A CHILLY FIRST CHAIR

Chris Ponce and Mike Kelley of Las Vegas, plus two more eager snowboarders, braved the elements to board the first chair of the 2017-18 season at Mammoth Mountain Ski Area on Thursday, November 9.

WHERE THE RED FIR GROWS?

Neighbors clash over Old Mammoth Road transport

By Rea

"I'm moving, I'm moving," said one frustrated Red Fir Road resident, who refused to give his name, during a public meeting regarding bus service on Wednesday, November 8.

That empty threat was made in response to Eastern Sierra Transit Authority's (ESTA) proposal that a large transit bus use Red Fir to make a loop in order to serve areas off Old Mammoth Road.

John Helm, Executive Director of the ESTA, held the meeting to garner feedback from residents who lost service last year when the Gray Line was discontinued.

The meeting brought out more people (approximately 20) than most Town Council meetings, remarked Public Works Director Grady Dutton.

Helm emphasized the importance of compromise among neighbors in the large-local area of town, although no compromise was reached on Wednesday.

The solution that ESTA has offered is to extend the Mammoth Mountain Ski Area-run Red Line and Night Trolley so that they travel further down Old Mammoth Road and use Red Fir to turn around.

Helm offered three options for service for the proposed extended Red Line, including running every 60 minutes, every 80 minutes, or a "hybrid" 40/80 minute frequency. That hybrid would see service to Old Mammoth Road every 40 minutes in the morning until 10 a.m. (to service school-aged children who take the bus), then reduce runs to 80 minutes midday, then return to 40 minute runs in the evening to get children back from school and employees home from work.

However, all of those solutions require a large ESTA bus.

SNEAKY SUPERVOLCANOES

Are we all going to die? Probably not from a volcano, says Dr. Nathan Andersen

The Long Valley Caldera made national news this week, when Dr. Nathan Andersen, a geologist at the Georgia Institute of Technology, made it the poster child for changing theories on how supervolcanoes work.

Scientists once thought that supervolcanoes were characterized by seething, molten masses of magma lurking just beneath the surface of the top-most rocks in the Earth's crust. Andersen proposes that supervolcanoes are more insidious. He says the magma chamber beneath Long Valley Caldera was much cooler and semi-solid right before it blew its top in the massive eruption that created the Bishop Tuff about 765,000 years ago. During that event, 650 cubic kilometers of lava and ash spewed from Long Valley in less than a week, scattering debris as far as Oklahoma.

Andersen's co-author, Dr. Brad Singer, a geologist at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, told The New York Times that the Bishop Tuff eruption would have "completely wiped out everything within 50 kilometers of the caldera. All the vegetation and biota in that area would have been extinguished."

"It used to be that people thought big volcanoes were being fed by an ocean of molten rock underground," Andersen told The Sheet this week. "We're changing that. These systems tend to be stored at cooler temperatures for long periods of time, as magmatic mush." Andersen said magmatic mush is a mostly solid, crystalline rock structure with a little bit of melt in some places. "This has implications for the signals we'd look for if one of these systems were to wake up and become eruptible again, and for what a supervolcano system looks like."

As part of his PhD dissertation, Andersen analyzed 49 crystals from the Bishop Tuff and dated them by measuring how much Argon was present in them. Argon becomes a gas at high temperatures and can't be retained in hot crystals. Andersen didn't expect to see Argon in crystals that were older than the known date of the Bishop Tuff eruption.

However, he found that the oldest crystals sampled were preserving Argon prior to the

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Checked out

Memorable Vons checker moves on to Snowcreek

By Lunch

You all know Fireball. Even if you don't know him, you know him. For the past nine years you could pretty much hear him before you could even see him at Vons (and this is not a jab about his relatively diminutive stature), running his mouth in an endless feedback loop. A living, breathing Energizer Bunny.

But last Friday (November 3) marked his last day of work at Vons. And it left some, particularly local youngsters, feeling very disoriented.

As one mother told The Sheet, "The kids would never ask if we were going to Vons. They would ask if we were going to Vons".

If they're going to see him now, let's hope they have a taste for sushi, as Fireball hasFireball on his last day at Vons. ing to see Fireball."

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taken a job waiting tables at the Bistro at Snowcreek.
Sheet: How did you get the name Fireball?
Fireball: It was given to me when I first moved up here to ski, al-
though lately, some people have started calling me Furball 'cause I
don't ski as fast as I used to.

Fireball grew up in Orange County and graduated from Alhambra
High School back in 1985.
His mother died of cancer when he was in the 8th grade. His father
walked out of the house one day when Fireball was about 20 and
literally disappeared. Fireball and his sister, who lives in Dana Point,
ever saw nor heard from him again.

After high school, Fireball got a job working construction, building
the first tract homes in Sunnymead and Fontana. It was hotter than
hell, tough work with a tough boss. “The foreman was a hard-ass,”
recalls Fireball. “There was no b.s. It was get the job done. But he
was like a surrogate dad to me. He taught me to be a worker … I love
working.”

He worked construction for about nine years and then worked for
the phone company (SBC) for another 13.

Fireball said he moved to Mammoth once SBC disbanded and left
the state.

Sheet: Any romantic partners or entanglements?
Fireball: I was engaged once.
Sheet: Any long-term plans or dreams?
Fireball: I’m a day-to-day guy. I’m not looking to get rich. I actually
dread money. If I came into some, I’d probably give it all away … I’ve
got no long-range plans—unless there’s a sugar mama out there.

Fireball is looking forward to his new job at the Bistro and working
for Chef Dave Morriss. He is also looking forward to the fact that it’ll
be just a short walk to work from his residence in Old Mammoth. He
anticipates he’ll be working evenings Wednesday through Sunday.

As for Vons, what he’ll miss most of all are his regulars. “If you think
you’ll miss me, just know I’ll miss you even more.”
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ARE YOU CLIMBING ON A MONUMENT?
Bishop Paiute Tribe members lead panel discussion during Craggin’ Classic
By Giles

On Friday, November 3, The American Alpine Club (AAC) hosted a panel discussion titled “Climbing in Payahüünadü & Protecting Public Lands,” at its annual Fall Highball Craggin’ Classic in Bishop. The panel was organized by Jolie Varela, a member of the Bishop Paiute Tribe and founder of the local group Indigenous Women Hike.

Varela said she pushed for the panel after seeing that Los Angeles Department of Water and Power was a featured sponsor of the event. “When you take sponsorship from LADWP, this entity that is still oppressing Native people here, you are complicit in that oppression,” said Varela, pointing to ongoing disputes between LADWP and local Paiute Tribes over water rights on Tribal Lands. “The climbing community should know what LADWP has done to this valley,” said Varela.

The panel featured speakers Kris Hohag, a member of the Bishop Paiute Tribe, Varela, and Kathy Jeffery Bancroft, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Lone Pine Paiute Tribe.

Payahüünadü is the original name for the Owens Valley, and it means “the place where the water flows.” At Friday’s panel, Varela told the crowd she can only imagine what the Owens Valley once looked like. As most residents know, the landscape has been altered severely due to surface water and groundwater diversions by LADWP. Additionally, the extensive network of irrigation ditches and agricultural infrastructure that the Paiute people created and used to cultivate native plants for food now lies on public land largely managed by the United States government. For contrast, it is estimated that when Euro-American settlers first arrived in Payahüünadü, there were more than 200 miles of irrigation ditches that spanned the valley floor. As Hohag pointed out, the Bishop Paiute Tribe now occupies a roughly one-square mile piece of land in Bishop.

Another topic discussed was the forced removal of Indigenous people from land in the Eastern Sierra. According to a report by the National Park Service, in 1863, the United States Army forcibly removed 1,000 Paiute from Payahüünadü to Fort Tejon, in the mountains south of Bakersfield. The same year, white settlers massacred at least 35 Paiute men, women, and children on the shores of the Owens Lake.

“Native people have always been a part of public lands… but there has been a growing disconnection since colonization, and our people need to re-engage with the landscape,” said Hohag.

Bancroft told the audience that, because the history of Indigenous people is preserved in public lands as artifacts, petroglyphs, and sites of cultural significance, they have a strong desire to steward those places. “Our stories and where we live are what define us as a people,” said Bancroft. “How do we tell those stories if those places do not exist?”

Bancroft called on all to be good stewards of the places they enjoy, to pick up trash when they see it, treat the landscape with respect, be wary of petroglyphs and other artifacts, and to not trample desert flora. She asked that climbers volunteer for restoration projects, or consider becoming Site Steward volunteers for the Bureau of Land Management. She also asked that people camp at the established campgrounds outside of the Alabama Hills. Toilet paper has become an eyesore. “Don’t walk on it,” said Varela.

There is also, Varela said, power in learning and using the original names for recreation areas and landmarks. “Using original names is a way of acknowledging history,” said Varela. For example, the original Paiute name for Mount Tom is Winuba, which means “this is a sacred place to a lot of people. If we see someone walking on a petroglyph such as Sky Rock, say, ‘Hey this is a sacred place to a lot of people. Don’t walk on it,’” said Varela.

Varela said it’s important to hold each other accountable. “Are you climbing on a Paiute monument that you didn’t know about? Like Winnemusah? Don’t walk on petroglyphs. These are sacred places. If we see someone walking on a petroglyph such as Sky Rock, say, ‘Hey this is a sacred place to a lot of people. Don’t walk on it,’” said Varela.

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“The outdoor community and Indigenous people have a similar interest in protecting the land, and I chose to contact the AAC so that I could speak further about the issue with someone,” Varela said. “I have heard other Native people say they feel this way too, but I wouldn’t really feel comfortable just rolling up to the Buttermilks as a non-climber.” She said the cost of gear is a major obstacle to members of the Paiute community getting involved in the sport. The AAC will be funding a guided day of climbing for local Native youth and their families in Bishop later this month. “We are happy to build a relationship, keeping in mind that we all have the same passion in protecting these beautiful lands,” said Varela.
Second Mammoth Voices workshop covers special districts, counties

By Giles

At the Monday, November 6 session of Mammoth Voices’ Forum for Civic Discourse, Mono County Counsel Stacey Simon gave a presentation on what counties can and can’t do in California.

According to Simon (who is appointed by the Board of Supervisors to defend the County against litigation, advise the Board, and prosecute on behalf of the County), California’s 58 counties derive their authority from the State constitution. Every county has an elected Board of Supervisors, and an elected Sheriff, District Attorney, and Assessor. The Board of Supervisors directly appoints a County Administrative Official to oversee the day-to-day operations of the county.

According to Simon, counties are expected to act as arms of the state government. Most of the services that Mono County provides are ones that the State of California requires they fund. The minimal resources left over are for property taxes (such as Environmental Health, Animal Control, and the Department of Weights and Measures) are funded go to Discretionary Services. In Mono County, these are the Department of Tourism and Economic Development, and the Emergency Medical Services Department. Cities tend to have more authority to prioritize the services they wish to fund. “You tend to see a drop off in services when you leave the incorporated area because in a town, there are two layers of providers: the city and the county,” said Simon.

According to Simon, counties and special districts, namely the Board of Supervisors, must organize their districts with two goals: the projects they can fund and the services they wish to provide.

One of the largest special districts in Mono County is Mammoth Lakes, the only incorporated city in Mono County, but not the only population center. Under California law, these unincorporated population centers may form Special Districts. Special Districts are governmental agencies that operate outside the county’s jurisdiction and are formed to provide public services. Examples include Mammoth Community Water District, the June Lake Public Utilities Commission, the Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District, and various fire protection districts and departments. Oftentimes, Special Districts can prioritize the services they wish to fund. According to Chapman, 73 percent of the property tax collected in Mono County comes from Mammoth Lakes. The second largest contributor is Crowley, which contributes eight percent. Of those funds, approximately 35 percent is used to fund Special Districts, and about six percent goes to the Town of Mammoth Lakes. Thirty percent is retained as discretionary funds for the County, the bulk of which funds the Paramedics service.

Chapman said there are almost more commissions than there are people to fill them in Mono County. “The Mammoth Lakes Mosquito Abatement District is in desperate need of a board,” said Chapman. In his presentation, Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District Chief Frank Frievalt encouraged people to volunteer for Special District boards, quoting John F Kennedy in saying, “If not you, then who?”

“Don’t have to be a technical expert… What we need is a dedication to civil discourse.”

-Frank Frievalt

NOT QUITE A HOLE IN ONE

DeRose puts kibosh on Mammoth disc golf course

By Bedine

Inyo National Forest Acting District Ranger Margie DeRose has denied the Town of Mammoth Lakes a special use permit for a proposed disc golf course. According to the Inyo National Forest, “The decision was based upon the concern that the town did not explore the viability of options on private land that may be a better fit for the golf course. While the forest supports a range of recreational uses, the golf course may not be compatible with forest lands and forest management.”

Disc golf is similar to regular golf but instead of holes, there are baskets. Frisbees serve as “golf balls.” The Mammoth Recreation Commission discussed alternatives to Forest Service land at its meeting Tuesday, October 31.

The Mammoth Lakes Disc Golf Club approached the Town in 2016 with a request to build a course at Mammoth Creek Park East. That parcel is owned by the Forest Service but leased by the town.

There are several courses located near Shady Rest Park, but the club wants to bring the sport closer to town. The town is looking at additional parcels of its own land, including the Bell-Shaped parcel on the corner of Meridian Boulevard and Minaret Road. Mammoth Lakes Recreation Director Stu Brown told the Recreation Commission the Bell-Shaped parcel would require $200,000 to $300,000 in infrastructure improvements before it would be a viable location.

A course at Shady Rest would require about $20,000 to get Frisbees off the ground. The club, not the Town, has donated money to pay for a disc golf course consultant, Jamie Thomas of Disc Golf Park. Mike Wellwood of the club said having an organized and complete plan may persuade the Forest Service to approve the proposal.

Thomas had prophetic words about the potential of having a disc golf course. Disc golfers will come back to a course time and time again, if it’s good. Touring discers would bring tourism dollars to the community, he said. He had anecdotes, though no documentation, of country clubs that were in the red being made profitable again by turning part of their greens into disc golf courses. Bar sales purportedly went up too.

Disc golf is ecologically friendly, according to Thomas. To create a golf course, the land is razed and artificial hills and water are added. Disc golf welcomes trees and bushes, creating aesthetic and challenging courses.

Thomas and the commissioners were scheduled to talk about potential locations for a course and discuss the matter at a later date.

Look for the Mammoth Lakes Disc Golf Club on Facebook. To donate, send checks to MLR Disc Golf Club, PO Box 8298, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546. Contact Mike Wellwood at Mikewellwood11@yahoo.com or call 714.357.0741 for more information.
STUDYING SERVICE AT MHS

Mammoth High program offering hospitality skills is one-of-a-kind

By Bodine

Mammoth High School is offering a unique elective this year: hospitality. No other high school in California is offering a curriculum that includes ski repair classes. Class instructor Jon Simeon said schools in the Anaheim/Disneyland area offer hospitality courses, but there are no others with winter sports specific programs.

The school will be offering classes in basic employment skills like customer service, along with courses in ski tuning, event planning, retail, and reservations.

One student in the program recently got a job with Black Tie Ski Rentals. The student quickly got a raise and a promotion to supervisor after earning a Peak Performance Certification from the Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce, thanks in part to skills learned in the class, Simeon said. According to the Chamber, the certification “encourages a countywide standard of excellent customer service.”

Students will venture into the real world, shadowing professionals at Mammoth Mountain, for example. They’ll see how the call center works and how tickets are sold during school hours.

Stu Brown, Mammoth Lakes Recreation Director, said at a Recreation Commission meeting on November 1 that students could work or volunteer for the Town in the office, at the ice rink or at the pool. Tom Cage at Kittredge Sports is on board, Simeon said. Mammoth Mountain, Mammoth Lakes Tourism, Green Fox Entertainment, Mammoth Lakes Recreation and the Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association have offered to join in as well.

With a town full of experts in the industry, why not bring them in,” Simeon asked. Using local actors is one of the key components of the program, he added. The school received a $35,000 Career Tech Education grant through the California Department of Education to develop the program, then earned a $100,000 grant to implement the program. Simeon said the money will not go toward salaries, but rather program infrastructure like equipment and supplies.

A second year of the program will be added in 2019-20 with an emphasis on supervisory and management careers, which will “take it to the next level,” Simeon said.

Mammoth High School Principal Chris Powell told The Sheet employees have been looking for employees who know how to answer a phone and how to greet people, and who have basic customer service skills.

The inaugural class had about 20 spaces and 30 students applied.

BENCOMA GETS 141 YEARS
Judge Brian Lamb takes prior charges into account during sentencing

By Bodine

On Thursday, November 2, Inyo County Superior Court Judge Brian Lamb sentenced Ray- mond Bencoma III to 141 years and 26 months to life in prison, according to a press release from Inyo County District Attorney Tom Hardy.

On September 6, an Inyo County jury convicted Bencoma of four counts of felony assault with a firearm following an incident on August 26, 2016. According to Hardy, under California law, these charges are classified as serious felonies.

According to information provided by the Inyo County Sheriff’s Department and reported in The Sheet on September 3, 2016 (“Shots Fired on the Reservation”), in the early morning hours of Friday, August 26, Inyo County Sheriff’s Deputies were alerted to a possible domestic violence altercation on the Bishop Paiute Reservation. The alleged suspect was Bencoma. The deputies walked toward the residence where Bencoma was known to be, down a dark driveway with body cameras turned off, as is procedure. The camera’s bright red light glows when the camera is on, like a bullseye in the dark, Inyo County Undersheriff Jeff Hollowell explained to The Sheet in September 2016.

A deputy saw movement of his eye when a motion sensor light came on and Bencoma appeared from behind an out building pointing a semi-automatic hand gun at the deputies, according to information provided by the Inyo County Sheriff’s Department at the time of the incident. A deputy fired seven rounds, striking Bencoma at least twice.

Following the incident, Hardy released a statement saying that, based on preliminary evidence, the deputies were legally justified to shoot.

Obviously, this was a horrible situation and nothing good could have come of it...

- Tom Hardy

Bencoma was charged as a felon in possession of a firearm, with possession of stolen property, and with assaulting a peace officer.

On April 24, an Inyo County jury found Bencoma guilty of possession of a firearm and innocent on possession of stolen property, but was tried on the assault charges. Hardy told The Sheet in April. Whether or not Bencoma knowingly pointed a firearm at deputies is what the jury in couldn’t decide, Hardy explained.

Another trial was set for June, but there weren’t enough jurors. Judge Lamb denied Hardy’s request for a change of venue to try and round up more jurors, and set a new trial for September 5.

Hardy explained that his office argued for the long sentence based on the severity of the charges and Bencoma’s long rap sheet, which included three prior strike convictions, or violent felonies.

“The Court made the right decision” Hardy stated in the press release. “Obviously, this was a horrible situation and there is nothing good that could have come of it, but the law enforcement agencies handled the matter with the utmost professionalism and the jury entrusted with the case found the defendant guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. The Court carefully examined the sentencing factors, and did the right thing.”

The case against Mr. Bencoma was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Dee Shepherd. The case was originally investigated by the Inyo County Sheriff’s Department, with the assistance of the Bishop Police Department and Inyo District Attorney Investigators.

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INYO TALKS CANNA-BIZ ORDINANCES
By James

O n Tuesday, November 7, the Inyo County Board of Supervisors was given recommendations from its Planning Department on proposed ordinances that regulate the sale and production of cannabis within the County.

Supervisors discussed zoning, nuisance abatement, and commercial cannabis business license ordinances. Current Board Chairman, Fourth District County Supervisor Mark Tillmans, recused himself from the discussions after having told fellow supervisors that he was considering going into the cannabis business himself and wished to avoid any “perceived conflict of interest.” (“THC for the Tillemans” October 14). Tillmans formed a Limited Liability Company with the California Secretary of State’s office on September 19 called INYOSOL, LLC, which he described as a cultivation, manufacturing and distribution business.

Inyo County Planning Director Cathreen Richards went over the importance of local zoning ordinances involving land use. One key requirement under discussion only cover commercial activities and not personal cultivation. Under state law, adults 21 and older can keep up to six marijuana plants for personal use.

The draft ordinances can be viewed on the County’s website at www.inyo-county.us. Inyo County residents will have the opportunity to provide further input at meetings scheduled from 6-8 p.m. on Nov. 8 at the Olancha Fire House, Nov. 14 at the Big Pine Town Hall, Nov. 15 at Cerro Coso Community College and Nov. 16 at the Hurbbut-Rook Community Senior Center in Tecopa.

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What can you live with for a short term solution?
- Stacy Corless

ESTA’s Board of Directors.

While no decisions were made regarding cannabis ordinances, the Board did approve a separate agenda item which called for an interim moratorium on the unincorporated areas of Inyo County. Proposed County ordinances will take effect on January 1, 2018 when the state begins accepting licenses for commercial cannabis activity. The ordinances discussed at Tuesday’s meeting would take effect 30 days after adoption at the supervisors’ December 5 board meeting, according to CAO Carunchio. Because the ordinances impact land uses, they will have to be reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission.

Carunchio also noted that the ordinances under discussion only cover commercial activities and not personal cultivation. Under state law, adults 21 and older can keep up to six marijuana plants for personal use.

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Elevate Your Health
This past week the NFL was Sunday Knockouts. Fights everywhere and idiots getting kicked out of games and suspended. Some of these people need to be benched so they get some perspective. But at this point in the season, the coaches are fighting for their jobs so they want wins, damn the character and performance. Hello Jameis Winston. On with the picks.

Seattle Mariners laying 6 to the Arizona Diamondbacks. Oops. That’s baseball. But the football and baseball franchises score about the same amount. Lay the points. Seahawks win with a game-winning grand slam in the 9th inning.

Vikings laying 1 point at the Washingtonians. Lay the points. Only reason the ‘Skins won last week is because the ‘Hawks missed THREE field goals last week. So now Washington QB Kirk Cousins can boast he is 1-40 in big games and deserves the $30 million a year people think he will get. Lay the point. The Vikings can play defense and run the ball. Should be enough.

Bears laying 5.5 points to the Packers. Bear rookie QB Mitch Trubisky looks like he is throwing the ball with a slingshot. He is inaccurate and not producing a thing. And yet … lay the points because the Packers are lost without Rodgers. How can the Packers be considered a GREAT franchise year in and year out, but as soon as their QB is gone they can’t win a game. The year the Patriots lost Brady they went 11-5 starting Matt Cassel. Think about that. The Steelers lose QBs and still win games with over-the-hill guys like Michael Vick. The Vikings lose QBs and win games with Case Keenum. Packers GM Mike Maccagnan deserves to fired, caned, stoned and pegged with a barbed wire strap-on. Their roster is GARBAGE.

Steelers laying 10 points at Colts. Take the Colts plus the points. The Steelers are coming off a bye week. That means the Steelers coaches, players and trainers have watched a lot of Blackish, Brooklyn 99 and Power reruns on their week off. They have done everything but study game film and prepare. QB Ben Roethlisberger will be rustier than my old 1985 Dodge Ram Pickup.

Jaguars laying 3.5 points to the Chargers. Take the Jaguars. Blake Bortles is due for a three-interception game.

Jets laying 2.5 points to the Bucs in Tampa. The Bucs are a dumpster fire layered in manure. They need to fire the coach now and put the QB on notice. I have been a Jameis Winston fan but did you see his act last week? He is on the sidelines poking an opposing player in the back of the head after a play, starting a brawl that gets his own teammates kicked out and suspended. But even before the game he gave one of the most bizarre pregame speeches ever, with him making some weird Rap culture WESTSIDE sign, then explaining it meant WINS and proceeded to “Eat the W finger sign” saying he wanted the team to taste and eat some wins? What was that? His own team stood there lost and confused. I would drug test his ass immediately.

Titans laying 4.5 points to the Bengals. For some reason neither team wants to admit their coach sucks. Titans Head Coach Mike Mularkey was a bad coach at two prior stops before the Titans decided to put a top 2 draft pick QB in his hands. And he has since hamstrung Mariota from having ANY success in the league with his archaic offensive system. Please tell me ANY-ONE has an idea what the Titans are trying to do on offense. Lay the points … simply because it’s 2 a.m. and it’s the only lay you can find before the bar closes.

Saints laying 3 points at Buffalo. Take the Bills plus the points. I know folks love the Saints with the defense and running the ball, but those dome teams don’t like that cold-ass weather. Record lows forecast this weekend.

Lions laying 12 points to the Browns. Browns thinking about signing MHS Football Coach Tyson Kaylor to be their backup QB now that the MHS season is over. Lay the points.

Rams laying 12 points to the Texans. So Watson goes down and now the Texans are the Texas Tech Red Raiders? Wow. Lay the points.

Falcons laying 3 points to the Cowboys. Take the Cowboys plus the points. The Falcons have no rhythm, no identity and no heart. They have been 28-3 in mediocrity.

Giants laying 2.5 points to the Niners.
Mono County Supervisors pass ordinance allowing CAO to take steps to create housing for homeless, mentally ill

By Bedine

Mono County Behavioral Health (MCBH) is developing a new plan to offer housing to people without it, particularly to the mentally ill. Previously, MCBH planned to refurbish the dilapidated Davison House, the only transitional and permanent supportive housing in Mono County, which has sat empty (on Davison Street in Mammoth) for five years. However, that building would cost more to fix than building a new structure, according to MCBH Director Robin Roberts.

“To renovate it would be out of our price range [many millions], and it would invoke a variety of permitting issues that may make it impossible,” Roberts explained. The well-worn building was damaged even more by last winter’s heavy snow. Other options include razing the building at 71 Davison and constructing new digs, but that would not be cost-efficient either, she added.

A MCBH housing committee could recommend selling the property, given approval from the Board of Supervisors, and that money—funds which were originally earmarked for other uses—could go towards a new facility.

Mono County Supervisors passed an ordinance on Tuesday, November 7 allowing the County Administrative Officer to “perform any and all necessary acts” to acquire and purchase land that may be a suitable property for the housing facility. Roberts said the ordinance would speed up the process of buying land or a building, given the fast and competitive nature of the Mammoth Lakes real estate market.

Roberts told The Sheet in an email that the supervisors will make the final decision for the Davison House. MCBH and its Housing Committee are still exploring options and should make recommendations to the supervisors in December or January.

Unfortunately, a house can’t be built just anywhere. Permanent Supportive Housing needs to be close to treatment facilities, medical care, schools and job training. “It is based on the principle that all people do better when they have a sense of purpose and hope,” Roberts said.

Many people with mental illness do not own cars, so Mammoth is the most viable location. “While for some people with severe mental illness the issue is functioning in our bigger world and society, poverty is the issue for all of the folks that we serve who also have these concerns.”

Residents of the facility would include the area’s homeless community and those with mental illness. “Housing those with mental illness is our mission; nearly all who are currently homeless have a severe mental illness.”

Roberts said the days of “we don’t have homeless here because of the winter” are over. It’s hard to determine how many homeless people there are in the county (and country) because the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Point-In-Time homeless count occurs in one day in January.

There is no gathering center for local homeless people in Mono County. They could be dug in for the winter in the woods or couch surfing, and don’t get included in the count.

“A few of those folks are known to us, receive services from us, but not all by a long shot,” Roberts said. Housing is difficult to find and keep in Mammoth Lakes, which is made even tougher when living on a fixed income. Roberts explained that the average amount a person gets from Supplemental Security Income, orSSI, for a psychiatric disability is $869 a month, close to the monthly cost of a rental in Mammoth. Roberts added that the program will charge rent, but it will not exceed 30 percent of a person’s income.

The Walker/Coleville area may be a viable place for housing. Roberts said the MCBH owns land there already. People have managed to survive on SSI and there is community support, “so, we may provide some type of support to it with programs.”

Last week, the Town of Mammoth Lakes announced a tentative agreement to purchase 25 acres of the Shady Rest Parcel and MCBH will be looking in that direction for a possible location, said Roberts.

There is no emergency housing in the County, and there are people on a waiting list for housing through Inyo Mono Advocate for Community Action (IMACA), Roberts added.

Funding for the housing project is made possible through the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), Proposition 63. Also known as the “Millionaire’s Tax,” Prop 63 was passed by Golden State voters in 2004. The act levies an additional 1 percent income tax on individuals earning $1 million or more. That revenue, $750 million in 2005-06, goes toward many mental health programs.

MCBH has been saving up bits of the MHSA money for some time, and there’s now $2.5 million in a local piggybank for housing and programs. Those monies have been vetted through the state’s required process, Roberts said, and are earmarked specifically for those uses.

Roberts explained to the supervisors that there is movement at the state level to skim a little bit of MHSA money, but smaller counties like Mono should have a little extra time before the looting occurs.

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Nasal Spray

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A message from CA Public Health, Mono County Public Health, & Inyo County Health & Human Services, Public Health & Prevention Division
“Nothing is settled at the state level, so while we have some urgency to get this money into a project, the real emergency is to get people housed,” Roberts said.

As The Sheet reported in November 2016, there has been a Not In My Backyard (NIMBY) reaction to subsidized group housing. Roberts said the housing committee will talk with residents, stakeholders and community members about the proposal.

“So far, the positive responses have far outweighed the negative (so far only from second home owners),” Roberts said. “Most people understand that the people we are working with, who we are looking to create housing for, are current residents of Mammoth and Mono County. Some have been here much longer than many of us—30 plus years—and live with and amongst the rest of us.”

As the project gels and there are clear ideas of what MCBH wants to do moving forward, there will be community forums and public comment. “Mostly, I hope that the good people of our Town and County will participate by offering ideas, job training, making significant progress towards making amends after months of self-inflicted turmoil.

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Roberts told the Mono County Board of Supervisors in October 2016 that “Housing is the single most important factor for success for those with substance abuse and mental illness.”

CRIHB NOTES

Toiyabe Indian Health Project Board of Directors receives help from Rural Indian Health Board

By James

At the Friday, November 3 meeting of the Toiyabe Indian Health Project (TIHP) Board of Directors, the Board appeared to be making significant progress towards making amends after months of self-inflicted turmoil.

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For at least the third month in a row, there was no financial report given to the Board at its meeting. TIHP with CRIHB’s assistance, is still trying to fill the project’s Chief Financial Officer position. When Southern Inyo Hospital was forced to close and undergo bankruptcy procedures in 2015, a chief factor in the District’s financial unrest was the Board of Directors’ lack of access to official financial reports. SIH Board members had no idea of what the true financial status of SIH was. Apparently, neither does the TIHP board.

The Board also heard from their Bank of America financial advisors, Blake Godinger and Timm Eckhardt. The news here was positive. More employees are participating in the 401(k) matching and profit-sharing programs. Reserves have increased from $5.3 million to $6.6 million over the past two years.

Acting/temporary CFO Rosario Arreola, also on loan from CRIHB, reported to the Board that the number of clients using Toiyabe Clinics is up. Arreola also told the Board that TIHP staff is looking into the flexibility of deadlines for several grant applications that were missed while the board was in turmoil, one of which was for $1.52 million.

At the end of the meeting, the board went into Executive Session to interview a prospective candidate for the position of CEO.

TIHP’s next board meeting is scheduled for January 5, 2018 at 9 a.m. The public is encouraged to attend.

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HIKE BEFORE THE SNOW FLIES
Mammoth Lakes Trail System added three more miles of trails to the Sherwins Area this season
By Rea

There’s still time to check out two of Mammoth’s brand new trails before the snow flies—if you hurry. Mammoth Lakes Trails Coordinator Joel Rathje told The Sheet this week that the two-mile Meadow Trail Connector, which connects the Sherwin Trailhead to the Mammoth Rock Trail, was finished in late October, and the one-mile Mammoth Rock Trail Connector, which joins up the Sherwin Trailhead (otherwise known as the “borrow pit” or “propane tanks”) to the Mammoth Rock Trail, was finished on July 1.

“A lot of people have been using [the new trails],” said Rathje on Monday, November 5. “I am grateful we were able to finish [the Meadow Trail Connector] before winter.”

Rathje described the newest addition to the Mammoth Lakes Trails System (MLTS) as a “hand-built dirt single track trail. Classic rolling contour design was the project description going into it, and it’s the kind of work I love most. Good, hard, simple work.” Rathje can almost always be found working on his own projects, and a cadre of local volunteers usually lend a hand to get the jobs done. Trail Days event was held on August 5, which culminated in a ribbon-cutting of the new trail, which was the second new trail segment in the Sherwin Area Recreation Plan (SHARP) completed this season.

Volunteers for that event received Bluesapalooza wrist bands for a night of music, thanks to Mammoth Brewing Company.

Rathje told The Sheet that a big part of the work was completed by the Cal Fire inmate crews from the Owens Valley Conservation Camp in Bishop. “I’ve found that for hand-built trail work [using inmate crews is] an ideal situation,” said Rathje, who noted that the crews typically work on brush-clearing, rock moving and getting the base of the trail established, before trained trail workers come in and do the final touches.

Because the cost of hiring an entire inmate crew comes in at only $226 per day and they bring their own tools, Rathje said, their efforts saved the Mammoth Lakes Trail System (funded by Measure R) a great deal of money. Rathje said trails of this nature “typically come in at about $5 per foot, but we came in at about $2 per foot.”

The total cost of constructing the two new trails (which does not include the cost of environmental review) is currently $14,093, said Rathje, although he expects that final cost will rise slightly due to a few more invoices coming in.

Rathje spoke at Town Council last week about infrared trail counters, 38 of which MLTS installed at various trail points across Mammoth this summer. Data collected from July 1 until October found that trail traffic on the new Mammoth Rock Trail Connector averaged 28.2 hikers daily. Since the Meadow Trail Connector was just finished, no data is yet available for that trail, but after talking with Rathje, I grabbed my pup and my running shoes and went for a jog to check it out.

The trail is lovely, meandering through sage and petite manzanita scrub on the hillside adjacent to the Snowcreek condominiums. It gains about 400 feet in elevation on its way to meet the Mammoth Rock Trail, which overlooks the meadow at the end of Tamarack Street in Old Mammoth. There are multiple bike tracks, footprints and deer tracks crisscrossing the tamped-down dirt and patches of light snow that dotted the trail.

A nice touch was a tree that had been cut into a chair which overlooked the meadow just before the trail joined up with the Mammoth Rock Trail.

And, once the snow settles over Mammoth, Rathje’s got more up his sleeve—MLTS plans to groom an extra three miles of snow trails at Shady Rest this winter, bringing the full extent of the popular groomed trail system to six miles.

MLTS also got approval from the Mammoth Lakes Ranger District to include winter fat biking as one of the allowed activities in Shady Rest, so expect fat bikers to join snowmobilers, snowshoers, cross country skiers and dog walkers in the great outdoors this winter.
TRIBE SNOWBOARDS DROPS IN
Locally-owned snowboard company gears up for 2017-18 season with new designs, availability in Mammoth

By Rea

Jake Elhart holds up Tribe's first-ever snowboard. "It turned out terribly," he laughed.

Jake Elhart, the 26-year-old owner of Tribe Snowboards, was caught in a little bit of a transition this week. When The Sheet showed up to interview him, Elhart, a Michigan native, was waiting on a delivery of Tribe's first overseas order of 285 snowboards—two days before Mammoth Mountain's opening day—but he didn't have a place to store them. Wearing track pants and a flannel, Elhart poked through a warehouse of wooden snowboard cores, printed graphics and glass beakers of liquid urethane at the Sierra Industrial Park. Elhart is waiting to move into his permanent space, which is currently occupied by Matt Hammer's Shelter Distilling copper stills (which Hammer needs a permit to move). But Elhart seemed unfazed by the chaos, which is probably a good quality for a small business owner who taught himself to make snowboards, operate heavy machinery and market his product—all within the span of a few years.

"I've worked at skate and snowboard shops since high school," said Elhart, "and really just kind of went out on a whim," when he found some snowboard presses for sale online in 2014. "I had some extra money saved up, and I talked to my dad and he said, 'Okay, put together a business plan and get back to me.'" He bought his first press in September of that year, but "really over the course of that winter Shawn [Ross, Elhart's right hand man] and I were just figuring out how to build boards," said Elhart, who held up Tribe's first-ever board as an example of how much progress they've made. "We ended up putting top sheet on the base of the board, he said, chuckling. "It came out terribly!"

Three seasons and a bunch of snowboards later (Elhart says he's really not sure how many boards Tribe has made), Elhart jokes that he'll "store the [incoming] snowboards in the guest room of my house if I have to," in order to get them ready for sale at Wave Rave in Mammoth Lakes, and on the company's website.

Though he and his father are the sole financial stakeholders, Elhart says none of Tribe's successes would be possible without east coast transplant Ross, who "has been my partner since the beginning. Financially he doesn't have any stake, but time and commitment-wise, he's been in it from the start."

He's also had help from Mammoth residents Chris Foster and Jeff Harvey (who is one of Tribe's sponsored riders and the namesake of one of their boards).

This season, Elhart said, Tribe outsourced manufacture of some of their boards to GP87 in Taiwan (who made the product that will be arriving on Friday) in order to make their workload more manageable. "The three of us [Elhart, Ross and Foster] would be in there slaving away, and we can't get boards made as fast or as cheap as we could from another manufacturer," said Elhart. "We were in the shop a lot more than we were on the hill," which was antithetical to the whole reason they got into the snowboard manufacturing business in the first place.

Tribe will still be manufacturing kids' boards and custom projects at their shop in Mammoth Lakes, Elhart said. Even with the outsourcing, Elhart's still definitely got his hands full—he works as a valet at the Westin a few days a week, and, as if he didn't have enough on his plate, he's getting married in June (he picked up a call from a potential wedding DJ as he showed off some of last year's snowboard designs).

This year's models feature graphics by Elhart, Salt Lake City's Brett Johnson (the Hendrix), Denver-based Ian Curran (the ladies' Wild Thing), and details, www.facebook.com/tribesnowboards.

Scope out Tribe's designs at Wave Rave in Mammoth Lakes beginning early next week, and always at www.tribesnowboards.com.
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**BARS & MUSIC**

**Happy Hour**
The Liberty Sports Bar and Grill. Pursuit of Happiness Hour, 3-6 p.m. Half price sushi, $2 off wine, $4 well drinks, $2 off specialty drinks. $5 Flatbread. See ad, page 7.

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

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

**Clocktower Cellar**
Happy Hour 4:30-7 p.m. daily and all day Sunday. $5 dollar menu items, drink specials. See ad, p. 13.

**Mammoth’s famous Slocums Happy Hour**
Mon, Fri 4-6; Saturday-4:5 Closed Sun. See ad, p. 19.

**Happy Hour @ The Bistro at Snowcreek**
4:30-6:30 p.m. daily. Mammoth Tavern Happy Hour Tuesday-Sunday 3:30-5:30 p.m. Closed Mondays.

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

**Side Door Happy Hour**
daily 3-6 p.m. Good times Happy Hour, daily 4-6 p.m. Large pizza and a pitcher of beer gets you free wings.

**Lakeside Happy Hour**
3:30-6:30 p.m., $4.50 margaritas, Mai Tais. Happy Hour drink specials 10 p.m.-close.

**Blacks Velvet Coffee’s Happy Hour**
7-9 p.m. 377 W. Line St. Bishop. $4.50 margaritas, Mai Tais. Happy Hour drink specials 10 p.m.-close.

**Lakanuki**
6:30 Sunday-Thursday. Street tacos $2.50, $3.50 beers, $7.50 beer/wine 6:30 Sunday-Thursday. Street tacos $2.50, $3.50 beers, $7.50 beer/wine.

**November 10-11**
Crooked Eye Tommy plays the Liberty Bar. 9 p.m. both nights. See ad page 7.

**Friday, November 10**
**VTA & C-Money, formerly of Slightly Stoopid**
10 p.m.

**Live music with the Sundowners**
on the Main Lodge sundeck at Mammoth. 1-4 p.m.

**Saturday, November 11**
**Live performance with Sarah McConnell and Open Mic** @ The Next. 6-10 p.m. Free.

**DJ Rodney O @ Rafters. Snowboard raffle, swag.**
10 p.m.

**Sunday, November 12**
**Some Assembly Required** plays @ Black Doubt Brewery. 7-9 p.m. Free.

**Football Happy Hour Specials** @ The Outlaw Saloon. Specials run during the game. First game @10 a.m. See ad, p. 9.

**Monday, November 13**
**Bowing ‘n Beats, opening weekend @ Mammoth Rock ‘n Bowl.** 9 p.m.

**Manic Mondays @ the Outlaw Saloon Happy Hour**
4 p.m.-close. See ad, p. 9.

**Tuesday, November 14**
**Tuesday Night Special @ Morrison’s Glass of wine or draft Coors Light with any entrée.**

**Karaoke @ Rafters** with DJ CDS. 10 p.m.

**TOWN STUFF**

**Friday, November 10**
**Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra**
Volunteer meeting @ Rafters. Snacks and happy hour pricing on drinks.

**Turkey Bingo with the June Lake Women’s Club.** Win wonderful prizes and enter the drawing for food and drinks available. 6-8:30 p.m. @ 90 W. Granite Ave, June Lake.

**Movie screening for Mammoth opening weekend:** Level 1’s “Habit” at the Westin. 7 p.m.

**Artist reception for “Water”** at MAC Gallery & Art Center. Meet the artists, enjoy wine and snacks, and buy art! 5 p.m. 437 Old Mammoth Road.

**Saturday, November 11**
**Chasing ADVAnture with Chris Bencheller** at Mammoth Sports in the Village. 5-7 p.m.

**Movie Screening: Absinthe’s TurboDojo** (featuring Kimmy Fasani) @ Black Kitchen & Cocktails. 8:30 p.m.

**Eastern Sierra Audubon Society COSA/Bird Walk.** Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the BLM/Forest Service Office on Pacu Lane in Bishop. Birders of all abilities welcome. Info: hilary@bhehr@ bishoppaiute.org or 760.920.5297.

**Free Entrance to All National Parks.** Entrance fees waived to honor veterans.

**Veterans Day Memorial Service.** 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. @ the Pioneer Cemetery. 11 a.m. @ Mammoth Lakes Fire Station 1. See ad page 7 and sidebar, this page.

**Sunday, November 12**
**Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre presents “Art Dog.”** 11 a.m. @ Edison Theatre. Tickets, 760.934.0932. See ad page 2 and sidebar, next page.

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**Mammoth Voices: Local Civic Involvement.** 5-7 p.m. @ The Fort. Free workshop on running for public office or getting appointed to a commission or board.

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**Tuesday, November 14**
**Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours @ Black Tie Skis.** 5-7 p.m. Free for Chamber members, $10 for non-members.

**Art & Wine: Marbled Scarf with Red Beetle Jewelry @ Mono Arts Council.** Make a great holiday gift for someone special with Deb & Liz from Red Beetle Jewelry (of the Labor Day Festival of the Arts). 5:30-8:30 p.m. @ MAC, 437 Old Mammoth Road. Sign up now @ monoarts.org/art-wine-clases.

**Ribbon Cutting @ Footloose Sports** in Mammoth Lakes. Meet the new owners, check out the store and show your support for a beloved community establishment. 4-5 p.m. @ 3043 Main St. in Mammoth.

**Bishop Water & Sewer Commission meets.** 7-9 p.m. 377 W. Line St. Bishop.
The Bishop AARP Tax-Aide site need volunteers for the upcoming tax season. We are looking for Tax Counselors, Client Facilitators and Translators. Client Facilitators and Translators require minimal training. Tax counselors will receive specialized training utilizing IRS and AARP provided materials. The materials are provided in early December, which allows time for self-study prior to the classroom training which is scheduled for February 4-5 and 8-11. The Bishop Tax-Aide Site will operate 2 afternoons a week and Saturdays. Volunteers generally serve a minimum of four to five hours per week February-April 15. To join the Bishop Tax-Aide volunteers, register online @ aarpfoundation.org/taxaidевolunteer. Info: Sue Stavlo @ 760.934.5674.

Art Dog

Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre's annual event for Young Audiences (TYA) production for 2017 is based on the children's book "Art Dog" by Thacher Hurd. There will be one public performance on Sunday, November 12 at 11 a.m. at the Edison Theatre. Tickets for that show are on sale now. This charmingly art-full production by playwright John Oliver includes music by Susan Ennis. The show is directed by local Susan Dalian and features locals Tim Casey, Lisa Gill, Susan Dalian, and Maurice Cooper as Art Dog. The show includes dog-centered reproductions of art created by Rhonda Saunders of Bishop.

The one public performance on November 12 is an opportunity for parents to share the experience with their children, as well as for visitors, home schooled students, and all those who still have the light of childhood in their hearts. Purchase tickets in advance at www.MammothLakesRepertoryTheatre.org ($15 Adults/$10 Children). Tickets at the door: $15 per person -No discounts.

Fall Street Sweeping in Bishop

Leaves are starting to fall in Bishop and the city Public Works crew will be stepping up the street sweeping effort in response. The crew needs help from people that park vehicles on city streets.

The city crew will sweep each Wednesday and Thursday between about 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. and will continue on this schedule into December. To keep out of the way of this operation:

Don't park on the west and north sides of city streets on Wednesdays. The north and west sides of the streets are odd-numbered addresses.

Don't park on the east and south sides of city streets on Thursdays. The east and south sides of the streets have even numbered addresses.

These “don't park” times only apply when street sweeping is in progress – each Wednesday and Thursday from 7 to 3 – and apply to the full length of city streets.

AT THE MOVIES

Minaret Cinemas

Thor: Ragnarok (PG 13): Thor faces The Hulk in a gladiatorial contest then has to save the world.

Only the Brave (P 13): Based on the story of the Granite Mtn. hotshots, elite firefighters risk all to protect small town.

For movie times, call 760.934.3131 or visit mammothlakesmovies.com. Every Tuesday is customer appreciation day! All seats, all shows $6.00.

TOWN STUFF

Wednesday, November 15

Turkey Bingo with the Mammoth Lakes Women's Club. 8 round prizes include turkeys, hams, home baked pies, and more. Final black out round: Catalina getaway - $20=$3 cards. Additional cards, $10 each. 5:30-11 p.m. @ Lakamuki. info@ mammothlakeswomensclub.org.

Mammoth Minaret Mystery Show: 7 p.m. @ Mammoth Brewing Co. Tickets: 760.934.7141 or http://www.mammothbrewingco.com.

Thursday, November 16

Community Conversation @ Mammoth Brewing Co. 6-8 p.m. See sidebar, this page.

Saturday, November 18

Tamarack XC Ski Center Opening Day. Enjoy the groomed trails, conditions permitting, 8:30 a.m. Convict Lake XC Ski Center Opening Day. 8:30 a.m. @ the junction of Highway 395 and Convict Lake Road at 8:30 a.m. Coffee and light breakfast provided. Info: wildonioncreations.com, 760.873.6500.

Sewing Workshop: Home decor pillow with Inyo Council of the Arts. Make your own 12”x12” pillow with custom-printed photo. Some sewing experience is suggested. Info: wildonioncreations.com. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. @ ICA, 137 Main St, Bishop.

Upcoming

Great American Smokeout. Quit today until you can quit for good. See p. 10.

Friday, November 17

Sewing basics class at Inyo Council for the Arts in Bishop. New to sewing or need a refresher? Join ICA for this fun class. Limited spots available. 6-8:30 p.m. @ ICA, 137 Main St. Bishop. Tix: wildonioncreations.com.

Saturday, November 18

Three screenings of The Longest Straw in the Owens Valley. Friday: Smokeyhouse Banquet room, 325 Main St. in Lone Pine. 6-9 p.m. Saturday: Inyo Council for the Arts, 137 Main St. in Bishop. 6-8:30 p.m. Sunday: Owens Valley Growers Cooperative, 149 Edwards St. in Independence. 6-8:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 18

Holiday Soiree with the Eastern Sierra Volunteer Association (ESVA). A festive evening of holiday arts, gifts, and performances. Tickets: 760.934.3131 or mammothlakesmovies.com. 6-8 p.m. Tix: $20 online, $22 at the door, no discounts. Elks Lodge, 151 E. Line St. Bishop. Tix: mammothlakesfoundation.org for more information.

The Rotary Club of Mammoth Lakes is pleased to announce and invite members of the community to attend the annual Veterans Day event which is scheduled for Saturday, November 11. The event will begin at 9 a.m. and will conclude at the Mammoth Lakes Fire Department, Station #1. This celebration is co-sponsored by a number of groups including Mono County, the Town of Mammoth Lakes, Mono County Fire, Disabled Sports of Eastern Sierra, The Rotary Club of Mammoth Lakes, The Community Emergency Response Team, Mammoth Lakes Police Department, and the Mammoth Lakes Fire Department. Please contact rich@ mammothlakesfoundation.org for more information about the event.

Winter Transit Service Changes

Transit services in the Town of Mammoth Lakes will be modified as of November 17.

• The Red Line will commence operations with the same service, times, and stops at the Mammoth Lakes 790 and 290 intersections.

• The Yellow Line will switch to night service operating from 5:40 p.m. until 2:00 a.m.

• In addition, the Purple Line route will be slightly modified to travel northbound on Manzanita from Meridian to Main Street and southbound on Lupin from Main Street to Meridian. Also, the Purple Line will switch its alternating service to the College and elementary school with departures from Vons at the top of the hour, and to the RV Park and Visiting nurse, with departures from Vons half-past the hour.

Please contact ESTA at 760.920.3359 for more information.
Help Wanted

Mammoth Lakes, CA

FULL TIME MAIDS NEEDED
Housekeeper & Maid Assistant
Mammoth Mountain Chalets
$15-$17/hr, 1 year experience preferred.
600 Commerce Dr, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
760.934.8518 Ext 0
or e-mail plp@thelearningtable.com

Full and part time work available in Mammoth and Bishop. Friendly, self-starter, retired experience required. Be a part of the best staff, help the best customers, and help sell the best things. Apply at Mammoth Mountain Skiing Supply, Alpine Approach, Mammoth Gear Exchange or at mammothmountain.com

Housekeeper must be able to work as a team to clean several bedroom chalets after departures & prepare for arrivals. Spanish speaking is a plus, but not required. 1 year of experience preferred.
Debbie & Mike Crowe
Mammoth Mountain Chalets
800.327.3681 Ext 0 (CA)
760.934.8518 Ext 0
Reservations@MMChalets.com

“Looking for a career in municipal finance and want to be part of the changing face of local government in Mammoth Lakes? The Town is looking for a Revenue Specialist to join our Finance Department. Full-time with a generous benefits package, $39,364 - $55,389. For more info, visit www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

Full Time Maintenance Manager Needed
Looking for a responsible and reliable Maintenance / Property Manager for upscale Mammoth community. Previous maintenance experience required. Bilingual preferred. Full time, 40 hours per week. Pay DOE. Email resume to info@mammothresortmanagement.com, call 760.934.8372, or stop by 1914 Meridian Blvd.

Maintenance Assistant Job
Must be able & willing to work as a team to clean several bedroom chalets after departures & prepare for arrivals. Spanish speaking is a plus, but not required. 1 year of experience preferred.
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Food Cache Cafe
Now Hiring Full Time & Part Time Line Cooks, $11.50-$13/hr DOE. Experience is preferred but not required. Full time, 40 hours per week. Pay DOE. Email resume to info@mammothresortmanagement.com, call 760.934.8372, or stop by 1914 Meridian Blvd.

Hotel seeking front desk agent/night audit to join our team. This position is a graveyard shift 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. 16-24 hours per week. Perfect if you have a part time job and are looking to pick up extra shifts. Experience/ knowledge of hotels is a plus but not required. Starting hourly ranges based on experience. Please deliver resume in person or pick up application at Sierra Lodge located at 3540 Main or send to info@sieralojde.com

Surefoot Mammoth is hiring for the upcoming winter season! Seeking passionate skiers to fill multiple positions as Resort Interface/ Associate positions.
We are looking for competitive pay and a season pass with time to use it. Must have excellent customer service skills and be able to work in a fast paced, demanding environment. This is a great opportunity to learn an important skill in the ski industry. Email resume to mammoth@surefoot.com or stop by the store to fill out an application.

Sales and Marketing Assistant
Assist Manager of Marketing. Sales for Mammoth Resort. Duties include: Develop and maintain reservations website updates, print materials and ad copy, assist marketing director at trade shows, and general office duties. Excellent experience in Adobe Design and Word-Press. Must be outgoing and customer oriented.
$16.35/ hr medical insurance, 401(k), PTO and bonus. Please send resume to kristi@surefoot.com or call 760.934.3800 ext 46

Mammoth Rock & Bowl/Mammoth Rock Braiessee has the following positions:
- Bistro, Bowling Manager, Food & Beverage, Server, Bartender, Braiessee Hostess.
- Contact Kevin O’Connell at 760.934.4200 ext.223, or Ann Ward ext. 222.

Full and Part time Front Desk Person
Looking for a dedicated, hard-working road crew!

Front Desk/Maintenance Worker and Housekeeper
Hillock Haus Motel and Hostel is hiring for your round permanent position for our experienced Maintenance Workers. Excellent pay DOE. Please contact Todd Roberts at 760.934.2414 or stop by and see us at 8000 Main Street 303 in Mammoth Lakes.

Full and Part time Hospitality Positions Available
Seeking responsible, outgoing hospitality/ reservation agents for local management company. Excellent phone/customer service skills required. Previous reservation experience preferred. Flexible 16-40 hours per week starting immediately. $12-14/hr DOE. Please email resume to stacey@mammothresortmanagement.com.

Maintenance-Office receptionist:
Maintenance with office duties needed for a reputable Mammoth Company. Full-time position is a must. Please send resume to info@mountainbackbrentals.com

Work With The Best. Footloose Sports, nationally recognized as a top ski retailer is hiring for the upcoming season. We are seeking a staff who work as hard as they play. We're looking for responsible individuals, passionate about winter sports, and dedicated to provide the best customer service experience.
We have full and part-time positions in our stores, rental, boot, and ski repair departments. We are offering great pay DOE, discounts and flexible hours, in progressive work environments all over. Call 760.934.2400. Go to our website at footloosesports.com or e-mail your resume to footloose@footloosesports.com to schedule an interview.

Now Hiring - front desk/customer service, part time/full time, competitive wage based on experience. Computer knowledge a must. Please send resume to manage@1849condos.com.

For Rent
Mammoth Slopes Home
Room for rent, 10 sq. ft., Bath and shower, Walk to Village and Shuttle Utilities Included (W/D Internet must be Dog Friendly Non Smoker $1100 per month. Available 11-15-17 760.965.6715 Instant space for lease, 2000 - 4000 sq ft. License required available. Email interest to davemammoth@mammoth.com

For Hire
Bookkeeping Services Available. Let me keep your books up-to-date and in order while you focus on your business or on your life. Previous experience with Quickbooks, Microsoft Office, Drop- box, Google Docs. Great references available. 800.340.0892.


Help Wanted
Drivers Wanted:
The Eastern Sierra Transit Authority is seeking responsible and energetic Drivers. Commercial License preferred. Paid training class for a Commercial license, Passenger Endorsements and Airbrake Certificate for selected candidates. vacations from Bishop available 7- days a week. -Pre-employment and random drug screening required.

Year-round Driver – MAMMOTH LAKES
Multiple year-round positions open are available. The positions will be 40 hours a week during the peak operating season (approximately July 1 through Labor Day, and approximately December through April 20). These positions will be scheduled for reduced weekly hours during the shoulder season. The positions will all be based at ESTRAS Mammoth Lakes facility.

Benefits for the 75% Driver Position include:
• Participation in PERS (California Public Employee Retirement System) in compliance with the California Public Employee Retirement Reform Act of 2013
• 11 paid Holidays
• Comprehensive Leave (vacation/sick leave)
• PERS Health Insurance
• Vision/Dental reimbursement
• Life Insurance

SALARY AND BENEFIT INFORMATION:
Range: 25: $15.75 - $19.75
Applications can be found online at: www.estransit.com, Mammoth Office (210 Commerce Dr), Bishop Office (703B Airport Rd) or 760.872.1901 ext. 11
Applications due by November 17, 2017

EEO Employer

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person Is Doing Business As: Kelly Schuering
Kelly Schuering
P.O. Box 8632 Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

This business is conducted by an Individual and the business is not a corporation, partnership or other business entity under the fictitious business name listed above.航 Daily Vanpool service from Bishop facility.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on August 8, 2017.
File Number 2017-0209 (11/11, 11/18, 11/25, 12/2)

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person Is Doing Business As: Kelly Kell 22
Kelly Kell 22
P.O. Box 8632 Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person Is Doing Business As: Life Flow Media
Matthew Jaroslawski
P.O. Box 778, 211 Pinecrest Ave.
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

This business is conducted by an Individual and the business is not a corporation, partnership or other business entity under the fictitious business name listed above.航 Daily Vanpool service from Bishop facility.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on October 12, 2017.
File Number 17-195

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Request for Qualifications

TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)

Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Enforcement

The Town of Mammoth Lakes is seeking proposals from interested companies (Consultants) for preparation of transit oriented development (TOD) enforcement monitoring in Mammoth Lakes, California.

Mammoth Lakes is a growing community of approximately 8,200 residents. It is renowned for its spectacular natural setting, summer, and outdoor recreation opportunities. The Mammoth Lakes region is renowned for their spectacular natural settings, summer, and outdoor recreation opportunities.

II. Background

Mammoth Lakes is a growing community of approximately 8,200 residents. Mammoth Lakes and the Mammoth Lakes School District are located in the Mammoth Lakes area, primarily under the ownership of the United States Forest Service (USFS).

The Town of Mammoth Lakes municipal code as well as the Mammoth Lakes Professional Services Agreement, identifies the top (3) firms for interview shall be public information. The Consultant will perform its services at the direction and control of the Town, at the Town’s expense. The Town reserves the right, at its sole discretion, not to commit the Town to award a Contract. The Town will not, directly or indirectly, assume responsibility for such costs except as otherwise expressly reserved.

Any contract for the services will provide that: (i) the Consultant will perform its services at the direction and control of the Town, at the Town’s expense; (ii) the Consultant will perform its services in accordance with the Town’s code and the Town’s conflict of interest policies, including disclosing any work for the applicable local municipalities; and (iii) the Town will not, directly or indirectly, assume responsibility for such costs except as otherwise expressly reserved.

VIII. Submittal Instructions

Three bound copies of the proposal, plus one copy in electronic format on a thumb drive, should be submitted in the Town of Mammoth Lakes, at the following address, no later than 5PM on November 13, 2017.

Proposals submitted by US Mail should be sent to the following address:

Town of Mammoth Lakes
Finance Department
Attention: Ron Patterson
Administrative Services / Finance Department
D477 Chair Road
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

Proposals submitted by UPS, FedEx, or a courier, should be sent to the following address:

Town of Mammoth Lakes
Finance Department
D477 Chair Road
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

Questions may be directed to Bob Patterson, at (760) 924-2053, or by email to rpatterson@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

The Town reserves the right to make all submissions available to the public pursuant to legal requirements.
PUBLIC NOTICES

Request for Public Comment

THE GREAT BASIN UNITED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT REGULATIONS PUBLIC COMMENT-ON THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S DECISION TO ALLOW CONJUGATION AND OPERATION OF A GEO热烈的

 memes to be included in the application. The application is for the following activities:

The purpose of this public hearing is to give citizens an opportunity to make their comments known regarding the proposed application under the 2017 CDBG NOFA, prior to submittal to the State. Applications are due in the public hearing, please contact Jamie Gray, Town

For further information, contact Gerry Le Francois at mdraper@ Town of Mammoth Lakes

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Dr. Nathan Andersen and the Bishop Tuff

Long Valley Caldara "warrants worry on a human timescale. We should still be able to observe new activity over decades or centuries, and I don’t see evidence of something brewing in Long Valley Caldera. "He said the Bishop Tuff eruption was preceded by long periods of smaller eruptions. "There’s not a lot of evidence for that in Long Valley today," Andersen called the earthquake swarms of the ‘80s and ‘90s “hiccups.”

Laguna del Maule in Chile on the other hand, is a volcano worth keeping an eye on. Andersen was studying the Bishop Tuff as a side-project of his dissertation on the Andean calderas. "If there’s a system on earth working towards creating a large-scale eruption like that of the Bishop Tuff, something larger than what has happened in human history, it’s Laguna del Maule,” said Andersen. "It has erupted 20-30 times in the last 20,000 years, and it’s been inffating at more than 20 centimeters per year for the last ten years."

Andersen said that although the trigger for massive supervolcano eruptions is still relatively poorly understood—most volcanoes don’t erupt catastrophically. “There are a lot more false alarms than episodes that lead to eruption."
They look like they don’t study film, setting black QBs back 20 years again. Bench yourself, buddy. It is funny to me when old drunk. He talked about benching points. Why? Cuz Panther QB Cam playedistro for the Dolphins. Take the Dolphins plus the a GM who cannot evaluate talent. He is GARBAGE and every QB he’s brought in since is GARBAGE. He is like there’s been some consensus that we need service back in Old Mammoth. I don’t think anyone wants to see the Red Line turning on Red Fin as a long term solution. It’d be really awesome to have service back (to Old Mammoth) by the busy time around Thanksgiving.

Dutton called again for compromise. You “have to turn around and talk to your neighbors…” get some consensus that solves all the people’s issues. Nothing works for everybody.”

After two and a half hours of discussions, Helm asked that residents submit written comments to him before Sunday, November 19, informing him of what would work best for them in terms of service to Old Mammoth Road. “What can you live with for a short term solution?” asked District 5 Supervisor Stacy Corless. “If it’s nothing, I can understand that. But is there something here on the table here that you can live with?”

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