We Are All Kings

Mammoth Lakes Tourism (MLT) and the Town of Mammoth Lakes have decided to join Mammoth Resorts in a joint marketing venture with the Los Angeles Kings of the National Hockey League.

The three Mammoth entities have agreed to pay the Kings $2 million over six years according to Wednesday’s presentation by Town Recreation Manager Stu Brown at the regular MLT board meeting. Mammoth Resorts will pay 56 percent of the cost, MLT 30 percent and the Town of Mammoth Lakes 4 percent.

The agreement both broadens and extends the one-year deal for this year between the Kings and Mammoth Resorts. As Brown explained, Mammoth currently has a 25 home game deal with the Kings this year, which includes sponsorships of the first intermission of these games, as well as Ads/ship of the first intermission.

In return for the commitment by the Town and MLT, the Kings have pledged to donate $1 million to Mammoth Lakes Recreation (MLR) to help facilitate the construction of the proposed Multi-Use Facility for Mammoth Creek Park.

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Mono Undersheriff calls it quits

Mon County Undersheriff Michael Moriarty has announced his retirement after just three years with the department, and 33 years as a law enforcement officer. His last day will be December 22.

In a press release this week, Sheriff Ingrid Braun announced she was heartbroken by Moriarty’s imminent departure.

Others are not so sad. Prior to joining Mono County Sheriff’s Office, Moriarty served as Chief of the Bureau of Investigation for the Riverside County District Attorney’s Office, managing more than 100 investigators.

Sheriff Braun brought him on as Undersheriff in 2015 after she was voted into office. Moriarty knew Braun’s husband, also a cop, from working with him in Southern California.

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Mammoth Lakes Tourism (MLT) and Winters Inc. ( ربوع Inc.) reached an agreement earlier in November 2017 for Mammoth Lakes Tourism to maintain the Woodside for future events. The Woodside was once home to the Shakespeare in the Woods venue, which is being sold to Winters Inc., and in a follow-up conversation with Sean Turner, co-owner of Mammoth Resorts, he said, "A rising tide lifts all boats." He also noted that Mammoth Resorts is the biggest payer into the Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID) Board member Michael Ledesma was very supportive of the deal. He said relationships with world-class organizations can reach beyond the Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID). Mammoth Lakes Tourism committed to give the new owner, Dirk Winters, $300,000 in September of 2016 as part of an agreement to maintain the Woodside as an events venue for the next decade. The $300,000 is supposed to go towards infrastructure improvements. Winters had planned to create a “Christmas market” at the Woodside as he has done in Cambria, but then shifted gears and postponed the event. The MLT agreement with Winters included caveats to ensure the Woodside remained home to Shakespeare in the Woods and the Labor Day Arts Festival. However, the agreement offered no language to ensure or protect the future of Bluesapalooza, Mammoth’s largest summer event.

Press release conclusion: “The choices before the producers of Bluesapalooza—if an agreement is not reached with the property owners—is to cancel the event, postpone the event or move the event to a different location that, unfortunately, may be less visitor friendly but economically viable (a location either in or out of town). None of these are good choices, but it is what will need to happen if a favorable option for all parties (Bluesa, property owner and TOML) cannot be reached. As an aside, in 2017, an estimated $50,000 was raised by local & state-wide non-profits (Bluesa, property owner and TOML) cannot be reached. As an aside, in 2017, an estimated $50,000 was raised by local & state-wide non-profits that were involved with Bluesapalooza.”

The Sheet’s attempts to reach Mr. Winters for comment were unsuccessful.
ADIOS, RESERVES

Financial Plan for Shady Rest purchase depletes Town reserve funds

Mammoth’s Town Council gave direction for Town staff to pursue a financial plan for the purchase of the Shady Rest Parcel on Wednesday, December 6. Town Attorney Andy Morris said the Town had provided an initial draft of the purchase plan to the owners of the Parcel, All California Funding, three weeks ago, but is still waiting on a reply. “We have notified them we’d like to bring the purchase agreement back on December 20,” said Town Manager Dan Holler. “If not [by then], in January.”

Holler said that the purchase price of the Parcel, which consists of two parcels (one 24.54-acre parcel and another 0.19-acre parcel), is $6.5 million. Additional money, the staff report read, will be required for completion of the Phase I environmental review ($14,500), title work and appraisals as needed ($25,000), and “due diligence costs,” which include topographic and potential appraisal work (approximately $4,500, said Holler).

The total funding needed, including auxiliary expenses, is estimated to be at $6,544,500, according to the staff report.

Holler broke down the proposed funding structure for Council on Wednesday (below). He said that, “$195,000 would need to be put as a deposit in the purchase agreement to put us into escrow…the issue tonight is a financing plan to identify just over $6.5 million that the Town would be willing to commit to this project [which] shows we have the capability to make the purchase.”

The purchase plan depletes some of the Town’s reserves, utilizing all of the dedicated housing-related reserves, as well as a majority of the General Fund and Gas Tax reserves. The plan also relies on the use of current year revenues, which, while currently exceeding budget expectations, assumes that revenues will continue to meet or exceed the approved budget.

The Town’s Undesignated Fund balance “would be fully committed to the purchase” of the Shady Rest Parcel, according to the staff report. “This will leave no General Fund reserves readily available to meet unforeseen needs or to support other projects or programs.”

Almost all ($450,000) of the current amount of General Fund Operating Reserves ($452,071) would be used for the purchase. The Gas Tax Fund would also be depleted, with a transfer of $700,000 from the fund which currently sits at $709,273. Staff recommended paying back $800,000 to the General Fund reserves as well as repaying the full amount taken from the Gas Tax Fund. Staff also recommended increasing the Operating Reserves to $1,800,000 as the investment is paid back over time.

“The proposed financial plan will require a high level of fiscal restraint to maintain the overall financial health of the Town,” read the staff report.

“For me it boils down to a simple set of priorities,” said Council member Colin Fernie. “Our job as Council members is, in addition to having disciplined financials, really putting our money where our mouth is…this is the single largest investment that the Town has ever done from a dollars perspective. I think it’s far and away the largest investment in workforce housing. We have the money to do this. Yes, we are depleting a lot of our funds, but I think we’re putting our money exactly where our priorities lie.”

Holler also suggested having fire crews come out and take the trees at the parcel down, which could be used as a donation to the Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action (IMACA) in the form of firewood. He said that might “reduce the purchase price by $10,000 or so. I think we have time to do that if the Council is willing to… make that proposal to the owner.”

A resolution amending the Town of Mammoth Lakes’ current fiscal year budget to implement the funding plan proposed by staff will be presented to Council at its meeting on Wednesday, December 20.

Proposed funding structure for the purchase of the Shady Rest Parcel

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*Allocation based on $1.4 million in additional revenues.
WHEREFORE ART THOU, O CHRISTMAS TREE?

**By Rea**

Those hoping to get a Christmas Tree in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest are almost out of luck. The Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center, which issues Christmas Tree permits, is fresh out of the tags, which allow intrepid individuals to venture into prescribed areas of the National Forest (near Bridgeport) to choose and cut down their own trees.

The Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association (ESIA), which runs the permit registers within the Forest Service Ranger Stations, is still selling permits for the Humboldt-Toiyabe out of the White Mountain Ranger Station in Bishop, but not for long.

ESIA “noted that they are selling unusually fast this year and expect to sell out,” said Deb Schweizer, Public Affairs Officer for the Inyo National Forest, on Wednesday, December 6. She said that staff at the ESIA office in Bishop is considering moving some of those permits to Mammoth based on demand. Christmas tree permits for the Humboldt-Toiyabe went on sale starting Monday, November 20 at the White Mountain Ranger Station in Bishop and the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center in Mammoth.

Permits for that area are also available through the Bridgeport Ranger Station, although, Schweizer said, they are on their last roll of permits (53 left as of Thursday, December 7).

The high demand is likely due to several factors, said Erica Hupp, Public Affairs Officer for the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. She said that permits out of the Carson Ranger District went on sale even earlier than in Mammoth—on November 1. Also, she said, there is a nationwide Christmas tree shortage, and it’s due, interesting enough, to the Great Recession. Consumers bought fewer trees in 2008, reported the New York Times last week. Tree growers responded to the market downturn by cutting down fewer trees, which in turn left less space for new trees to be planted. Since it takes about a decade for trees to reach a height where they can be sold, consumers now are feeling the effects of that less-than-festive Christmas ten years ago.

The National Christmas Tree Association reported that the average buyer spent $36.50 on a Christmas tree in 2008—by 2016, that price had risen to an average of $74.70.

Christmas tree growers have also been abandoning the industry—in Oregon, which is the number one tree-exporting state in the U.S., the number of licensed Christmas tree farmers this year was 392—down from 699 in 2010, according to the Oregon Agriculture Department. Christmas tree farming has always been expensive, as trees must be shaped as they grow, protected from pests, and transported to their eventual sales lots. A drought in the west over the last 5 years didn’t help matters either. GWD Forestry told the New York Times that the shortage of trees could last through 2025.

Shanna Bissanelle, president of the Mammoth High School Boosters, told The Sheet that their trees, the sales of which benefit the Boosters, have not gone up in price in the last five or six years. The Boosters started selling their trees on Saturday, December 2, and Bissanelle said they still have plenty in stock. MHS athletes and students volunteer their time to sell the trees, which cost anywhere from $30-$100 (and range from tabletop size up to nine feet tall).

For those wishing to cut their own locally, other options for seeking permits include the Buckboard General Store in Smith, Nevada (which serves Yerrington/Smith Valley, Wellington, and Hawthorne). However, the Buckboard is also on their last roll of permits, said Schweizer. The Ranger Station in Carson City has only nine Bridgeport tags left and, as of press time, the White Mountain Ranger Station in Bishop has only 40 tags left.

Schweizer said that last year, ESIA sold 320 tree permits in the Humboldt-Toiyabe. This year, they had 400 permits to issue, and those are all but gone.

Hupp said that the National Forest determines the amount of permits to issue based on prior sales, population size and demand. “In the two years I’ve been here, Bridgeport has never been sold out,” said Hupp.

On the bright side, Deb Schweizer also added that the Bishop Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Field Office (which serves the area out near Benton Crossing, where Pinyon Pines can be harvested) does not expect to sell out of permits, and that they are slower than usual this year.

The Inyo National Forest does not issue Christmas Tree permits because they do not have the authority to do so based on National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis, said Schweizer, but the Inyo may be exploring that possibility in the coming years. For those thinking of “poaching” trees in the forest (cutting down a tree without a permit), Schweizer said that fines range from $330 (at minimum) to a maximum of $5,000 and 6 months in jail.

MMS HOOPS DEFEATS LEE VINING

Mammoth Middle School Basketball defeated Lee Vining 22-9 on Tuesday, December 5. Photos, from left: Leo Daniel’s drives to the basket, Peyton Barragan shoots for Mammoth, and Tyler Jones goes up for a lay-up.
Mammoth Lakes Lion Club and guests celebrated its Christmas party at The Mogul on the evening of Wednesday, December 6.

BUY A BOARD, BUILD A RINK
Mammoth Recreation Commission seeks sponsorships for the Multi-Use Facility/“Park”

By Giles

At the Tuesday, December 5 meeting of Mammoth’s Recreation Commission, Parks and Recreation Director Stuart Brown reported that preliminary designs for the Multi-Use Facility (MUF) will be finalized by the end of the month, along with bid specifications. Brown reported that HMC Architects, the firm contracted to design the building, and town staff had finalized the preliminary design for the facility.

Brown said that the project is expected to cost $12 million, of which $8.6 million have been secured to date. Site work is scheduled to begin at Mammoth Creek Park West in May; Brown said Town staff intend to advertise the bid for the project in March or April 2018, and expect construction of the facility to begin in July or August of 2018, with partial completion by June 2019 and full completion in October 2019.

Brown said that HMC Architects predicts it will take nine months to build the ice rink and roof, and five additional months to build the rest of the building, including the community center. He said the department plans to operate its summer camps and programming out of the ice rink starting in June 2019, when its lease with Mammoth Unified School District, who owns the existing RecZone, expires. Brown said camps will be based out of the rink portion of the MUF while construction is underway on the lobby and community center.

Mammoth Lakes Recreation Executive Director told the Recreation Commission that he is “anticipating an 18 to 24 month complete runway to raise $1.5 to $1.8 million.” As of this week, McClain said that, to date, $50,000 have been raised for the project.

Commission Chair Betsy Truax asked how much of the unmet funding needs to have be secured before the project can go out to bid. Brown said that “there are a lot of moving parts… but you do need to have a majority of the funds in the bank.” He said how much the Town have secured before construction begins will depend on the structure of the final bid package. “We will need to at least get enough funding to get phase one, the rink, going… then as the funding comes along, we can kind of build out the remaining structures,” said Brown. Brown announced that staff have rolled out a community campaign to raise funds for the rink’s roof, which will cost $1 million more than originally forecast. Brown said the “Build a Roof” campaign will raise funds by selling sponsorships to local businesses. Sponsorships are available at various prices and include advertising graphics on dasher boards, the panels that will surround the ice rink at the MUF once it is constructed. Brown said the program has the potential to raise $38,000 per year in revenue, once the rink is constructed.
Rainbow Falls, Devil’s Postpile and Reds Meadow are in Madera County, but Mono SAR has handled emergency calls in that area since 1994, per a memorandum of understanding between the two counties dated the same year. The MOU also states that Madera will reimburse Mono County for expenses related to rescues performed within its boundaries.

Moriarty said he had not found any evidence that Madera County had reimbursed Mono for any rescues carried out within its boundaries by Mono SAR since 1994. In July 2016, Moriarty invited members of Madera County Sheriff’s Department to Mono County so they could see what the sliver of Madera County that encompasses Devil’s Postpile and Reds Meadow looks like, and see what goes on there. He said most of the Madera County Sheriff’s Office employees had never seen that corner of their county before and were unaware of its popularity among tourists and hikers.

At that meeting, the Madera County Sheriff’s Office agreed to begin reimbursing Mono County for SAR expenses. Madera receives tax revenue from the businesses at Devil’s Postpile and Reds Meadow, but the Madera County Assessor’s Office did not have those figures available by press time. A month after the meeting, on August 21, 28-year-old Ahmad Tamin Najib jumped into a pool below Rainbow Falls and never came up, as reported in The Sheet’s August 26, 2016 story, “Tustin Man Dies Below Rainbow Falls.”

Moriarty said Mono SAR and the Sheriff’s Department spent more than 30 hours on the scene rescuing another party stuck on a ledge above the falls, and trying to recover Najib’s body.

Following the incident, Mono County sent Madera County a bill for $5,000. Moriarty said Madera County never paid a dime.

Representatives from Madera County Sheriff’s Department were unavailable for comment.

Fast forward to October 15, 2017, and at approximately 11:40 a.m., the sheriff’s dispatching the helicopter the broken ankle at Rainbow Falls was transferred to Madera County Sheriff’s Office. Madera County Sheriff’s Office then forwarded Mono County Sheriff’s Office at 12:16 p.m., and briefed them on the situation. Madera called again at 1:45 p.m. to request Mono SAR’s assistance with the rescue, and were told the sheriff’s office at the local California Office of Emergency Services for help. Basically, Madera County was told to do the SAR by itself because it hadn’t paid its bill, Moriarty said.

Madera County utilized a California Highway Patrol helicopter to retrieve the injured party. The cost of the helicopter rescue could not be determined, as CHP did not return calls to The Sheet.

At about 1:45 p.m. on October 15, 2017, Mono County Paramedics received a call from Mammoth Hospital, in which they were asked to transport the patient with the broken ankle from Rainbow Falls to Mammoth Hospital by way of Mammoth-Yosemite Airport. According to a letter written by Mammoth Lakes Fire Chief Frank Frievailt which was obtained by The Sheet, medics reported that the patient had told them, “They had cell service and placed a call to 911 and were told that Mono County was unable and refusing to respond to their location, and that the next best option was to use some other neighboring county that sounded like somewhere on the west side to respond [to their emergency], and that they could be there not until after dark.”

Frievailt added that Mono County Paramedics said that the usual procedure for such a scenario would be for their agency to request another county’s emergency, and request three to four people from Mammoth Lakes Fire Department to assist. They said that, for a typical rescue of this kind, the patient would usually be to safety in an hour. It took more than 5 hours for this mission to be completed.

Moriarty said that he knew the risks associated with passing the rescue off to Madera County Sheriff’s Office were low, as the patient was not suffering from a life-threatening injury. Had there been serious injuries or fatalities, Moriarty said “we would have rolled out the world.”

Neither Sheriff Braun nor Frievailt were made aware of the situation at Rainbow Falls on October 15 until the following day, and neither were consulted by Moriarty when he decided not to send Mono SAR to assist with the rescue. When she did hear about the incident, Sheriff Braun sent a memo to her department stating that future calls from Devil’s Postpile and Reds Meadow would be directed to Madera County Sheriff’s Office, and that if they asked for assistance, Mono County will comply and bill them accordingly. She also wrote a letter of apology to the party.

Moriarty said Mono County started paying its bills the day after it received Frievailt’s letter.

At the December 5 Mono County Supervisors meeting, Supervisor Stacy Corless announced that he had been investigating the possibility of readjusting the county lines to incorporate that portion of Rainbow Falls and Reds Meadow into Mono.

“Something went terribly wrong,” said Sheriff Ingrid Braun. Braun admitted in an interview with The Sheet, “But, it was a catalyst for change.”

Braun insisted there is no connection between this incident and Moriarty’s retirement, which she said, “He’s been a friend and mentor for many years,” she added. Braun will be running for reelection in 2018. And yet…

Moriarty was also known for having relieved several members of the SAR team of their duties during his tenure. Moriarty said he did not see the professionalism or integrity he expected from a group volunteering for the Mono County Sheriff’s Department. “They clearly didn’t identify as volunteers, but as their own entity,” Moriarty said. “It was because they had been neglected by the Sheriff’s Office. I made sure they weren’t neglected.” He let several people go from the team, but he did not say how many. If there was a required training and a volunteer didn’t show, that person was no longer a volunteer. Volunteers would show up to a call in sandals and shorts, said Moriarty, adding that one member came to a 10 a.m. training with a beer in hand. “I don’t think anybody wants a SAR member being under the influence when they’re on a call,” he said. Many team members embraced this rule, and there were 27 new SAR volunteers.

Representatives from Mono SAR refused to comment at this time. Sheriff Braun said in a press release issued on December 5 that Moriarty’s service “shepherd[ed] the Mono County Sheriff’s Office into the modern era of policing,” adding that “I completely understand and support his desire to retire from a rewarding career while still young enough to enjoy time with his wife, children and grandchildren.”

She has named Lieutenant Phil West to replace Moriarty.

**Housing... Now?**

**At its regular meeting on Wednesday, December 6, Mammoth’s Town Council voted 5-0 to accept the Housing Action Plan compiled by WSW Consulting, with a few caveats. Mayor John Wentworth added to the Council’s wish list for the next meeting in February on the progress of an inventory of staff capacity within the Town and Mammoth Lakes Housing (MLH), which was obtained from Wendy Sullivan said at a housing workshop on November 15 that the Town should invest in at least one full-time Town staff member to tackle housing (see “A Brand New World,” November 18). Council member Bill Sausser said on Wednesday that some of the recommendations made in the Action Plan “may not be completely implementable,” specifically the addition of a dedicated Town staff member to act as Housing Coordinator. “We may not have an extra point of Transient Occupancy Tax that we can dedicate toward this. We may not be able to hire an extra employee unless we want to eliminate the police position we just hired.”

Another addition to the motion proposed by Mayor Wentworth was that Council member Colin Fernie said at the Housing Committee/“work with the Town Manager and MLH to have Housing to try and draft a scope of work and deliverables” as an ad- dendum to the Town’s contract with MLH.

Finally, Wentworth asked that a graphic representation of the Action Plan’s foundational structure (presented as a flow chart of positions and responsibilities within the Town and MLH) be amended to provide a clear link between the roles of the Community and Economic Development Director and the proposed position of Housing Coordinator with that of Mammoth Lakes Housing.

“The contract with MLH (requires) reporting to the [proposed] Housing Coordinator,” said Wentworth. MLH Executive Director Jennifer Halferty thanked Council and Mammoth Mountain Ski Area for funding the development of the Action Plan. She also said the housing crisis will take years of work to solve. “The 200–300 units [the plan] calls out is a five-year action plan,” said Halferty. “There are still a lot of units we’ll need down the road. There are a lot of solutions we need to look at.

However, she said, “I’ve been with MLH since 2006, and I’ve been in the community for 20 years now. It’s very refreshing to see [housing] become a number one priority... Mammoth Mountain Ski Area’s Tom Hodges reiterated that the ski area’s assistance with funding the Housing Needs Assessment and Action Plan was “the best money we ever spent.”

Hodges said that the Mountain’s original commitment to the project was $250,000, but that “I think at the end of the day we’re somewhere around $1,000,000 spent on this...it’s all around a great effort.”

Town staff will report back to Coun- cil at their February 7 meeting on the progress made in taking staff inven- tory and evaluating the capacity for a Housing Coordinator.

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More than 300 locals demonstrated their support of avalanche forecasting by the Eastern Sierra Avalanche Association

By Giles

On Saturday, December 2, back-country skiers, snowmobilers, and climbers turned out to support the Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center (ESAC) for its annual fundraiser at Mammoth Mountain Ski Area’s Eagle Lodge.

Between raffles, a silent auction, and ticket sales, the event raised $19,000 for ESAC. Local artist Ann Piersall donated proceeds from the sale of her prints, which feature skylines of the Eastern Sierra, to ESAC’s cause.

According to President Nate Greenberg, the event drew more than 300 people for beer, networking around snow, and Townsend’s presentation.

Proceeds from the event support avalanche forecasting seven days a week in the Eastern Sierra.

Above (L-R): Mandy Lamberth, and Amanda Greenberg.


Above (L-R): Aaron, Renee, and Howard Durlester. The Durlesters attended Saturday’s event after Aaron, who skies for Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, took an ESAC clinic.

Above (L-R): AUSTRIA HOF Restaurant & Bar

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Over the weekend of December 2, Mammoth Youth Hockey hosted the third annual Mammoth Lakes Winter Classic Hockey Tournament. Teams competed in three divisions: Squirt, Pee-wee, and High School, and players ranged from age nine to 17. Eighteen games were played over a three-day period.

Participating teams included the San Diego Saints, San Francisco Sabercats, Las Vegas Junior Golden Knights, Tahoe Grizzlies, Reno Junior Wolfpack, Bishop Broncos, and Mammoth Stars.

Bishop and Mammoth teams fared well against teams from big cities. Bishop High School and Mammoth High School tied after a shoot-out. There were noteworthy performances by Mammoth High’s Connor Van Kampen, who scored a hat trick against the Reno Junior Wolfpack, and Mazie Dobson for the Mammoth Stars.

There were 180 participants and 500 total guests were estimated to descend upon Mammoth for the weekend.


Above: Chance Villar in goal for Bishop Unified High School.

Photos by Bret Hamilton

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Bishop and Mammoth teams fare well in third annual Winter Classic Hockey Tournament

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CURLING: DO YOU HAVE THE STONES?

By Rea

One of the pastimes of the great white north is coming to Mammoth Lakes—the Recreation Department is introducing the sport of curling to the Mammoth Ice Rink this winter.

“It’s sort of a combination of pool and bowling,” said Amanda Carlson, laughing, searching for an analogy for the sport, which is also sometimes compared to shuffleboard on ice. Mammoth curling enthusiast Ian Birrell said that the sport is scored like a game of darts.

Teams slide granite stones (known as “rocks”) across a circular target marked on ice, while “sweepers” use specialized brooms to slow down or speed up the trajectory of the stone toward its target. Curling originated in Europe, but has since become immensely popular in Canada and the northern United States. The Wisconsin Historical Society reported that a curling stone inscribed with the date 1511 was found when an old pond was drained in Dunblane, Scotland.

Birrell, who plans to join the Mammoth Curling League (it starts January 7), says he grew up in Scotland, “and my involvement in curling is based around my family,” who were “big curlers.” Birrell said that both his mother and father were involved in the sport, and his father toured in Canada twice with the Rotary International. He said that all the granite for the regulation stones comes from Scotland (the traditional source is from the Ailsa Craig island off the Ayrshire coast of Scotland, but some stones are also made with granite from the Trefor Granite Quarry in Wales).

Recreation Director Stu Brown said that it cost $6,250 to purchase a used set of stones from Dakota Curling Supplies, and that the Town is also renting another set of stones for the season, at a cost of $840. Brown said that Measure R funds were used to pay for the stones, with additional funding from the Town.

Brown said that 23 people have already signed up for the curling clinic that the Mammoth Recreation Department has scheduled for this Saturday, December 9. The clinic is limited to approximately 30 participants, in order to coordinate with the Granite Curling Club, who will be leading the clinic.

Carlson said she’s always been interested in the sport because she grew up in North Dakota, and “there were probably seven ice rinks in my town, with two of them just dedicated to curling.” Carlson said that “if it wasn’t for curling, nobody would get any exercise in the winter, because it’s too dang cold in North Dakota! It’s so cold, you go into an ice rink to get warm!”

“You’re out there in the cold predominantly,” said Birrell. “So you’re all wrapped up in your ski gear, and you normally have a hip flask of Scotch in your pocket.”

Editor’s note: the Mammoth Ice Rink is a drug, alcohol and tobacco free facility, but that sounds like a lot of fun.

“When I heard from [Program and Facilities Coordinator Lauren Plum] that they were organizing a league, I was so down for it,” said Birrell. “In the sporting world, Scotland isn’t great at winning medals or world championships, but in curling, Scotland is competitive.” Curling became an official sport in the Winter Olympic Games at the 1998 Winter Olympics (and while Scotland hasn’t yet taken a medal, Canada and Sweden have been bringing home golds).

Carlson said she’s excited about the sport coming to Mammoth because, “it’s a different social option for people in Mammoth that’s not a high-adrenaline, high-impact sport.” Since the Mammoth Ice Rink isn’t a dedicated curling rink, Brown said that they will be drawing the circles used to keep score (known as “houses” in curling lingo) on the ice with Sharpie marker, using a beam compass. Water will then be sprayed over the marks to freeze them, so they don’t disappear during play.

The Mammoth Ice Rink will be hosting a curling clinic on Saturday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m. for those who want to learn what the sport entails and possibly consider joining the league.

“We’re just so excited to...do something that’s really accessible and fun and not intimidating, but also social,” said Carlson. “It’s a chance to do something community-wise, rather than going for happy hour.”

Pre-registration is required for Saturday’s clinic. To sign up, call 760.965.3695 or 760.965.3697 or visit www.mammothicerink.com.

Lauren Plum cleans up at last year’s curling clinic in Mammoth.
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File Number 2017-1262 (12/19, 12/21, 12/23)

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File Number 2017-1232 (12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30)
**Calendar of Events**

**BARS & MUSIC**

**Happy Hour**/The Liberty Sports Bar and Grill. Pursuit of Happiness | Thursday, December 7, 3-6 p.m. | $1 off draft beers, $2 off wine, $4 well drinks, $2 off specialty drinks. | Flatbread.

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

**Roberto's** | 4-6 p.m. every day. | Austria Hof 5-8 p.m. daily. See ad, p. 8.

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

**Clockower Cellar** | Happy Hour 4:30-7 p.m. daily and all day Sunday. | $5 dollar menu items, drink specials. See ad, p. 10.

**Petras Bistro** Happy Hour, 5-6 p.m. every day. See ad, p. 10.

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

**Happy Hour @ The Bistro at Snowcrest** | 3:30-6:30 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. | Giovanni's Happy Hour, daily 4-6 p.m. Large pizza and a pitcher of beer gets you free wings.

**Lakemont Happy Hour** daily 3-6 p.m., $4.50 margaritas, Mai Tais. Happy Hour drink specials 10 p.m. -close.

**Black Velvet Coffee's Happy Hour** from 4-6 p.m. every day.

**Morrison's Happy Hour Daily** 4-6 p.m.

**Friday, December 8**  | Jack Rabbit Slim & Dallas High Desert Banjo at Black Sheep Coffee | Roasters, Jaebird Country from 6:30-8:30 p.m. @ Black Sheep Coffee Roasters, Bishop.

**Sunday, December 10**/ | 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. 5.

**Monday, December 11**/ | Bowling n Beats @ Mammoth Rock 'n Bowl. | Manic Mondays @ the Outlaw Saloon Happy Hour 4 p.m.-close. See ad, p. 9.

**Tuesday, December 12**/ | Tuesday Night Special @ Morrison's | Glass of wine or draft Coors Light with any entree. | Karaoke @ Rafters with DJ CDS, 10 p.m.

**Thursday, December 14**/ | Open Mic night @ Side Door in Mammoth Lakes. | $3 beer & wine specials, $7 muffins. | Pong Wednesday @10 p.m.

**Friday, December 15**/ | Pre-Night Lights Party @ Liberty Bar. | Music by the jaded flaters @ 9 p.m. See ad, p. 7.

**TOWN STUFF**

**December 7-8** Backcountry Film Festival shows in Lone Pine (Thursday December 7 at the Museum of Western Film History) and Mammoth Lakes (Friday, December 8 at the Inyo National Forest Auditorium). Doors open at 6 p.m. and films begin at 7 p.m. Tix: $15

**Friday, December 8**/ | Snacks and Art @ the Mammoth Lakes Library. Create a Christmas wreath out of fabric scraps. 1 p.m. | Ages 8 & up.

**Light Up A Life Hospice Tree Lighting Ceremony** 5:30 p.m. at Hospice of the Owens Valley, 363 Academy Ave, Bishop. Refreshments follow ceremony.

**Saturday, December 9**/ | Mono Count Snowboard Team fundraiser. Screening of “Drop-In: Bloody Couloir” @ 6:30 p.m. @ the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center Auditorium. Tix: $15/adults, $10/students.

**DSES Whiteout Extravaganza Fundraiser** 6 p.m. @ Canyon Lodge. Tix: $85, VIP Tix: $1,500. Info/Tickets: 760.934.0791 or Second Chance Thrift Store, Mammoth Lakes.

**June Lake Women's Club Breakfast with Santa** 8-10 a.m. at the June Lake Community Center. Breakfast is free for kids and adults are $5. All ages welcome.

**Mammoth Clinic at the Mammoth Ice Rink** 6:30 p.m. Call 760.965.3697 to register. Space is limited. Inyo Council for the Arts holiday craft fair @ ICA, 10 a.m. at ICA, 137 Main St. in Bishop.

**Laws Railroad Museum: Railroad Express** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Laws Railroad Museum, Silver Canyon Road in Bishop.

**Bishop Nursery Workshop: Holiday Container** | 1-3 p.m. at Bishop Nursery, 789 Home St. | Bishop Paiute Tribe COSA Walk. Count birds with the Eastern Sierra Audubon Society. Meet 8:30 a.m. at the BLM OKees, Pucu Lane. Bishop. Elks Club National Hoop Shoot Free Throw Contest 10 a.m. @ Barlow Grand at ICA. Info: 760.873.7613.

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**Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center** | “Bloody Couloir” @ 6:30 p.m. @ the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center Auditorium. Tix: $15/adults, $10/students.

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From December Thursday, December 14 through Saturday, December 16, the play will start at 7 p.m. There will be show on Sunday, December 17 that starts at 4 p.m. No show is December 16 or 24.
Tickets are $20 for adults, $18 for seniors, and $10 for kids when purchased online at www.ed Videotheatre.org, or $22 at the door with no discounts. See ad, page 2.

Transit to Old Mammoth Road
Limited transit service will commence December 13 providing three morning trips from the Old Mammoth Road area into Town, and three return trips in the afternoon.
Departures from the Old Mammoth Area will commence at 7:15 a.m., 7:45 a.m., and 8:18 a.m. Return trips will start from the area of the schools and hospital at 2:45 p.m., 4:23 p.m., and 5:05 p.m.
The service will operate seven days a week. Further information is available on ESTA's website at www.est transmit.com, or by calling 760.924.3184.

Inyo County First 5 Toy Drive
Inyo County HHS Public Health and Prevention is hosting its annual Holiday Toy Drive now through December 8. Donations of new or gently used toys, and wrapping paper are being welcomed at the 1st 5 Office located at 568 W. Line Street in Bishop.
The toys will be available to low-income families December 11 to 22, allowing low-income parents to select a holiday gift for their child. For info, call First 5 @ 760.873.6453

ICARE Shopping Day, Dec. 9
Spellbinder Books and ICARE invite you to the 18th Annual ICARE Shopping Day on Saturday, December 9th, at Spellbinder Books in bishop. Just purchase a $5 ICARE Donation Ticket at the store from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and receive 20 percent off a wonderful selection of books, calendars, greeting cards and assorted gifts. There will also be a drawing for prizes. All proceeds go directly to ICARE and 100 percent of proceeds will go directly to ICARE's Stitch Fund, which provides veterinary care for ill or injured "special needs" animals in Inyo County.
If you have questions about this event, please call Lynne at 760-873-4511.

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Dadddy's Home 2 (PG-13): Brad and Dusty (Will Ferrell and Mark Wahlberg) co-parent Dusty's kids, who have to deal with their own fathers (John Lithgow and Mel Gibson) visiting for the holidays.
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For movie times, call 760.934.3131 or visit mammothlakesmovies.com.

TOWN STUFF
Tuesday, December 12/ Mono County Board of Supervisors meeting, 8 a.m. Bread & Circuits live from the CAO Conference Room, Sierra Center Mall, Mammoth Lakes. Meeting in the Board Room at the Courthouse.
Free Homebuyer Education Class with Mammoth Lakes Housing, 2-5 p.m. in the Ellie Randol Book Room, Mammoth Lakes Library. Info: patricia@ mammamloshakeshousing.org.
Hannukah candle lighting at The Village, under the gondola, with the Mammoth Lakes Eastern Sierra Jewish Community. 4 p.m. mlesjc@gmail.com for info. See ad, p. 2.

Wednesday, December 13/ Mammoth Planning and Economic Development Commission. 2 p.m. @ Suite Z, Minaret Mall, Mammoth Lakes.
Lee Vining RPAC Meeting, 6:30-8:30 p.m. @ Lee Vining Community Center.
Storytime at the Mammoth Lakes Library, 10:30 a.m. All ages. Wreath Making with the June Lake Women's Club. 8 p.m. at the June Lake Community Center. Free event, bring your own greens. Sharp objects no kids allowed.
December 14-15/ Book readings by authors Ann gimpel and Kate Richards. 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, December 14 @ Mammoth Brewing Company. 7-9 p.m. @ Black Velvet Coffee on Friday, December 15.
December 14-30/ Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre presents: The Ultimate Christmas Show. See sidebar, ad page 2.
Thursday, December 14/ Oak Creek bitterbush Volunteer Event. Meet at 1 p.m. at the Mt. Whit...

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ney Fish Hatchery to plant native speci-es @ Oak Creek, hosted by the Fort Independence Indian Reservation, Inyo Nat'l Forest, Friends of the Inyo, and the CA Native Plants Society.
Holiday Mixer @ High Country Lumber, 5:30-7:30 p.m. @ High Country Lumber in Bishop.
Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association Soiree. 5-7 p.m. @ the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center. Crafts, festive food and drink.
Bishop Unified School District Board Meeting. Bussing to Chalfant/Benton is on the agenda for discussion. 5:30 p.m. in the Carl Lind Board Room, BUHS.
Friday, December 15/ Eastern Sierra Chamber Orchestra plays classical and holiday favor-ites. 7:30 p.m. @ St. Joseph's Church, Mammoth Lakes. Chamber Music Unbound's Honors Strings also performs. Free.
Saturday, December 16/ Night of Lights at Mammoth Mountain. See sidebar, ad page 7.
Holiday Market at the Owens Valley Palate Shoshone Cultural Center. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Native-themed Ornament contest @ 10 a.m., Ugly Sweater contest @ 2 p.m. Indoor Holiday Craft Fair at Inyo Council for the Arts. ICA hosts local artists selling holiday gifts. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sunday, December 17/ Fried Food Festival with the Mammoth Lakes Eastern Sierra Jewish Community. 6-9 p.m. at the Community Center, 1000 Forest Trail. Potluck dinner. Dreidel tournament, Kids' games. Prizes. mlesjc@gmail.com for info or to RSVP. Donations encouraged ($20 for adults, $12 for children).

Bishop short term rentals need permits
Bishop residents who intend to provide short-term rentals have to register with the city by January 1, 2018, according to an ordinance adopted by the City Council.
To be in compliance with the city, hosts of short-term rentals, which include rentals of any portion of a dwelling or lodging for 30 days or less, must enroll by January 1 or else face penalties.
The ordinance requires that hosts pay Transient Occupancy Taxes, Bishop Tourism Improvement District Fees, a $150 annual application fee, and obtain a City of Bishop business license. Applications can be obtained at City Hall or at the City of Bishop website at cityofbishop.com. For additional info, contact the Planning Department at 760.873.8458, or at publicwork@cityofbishop.com, or at the City Hall offices at 377 W. Line St. in Bishop.

Night of Lights at MMSA
This year, Mammoth Mountain Ski Area will host the Night of Lights at Canyon Lodge on Friday, December 14. The Night of Lights is a free event for all ages that includes live music, a torchlight parade, kids activities, snowmobile rides, and a firework show at Mammoth Mountain Ski Area's Canyon Lodge.
Schedule: 5:15 p.m.: Magic show- 3rd floor of Canyon Lodge 5:30-6:45 p.m.: Live music on the outdoor stage at the Canyon Lodge 6:45 p.m.: Night of Lights 7:30 p.m.: On-snow après party with live music, photos with Santa and Woody at the 3rd floor of the lodge. 10 p.m.: last gondola ride to The Village.

Peace Officer Info Night
Please join Cerro Coso faculty, staff, alumni, and local law enforcement officials to learn about starting a career in law enforcement. An information session, which is free and open to the public, will be held on December 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room on the Bishop Campus, 4090 West Line Street, Bishop, CA.
Cerro Coso staff will be at the event to assist with step-by-step instructions on registration and enrollment procedures. Financial Aid information will also be available. The P.O.S.T. Academy Modular Level III will be held January 16 - March 24 and Modular Level II will be held March 27 - June 10. Spaces are limited.
Cerro Coso's Peace Officer Academy is the only program in the Eastern Sierra.
Classes are held evenings and weekends for your convenience. For more information call (760) 872-1365 or visit the college website at www.cerrocoso.edu.
**Notice of Public Hearing**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mono County, through the MAMMOTH LAKES TOWN COUNCIL, will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Mammoth Lakes Town Hall, Council Chamber, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 20001 et seq., all interested persons may appear before the Town Council either in person or represented by counsel and present testimony or may, prior to or at the hearing, file written correspondence with: Secretary to Local Transportation Commission, PO Box 347, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546.

**Request for Public Comment**

**THE GREAT BASIN UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT REQUESTS PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE DISTRICT’S DECISION TO ALLOW SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON TO MODIFY ZACK SUBSTATION**

Pursuant to District Rule 205, the District solicits public comment on a proposed permit to be granted to Southern California Edison to modify its Zack Substation, an electric utility substation for transmission and distribution of electrical power, at Chidago Canyon Road, Mono County, CA 93514.

Proposed permit conditions and supporting documents are available for inspection at the District office. The equipment and facility will be operated in compliance with all district, state and federal air quality standards and regulations. Proposed permit modifications include: the District will accept written comments in its office until the close of business on January 8, 2018. Submit comments to: Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District, Attn: Jon Becknell, 157 Short Street, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93514.

**TS #2017-0235**

**Notice of Public Hearing**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE MAMMOTH LAKES TOWN COUNCIL will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Mammoth Lakes Town Hall, Council Chamber, Minaret Village Shopping Center, Suite Z, to consider the following:

State mandated fees will be adjusted in the Town of Mammoth Lakes fee schedule, including the Solar Panel Fee and the COG - Certified Access Specialist program fee.

All persons having an interest in the proposed applications request may appear before the Town Council either in person or represented by counsel and present testimony or may, prior to or at the hearing, file written correspondence with: Secretary to Local Transportation Commission, PO Box 347, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546.

**TS #2017-0238**

**ARTS**

**THE ULTIMATE IN CHRISTMAS CHEER**

Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre brings the jolly to town this season

**Press Release**

The Ultimate Christmas Show (abridged) by Reed Martin & A. Tichenor of The Reduced Shakespeare Company, is a tummy tickling, irreverent, and heart-warming romp through every known holiday tradition. The production is directed by Drina Durazo of Los Angeles, her fourth imported production for Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre’s (MLRT) Artistic Director and the show’s Producer, Shira Dubronov. Durazo’s previous MLRT productions include Ken Ludwig’s farce Baskerville, A Sherlock Holmes Mystery, Every Christmas Story Ever Told (and then some!) and All the Great Books (abridged).

“I’m excited to have Drina bring this hilarious holiday show to Mammoth for us,” stated Dubronov. “She’s a talented director and has the ability to cast terrifically talented professional performers and bring highly entertaining shows to Mammoth.”

The Ultimate Christmas Show (abridged) is a festive, funny, physical, family fun production starring Los Angeles actors Sean Faye, Dana DeRuycyk, and Kate O’Toole.

Sean Faye’s performances include King Lear, Measure for Measure, The Merry Wives of Windsor, Troilus & Cressida, and Breaking Bard for Porters of Hellsgate. He has also performed with Her Majesty’s Secret Players, Fresh Baked Theatre, and Absolut Theatre. Before moving to L.A., Sean worked steadily with many theater companies in Philadelphia, his favorite roles being Crumpet in The Santaland Diaries and the Vice President in The Apollo of Bellac. Check out Time Again, on amazon.com, where he is a shiftless accountant for the mob.

Dana DeRuycyk works with many companies around Los Angeles. She’s a member of Sacred Fools Theatre Company, a founding member of Broads’ Word Ensemble, and a resident artist with Porters of Hellsgate. She’s also appeared on Nickelodeon’s iCarly and Harry Potter & The Ten Years Later (parody webseries). Find her on YouTube performing with comedy groups Mornings & Mondays, Dreamwolf, and Dynamite Kablanmo.

Kate O’Toole has appeared with Los Angeles companies including The Group Rep (The Poor of New York, with Juliana Olinka-Jones) and California Shakespeare Company, and she is a member of Porters of Hellsgate. A native to Live Oak, California, she worked at theatres all over the United States, including The Hampstead Players, The Utah Shakespearean Festival, and The Free Associates Improv Group.

The Boston Globe writes, “This production takes you on an irreverent yet heartwarming trip through the holidays. It’s festive funny physical family fun as Three Wise Guys end-up and celebrate your favorite winter holiday traditions.”

Tickets and more information are available now for The Ultimate Christmas Show (abridged) by visiting MammothLakesRepertoryTheatre.org. Don’t miss this show at the Edison Theatre; make it a new, family holiday tradition!

**POETRY OUT LOUD!**

By Bodine

**EIGHT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM COLEVILLE AND LEE VINING COMPETED IN THE ANNUAL POETRY OUT LOUD COMPETITION ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 IN BRIDGEPORT FOR THE CHANCE TO REPRESENT MONO COUNTY IN THE STATE FINALS IN SACRAMENTO. THE WINNER WILL COMPETE FOR THE $20,000 PRIZE AT THE NATIONAL POETRY OUT LOUD FINALS ON APRIL 23-25, 2018 IN WASHINGTON, D.C.**

Each participating student presented their two favorite poems. Sophia McKee (Lee Vining High) won first place for her recitation of Self Inquiry before the job interview with Gary Sofo and Silence by Thomas Hood. Back row from left: Angelica Childs of Coleville High School, Karina Duvo, Caelen McQuilkin, Claire DesBaillet, Rosalie Burch, Joee Lehen and Shira Dubronov, Artists Director for the Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre. Front row are the winner and runner-up of the 8th Annual Poetry Out Loud poetry competition, respectively, Sophia McKee of Lee Vining High School and Brygan Garcia of Coleville.
KEEPING IT PUNK
Bodine talks hairdressing and punk rock with Salon 437’s Amy Wild
By Bodine

It’s one of the hippest joints in town to get a new ‘do or revive an old favorite. Tasteful graffiti covers the walls of Salon 437 in the Minaret Shopping Center. It’s also adorned with framed, local art; this season it’s the surreal and macabre paintings of Miguel Flores. Veteran shearer and long-time local Amy Wild will be taking over the chairs and the operations at 437 on January 1.

She said she’s “super stoked” about being in charge. She used the word “stoked” several times to describe how she felt.

She’s going to leave the place looking as cool as it is, and she knows what cool looks like, because it’s what she’s been doing as a stylist for more than 20 years. The former owner Angie Bernardi created a vibe that Wild is going to stick with.

Before it was Salon 437, it was Hair and Now. Hair and Now was Wild’s first gig in Mammoth more than 20 years ago, and she hasn’t left. She’s been through three owners. At one point, it was just her at the shop and it was then that she decided she was the best fit to be in charge.

Originally from Costa Mesa, Wild came to Mammoth to go snowboarding. She earned her cosmetology license and worked in the town of Rainbow outside Temecula for 15 years. Her mother and grandmother were both hairdressers, too.

Her positive and upbeat establishment will be complimented by her fellow stylists. Her crew includes Courtney Sloper, Lisa Peterson (former of American Beauty), Freddy Ceron, who speaks Spanish, and most recently, Hillary Monahan.

Salon 437 will be holding a fundraiser and raffle from 4-7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13. There will be a jacket and toy drive along with discounted haircuts and styles, raffles, prizes, cookies and refreshments. Cash donations will go toward a local man fighting cancer, Wild said. Toys and jackets will be given to children in need in the community.

The salon is located next to Giovanni’s Pizzeria in the Minaret Mall.

Wild is a self-professed punk rocker, cutting her teeth during the heyday of the L.A. punk scene, circa 1980. She was the punker chick in the group that would dye hair in the garage and sculpt spikes and mohawks back when eggs were used as a stiffener. She saw Bad Religion a couple weeks ago.

The local art work changes every three months and she said she’s always looking for new talent.

To make an appointment at Salon 437, call 760.934.3558.
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