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WHAT WOOD JESUS DO?

Missing: The Carlson’s family’s heat for the winter

By Rea

On Sunday, October 8, longtime Mammoth resident Laurey Carlson woke up, walked outside her Old Mammoth home on Woodman Street, and saw every wood stove owner’s worst nightmare—her six cords of seasoned lodgepole pine rounds were gone.

“I called 911,” said Carlson, laughing, early this week.

The wood was essentially stolen right out from under the Carlsons’ noses. Laurey’s husband was actually home at the time, when two cars pulled up and began loading up the couple’s 15-20” rounds of wood. Laurey was out for a hike in the Lakes Basin.

“Our house is pretty insulated, his office is not on the street side, and that’s where he was sitting, so he heard and saw nothing,” said Carlson.

She said her neighbors told her that three people, two men and a woman that were all described as Hispanic, pulled up in a “shiny” red pickup truck and a white SUV and made off with the wood.

Carlson said it probably happened around 3 p.m., and that it took them about 2-3 hours to load up the wood, which took the Carlsons about 8-10 trips into the forest to gather.

“I’ve been here a long time,” said Carlson, who manages employee housing at Mammoth Mountain and who served on Mammoth’s Ski Patrol for 23 years. “I’ve been getting my own firewood since 1981, and this has never happened before.”

For those who’ve never gathered their own firewood, the sting of the theft might be hard to fully appreciate.

“Today’s the first day I don’t feel like I’m completely insane,” she said on Tuesday, October 10.

FOOTLOOSE SPORTS SOLD

Colasardos, Corty Lawrence step aside after 37 years

By Lunch

It started in the Village at Mammoth before there was a Village at Mammoth—a little mom-and-pop, 400-square foot ski shop. And it wasn’t even a ski shop, really. They were boot-fitters, with seating for three, and crock pots at the ready to heat up the shells.

At the time, there were more than 20 ski shops in Mammoth Lakes.

Thirty-seven years later, Andrea Colasardo, Tony Colasardo and Corty Lawrence have sold their business to a pair of former/current employees. Silver Chesak and Zach Yates are the new face of Footloose Sports.

Chesak and Yates bought the business only. The Colasardos and Lawrence remain owners of the 12,000-square foot building which sits at the entrance to town at Old Mammoth Road and Route 203.

About the new owners

Chesak grew up in Healdsburg, but has been living in Encinitas for the past several years. He worked at Footloose from 1998-2008, and during that time, he and Yates were part of the team that helped build out the new store.

Post-Footloose, he has worked as a sales rep for various companies within the retail industry.

He will serve as Footloose’s new President and CEO. For his part, Yates has worked at Footloose since 1995, knows all aspects of operations and will serve as the company’s General Manager.

Both men are married. Chesak and wife Lisa have two children, and a third is on the way. Yates’s wife Lindsay owns the Catwalk Salon in Mammoth. They have a daughter named Dakota, age 5.

As Corty Lawrence said, “It’s time for young people with a more contemporary perspective to take the reins.” Besides, he said, he got tired of waiting on his fantasy. “We kept waiting for a guy to walk in and offer $9 million,” he said with that trademark twinkle in his eye.

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THC FOR THE TILLEMANS

Inyo Supervisor looking into the weed biz, says there’s no conflict

By Bodine

Hey baby, it’s a wild world.

Inyo County Supervisor Mark Tillemans told The Sheet that he will step to the podium at the Inyo County Supervisors meeting scheduled for October 17 and address the board and the county about his possible entry into the commercial cannabis business.

Tillemans said that neither County Counsel nor his own attorney believe that his having a vote on cannabis regulation while he also considers going into the weed business himself presents a conflict of interest.

“There is a perceived conflict,” he said, And because of that, he said he will recuse himself from voting on cannabis-related items going forward.

According to the California Secretary of State, Tillemans formed a Limited Liability Company on September 19 called INYOSOL, LLC.

Under type of business, he described it as cultivation, manufacture, distribution.

Tillemans said he is working off the same information concerning cannabis regulation that his fellow supervisors and the public are privy to.

He said he has been transparent with his possible business venture. He is not currently involved in the business per se, but he has been promoting the area as a prime growing spot with lots of sun and little humidity.

The latitude of the Owens Valley is just a few degrees from the Hindu Kush in India, where marijuana is supposed to have originated, Tillemans said.

Samples of locally grown marijuana have tested to be some of the most potent in the state and address the board and the county about his possible entry into the commercial cannabis business.

Tillemans has been learning about the industry, going to workshops about the cannabis business.

He has bought land in the Olancha area. Tillemans said it only makes sense to buy up private land in an area where there is so little land to buy.

The area could become the Napa Valley of marijuana, says Tillemans. In a meeting of the Mono County Supervisors in May, Michael Draper of Mono County Planning said Mono County has that same potential.

Inyo County as well as all other counties in the state are working on their own regulations and possible fee schedules for recreational marijuana.

Counties and municipalities have to hash out rules that best fit their citizens and communities while following certain blanket laws set by the state (for instance, the production of edibles, like pot brownies, is considered a manufacturing use and must be carried out in areas zoned accordingly). The rules from the state are constantly in flux and a new round of regulations is expected to come out in November.

The sale, manufacturing and production of marijuana for recreational use officially starts on January 1, 2018.

Burning Down the House

At approximately 6 p.m. on Sunday, October 13, Inyo County Sheriff’s Dispatch received notification that a motorhome/brush fire had started in Olancha. The fire was west of town, at the base of the foothills.

Members of the Olancha Volunteer Fire Department, U.S. Forest Service, and CalFire responded to the area, and located a fire burning near a new motorhome. While the crews were attempting to extinguish the fire, a male subject exited the motorhome and assaulted a firefighter. Law enforcement was dispatched to the area, and the subject barricaded himself inside the motorhome.

The area was subsequently evacuated by first responders, and the subject exited the motorhome and assaulted a firefighter. Law enforcement surveilled the scene through the night.

On Monday morning, Inyo County Sheriff’s Office Investigators obtained a search warrant for the motorhome. The Sheriff’s Special Enforcement Detail, which consisted of Inyo County Sheriff’s Office staff, the Bishop Police, Olancha medics, and Mono County Sheriff’s Department staff, arrived at the motorhome to serve the warrant.

The subject once again barricaded himself inside the motorhome. After

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OBITUARY

MIKE COFFEY, 1952-2017

On Wednesday, October 4, Eryn Coffey Caler and her husband Luke invited Eryn’s dad Mike to lunch at Toomey’s. They had special news. Mike was going to become a grandfather.

On Friday, extended family came up to Mammoth to celebrate. Plenty of laughter, food and drink flowed that night at Giovanni’s Pizzeria.

On Saturday, Mike Coffey didn’t wake up. He died in his sleep. Luke Caler found him the next morning at the home he was renting in June Lake. If anything, says Luke, there was the hint of a smile on his face.

Mike Coffey was 65. He was born in Boston, Massachusetts on May 25, 1952, the oldest of four brothers in an Irish Catholic family.

He grew up in the Pasadena area, and after his parents split, helped raise his brothers.

Upon his graduation from UCLA, he went to work at Sandy’s Ski and Sport in Marina Del Rey and ultimately managed the store. That’s also where he met Heather Aldrich Shay, Eryn’s mother.

He moved to Mammoth in 1987 to run the Sandy’s Ski and Sport shop here (in what is now the P3 Sports location). He owned the Booky Joint to buy comics and rent movies. "Sometimes, he’d just give them to us,” said Luke.

“He was my person,” said Eryn Coffey. “He was my person.”

Mike was also famous for having several cars, one of which was always driving to get him a part,” she said wistfully. “The cars were kind of symbolic of his life. He thrived on a bit of uncertainty.”

Similarly (and in classic New England fashion), Luke and Eryn described how Mike would often show up at a dinner and he wouldn’t order. He would say he wasn’t hungry. And then wait until everyone was done so he could finish Eryn’s plate.

Mike was always famous for having several cars, one of which was always not working. On that Wednesday, after the Toomey’s lunch, Eryn recalls driving him from one broken down truck to the other. “It seems like we were always driving to get him a pair,” she said wistfully. “The cars were kind of symbolic of his life. He thrived on a bit of uncertainty.”

As Luke recalls (and this is before he even knew Mike had a daughter), he and his friends would go to the Booky Joint to buy comics and rent movies. "Sometimes, he’d just give them to us,” said Luke.

“What was the problem!” interjected Eryn. At the Booky Joint, she said, he had a tendency to open accounts for people and would never really bother to, well, collect.

“He would give the shirt off his back,” to people, said Eryn.

After he closed the doors to the Booky Joint in 2006, Mike continued to do home theater installations. He also worked for Greg Jennison as a finish carpenter.

What brought him the most joy in his life was his daughter—a daughter of whom he was not even initially aware.

Eryn’s mother had debated whether or not she would even tell Mike that she was pregnant. Ultimately, however, she wrote a letter to Mike informing him that he was going to be a father.

The letter, which Mike kept and described how Mike would often show up at a dinner and he wouldn’t order. He would say he wasn’t hungry. And then wait until everyone was done so he could finish Eryn’s plate.

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“He was charming guy. The ladies loved him. Women in this town loved him. Women in this town loved him.”

Eryn believes that when Mike’s friend Dennis Hampton died, it flipped some sort of switch in him that made him return to his faith.

Mike is survived by his daughter Eryn, son-in-law Luke Caler and brothers Robert (wife Terri, birth mother Suzanne, children Meghan and Kathlee), Christopher (wife Melissa, children McKenna and Kameron) and Jonathan (wife Nancy, children Julia and Shane). He is also survived by cousins Kathleen, Kariyn and Sean.

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Booster’s Bingo Bash

Mammoth High School Booster Club is sponsoring this event in order to raise money for our general funds. This will help offset the significant loss of funds from the discontinued Vons eScrip program.

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Our mission is to assist Mammoth High School by fostering cooperation and communication between parents, staff, students and the public, and to promote success in academics, athletics and the arts.
The cannabis workshop for the Mono County Supervisors on Tuesday, October 3 started the way any weed meeting should, with the Sheriff bringing brownies. Sheriff Ingrid Braun said they didn’t have marijuana in them. This reporter was unavailable to sample the goods herself to confirm this.

In November 2016, voters in the Golden State passed Proposition 64, which legalized the use of cannabis for recreational purposes in the State of California. The State has passed some blanket laws for cannabis use, but counties and municipalities have been left to pick out the stems and leaves for uses like cultivation and sales to individual communities’ planning regulations. If Counties don’t create their own regulations, they risk the State coming in and doing so for them.

Currently, the Supervisors have instated a temporary moratorium on commercial cannabis activities, to allow staff time to craft laws about regulation and taxation.

Mono County’s Community Development Department Planning Analyst, Michael Draper, along with Senior Analyst Wendy Sugimura, passed around the latest information on the County’s responsibilities and state laws at the Tuesday, October 3 Board of Supervisors meeting.

“The only thing consistent with the State laws are that they are always in flux,” Sugimura said.

Time is running out for Mono County if it wishes to retain autonomy and impose its own localized regulations for cannabis use and production. Recreational use, sales and cultivation become legal on January 1, 2018. Sugimura said the County is trying to have regulations in place in time for the new year. Draper said if the County cannot have every piece in place before January 1, the County will continue its temporary moratorium on commercial activities, both medical and recreational.

The State is expected to roll out a new round of regulations in December. Sugimura called it “an impossible response time” for the County to be ready by January. So far, the State has not yet issued permitting structures and operational policies for recreational cannabis production or sale.

Currently, there is no tax on marijuanas related transactions in Mono County. The earliest voters can approve a tax on cannabis is November 2018, and the County will have to identify alternative funding sources for cannabis regulation until that time. The County could apply permitting fees before November 2018, but it would be premature to do so without first knowing what the tax amount is going to be, Draper explained.

Permitting fees could help reimburse the County for time spent regulating the local industry. Draper said it’s difficult to quantitively how much staff time is spent on current marijuana activity, but that those hours will be easier to track once regulatory policies are in place. He used Special Use Permits as an example; the permit has a base fee of $495, plus the cost of any staff time accrued to issue it.

Supervisor Bob Gardner said there’s no need to re-invent the wheel when it comes to regulations. Oregon, Colorado and many other California counties are trying to figure out the best way to approach policy and regulation and he suggested Mono County take note. He said the County needs a thorough cost analysis and performance measure before rushing to pass something. “We should be able to measure how we’re doing,” Gardner added. Gardner said that, in talking with representatives in Oregon, they said they wished they had waited and filled in all the gaps in their plans, “and did it right.”

At the October 3 meeting, Supervisors were asked to direct staff on several topics including cannabis edibles, extractions, and concentrates. The state has divided edibles and extracts into two categories: volatile and non-volatile methods. The non-volatile category would include pot brownies, for example. Volatile extraction consists of using ethanol to create concentrates.

Robert Calvert, owner of Mammoth Lakes Wellness, represents Fluids Manufacturing, a company that has been recently permitted to produce extracts using ethanol in Mammoth Lakes. He suggested the Supervisors educate themselves on extraction processes and safety regulations before making any decisions on the topic.

Unofficially, the Supervisors decided to ban voluntary extraction methods, but no formal action was taken. The topic of zoning and buffer zones will be discussed in a later article.

CONWAY CATTLE CALL
Mono Supes approve issuing of RFP for cattle grazing at Conway
By Bodine

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rtm Nevada has begun work on a monitoring well that the Mammoth Community Water District (MCWD) believes is a neces-
sary tool to monitor potential impacts of the Casa Diablo IV project. New development at Ormat’s Casa Diablo IV geothermal power plant, located at the corner of Highways 395 and 203, is expected to increase output from 40 megawatts to 80.

The new well, BLM-2, will be located between future Casa Diablo IV well fields and MCWD groundwater wells. Specifically, it will be located near the Mammoth Mountain RV Park and the new Mammoth Lakes Police Department.

MCWD has argued that the new geothermal production could cause the geothermal fluid to mix with town drinking water. BLM-2 will indicate whether there is mixing.

James Howle, a Geologist and Hydrologist for the USGS said, “…the potential for thermal waters to intermingle with cold water production is now a much greater possibility.”

In August 2016, USGS Chemist Irene Yamashita, Environmental Specialist and Public Relations Manager for MCWD said in a email to The Sheet that the US Geological Survey (USGS) thinks the additional monitoring well is needed.

Even the experts can’t decide if the waters are mingling. In July 2016, when referring to Casa Diablo IV, James Howe, a Geologist and Hydrologist for the USGS said, “…the potential for thermal waters to intermingle with cold water production is now a much greater possibility.”

In August 2016, USGS Chemist Emeritus Bill Evans, who has studied the Long Valley Caldera since the 1970s, said data suggests that there could be mixing, but that there could also be many causes for that mixing. Casa Diablo is likely not causing any problems as it is not online yet, Evans said. Both experts agreed additional monitoring is needed.

To date, Ormat has constructed one monitoring well, W28-Z5, as required by the Bureau of Land Management in the CD IV Groundwater Monitoring and Response Plan. BLM-2 was not required under that plan, despite recommendations from the USGS and MCWD. Yamashita said MCWD has requested that USGS experts be on-site during the construction of the well, but the BLM did not return their calls, and construction of the well is underway.

Because BLM-2 is not required by the BLM, the Board of Directors for MCWD agreed in April 2017 to pay for the construction of the well, provided that Ormat fund 10-percent. MCWD was able to secure grant funding for the well’s construction.

Yamashita said Ormat would only fund the project if MCWD signed a settlement of litigation and a Non-Disclosure Agreement. Ormat set settlement terms that included USGS recommendations and a Non-Disclosure Agreement that would prevent proprietary information about its geothermal operations from being leaked, and acted on MCWD’s recommendations for the well.

Yamashita said MCWD can’t agree to the terms of the settlement if it doesn’t include recourse in the event that fluids intermingle.

MCWD is now seeking a driller for BLM-2 and will need to pay the full cost of construction of the monitoring well. For more information on this project, contact BLM geologist Mark Spedal at BLM Bishop Field Office, 760-872-5012.

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I appreciate the generous offers, and it’s okay,” she said. “I have wood stacked on my front deck and we’ll burn that, and when we run out, we’ll deal with it. I don’t want to be greedy. I’m just somewhat discouraged about going out and gathering more, or taking wood from someone. I did it, I’m over that part of it now, and I’m prepared to wear an extra sweater and just hope that this doesn’t happen to anybody else.” She said the show of support reminded her that Mammoth is still a good community with honest, well-meaning residents. She hopes this will be an opportunity for others to pay it forward.

“If people see others in need, share with them. But I’m going to be okay.”

Carlson jokingly said that at least she got a day’s exercise hiking in the Lakes Basin while the thieves were busy stealing her firewood. She’s trying to move on while still hoping that investigators will come forward and return what’s hers. However, “Life’s too short, I don’t have the time to be pissed off. It’s done, it’s over with, let’s bring on winter and go skiing.”

Anyone with information about the wood stolen from Woodman Street on Sunday, October 8 by three people in a red pickup and a white SUV is urged to call Mammoth Lakes Police Department at 760.985.3700.
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By Giles Parks and Rec department awarded grant from playground manufacturing firm GameTime

At the Tuesday, October 3 meeting of the Mammoth Lakes Recreation Commission, it was announced that the Parks and Recreation Department was successful in its application for a $100,000 grant for a new inclusive playground at Mammoth Creek Park. The $100,000 were awarded as “matching funds,” with the expectation that the Town of Mammoth Lakes provide funding of an equal or greater amount for the project.

The grant was awarded through the California Healthy Play Funding initiative, a project of The California Park and Recreation Society (CPRS), a nonprofit whose mission is to “advance the park and recreation profession through education, networking, resources and advocacy.” CPRS offers membership to Parks and Recreation professionals and to Parks and Recreation departments statewide, of which the Town of Mammoth Lakes Parks and Recreation Department, along with 175 other municipal Parks and Recreation Departments, is a member.

The funding itself comes from the company PlayCore, and the playground manufacturing firm GameTime, both of which partnered with CPRS to solicit applications for the grant. The Wellsville, Utah-based firm is the local representative of GameTime that will collaborate with the Town of Mammoth Lakes to implement the grant. According to the Statewide Healthy Play Training and Funding Initiative Terms and Conditions, as listed on GameTime’s website, the grant funding can only be used to purchase and install approved GameTime playground equipment. Once the play structure is installed, it will be designated as a “National Demonstration Site.” Town of Mammoth Lakes staff will be required to collect data in the form of participant surveys and other metrics regarding how the playground is used. PlayCore will compile that data, along with that from other National Demonstration Sites, for a study to be published by its Center for Professional Development in 2018.

According to a staff report from last week, Town Council voted to support the grant application, and preliminarily authorized the allocation of up to $100,000 in matching funds if the grant was awarded, at its meeting on August 2. On that date, it was decided that Council would take final action to award funding for the project once the grant was awarded.

According to the same staff report, matching funds for the project are not due until the Town purchases the playground equipment. The terms and conditions of the grant require that the Town order the playground equipment by November 15, 2017 if it wishes to obtain grant funding can only be used to purchase playground equipment. The terms and conditions of the grant require that the Town order the playground equipment by November 15, 2017 if it wishes to use grant funds for the project. Additionally, the grant stipulates that playground installation be completed by March 12, 2018. According to the staff report, “representatives from GameTime indicated that there is flexibility for funding recipients in the ordering and installation of the equipment.”

Town Staff have already collaborated with Tyler Kyriopoulos, a principal of Great Western Recreation, to create two preliminary playground designs. At the October 3 Recreation Commission meeting, Parks and Recreation Supervisor Stuart Brown said there are no hard cost estimates for the project yet, because it is unknown how much re-surfacing, removal of the existing play structure, sitework, and installation of the playground would cost. For one design presented to the Recreation Commission last Tuesday, the cost of equipment, after deducting the roughly $100,000 in awarded grant funds, which Great Western Recreation called a “discount,” came to $142,000.

For the second design presented on Tuesday, the total cost of equipment, minus the grant fund deductions, came to $115,830. The “discount” (grant funds) available for that option was listed as being only $85,500.

Both preliminary playground designs featured equipment intended to meet the needs of physically disabled users, both adults and children. If built, the playground would go above and beyond the standards set by the Americans with Disabilities Act for accessibility, and would be the only GameTime National Demonstration Site in the Eastern Sierra.

Recreation Commission Chair Betsy Truax said last week that the existing playground at Mammoth Creek Park will be relocated. The existing play structure is seven years old. At the same meeting, Brown mentioned the Whisper Recreation Area as a potential relocation site, and said this week that, “Our plan is to get the playground in regardless of what happens with the MJBE. Best case scenario, we’ll be looking at early or mid summer of 2018.”

A staff report from the October 3 meeting suggested “utilizing the general fund operating reserve, using funds from the deferred maintenance allocation ($500,000), or submitting an application to Mammoth Lakes Recreation for the use of Measure R or U funds,” as potential funding sources.

Once the total project cost is finalized by GameTime and staff, the complete scope of work, project timeline, and cost will be presented to the Recreation Commission.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes will host a public playground design workshop on Monday, October 16, from 5:30-7 p.m. in Suite Z at the Minaret Mall in Mammoth Lakes. At the workshop, participants will review and finalize the design of the project, including inclusive components, shade structures, and surfacing material. RSVP with Lauren Plum at 760.965.3699 or lplum@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.
Old Mammoth has been an area with at least somewhat affordable housing for residents and seasonal employees alike. Something they are all looking for is an opportunity for public transit... I'm a little disappointed this hasn't been figured out as far as having a solution ready to go for this winter.”

Commissioner Paul Chang said that “We've got to come up with something sooner than later. Public transportation is so essential with what we're trying to accomplish. $180,000 in the scheme of things is not a lot of money.”

Helm said that he would be sharing the input of the Commission with ESTA's Board of Directors, its staff, and with Mammoth's Town Council.

By Rea

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n Wednesday, October 11, Mammoth’s Planning and Economic Development Commission discussed possible public transit solutions for residents in Old Mammoth this winter, almost a year after Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) discontinued the Gray Line.

Dawn Schultz, who owns the Edelweiss Lodge on Old Mammoth Road, said that her business has suffered because her patrons can no longer take a bus to go skiing. On a personal note, she said, her child can no longer take that bus to school.

The Gray Line was terminated on December 16, 2016 (see “Bring our Bus Back!” January 7, 2017), and residents asked for its return.

ESTA responded by extending the Purple Line and creating an “Old Mammoth Limited Route,” which serviced the Snowcreek Athletic Club bus stop six times per day.

ESTA Executive Director John Helm said that ESTA is hoping to build a turnaround area on Old Mammoth Road for the large buses that formerly serviced the Gray Line. However, that “would take a lot of things happening very quickly, and perhaps even a late start to the winter. To accurately temper expectations, I would say that would not happen before this winter.”

There had been discussions of buses looping Red Fir Road about five years ago, Helm said, but residents objected. In his presentation, Helm also discussed moving several bus stops on Lakeview Blvd. that had caused problems among residents in that area of town.

“We're worried about stops 200 feet apart up by Canyon [Lodge],” said Helm, “but it's a mile from Snowcreek to Red Fir. Our Town plan [the Walk, Bike, Ride effort] is to have a bus stop and bus service within a quarter mile to all residents...” Schultz said that a large portion of full-time Mammoth residents live in the Old Mammoth area, and that there is no bus service to those people, while “Meredian has three lines that run up and down it. Three.”

“The Town is four square miles,” said Sarah Vigilante, “Let's have bus service to the main area where residents live.”

Helm said that, to the best of his recollection, the Old Mammoth Limited Route implemented in late January 2017 averaged two passengers a day on its six runs.

Kevin Graves, who works for Mammoth Mountain, said he and his wife purchased their home in Old Mammoth with the intention of using public transit from their neighborhood.

“Even if we have service on the hour so we can go home and get to work, that's huge,” said Graves.

Commissioner Amy Callanan suggested serving the area with a smaller bus running a separate line.

“Technically yes, we could do that,” said Helm, who added that such a solution could potentially cost $180,000.

“I think it's important and crucial for us that service is restored for this winter,” said Callanan. “I personally think that cost, even as much as $180,000, should not be a breaking point for us as a town... Historically, once the identity of the suspect has been identified.

False Alert!

The Bishop Police Department announced this week that a Facebook message has been going around warning residents that there is a “man trying to nab children in Bishop.” According to the Department, this allegation is false. The message was the result of a series of exaggerations following a call the police responded to at the Bishop Vons, for a suspicious person who happened to be a man. According to the BPD, the man was contacted and the call was closed as unfounded.
Last week, the Toiyabe Indian Health Project (TIHP) Executive Board turned to the California Rural Indian Health Board (CRIHB) to rescue its less-than-flattering reputation. The Board hopes that CRIHB will be able to stem the flow of professional staff walking out the clinic’s door, and straighten out the clinic’s finances, for free.

The TIHP board met at the Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Reservation last Friday, October 6, to meet with CRIHB, CEO Mark LeBeau, PhD, and other CRIHB staff, who are now managing TIHP and staffing the top administrative positions.

Employees of TIHP have reported that the clinic is a work environment beset by jealousy, envy, traces of racism, and personal and political agendas. There is a notable lack of internal policies and procedures to effectively address a situation that eventually resulted in Lent’s suspension, reinstatement, and then two-weeks later, his termination on Sept. 24.

LeBeau and his team at CRIHB have already met with TIHP clinic staff and are recruiting replacements for those that have left the clinic due to mismanagement.

CRIHB’s website states, “We are committed to the needs and interests that elevate and promote the health status and social conditions of the Indian people of California. CRIHB does this by providing advocacy, shared resources, training, and technical assistance to enhance the delivery of quality comprehensive health related services.” Additionally, CRIHB is responsible for distributing federal dollars to the Indian Tribes under contract with the U.S. Health and Human Services Department of Indian Health Services.

Several comments at Friday’s meeting on October 6 board meeting in Lone Pine showed that TIHP Executive Board members responsible for Lent’s ouster are still attempting to blame the ongoing outrage over their behavior and decisions on the news media, their “inability to comment on personnel confidentiality issues,” and other “bad actors” (current and former employees) arrayed in opposition to them.

It is very unlikely, despite rumor to the contrary, that the clinics will fail or that Toiyabe will default on its loans. Staff that have left, or are planning to leave, will be replaced and there are still very good medical and administrative staff who remain. And while both the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which provided the $14 million low-interest loan to TIHP for its new Bishop clinic, and the Indian Health Service, which provides government funding to the Toiyabe Indian Health Project through CRIHB, are “seriously concerned,” they do not want to see Toiyabe’s collapse.

“IT didn't happen.”
One thing that all parties were pleased with was the expectation that the culture of the company would remain the same. “[Maintaining] the legacy these guys left is a top priority.”

After the meeting broke up, Tony Colasardo told the story of how Chesak and Yates met 25 years ago. Chesak was sizing up a cliff at Kirkwood when two guys in ratty jackets pulled up. One of them was Yates. After a brief conversation, Yates proceeded to do a back flip off the cliff.

Tony: Who is that guy?
Dan: I dunno. I think his name is Silver.

To get back to Lawrence’s remark about contemporary perspective, Chesak played it pretty close to the vest, but did acknowledge that he believes there is “online opportunity.” He also believes there is room for improvement in how Footloose (as well as the town at large) accommodates new skiers and promotes the sport. He thinks the recent purchase of Mammoth by Aspen will absolutely be a boon to Mammoth and bring new people here to experience it.

One advantage all of Mammoth’s remaining ski shops have is that there has been a massive purge of ski shops in Southern California. Sport Chalet, which went out of business, had 55 doors. Chesak counts a grand total of seven “real deal, high-end, specialty ski shops” remaining in SoCal.

Stop by and meet the new owners during Footloose’s anniversary sale, which takes place November 1-15.
On Wednesday, October 11, the Mammoth Lakes Planning and Economic Development Commission (PEDC) voted unanimously to approve the Design Review for The Park/Mammoth Multi-Use Facility (MUF) at Mammoth Creek Park West.

Funding for the building has already been approved by Town Council, and the purpose of Wednesday’s hearing was to ensure that, as designed, the structure complies with the zoning code.

The parcel at 866 Old Mammoth Road is designated in the Town’s General Plan as “Public and Quasi-Public” open space. It is approximately 5 acres in size, and is currently in use as a playground, open space, and a 44-car parking lot.

Town staff used data for usage of the existing ice rink and community center to estimate how much parking would be necessary to meet the needs of The Park/MUF at full build-out. Based on traffic at the existing ice rink, it was determined that 70 parking spaces would be needed to serve The Park/MUF. Assistant Planner Nolan Boboff reported on Wednesday that the square footage of the facility has not changed since September. The only changes approved on Wednesday were regarding the siding (the Design Sign Committee vetoed natural cedar planks in favor of treated, hardier material that would not require annual staining), and the color of the facility. The structure will have a “Zinc Gray” roof instead of the originally proposed black roof, to prevent heat from being trapped in the building and melting the ice. Additionally, an eight-foot-high black, metal fence was approved along the southern and eastern perimeters of the building for security purposes.

Last week, it was incorrectly stated in the article “MUF On Hold ’Til Spring” that the carrying cost associated with the bond (2.3 percent of $5.5 million) would be $715,000. The cost would in fact be $71,500, as 1.3 percent of $5.5 million is $71,500, not $715,000. The cost would in fact be $71,500, not $715,000. The construction of those 151 parking spaces on-site, on 13,400 square feet of the facility, for a total of 151 parking spots, to complement the phased construction of the facility.

At a Town Council meeting last week, Kyle Peterson, a principal of HMC Architects, the firm hired to design the building, reported that structure will be 37,000 square feet when built to completion and located 150 feet from the closest residential structure.

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“FORTUNES IN APPLES” IN OWENS VALLEY?

Richard Potashin tells the story of what could have been for farming in the Owens Valley before the aqueduct

By Giles

According to Richard Potashin, retired Park Ranger at Manzanar National Historic Site, there was a time when the Owens Valley was known not for its snow-capped peaks, its mines or its proximity to great skiing, but for its apples.

On Wednesday, October 11, Potashin gave a lecture at White Mountain Research Center on the history of orchards in the Owens Valley. “Manzanar” translates as apple orchard in Spanish. Before it was an internment camp during World War II, the site was home to about five hundred acres of apples.

“LADWP [Los Angeles Department of Water and Power] has downplayed the agricultural potential of the valley prior to water diversions, and if you talk to people who’ve been here a long time, real old-timers, they’ll hyperbolize. Perhaps the reality was somewhere in the middle.”

Regardless, Potashin said, the valley’s suitability for growing fruit started with the agricultural practices of the Owens Valley Paiute people. As the region’s first gardeners, they established irrigation systems that carried water to various parts of the valley, where they grew and cultivated native plants. The Owens Valley Paiute were forcibly removed from the Owens Valley by the American Army. Their irrigation ditches were then used by Euro-American settlers who claimed the land for their own.

At first the farms that popped up were small, and provided alfalfa, grains, and meat to the region’s mining camps. Families started raising small orchards of apples, pears, peaches, and cherries for their own consumption, and expanding the network of canals they appropriated from the Owens Valley Paiute. By the early 1900s, there were over 200 miles of irrigation ditches throughout the Owens Valley.

In the early 1900s, there was tremendous demand for fresh fruit from the mining camps. Farmers noticed that, due to the air flow and prevailing winds, the foothills along the Eastern flank of the Sierra received less frost than the Valley floor. In places where these foothills collided with ancient volcanoes, the soil was rich. Farmers that had previously grown alfalfa or raised meat began growing fruit in communities such as Wilkerson, Manzanar, Sunland, Round Valley, and Swall Meadows. An article published in the Inyo Independent on June 16, 1911 read, “The Owens Valley is bound someday to be one of the great apple growing regions of the west.”

Promotional literature at the time promised investors from Southern California “Fortunes in Apples.” Around 1911, a Kentuckian named Henry Alcorn and his family started a fruit tree nursery on their small portion of the 2,000-acre Sunland community. Their trees were subsequently planted all over the Owens Valley, and they eventually took over the 300-acre Red Mountain Fruit Ranch, which is located at the current site of Tinnemaha Campground. The original farmhouse and gate remain, along with eight century-old apple trees.

There was even interest in investing in a regional crop. The Owens Valley was known, between 1911 and 1927, first for its apples, and later for its pears. At the time, Fresno had its grapes, Southern California had its citrus, and the Owens Valley looked a lot more promising than the deserts of the San Joaquin Valley for cultivating other fruits. Unfortunately for the region’s residents, a railroad was never constructed to connect Southern California with the Owens Valley. Thus, the region remained cut off from larger fruit markets.

When LADWP first began diverting water from the Owens Valley, it did so from below the primary agricultural centers, which allowed ranchers to take all the water they needed before it went to the city. Prolonged drought in the 1920s led LADWP to expand its water extraction, and by 1927, the agency had purchased the bulk of the orchard properties in the valley from ranchers. Potashin said that enrollment in local schools declined, and merchants left pop-up communities such as Wilkerson and Sunland when Richard and Nancy Potashin sing a song about the apple harvest.

see APPLES, page 17
JIM PETTIGREW, 1951-2017

Father, husband and friend, Jim Pettigrew passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, October 8. Born in Hawaii on May 12, 1951, he was 66. Jim was riding bicycles with his wife, Shawna, one of his favorite past-times when he said he felt dizzy, then he collapsed. The couple had recently returned from a bike ride in Europe. Shawna said it was the trip Jim had dreamed about.

The owner of Jim Pettigrew Construction, Jim was a ski instructor at Mammoth Mountain, a renowned rock climber and bicyclist, hero, and mentor. Those who loved him said he was both the sweetest man and a grizzly bear all in one person, but first and foremost, Jim was a family man.

He traveled from Hawaii to the mainland in the 1960s and embarked on a great adventure, hitchhiking around the country before landing in Yosemite Valley. It was there he met legendary climbers Warren Harding and Jim Bridwell, who showed him the ropes.

Jim was a prolific climber with first ascents including Lurking Fear and Mirage on El Capitan. When Yosemite Search and Rescue was created, he became a member. Climber Werner Braun said in a post in SuperTopo. "Jim would have liked the service that reflected the way we all felt about life in Camp 4 and living in Yosemite."

His daughter Jamie said her dad left the Valley when a rescue friend went wrong and he couldn't get over the guilt and pain he felt after the accident. Daughter Angela was unaware her dad's fame until a kid came up to her in middle school and said her dad was his idol. "I looked at my friend so puzzled, not understanding why. I asked him, 'Why is my dad your idol? He works for maintenance, is that a big deal?'" When she got home, her dad sat her down and showed her the guidebooks with his name in them. "We had climbing books that my dad was in," Angela said, "but I thought it was normal for dads to be in books."

Skiing was Jim's next pursuit. He became a top racer and circuit winner at Mammoth Mountain, and later a coach. Angela said her dad never missed her or her sister's races and would wait at the bottom of runs with warm clothes during storms. He was one of Jim Smart's ski racing coaches around 1978. "I was 14, into reading weird books like Dune. Pettigrew amazed me with his knowledge and opinions about the book."

The two remained lifelong friends. As a family man, Jim had to switch gears and became a fly fishing guide in the summer and continued working at the mountain in the winter, working his way to the corporate ladder, Jamie said. He helped build the Main Lodge and Mid-Chalet.

He got tired of people telling him what to do and quit the mountain to start his construction company. Jim took Angela on her first back-packing adventure up McGee Canyon when she was 12 or 13. She was lucky her mom packed for her, stuffing warm clothes and extra food in her pack. "If I had left the clothes packing up to my dad" she would have frozen, Angela said. "We survived the night."

The Pettigrews went hiking, biking, fishing and climbing, that almost always resulted in some tall tale. Jaime said she wants to write a book about her dad and those adventures.

A co-worker recently asked Jaime how her dad had been able to accomplish so much. She said her dad had that internal compass that always pointed north, always the right way to follow to get what he wanted. "My dad taught me so much about life and to be free and to do the things I love. He never said no to any of my dreams no matter how crazy they were. He was mine and my sister's number one fan and was my mom's rock," Angela said.

"I didn't realize how many lives he had touched," his wife Shawna said, "And how can I not see that truck in town anymore?"

Jim is survived by his brothers Bill and Mike and sister Jan Des Jardins; daughter Jamie (Felipe) Valencia and grandchildren Noah and Emma; cousins Ryan, Levy, and Julia Pettigrew; and Matt, Chris, and Danny Horns. "Jim—from all of us who were lucky enough to climb, ski, or bike with you, to share your amazing barbeque, or to simply enjoy your wry smile and infectious and easy laugh, thank you for making our lives brighter," said Daniel Horns, Shawna's brother.

Services have not yet been announced.

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Robert's: 4-6 p.m. every day.

Austria Hof: 5-8 p.m. daily.

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Clocktower Cellar Happy Hour 4:30-7 p.m. daily and all Sunday $5 dollar menu items, drink specials. See ad, p. 18.

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**October 13-14**

Cosmic Bowling @ Mammoth Rock 'n Bowl. 9 p.m. to close. See ad, p. 12.

Friday, October 13**

(3) Local favorites The Trespassers play Mountain Rambler Brewery in Bishop. 8 p.m. Free.

Sophie's Bistro at Black Sheep Coffee Roasters, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Ukulele, keyboard and vocals, Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. All drinks on tap til 7.

**Latin Night @ Rafters.** Mambo, samba, salsa, and more. 10 p.m. Free.

Friday the 13th Karaoke at Bishop BLM/Forest Service Office. 9:30 p.m.

Friday and Saturday: Happy Hour drink specials 10 p.m.-close. $4.50 margaritas, Mai Tais. Happy Hour daily 3-6 p.m., gets you free wings.

See story, p. 4.

**Sunday, October 15**

Sunday Football Breakfast at Clocktower Cellar. See ad, p. 18.

**Sunday Happy Hour all night at the Outlaw Saloon for Sunday football. Starts 10 a.m.**

See ad, p. 9.

**Sunday happy hour specials** at Liberty Sports Bar & Grill. See ad, p. 13.

**Monday, October 16**

(2) Open Mic at Black Doubt Brewing Co. 9 p.m.

**Tuesday, October 17**

Trivia Tuesdays @ Mammoth Brewing Co. 7 p.m.

**Taco Tuesday’s** @ John's Pizza Works. $2 tacos 4-10 p.m. See ad, p. 9.

**Thursday, October 19**

**Ladies’ night at Mammoth Rock 'n Bowl. Ladies bowl 2 games free, includes shoe rentals. See ad, p. 12.**
**SUDS: ’60s Musical Soap Opera**

Tickets are now available for the Playhouse 395’s Fall Production of the musical SUDS. This soap opera is set in a 1960s laundromat. Each performance will be at the Elks Lodge, which will be transformed into a 1960s Las Vegas Lounge. The show runs Oct. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, at 7 p.m. Doors at 6:15 p.m. Tickets: $20 at www.playhouse395.com. Info: 760.920.9100. See ad, p. 4.

**Check those woodstoves**

Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District would like to remind community members that they should inspect and clean their wood-burning appliances before the winter. A few tips to keep your stove safe: Use treated wood in your woodstove. Never start a fire with glossy paper. Dispose of ashes in a metal bin, and do not throw away until completely cool. Do not store flammable materials within 18 inches of a stove or fireplace. Make sure your exhaust pipe has 10 feet of clearance around the cap from any tee limbs. If your unit has a wood burning stove inserted in a zero clearance fireplace box (original fireplace) with factory built metal flue pipes contained in a wooden chase, an evaluation of the concealed clearance to combustible materials must be performed. Contact the Fire Dept. at 760.924.2300 to schedule an assessment. If electric heat is being used, vacuum the unit to remove any dust accumulations before startup and ensure that all combustible materials are at least 3 feet away from the heating unit at all times.

**Community Clinics 2017**

Monday, 10/16 @ Mammoth Lakes Elementary School, 4-7 p.m.
Tuesday, 10/17 @ Paradise Fire Station, 4-5 p.m.
Tuesday, 10/17 @ Swall Meadows Fire Station, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 10/18 @ Chalfant Community Center, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 10/18 @ Benton Community Center, 6-7:00 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).

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**October 20/ Walk for Hope—Join Wild Iris and RAVE for a candle light vigil walk. Begins 6 p.m. at RAVE office, 50 TuSu Lane in Bishop. Info: 760.873.6601. An evening with Dean Rosneau, who will present “The Shortest Straw: Search and Rescue in the High Sierra.” Inyo Council for the Arts, 137 Main St. Bishop. 6:30-8 p.m. See ad, p. 10.

**October 21/ Mammoth High School Boosters Bingo Bash, 6-9 p.m. at Lakani. Cost: $20 presale, $25 at the door. Entry includes 1 bingo ticket and 1 raffle ticket. To purchase tickets, visit www.mhsboosters.org. See ad, p. 4.**

**October 23/ The Crucible with Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre. Thurs-Sat @ 7 p.m. and Sunday @ 4 p.m. Tix: $20/$18/$10. Tix @ door: $22, no discounts. 100 College Parkway, Mammoth. See ad, p. 2.**

**October 27/ Sierra Club Thursdays with Sally. Surprise destination. No more than 3 miles RT. Meet 4:30 p.m. @ Mammoth Union Bank. Info: 760.218.0083 or sges4@gmail.com.**

**October 29-29/ Community coping in the wake of the mass shooting in Las Vegas. Traumatic stress can impact people who were not directly involved, but who may have known a victim or seen coverage of the event. MLPD will sponsor this meeting, where a licensed therapist will provide services in a group setting, offering coping techniques and strategies. There will also be the opportunity for discussion and for questions. The event is open to any member of our community. Please RSVP to hdegoey@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.**
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Library Assistant I/Mammoth Lakes Library

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Help Wanted

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For Hire

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The Following Person is Doing Business As

Vacation Lifestyles

ANDREA TAYLOR

PO BOX 823, 2353 Meridian Blvd.#224

Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 6,2010 in Quickbooks, Microsoft Office, DropBox, Google Docs. Great references available. 850-540-0902


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- **ZCA 17-002**
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Notice of Public Hearing

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, September 27, 2018
6:00 P.M.
Town Council Chambers,
Mammoth Lakes, CA

Attorney: Brian Young

Applicants: BURROUGHS HOMEOWNER SERVICES

Jami Burrous, Agent

P.O. Box 1021, 2987 Main St. #6
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

This business is conducted by an individual. The business is not organized as a corporation. Document submitted to the County Clerk on September 7, 2018.

This business is conducted in the County of Mono, State of California, and is subject to the provisions of the Business Tax Code.

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HOROSCOPES
By Clouds McCloud

Libra: The Stars are reporting that the next year of your life looks very promising and should be blessed with lots of luck and good fortune. This, of course, makes sense since the last year was filled with obstacles that pushed you to your limits. Thankfully, you survived and can now pass Go, collect some money, head to Park Place and spend plenty of time mattress dancing in hotels with your favorite Parker Brother.

Scorpio: Fellow Scorpio Tom Petty passed onto that great stage in the sky recently. To help you make the most out of your present stage, remember some of his best lines. A) "No, I’ll stand my ground. Won’t be turned around. And I’ll keep this world from draggin’ me down." B) "Most things I worry about never happen anyway." C) "You belong among the wildflowers. You belong in a boat out at sea. You belong with the punches. So don’t be surprised if you say or hear something like these, A) "I couldn’t figure out why the baseball kept getting larger and then it hit me.” b) And from Mary Poppins, "Don’t you know that everyone’s got a Fairyland of their own?"

Leo: Here are some crib notes from Clouds Guide to Life and/or Love-making: Being right isn’t as important as being heard. Wearing sexy underpants makes you feel better. Never measure life by how many breaths you take, but rather, by how many times something takes your breath away. Sometimes you’ve got to let go and let dog.

Virgo: Since it’s National Breast Cancer Awareness month, allVirgos should know that studies have shown that breast massages decrease the chances of cancer and that they reduce stress for both the breast owners and the lucky stiff giving the massage. Therefore, make this your new mantra: “Breast Cancer Awareness - We stare because we care!”

Cancer: Life should start to get easier and make more sense as the month and season progress. The keys will be to stay positive and roll with the punches. So don’t be surprised if you say or hear something like these, A) "I couldn’t figure out why the baseball kept getting larger and then it hit me.” b) And from Mary Poppins, "Don’t you know that everyone's got a Fairyland of their own?"
PAVE PARADISE ...
Jeffrey Pines removed in front of Get Outdoors 365
By Rea

Three Jeffrey Pines standing outside the site of the former Mammoth Mountainieering store (now Get Outdoors 365) were cut down this week by employees from GC Forest Products. Dearing English, the owner of the property at 3183 Main Street, applied for a permit for four trees (two of which were growing together) to be cut down in July of this year.

The permit for the removal of one tree (the very large pine on the eastern side of the property) was denied, but the other three, located next to the deck on the western side of the property, were approved to be removed, according to Kimberly Cooke, Assistant Planner for the Town of Mammoth lakes.

Anita Westfall, owner of Get Outdoors 365, declined to speak to The Sheet about the reason for the removal of the trees, saying it was a decision made by English which was prompted by the fact that the trees were dying. English, when asked by The Sheet via email whether the decision to remove the trees was in order to provide more parking spaces for Get Outdoors 365, did not respond to that specific question. “The Town gave us permission to cut the trees we removed as they were unhealthy and/or growing into the structure,” English wrote. “The trees were removed because they were either dying or encroaching on the structure. Both situations created problems for preserving the property.”

In her permit application, as a “reason for request” to remove the trees, English checked “other” and wrote in “To meet Town’s parking requirements should neighbor build a fence.”

The neighbors on either side of the building are the Mammoth Fun Shop (to the east) and Wave Rave (to the west). Neither neighbor said they had any plans to build a fence. Further, Wave Rave owner Steve Klassen said Westfall refused to speak to him about trying to come up with a solution to preserve the trees.

In the denial for a permit for the removal of “tree #3,” the largest pine on the eastern side of the building, Cooke stated that “while removal of the tree may increase the number of parking spaces... The reasons provided for removal of tree #3 do not meet the allowed conditions for tree removal...” Trees #1 (the conjoined trees on the north side of the deck) and #2 (on the south side of the deck) were approved for removal due to their growth adjacent to the existing structure.

The trees were removed on Tuesday, October 10.
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