside Mountain Bike Association, Friends of the Inyo, Bishop Bureau of Land Management, and the Eastern Sierra 4x4 Club for a day of road restoration in celebration of National Public Lands Day on Saturday, September 30. Road/Trail work will consist of fixing washouts on 4x4 routes in the Tunstal Hills, just outside of Bishop. The area is known for 4x4 driving, mountain biking, trail running, and more. Sponsoring agencies will provide the tools, gloves, and instruction. Participants should bring water, close-toed shoes, sun protection, and long pants. Breakfast and coffee will be provided. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the junction of Ed Powers and Tunstal City Roads outside of Bishop. Info: 760.787.6000.

**SUDS: ’60s Musical Soap Opera**

Tickets are now available for the Playhouse 395’s Full Production of the musical SUDS. This soap opera is set in a 1960s laundromat. Bishop is the perfect setting for this story, as your favorite Playhouse actors—Patti Cook, Patricia Barton, Michelle Dossey and Jordan Kost. They are also the perfect cast for the skilful and creative direction of other Playhouse veterans, Director Ron Valenzuela, Choral Director Dave Harlin and Choreographer Jose Pizana. Mary Baker has designed the very creative laundromat set.

Each performance will be brought to life at the Elks Lodge, which will be transformed into a 1960s Las Vegas Lounge. Director Ron Valenzuela encourages people to dress in their ’60s finest.

Runs Oct. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, at 7:30 p.m. in Mammoth. Info: 760.873.6601. See ad, p. 7.

**Nothing beats homemade**

The UCCE Inyo and Mono Counties’ Master Food Preservers are hosting a workshop where they will teach participants how to make homemade gifts to give to friends and family during the holiday season. In “Gifts from the Kitchen.” We will show you numerous ideas on how to decorate and use your preserved foods as special gifts. You will receive recipes, handouts, instructions and even take home a homemade gift.

Join us on Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Jill Kimmons Bothee School in the Great Room, 166 Grandview Road, Bishop. The workshop fee is $20 and workshop size is limited and generally fills out. This workshop is by PAID reservation only. To reserve your spot contact Melissa at 760.873.7854 or mleygay@ucanr.edu.

**Boosters Bingo Bash**

The Mammoth High School Booster Club will host a Bingo fundraiser on Saturday, October 21 from 6-9 p.m. at Lakamiki. Cost: $20 presale; $25 at the door. Entry includes 1 bingo card and 1 raffle ticket. Additional bingo cards and raffle tickets will be for sale at the event. Support your Huskies!

**Community Flu Clinics 2017**

Monday, 10/2 @ Crowley Lake Community Center, 4:30-6 p.m. Tuesday, 10/3 @ Lee Vining Community Center, 5-6 p.m. Wednesday, 10/4 Walker Senior Center, 1-3:30 p.m. Tuesday or 10/10 @ June Lake Community Center, 5-6 p.m. Wednesday, 10/11 @ Bridgeport Health Department (37 Emigrant Siding Rd). Tuesday, 10/16 @ Mammoth Lakes Elementary School, 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, 10/17 @ Paradise Fire Station, 4-5 p.m. Tuesday, 10/18 @ Swall Meadows Fire Station, 5-30:60 p.m. Wednesday, 10/18 @ Challant Community Center, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, 10/18 @ Benton Community Center, 6-7 p.m. Cost for Flu vaccine: $10 for adults (19 and older). Medicare Part B free with card present. $5 for children (6 months -18 years). Flu vaccine is now recommended for everyone over the age of six months. Only injectable vaccine is available this year. Pneumococcal vaccine is also recommended for everyone over the age of six months. PCV13: $90.00; or per Medicare Part B guidelines. PCV15: $168.00; or per Medicare Part B guidelines.

**Peak Performance Program workshops**

Jo Zuloch, founder of Expressive Leadership Coaching, will hold two sessions for frontline staff and one session for management level staff this Friday, September 29 in the Grand Sierra Lodge at the Village Lodge. 1. Frontline Staff Training – 9:00-11:30 a.m. and 3:30-6:00 p.m. (same content in each session) 2. Frontline staff sessions are free to all area employees. 2. Management Training - 12:30-2:00 p.m. Management training is $25 for Chamber members, $35 for non-members. For additional information about the workshops, please contact Jessica Kennedy, Assistant Director, Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce at 760.934.2712 ext. 1315.

**Bishop Planning Commission vacancy**

The City Council of the City of Bishop announces an unscheduled vacancy on the Planning Commission. This appointment will be for the remainder of the term of the individual elected to the position. For more information about the position, please contact City Manager, Assistant Director, or the Chamber of Commerce at 760.934.2712 ext. 1315.
The Town of Mammoth Lakes is beginning winter recruitment! We have a number of positions to fill including Temp Snow Removal Operators, Ice Rink Stalkers, Cashiers, Coordinators and part-time hours available for the winter months with competitive hourly rates. Visit our website for more information or contact.

Full and Part time Hospitality Positions Available
Some 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 starting immediately. 12-14/ hr DOE. Please email resume to stacey@mmhotelservations.com

Maintenance Position Needed
Looking for a responsible and reliable Maintenance / Property Manager for upscale Mammoth community. Previously maintenance experience required. Bilingual preferred. Full time, 40 hour per week. DOE. Email resume to info@mammothmountainteal.com, call 760-934-8732, or stop by 1914 Meridian Blvd.

Maintenance Assistant Job:
Must be able & willing to assist with maintenance & repairing 20 chalets & other structures. Experience required in snow removal, electrical, painting, carpentry & plumbing. This position must be able to perform vehicle maintenance on a variety of vehicles/equipment.

Debbie & Mike Crowe
Mammoth Mountain Chalets
(760) 934-8515 Ext 0 (CA)
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Reservations@MMChalets.com

Mammoth Spa Creations is looking for an administrative assistant for our rack card stuffing. The position is a Full time, Year Round position. We have immediate openings and an Office/Seales Associate position. These positions also offer vacation accrual, benefits and paid holidays. Experience is preferred, but not required. Please call 760-924-3091 or stop by the store located at 1401 Tavern Rd. Mammoth Lakes for information and to pick up an application.

Maintenance Office receptionist:
Mammoth Mountain Chalets with office duties needed for a reservation company in town. Vehicle availability is a must. Please send resume to info@mountainbackrentals.com.

Food Cache Cale: is now hiring expe

Hotel seeking front desk agent/night audit position. Must be available to work graveyard shifts 11:00pm to 7:00am. 16-24 hours per week. Perfect if you already have a part time job and are looking to pick up extra shifts. Hospitality experience preferred but not required. Starting hourly ranges based on experience. Please call 760-934-8691 or send your resume to sierra@mountainbackrentals.com.

Restaurant space for lease.

Mammoth Rock & Bowl/Mammoth Rock Brasseye has the following positions available: Service, Bartender, Brasseye Hostess. Contact Bev Connell 760-924-4200 ext.223, or Ann Ward ext. 221.

DRIVERS WANTED
The Eastern Sierra Transit Authority is seeking responsible, safe, and reliable Drivers. Paid training class for a Commercial License. Bilingual/English/Farsi speakers encouraged. Air Brake Certificate begins October 9th. Vanoop from Bishop available 7-days a week. Pre-employment and random drug screening required. Multiple positions available including: Year-round Driver – Mammoth Lakes, CA.

Multiple year-round positions open are available. The positions will be 40 hours per week during the peak operating period May through Labor Day, and approximately December 7 through April 20. These positions will be scheduled for reduced weekly hours during the shoulder season. The position is comprised of scheduled and unscheduled trips from ESTA/ Mammoth facility. Benefits for the 75% Driver Position include:

• Participation in PERS (California Public Employees Retirement System) while in compliance with the Public Employee Pension Reform Act of 2013
• 11 paid Holidays
• Comprehensive Leave (vacation/sick leave)
• PERS Health Insurance
• Vision/Dental reimbursement
• Life Insurance
• MMSA Season Ski Pass

Seasonal Drivers – Mammoth Lakes, Mammoth Rock & Bowl, Mammoth Rock Brasseye. These positions are open April through October. The position is a sales-oriented position, in which the employee will be opening new accounts, identifying which banking products and services may benefit the customer, as well as maintaining current accounts on a regular basis. Experience is needed in insurance, finance, or retail sales required. Requires excellent verbal and written communication skills. Ability to operate PC, Windows, Word, Excel and other standard banking software.

Union Bank has openings for one Senior Relationship Banker, Benefits-eligible position in its Mammoth Lakes Office. The position is a sales-oriented position, in which the employee will be opening new accounts, identifying which banking products and services may benefit the customer, as well as maintaining current accounts on a regular basis. Experience is needed in insurance, finance, or retail sales required. Requires excellent verbal and written communication skills. Ability to operate PC, Windows, Word, Excel and other standard banking software.

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The phenomena is being observed throughout the Great Basin, says Smith, but there are only limited mountain ranges in the basin that allowed for scientific observation; having a tree line with room up slope where species can migrate. The Bristlecone Pines is perfect for the study with relatively easy acce

PERSONALS

I saw you ... just got an emotional support dog. Remember, it’s supposed to be for emotional support only, so stop putting peanut butter on your underwear.

In search of ... emotional support doggy. Style: Puppy. I saw you ... could use some emotional support. Here’s an idea. Stop being a dick. Then you’ll have more friends and support.

In search of ... an emotional support cat, because I am a pussy.

I saw you ... interested in getting an emo
tional support parrot. Here’s an idea. Get a pyton. Then you won’t need any more emotional support because that will have been overwhelmed by anxiety.

For Hire

Bookkeeping Services Available. Let me keep your books up to date and in order while you focus on your business or travel the world! Experienced in Quick-Books and Excel and other software. Docs. Great references available. 806-540-0902.

Summarized text: John Helm, as part of the Mammoth Lakes Town Council, shared the following information during the meeting:

- The purpose of this public hearing is to give citizens an opportunity to make their comments known regarding what types of eligible activities the Town of Mammoth Lakes should apply for under the State CDBG program. A separate public hearing will be held to discuss and approve the application prior to submittal to the State.

- All persons having an interest in the proposed activities/applications may appear before the Town Council to present evidence in support of, or in opposition to, the project, to present testimony or to present testimony in opposition to the project, or to present testimony in support of the project. Written e-mail comments should be directed to Grady Hatton, Public Works Director (ghatton@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us), or to the Town offices located at 437 Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546.

- This meeting is being recorded and will be available for public viewing. The Town Planning and Economic Development Commission at this important meeting are encouraged to provide input to the Planning and Economic Development Commission.

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Sagittarius: It looks like you’ll be a real social butterfly this month. Therefore, the following Mial tips might help:

1) Never drink and drive. B) Whenever you do drink, make sure you’re not “drunk but deadly” fart in a crowded room you can always blame on someone else. In fact, they usually pass gas at higher rates than the rest of us.

Capricorn: We’re all a little odd—love, tenderness and compassion just aren’t much as we need air, water and grub. The problem is, we take all the responsibility for our happiness or we get too picky about the latter. Therefore, try working on appreciating how your needs are met and not being so critical of others. Therefore, try working on appreciating how your needs are met and not being so critical of others.

Aquarius: This month we know is true is motion makes us happy. Moving creates positive emotions. Americans spend more than 90% of their lives indoors. That’s why indoor cat crazies are not limited to cats. This is the day we can control, so get outdoors for a while and make sure your outdoor activities include more cardiovascular work and clothes lifting.

Pisces: If you’re in need of a little motivation as summer gives way to fall, here is an excuse for some downtime and then something to get you back after it. The excuse: “It was so windy that I got blown into the bar on the way to the gym.” And your motivation comes from Old Dominion: “Cry when it hurts, laugh when it’s funny. Chase after the dream, don’t chase after the money. ... You got to love like there’s no such thing as a broken heart.”

Aries: Sometimes we all feel like getting on that midnight train to Georgia and never coming back. And sure, Georgia has peaches, bulldogs and good bbq, but it gets pretty darn warm in “Hot-lanta,” and eventually you get sick of hearing “Y’all” all the time. So remember, it seldom turns out to be greener on the other side of the fence. Also remember that fair is the palace where they judge pigs, cows and pies.

Taurus: Just in case you were wondering, your best matches are Capricorns and Capricorns. These three signs are like you in that they appreciate the finer things in life, like long-term relations that mix in a nice blend of spunk and spice. To help spice up any relationships you’re in, try this line; “There’s no doubt that you’re colonial material, because you have no trouble getting my privates to start humming.”

Geminis: Start now, love will be taking the lead in the screenplay of your life. It’s up to you to whether your screenplay is a comedy or a horror flick or perfect for night of Netflix and chill. But please remember that love is patient. Love is kind. Love is really about losing your mind.

Cancer: You may be feeling like you can’t see the forest for the trees when it comes to some of the dreams you’re pursuing. It looks like the Stars will soon be helping clear up the view, without clearing the trees when it comes to some of the hassles you’re experiencing.

Leo: Staying positive, patient and grateful continue to be your keys to success and happiness as autumn commences. If you can do this, you’re certain to be rewarded beyond what you could ever expect. To help, make your new motto: “My attitude is gratitude.” And make this line from Snoopy your new philosophy: “Keep looking up. That’s the secret of life.”

Virgo: While every sign and every person is odd in their own way and sometimes twisted ways, Virgos can come across as being exceptionally odd for a variety of reasons. But there’s nothing wrong with that and, in fact, your oddities are what attract so much into your life. Therefore, your assignment for Fall is to please work on accepting and embracing your own oddness, as well as the oddness of others. It’ll help to adopt this Dr. Seuss line: “You have to be odd to be number one.”

HOROSCOPES

By Clouds McClouds

Libra: Your sign is considered to be the most balanced of all, loving the feeling of being loved in the Zodiac. But even though that’s the case, it seems like most Libras have trouble finding balance and often cause as much strife in their relationships as they do harmony in their relationships. Therefore, as your birthday gift, please accept these truths: 1) There’s no point in taking life too seriously. Nobody ever gets out alive anyway. 3.14) The tough part about being a genius is having to put up with all the idiots who surround you.

Scorpio: You may have been experiencing some technical difficulties in your communication at work and home. But, hopefully, you’ve been able to keep your cool and have handled things as they came. It’s okay to say, “You don’t go F yourself!” Luckily, the technical difficulties will soon be removed so you won’t have to do too much of your least favorite thing. So relax and take a break!

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HOLLY

BEST CORRECTION TAPE IN THE WORLD

By Hartley

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Week 4 is here. It’s the most vital part of the season. That is week 6 - that’s when we really learn how good (or bad) teams are, but we learn more every week. Unfortunately, some teams refuse to learn a thing.

Packers laying 7 points to the Bears. LAY THE POINTS. The Bears beat my Steelers last week and we will happily get into trouble. They’ve got a running game, but QB Mike Glennon is no match for Green Bay’s Aaron Rodgers.

Saints laying 3 points at Atlanta - the Falcons. This much we know - Saints love at home. But, hopefully, you’ve been able to keep your cool and have handled things as they came. It’s okay to say, “You don’t go F yourself!” Luckily, the technical difficulties will soon be removed so you won’t have to do too much of your least favorite thing. So relax and take a break!

Steelers laying 3 points to the Ravens in Baltimore. On the road. Has anyone seen the Steelers on the road? Take the Ravens plus the points. Now the rant. How can anyone say Mike Tomlin is a great coach or that Ben Roethlisberger is an elite QB? How? Tomlin can’t beat bad teams. There was no reason the Steelers should’ve lost to the Browns. But, Mike Tomlin is a good QB. Did he even throw for 100 yards? Wait he did. He threw for 101 yards. So the Steeler knew he couldn’t throw - knew what was coming on the ground. You can’t even blame it. Tomlin is the WORST scheme or strategy coach in the NFL. Meanwhile, Big Ben is like Mike Tyson - a shell of his former self. Throw bombs and pray. Then punt. He realizes he can’t sustain a drive because his big dumb ass is to illiterate to work the middle of the field, so he starts throwing the ball to WR Antonio Brown every play hoping Brown bails his dumbass out. Right now Tomlin is saying something stupid like “Well, I mean we didn’t have to play the Ravens we have to play Steeler football … the standard is the standard … next man up” or some other ignorant-ass cliché. Stop talking and start coaching.

Falcons laying 8 points to the Bills. That’s a lot of points, and the Bills have a good defense, but inside the dome it’s a track meet and the Bills traded all their track stars (i.e. Sammy Watkins) away.

Bucs laying 3 points to the Giants. Now this one is interesting. The Giants are 0-3 so I say they can’t remain winless forever. Take the Giants plus the points. The Bucs are heller skelter. I thought they would be better but they still lack consistency.

Chargers laying 1 point to the Eagles. That is a bad line. Like the Giants, the Chargers are due, but their coach is clueless, their QB is color blind and their stadium is smaller than half of the high school stadiums in Texas - and they can’t fill it. The Chargers need to put their tails between their legs and beg San Diego to take them back.

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put an ass-whipping on the Ravens in London. Means they’re primed for a letdown. Take the Jets plus the points.

Bengals laying 3 points to the Browns. I can’t do it anymore. I can’t take the Browns anymore. I was pulling for Coach Hue Jackson but he still can’t figure out how to win games. Lay the points.

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played Monday. Four days extra rest on an opponent is significant.
Broncos laying 2.5 points to the Raiders plus the points. Broncos QB Trevor Siemian has looked pretty good, but he's a classic week 6 player. Once you get to week 6 and the season starts, his mediocrity will catch up to him. The Raiders bounce back after laying an egg last week.

Seahawks laying 13 points to the Colts. How? The Hawks are averaging 36 points per game. So the oddsmakers assume the Colts will only score 3? Take the Colts. The Hawks offensive line sucks and their defense is older and slower. The Hawks don't know it yet, but they are done.

Chiefs laying 7 points to the Washingtonians. Lay the points. Chiefs continue to roll.

Rams coach Sean … I don't even know his last name. He's 31-years old and apparently has more football knowledge now than Jeff Fisher ever did. I'm still not sure what bugs me. During the game when the offense is on the field, he watches the game and calls the plays. When the defense is on the field, he doesn't pay attention. He sits on the bench looking at pictures and play calls for offense again. What? How is he working the game and managing the game if he is ignoring half the game? How does he think this is going to work long-term? Grow up little boy, get your ass out there and coach the whole team.

Ray Lewis. Why is he on television? The guy is a crazy street preacher. He can't keep his own rant straight. Forget that he somehow has overcome being involved in a double murder and driving away from the crime scene in a car with the murder suspects and his clothes mysteriously disappearing afterwards. And somehow that is all conveniently forgotten. But he dogged Colin Kaepernick for the whole kneeling thing and says on TV he will NEVER kneel during the anthem. Then during last week's games he tries to get his crazy ass in the mix by taking a knee during the anthem. And then he says “I didn't take a knee … I took two knees.” And goes on some rant about how kids are confused and he wanted to bring GOD into it and pray. Blah Blah Blah. Crazy street preacher.

Giant WR Odell Beckham. I would trade him for a box of rubbers and some hot wings. Beckham, no matter how often he plays, the team loses. But every highlight, every press conference is about HIM. I see him as a Cowboy. Owner Jerry Jones would love him. Would probably pay a few first rounders and additional picks, too. I am gonna tell you who the Se-

ahawks are … the Ravens. They both built tremendous defenses and were GREAT every year because the defense was so stifling they were in every game. But they both had HUGE defensive salaries and no QB salary because the QBs were on rookie contracts, so they could pay their defenses a mint. As soon as they had to pay their QB … the teams became very beatable. The lesson here: When your QB is making no money your GM looks like a genius.

Jerry Jones says players on his team will stand for the anthem and the flag or their ASS will be off the team. So let me get this straight … if you sexually assault or beat women, if you do copious amounts of illegal drugs, if you get caught doing said drugs while caught with strippers or prostitutes, if you get suspended for any of the offenses above and cause your team to lose games - you can stay on the team AND Jerry Jones will fight the league and the police and abused women to protect you. But if you don't stand for the anthem, well, then your ass is off the team. Does anyone have any respect for Jerry Jones? What a piece of s%$t. Another filthy rich old white dude that can get away with whatever he wants.

Speaking of filthy rich old bigoted, sexist and ignorant white men, our president has tweeted more about NFL anthem protests than the hurricanes in Florida, Puerto Rico or Houston combined.

I love it, though. The spectacle. I love hearing people trying to defend him. I love hearing them try to describe what he has actually accomplished as President to imagine a president saying the following, though keep in mind he said it in Alabama, where - ROLL TIDE - the bar is a bit lower.

“You need to have a great wall, but it has to be see-through,” Trump said. “We're looking at different samples already of see-through walls. And, I think also, to be honest with you, a see-through wall would be the best.”

“I'm going to go out and look at them personally, going to pick the right one,” he added. “We have the wall up there now, and we're renovating it already.” Trump said they are making it. “pristine,” “perfect,” and “just as good as new.”

When Trump wasn't tweeting about the national anthem, he was disinviting he Golden State Warriors from their White House visit also because they were “hesitant” about coming. That means they didn't want to come so instead of being embarrassed by getting turned down, he rescinded the offer so he could say he didn't want them first. He has the maturity of a 4 year old.

HARTLEY

BISHOP POWDER PUFF 2017

By Bodine

Powder Puff is as much a Bishop Bronco Homecoming tradition as the dance on Saturday. The game was an intense as any conference league game with amazing fakes, double and triple hand offs with players blazing up and down the field. There were also plenty of pleads from players to the sidelines. “What am I supposed to do?”

When this year’s Seniors, Class of 2018, played on the Junior team last year, they whipped the tar out of the upper classes. This year, the Juniors whipped the Seniors. The 12th graders weren't able to get on the board and lost 6-0.

Above: Chloe Almeida, #17, leads the conga line

Left: Track star Kristen Lamb, #64, flew past… pretty much everybody. Above: Diana Bodine shoots darts at the photographer

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