IT’S THE (WINTER) ECONOMY, STUPID!
How has a dry December affected Mammoth?

By Rea and Giles

“It’s a steady mediocre,” said Marty Shapiro, owner of Another T-Shirt Shop, on Wednesday, January 3, when asked how his business was faring after the lack of snow this December.

Though Mammoth’s snowfall in December of 2016 paled in comparison to the record January that followed, this time last year, Mammoth Mountain had received approximately 104 inches of snowfall at Main Lodge, said Lauren Burke, Public Relations and Social Media Manager for Mammoth Mountain Ski Area. This year, as of press time, the Mountain has received 42 inches of snowfall at Main Lodge (and approximately 105 inches at the summit), Burke told The Sheet. Burke declined to say how many skier visits MMSA has had so far this season, writing in an email that MMSA “typically [doesn’t] release skier visits until the end of the year.”

Despite the difference in snowfall, most Mammoth businesses reported that they’ve had holiday business that is comparable to last year’s. Robert Schaubmayer, owner of the Alpenhof Lodge and Petra’s Bistro, said “the holidays take care of themselves.”

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A visitor to Mammoth Lakes was struck by a driver making a left turn on Tuesday, January 2, as he crossed at the pedestrian crosswalk near the Mammoth Lakes Post Office with several pizzas in hand. Following the incident, Mammoth Lakes Police Department asked that people remember to drive slowly and with caution, and to observe pedestrian walkways. See more photos and story, p. 3.

A LONG LIFE IN THE SADDLE
Lone Pine resident Mel Joseph is 71 and still a rodeo star

By James

At an age when many worry about falling while walking down a sidewalk, Mel R. Joseph, 71, of the Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Tribe, is still working the rodeo circuit year-round. The Nevada-born Joseph has been winning Indian National Finals Rodeo championships for more than 40 years, riding horses and roping calves in a sport that is one of the most dangerous in the world.

Born in Ely, Nevada to Orval and Martha Joseph, Mel Joseph moved to Lone Pine when he was 10 years old—and that’s where his love of rodeo began.

“I would go to the Lone Pine Rodeo,” he said, “which at that time was one of the largest Pro Rodeos in California.” His keen fascination with the sport, inspired by watching fearless cowboys and bucking broncos, would eventually become his professional career for over 40 years. In addition to team and calf roping, Joseph specialized in steer wrestling. While growing up in Lone Pine, he worked as a ranch hand to help with expenses such as gas money and hay for his horses. Several of his horses were given to him by grateful ranchers and friends over the years, he said.

Joseph won his first INFR world championship at Salt Lake City in 1979 in team roping with partner Wes Wilford. He was recently inducted into the Indian National Finals Rodeo Hall of Fame. Joseph continues to compete in calf roping, and has worked as a cowboy all over the western U.S.

Barbara and Dave Sholle wait for a bus in the rain on Thursday, January 4 in Mammoth Lakes. They still had smiles on their faces.
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Wills. At the same competition, he tied for the All Around champion in points with his friend Garrett Spoonhunter. He won another INFR championship at Albuquerque, New Mexico in 1980, in team and calf roping.

The walls of Joseph's home are covered with photographs of his horses, awards, and championship belt buckles from countless rodeos collected over decades of competitions.

One of his prized possessions is a photo of him with his daughter, Brenda Rowland, both on horseback in the arena and waving simultaneously, a huge grin on Brenda's face. She shares his love of rodeo and is a champion in her own right. His son, Mel O. Joseph, who is the current Environmental Director for the Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Tribe, chose to pursue a career in science over rodeo, a decision his father readily accepted.

Mel R. Joseph is still going strong as a competitor in the INFR along with his brother, Bob Joseph, and he has no plans to stop any time soon. His goal is to always be ready to win another championship. His love for rodeo has become a true family affair—Brenda competes in team roping, breakaway roping, and barrel racing, while his granddaughter, Celest Rowland, runs barrels.

“I have always been proud of our Native blood and how we succeeded,” said Joseph.

He calls his father his biggest inspiration, and says he admired him for his hard work ethic. His mother, Martha, worked for The U.S. Forest Service when Joseph was growing up.

Then, of course, there are his horses—which are, as Joseph will tell you with more than a little emotion, the “tools of [his] trade.” He spends many of his waking hours working with his animals and has a strong emotional bond with them. He said that his two greatest horses were given to him by his friend, Jim Cashbaugh. “You need great horses to win,” he said, “and I am grateful to him.”

As it happens, just as Joseph was extolling equine virtues, “Junior”, one of his quarterhorses, walked over to the fence as he was leaning against it. It gently placed its head on Joseph’s shoulder.

“It’s been a fun and great life,” reflected Joseph. “I have been a cowboy all over the western United States, at friend’s ranches, working for and competing in rodeos.”

As a mark of his accomplishments, Joseph was recently inducted into the INFR Hall of Fame in Las Vegas, Nevada, in November 2017.

Joseph, who is also the Vice-Chairman for his tribe, was joined at the induction ceremony in November by his family, where he was honored for more than 40 years of accomplishments on the rodeo circuit.

Forty years of buckles: Just a few of Mel Joseph’s rodeo awards.
NO SAFE CROSSING
Pedestrian struck while crossing Main Street ... in a crosswalk
By Sheet Staff

On Tuesday, January 2, 2018, the Mammoth Lakes Police Depart-
ment responded to a vehicle versus pedestrian traffic collision. A
46-year-old male West Hills resident was struck by a vehicle at approxi-
mately 4 p.m. in the 3300 block of Main Street, just adjacent to the Mammoth
Lakes Post Office. The pedestrian was conscious at the scene and trans-
ported to Mammoth Hospital by Mono County Paramedics.

The driver of the vehicle, a 54-year-
old female resident of Mammoth
Lakes, stopped immediately after the
collision. From initial witness state-
ments and evidence at the scene, it
appears that the driver failed to yield
the right-of-way to a pedestrian cross-
ning the roadway within the marked
crosswalk as she made a left-hand turn
out of the Post Office parking lot. She
has not been charged with a crime.

According to Hannah DeGoey, As-
sistant to Mammoth Lakes Police Chief
Al Davis, “The pedestrian was injured,
but didn’t require a Lifeflight.”

The Mammoth Lakes Police Depart-
ment would like to remind drivers to
be alert and cautious of pedestrians
and to follow the direction of crosswalk
traffic signals.

A skier dangles from Chair 2 at Mammoth
Mountain on Thursday, January 4.

By Rea

A young skier ended up dangling
off of Chair 2 over onlookers on
Stump Alley on Thursday, Janu-
ary 4, after her ski became caught on
the chair’s foot rest and safety bar.
Jana PalmsVista posted on the Mam-
moth Mountain Snowman’s Facebook
page that she was involved in the
young woman’s rescue, which occurred
around 12:30 p.m.

Dori Semenov, the skier’s mother,
told KTLA that the safety bar was down
as the family tried to get onto the lift.
PalmsVista said that the other skiers
who boarded the lift with the young
woman fell off immediately, but the
18-year-old skier “dangled for two lift
poles” before employees were able to
run to her location with a net to catch
her fall. PalmsVista said, “For a few
minutes…no one [was] able to help
her untangle herself from her body
weight upside down.”
She said the woman was caught
for over five minutes. “I think [her]
Dad talked her through and the wind
captured her and she flung into the net,”
PalmsVista wrote. “We held her tight &
she smiled with relief as we gently put
her ski boots back on solid ground…
She landed in the rescue net perfectly.”

However, a Mammoth Mountain
volunteer told KTLA that one of the
lift operators may have sustained a
broken bone after being hit by a falling
ski and was taken to the hospital.
KTLA received a statement from
Mammoth Mountain on Thursday af-
ternoon which stated that “Mammoth
Mountain personnel and other guests
quickly responded, using a catch net
to safely rescue the skier. The skier was
uninjured and returned to skiing that
afternoon.”
WE ARE NOT ALL KINGS YET

Mammoth Lakes Tourism Board discusses joint marketing venture with the LA Kings, MUF, air service, TOT

By Giles

At the beginning of January 3, Mammoth Lakes Tourism (MLT) Executive Director John Urdi reported that Mammoth Resorts was in negotiations with the Los Angeles Kings over a contract for a joint marketing venture to be funded by the Town of Mammoth Lakes (TOML), MLT, and Mammoth Resorts.

At last month’s MLT Board meeting, TOML Parks and Recreation Director Stu Brown reported that the TOML currently has a one-year marketing agreement with the LA Kings for this year.

In The Sheet’s December 9 story, “We Are All Kings,” Lunch reported that Brown had announced that MLT, the TOML and Mammoth Resorts had partnered to fund a six-year expansion and extension of the TOML’s current marketing agreement with the Kings. According to Brown, the three entities had agreed to split the cost of that agreement: $2 million, with Mammoth Resorts paying 66 percent of the cost, MLT 30 percent, and the Town of Mammoth Lakes 4 percent. In return, the Kings agreed to contribute $1 million toward the construction of the Multi-Use Facility project from Mammoth to Mammoth Resorts.

Grady Dutton said “The Town of Mammoth Lakes is in no way considering relocating the Multi-Use Facility project from Mammoth Creek Park West.”

In an email on Wednesday, January 3, TOML Public Works Director Grady Dutton said “The Town of Mammoth Lakes is in no way considering relocating the Multi-Use Facility project from Mammoth Creek Park West. We are continuing to make great strides on the final design and expect to be before Town Council in May with updated estimates, based on actual bids to the extent possible.”

With regard to the Shady Rest Parcel, Dutton said, “The Town of Mammoth Lakes is expecting to execute a Purchase Agreement for the Shady Rest Parcel at any time. That purchase is based on current zoning and land use.” The Shady Rest Parcel is currently zoned for Affordable Housing, which does not permit an ice rink or other municipal buildings.

Mammoth Lakes Tourism has committed to funding $600,000 of the $2 million marketing agreement with the Kings, MLT Board member Sean Turner expressed his concern that MLT’s interests be adequately represented in the contract negotiations at Wednesday’s board meeting, saying, “I think we’re going to want to have legal counsel that has experience with the sort of very big-picture deals that are being worked out, but that, “Other concerns have been brought up with regard to the location of the rink.”

Urdi reported Wednesday that, for the entire season of air service, Los Angeles flights to and from Mammoth Yosemite Airport were “pacing almost 2,000 passengers ahead of last year.” San Francisco Flights are lagging behind last year’s figures by about 429 passengers, and San Diego is ahead of last year’s total to-date by 882 passengers. JetSuiteX has also gained popularity, pacing at 49 passengers ahead of last year’s totals to-date.

Urdi speculated that the cost of United’s air tickets could be a driving factor in why San Francisco flights continue to decline in popularity. He said MLT will be working with consulting firm Embark Air to see if better ticket prices can be negotiated for that route.

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“Grady Dutton”

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A HEALTHY RECRUITMENT PLAN?

Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce eyes group insurance plans for members

By Giles

According to Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Ken Brengle, an October 12 Executive Order passed by President Donald Trump may allow Chambers of Commerce to create association healthcare plans more easily.

The Executive Order doesn’t make any immediate legal changes, but asks Congress and federal regulatory bodies to consider them. Under association health plans, small businesses can join associations that offer insurance to members.

In a recent letter to Mammoth Chamber members, Brengle announced that “the Mammoth Lakes Chamber is offering through Candor Insurance, a group health plan for a businesses as small as an owner and at least one full-time employee (can’t be a spouse). This also includes LLC, Sole Proprietor, and Partnership. Your chamber membership provides you this opportunity.”

The letter went on to state that Candor offers Chamber Members access to healthcare plans for small businesses that provide more benefits at a reduced cost via group rate health care coverage. According to information provided by Brengle, available benefits include vision, counseling, dental, and pet insurance. Brengle said the rate groups are what will ultimately generate savings for Chamber members.

Brengle said that the program can be offered to employees, so that they pay for it through payroll deduction and can gain access to better plans for less cost than if they purchased as individuals.

Brengle said in an email that partnering with Candor to provide the group health plan will not cost the Mammoth Lake Chamber of Commerce anything. Costs will be borne by participating members and their employees, if they wish to enroll.

At the January 3 Mammoth Lakes Tourism Board meeting, Brengle said the Chamber believes that offering an association plan will help recruit new members. There are currently 217 enrolled members of the Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce, and annual membership dues are structured, along with the benefits they provide, in tiers. Memberships range from $250 per business annually to $3,000.

At the same meeting, Brengle said the Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce Board is considering offering the association healthcare plan to members “at the $500 membership level and up.” Brengle said in an email this week that the Chamber’s Board of Directors is also considering making plans available to all members, including those who have invested in basic membership at $250 annually. He said that from a recruitment standpoint, “If I can save you $500 per year in healthcare costs, it doesn’t matter to you if you join the Chamber for $500.”

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LOCAL BRIEFS

Embezzlement done Wright

In March 2017, a Bishop resident contacted Bishop Police Department (BPD) and accused former Bishop resident, 31-year-old Leandra Wright, of embezzlement. According to a press release from the BPD, an investigation revealed the unauthorized use of funds from several accounts Wright managed as a staff accountant at Business Management Integration and Family Office, Inc., in Bishop. The investigation also revealed Wright’s failure to maintain payables.

Wright had been handling the victim’s finances since 2008, according to a press release from the BPD. Forensic analysis of the accounts revealed that the victim’s account had suffered significant losses over a long period of time. Wright turned herself into Inyo County Jail on Saturday, December 30, 2017, but was released on bail, according to the press release.

CAO gets a COLA

On Tuesday, January 3, the Mono County Supervisors approved a 2 percent cost of living increase (COLA) for County Administrative Officer Leslie Chapman. According to the Mono County Supervisor’s agenda for January 2, Chapman will receive an additional $2,375 per year—$1,632 in salary, $743 in employer contribution to retirement funds. The CAO salary was reduced by nearly $28,000 when Chapman took the job.

Members of the employee bargaining unit also received a 2 percent COLA on January 1. These units do not include at-will employees such as department heads. On December 19, 2017, the Supervisors approved a 2 percent COLA for at-will employees with the exception of the CAO. This marks the first salary increase approved for the Mono County CAO position since 2009.

That’s not a needle!

Bishop resident and acupuncturist Karl Chang was sentenced to 364 days in the Inyo County Jail for two counts of sexual battery, according to a press release from the Inyo County District Attorney’s Office. He will also serve four years formal felony probation. Other similar counts were dismissed as part of a negotiated disposition. Chang will be required to register as a sex offender, and will not be allowed to reside within 2,000 feet of schools, parks, or other areas where young people congregate. Chang was arrested on October 27, 2016 and sentenced on December 22, 2017.

He will not be allowed to practice massage therapy or acupuncture therapy while on probation, and the State of California Acupuncture Board is investigating administrative action that could result in the loss of his licensure.

Chang admitted to engaging in illegal sexual touching and other inappropriate behavior disguised as treatment for medical conditions with patients. Chang had previously been placed on probation by the State of California Acupuncture Board, after having been accused of similar conduct. As a condition of his probation, Chang will have to complete a “patient boundary” class. Chang had completed the boundary class once before, and that fact significantly aggravated the case.

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MADERA NO MORE?
Mono County considers stretching its boundaries to include Reds Meadow, Devils Postpile
By Bodine

Mono County is contemplating both extending and shrinking its boundaries. If executed, the move could improve public safety and reward the County with additional property tax revenue. The County is proposing to fold the federal lands encompassed by Reds Meadow/Devil’s Postpile National Monument and portions of the Rock Creek recreation area into Mono County, while cutting County land loose near the community of Oasis (in the extreme southeastern portion of the County, near Fish Lake Valley).

There is a sliver of land, approximately 79 square miles, on the other side of Crestview and west of Mammoth Mountain, that includes Devil’s Postpile and Rainbow Falls. The land is in Madera County, but Mono County is the agency that responds to Search and Rescue (SAR) missions in that area, of which there are many. According to a memorandum of understanding between Madera and Mono Counties, Madera agreed to reimburse Mono for those operations. In a December 4 interview (see “No Moriarty,” December 8), Undersheriff Michael Moriarty said Madera has not paid many, if any, of those bills.

The only access to the area by road is from Mono County and Mammoth Lakes. The closest access from Madera is via an unmaintained road that is actually an 18-mile hike. Supervisor Stacy Corless said in a memo to her fellow Mono County Supervisors that Reds Meadow and Devil’s Postpile National Monument are visited by thousands of visitors annually. Corless said the sites are such an economic engine for the area that the Town of Mammoth Lakes is shelling out $24 million to rehabilitate the deteriorating Reds Meadow Road. As The Sheet reported in October 2017, the Forest Service doesn’t have the money to do the necessary work to repair the Reds Meadow road, and the road will deteriorate if it is not fixed now.

There have been informal discussions between Mono and Madera Counties in the past, but now Mono County plans to pass a resolution to move forward with formal discussions. Mono County Deputy Counsel Jason Canger told The Sheet that the process for adjusting the County’s boundary is long and complicated. To start with, both counties must pass resolutions requesting the change. The state then appoints a five-person commission to study how the change will affect things like population and tax base for each county involved. The commission will then make recommendations to the State regarding the boundary adjustment, which may be different than that proposed by the counties. Then, both counties must pass another resolution approving the commission’s recommendations. During this process, the public will have opportunities to comment on the project as well.

Being that the process is handled by the State, Coner said he didn’t want to guess at when the proposal will be finished.

Corless stated in an email to The Sheet that Mono County has discussed the acquisition of the Reds Meadow area for quite some time. A search and rescue incident at Rainbow Falls in October 2016, in which Mono County Undersheriff Michael Moriarty refused to send out Mono County Search and Rescue for a call because Madera hadn’t paid its bills, “definitely sparked most recent discussions,” Corless added. A woman with a broken ankle had to be airlifted out of the area after waiting for help for five hours.

Corless said she discussed the boundary change with Madera Supervisor Tom Wheeler following the incident, and that he seemed receptive to the change. Wheeler’s district includes Red’s Meadow.

The property value of the 79 square miles could not be determined before press time. The Madera County Assessor’s Office did not return calls to The Sheet.

In the summer of 2017, members of the Madera County Sheriff’s Office visited Reds Meadow, evidently for the see COUNTY, page 17
Danilo Chacon learned to cook in his grandmother’s kitchen, but he wasn’t exactly invited in. “My grandmother had 20 children, every one of them girls,” he said, recalling his childhood in the small city of El Encino, Guatemala. Danilo said that when he was young, he’d often drift, entranced, into the massive kitchen, which bustled with his female relatives. “I got kicked out every time,” he said, grinning at the memory. “I wasn’t allowed in because I was a man, and they’re not really allowed to do things in there.” But as a young kid interested in cooking who ended up with 19 aunts, he was bound to pick up something.

As Chacon walked around the kitchen of The Eatery in Mammoth, where he currently works as a cook, he gestured to the entire dish room and hot line, demonstrating the size of that childhood kitchen on the property where his family grew coffee and raised livestock. He says it was a little like Bishop, actually. “I was a ranch boy,” working with his family harvesting produce, he said. He probably spent more time out in the fields than in that big kitchen, because that’s what he was expected to do, but he always wound up back there sooner or later.

When Chacon was 13 years old, he moved with his mother to South Central, in Los Angeles. He can pin-point a scene in the film “Straight Outta Compton” where gangsters on motorcycles pop wheelies through his old neighborhood. He didn’t like the city.

He started coming to the Eastern Sierra when he was in high school—one of his aunts ended up working at Double Eagle resort, and Chacon decided he’d teach snowboarding at June Mountain.

When he eventually moved up to the mountains permanently after high school, he needed to get to work, and through he’d once considered going to school to teach mathematics, cooking was always nagging at him. His first and favorite memory of a delicious meal, he said, was his grandmother’s Guatemalan tamales (not your familiar Mexican tamales, but a banana leaf-wrapped deli-cacy made with a salsa containing pumpkin and sesame seeds), He still hasn’t perfected the recipe.

“No, not yet, but I will,” he says firmly. “It’s different when it’s your grandma’s food. You have to rise up to that level.” His grandma passed away years ago, and since she never really conformed his being in the kitchen, he’s now working out the kinks himself (for the record, his mom loves that he ended up being a cook).

Chacon ended up landing a job at the Chinese restaurant Red Lantern, which was opened by Dipna Rado, who now works as a professor of culinary arts at Texas Tech. He went straight to the line, starting out as a garde manger, preparing appetizers, salads and desserts.

After stints at a few other restaurants in town (Gomez’s, Rafers), Chacon landed at The Eatery, where he’s been for about two years. He’s perpetually grinning from behind the hot line in the evenings, where he pulls a cheerful second shift after parking cars at Mammoth Mountain in the mornings. During busy weeks, he usually has “abo half a day off,” every seven days. It’s a busy schedule, but he hustles the best he can during the winter.

He doesn’t spend too much time going out after work—not at least because he usually puts in a 14-hour day. His dream, he says, is to buy a house near Mammoth, maybe in Crowley Lake where he might be able to grow a vegetable garden.

His fondness for the food he cooks (the menu is designed by chef Brandon Brocia), comes through if you catch him when it’s slow—he’ll stroll up to the cash register to talk about what’s fresh in Brocia’s stead. When asked if he could give a piece of advice to aspiring cooks, he was frank. “You have to want to be inside of the kitchen,” said Chacon. “The passion of cooking, making food, it’s really something else…but it’s not easy.”

Favorite food? “Gotta be shrimp.” Hence the recipe Chacon shared.

Favorite thing about cooking professionally? “I think every day, we learn. You can’t work in a kitchen without learning something.”

Least favorite thing about cooking professionally? “Changing the fryers… and cleaning a dirty kitchen,” which he said as he polished a jet black flat top grill back to a silver sheen.

First thing you ever cooked? “Chicken soup, I would just watch my aunts and my mom making it until I figured out how. One day, I made some, and my brothers ate it. They said ‘Hey mom, that’s pretty good!’ I said hey, you $*@#s, I made that!”

What would you make for someone on a first date? “Lamb rack,” He says decisively. He then trails off with a litany of other dreamy dishes like lobster and pasta. He says he doesn’t think girls are into those kind of romantic things anymore. But just in case they are, he’s off on Sundays.

Last meal? (Long pause). “Bad chicken wings. Like, overcooked chicken wings. With BBQ sauce.”

aguachile recipe as “the bed breaker” ceviche, for the rumored aphrodisiac qualities of shrimp. Though he initially balked at detailing the method of how to prepare this dish, he finally shared the goods. He proceeded to recite the recipe below entirely from memory. He says he’s made it at least 50 times. Feeds about five.

**AGUACHILE, (AKA “THE BED BREAKER” CEVICHE)**

Danilo Chacon got this recipe for Aguachile, a Mexican dish originating on the coast of Sinaloa, from a friend of his whose nickname Chacon said was too scandalous to reveal here. He referred to this recipe as “the bed breaker” ceviche, for the rumored aphrodisiac qualities of shrimp.

**Ingredients:**

- 2 avocados
- One bunch cilantro, roughly chopped
- 4 cloves of garlic
- 1 whole red onion, halved
- 1 cucumber, sliced thin
- 2 lbs fresh jumbo shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 15 fresh limes
- 2 Tbsp each salt + pepper
- 1 Tbsp garlic powder
- 1/4 lb green tomatillos, fresh
- 2 serrano peppers, seeds included (“that’s the fun part,” Chacon says)

**Method:**

Squeeze fresh limes and reserve about 4 to 5 Tbsp of the juice.

**Butterfly** (split it down the middle, leaving the spine intact) the raw shrimp, and allow them to sit in the rest of the lime juice for at least 35 minutes. The acidic juice “cooks” the shrimp (the idea behind ceviche). It should go without saying that the better quality shrimp you purchase, the more peace of mind you’ll have when consuming this dish (but we’ll say it anyway). Many aguachile recipes call for throwing the cucumbers in at this point, but Chacon leaves them out until he’s ready to serve it.

Char the tomatillos, serranos, garlic and red onion. This can be done over a hot grill (leave the veggies whole or halved) or in a hot oven.

In a blender, combine the 4 Tbsp lime juice with the tomatillos, serranos, garlic, onion and cilantro and process till smooth.

Just before serving, pour the charred vegetable-lime puree over the shrimp, adding fresh cucumbers and sliced avocados at the end. “Serve with chips or salty crackers.”

Chacon says this dish is best served immediately, but will hold for up to two days refrigerated.

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**PHOTO: DANILO CHACON**
PEARL HARBOR REVISITED
Bishop resident shares stories of attack on Pearl Harbor with Daughters of the American Revolution

By James

Marilyn Nicolson of Bishop spoke at a luncheon held by the Daughters of the American Revolution this past December on the 76th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Nicholson shared family letters and photos from her adopted parents, Eva and Ruben Hanson, who witnessed the Japanese attack on December 7, 1941. Marilyn's talk to the DAR was based on letters, emails, and other documents left behind when her parents passed away.

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Ruben wrote that, once there, he found all our planes burning and men scattered everywhere. There was not much we could do, as we had no ammunition except rifles which was of no use against planes." Ruben went on to write that they worried about "what else the Japanese might be up to besides the air attack, such as landing troops on the island."

Hanson described how he, along with two other men, broke into the arma-
Morris, Director of Operations for Snowcreek resort, in an email. “I think a lot of guests just enjoy the mountains as holiday time, and for them, the snow conditions are not a big deal.” However, Robert Schaubmayer said, “with the lack of snow, that jolly feeling starts to diminish for visitor and local morale alike. We’re used to seeing snow,” on the ground in December, he said.

Robert and his brother Kirk, who run the Alpenhof Lodge and Petra’s together, said that they have the same number of employees that they had last year at this time. Kirk reported that numbers at the hotel were only 3.1 percent down from December, 2016, though occupancy was noticeably slower leading up to this year’s Christmas holiday.

Part of that, they think, was the way the dates of the holidays shook out on the calendar (Christmas was on a Sunday in 2016, New Year’s Eve on a Saturday, as opposed to a Monday and a Sunday this year).

Moving past the holiday rush, “it is about the snow experience, the mountain experience” for many guests, said Kirk.

Robert’s wife Heather added that “people are getting a little tense,” as the holidays wane and the weather stays mild. Heather is a wine representative for Wine Warehouse, and said that sales are good, though. “December was a little soft,” she said. “It will be hard to repeat [2016-17]. It was a perfect storm...”

Most business owners interviewed agreed that Mammoth summers are much busier than they used to be, and shoulder seasons are shortening. But for fine dining establishments like Petra’s, which serves only dinner, it can be hard to recoup lost winter business during the summers.

Kirk noted that diners eat later during the summer months. “Everyone is outside until 7 p.m. So it’s a one-turn push, maybe two,” said Kirk (a “turn” is the number of times tables in the restaurant “turn over,” or get a new set of diners).

Other businesses actually fare better when there’s a lack of snow—Bill Walters, owner of Minaret Cinemas, told The Striker that December 2017 was stronger than last December. “The rationale is simple,” he wrote, “people could get around town and find a place to park.”

Dave Leonard, owner of the Booky Joint (in the Minaret Mall close to the movie theater) also said that he had more business because his customers could get to the store. “Christmas Eve eve [December 23] was the busiest we’ve ever had,” said Leonard on Wednesday. Last year, he said, “I had people complaining to me that they tried to get here, but there was no parking, so they went home.” He said he sometimes spent a half hour looking for parking in his own lot, which was swamped with snow.

Morris concurred. “For most of us who run lodging businesses in Mammoth Lakes, having clear weather over the holiday period is a bonus...I also find that guests generally enjoy the ability to get around town more easily without large storms. Most of our guests are not accustomed to winter driving and adding thousands of cars, pedestrians and snow together is a scary mix.

Marty Shapiro managed the Minaret Mall last year, and said that the mall budgeted $160,000 for snow removal last season. They ended up spending $350,000.

“The road and the Mountain closed more days last year than any year I can remember, and that subtracts from retail,” said Shapiro, who’s been in town for 37 years and operated his business in the mall for 32.

Emily Falkingham, who has been running Command Performance Fasstkis Sports for the same amount of time, also had a positive attitude about the weather. “It’s still good, people are still skiing,” she said, while noting that they aren’t skiing as many days.

“We have regular customers who always come in on December 30 and ski for three days,” she said. “This year, they skied for two days.”

“People ski a little less if there is less snow, less terrain open,” said Tom Cage, owner of Kittredge Sports, echoing Falkingham’s sentiments. “They’ll ski a day, shop a day, hike a day, ice skate, go sledding, hang out at their condos.”

The Booky Joint’s Leonard agreed that people shop more when they ski less. “I hate to say it, but a drought year is probably better for us,” he said sheepishly.

Emily Falkingham also thinks the price of lift tickets can deter families from skiing more if the conditions aren’t great. The Sheet reported that an adult all-day lift ticket on Thursday, December 22 cost $147.90 (see “Mammoth gets "Dynamic," December 24, 2016). A lift ticket for Thursday, January 4 would cost $159, said a sales associate at 1.800.MAMMOTH on Wednesday.

But “no one has complained about tickets, lift lines, conditions, because it’s just another damn beautiful day,” said Falkingham, who also praised the work the snowmakers and groomers have done as “spectacular.”

June Mountain has also struggled due to the lack of snow, delaying its opening day from December 9 to December 22 (last year June opened on December 16 with filled-in runs and all lifts running). Abigail Ross, Marketing and Operations Manager at June Mountain, responded to a question of whether June would close if significant snowfall didn’t occur. “We have no intention of closing June and are optimistic about the change in weather/snow in the next 7-10 days,” Ross said on Wednesday. Shapiro said that, in his experience, the repeat winter visitors will likely keep their eyes on the weather before returning after their holiday visits. “I know they’ll all leave town going, ‘I had a great time. I’ll come back after it snows,’” he said.

“Snowpack really begins to affect business after the holidays,” wrote Morris. “Bottom line, we will need snow soon to keep the holiday momentum going and end up with a good overall winter season.”

“Thirty years ago we wouldn’t be open,” said Cage. “No snowmaking, no bowling alley...people wouldn’t come. That changed because we supplied amenities for people to do things that allow them to still come to Mammoth even if the snow isn’t great.” Cage recalled that, in 1991, Kittredge had a parking lot sale for Christmas due to the dry conditions.

Shapiro said dependency on the weather is simply part of living in a town like Mammoth. “I’ve been here 37 years, and there have been winters I learned to play golf,” he said. But he still managed to sell Mammoth schwag and keep his business running.

“Last year, we’d sell toboggans and people would load up their kids and drag ‘em out the door,” said Falkingham. Though they’re not able to sled out to the car this year, “we’re still selling toboggans.”
CDFW seeks public comment on Draft Elk Conservation and Management Plan

MANAGING ELK IN THE OWENS VALLEY

By James and Rea

The sight of elk grazing on grasses off of Highway 395 has stopped many a traveler in their tracks, but most are likely unaware that these animals are an import. In 1933, rancher G. Walter Dow of Lone Pine decided to bring a small group of penned Tule Elk to his Owens Valley ranch, thinking they might be a good tourist draw (clearly, they still are). Though the high desert and grasslands of The Owens Valley weren’t their native habitat, the Tule Elk, named for the native sedge on which they often feed, thrived.

According to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), 56 elk were also introduced in the middle of the Owens Valley in 1933 and early 1934, near the town of Aberdeen. That herd also rapidly expanded its range. Their arrival, however, was met with some resistance by local farmers and ranchers, as conflicts developed over competition between livestock and elk for forage. This was compounded by damage to fences and agricultural land, according to the CDFW.

In November of 2016, CDFW released their Draft Elk Conservation and Management Plan for public review and comment. The plan, which is posted online (www.wildlife.ca.gov), includes subsections that are specific to each of the 22 Elk Management Units (EMUs) in California and addresses historical and geographic range, habitat conditions and trends, and major factors affecting the Roosevelt, Rocky Mountain, and Tule Elk. The Tule is the smallest of the three elk species, and is found only in California.

There are six Owens Valley sub-herds of Tule Elk now found in Bishop, Tinemaha, Goodale, Independence, Lone Pine and Whitney, most of which were established by natural dispersal, according to the CDFW Draft Elk Conservation Plan. They are all part of the Owens Valley Tule Elk Management Unit, which covers some 75 miles between the Sierra Nevada Mountains to the west and the White Mountains to the east, and covers the land stretching from Bishop south to Owens Lake—some 915,000 acres in total. According to the draft plan, 95 percent of the land supports elk.

The CDFW Draft Elk Conservation and Management plans public comment period ends at 5 p.m. on Monday, January 29. Comments may be submitted by email at ElkManagementPlan@wildlife.ca.gov, or mailed to: California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Wildlife Branch, Attn: Joe Hobbs. 1812 Ninth St. Sacramento, CA 95811.

Comments received by the deadline will be reviewed by CDFW, and appropriate changes will be incorporated into the final document prior to its anticipated release in early 2018.

A herd of Tule Elk, imported to the Owens Valley in the mid-1930s.
Huskies Win in Gold at Garces

By Tom Cage

The Mammoth High School girls soccer team competed in Bakersfield at the Garces High School Tournament on December 15 and 16. The first game was against Kern, with MHS winning 3-2. On Saturday, December 16, MHS girls beat Rosemond 4-0, which put them into the finals. Later that afternoon, MHS played Kennedy High School from the Central Valley and won 4-1, becoming the champions of this year’s Garces tournament for the Gold A Division.

In 2009, the girls won in the Silver Division, so there was a long drought. December’s wins were very satisfying for how hard the girls have been working on their game.

Players that participated: Keepers Melissa Cook and Andrea Cuellar; on defense, Emily Cruz, Drew Presson, Jaemy Mora, Ryann Ritchie, Karina Solorio, and Ximena Serrano; Mid Fielders Zenya Simeon, Electa Clark, Vanessa Laguna, Hallie Clute, Maya Weber, Judy Maravillas, Emily Roberts, and Catherine Gacho; and Forwards Lainey Altieri-Need and Emily Posey. Goals were scored by Emily Roberts (4), Lainey Altieri-Need (4), Emily Posey (1), Hallie Clute (1), and Zenya Simeon (1). Defense was anchored by Emily Cruz and Drew Presson playing most of each game. Our keepers allowed only 3 goals in 3 games. All players contributed and allowed teammates with partial injuries to have some rest. It was a team effort. The team was coached by Lisa Clute, Jorge Cruz, Tom Cage. Stats were recorded by Todd Roberts.

Mammoth Mountain Community Foundation recognizes local student athletes

By Susan Morning

Mammoth Mountain Community Foundation (MMCF) recently honored 46 athletes as A Team award winners. The athletes were recognized at Mammoth Mountain on December 27.

MMCF Executive Director Lindsay Barksdale said that “A Team” athletes exceed the goals set in an environment of high expectations. They may achieve a significant result in competition, or they may make a major personal breakthrough in their training on the mountain. Athletes are nominated for this award by their coaches who look at their academics, athletics, and achievement.

Mammoth Mountain Ski and Snowboard U16 Team Head Coach Jimmy Whiteley brought up his athletes, Sasha Mueller and Keely Podosin, and said they are, “always setting an example, always early, always putting effort in, have a great attitude. We are proud of them, they are great role models for our team.” Mammoth Mountain Ski and Snowboard Team Head Director Carl Underkoffler announced both the U10s and U12s. His U10 athletes were Lila Creasy, Addison Koenig, Payton Norman, Vance Khamsi, and Oliver Finnegan. The U12s were Tristan Bartt, Elinor Crall, Gregory Gazarin, Daria Hajimiri, and Celso Nguyen. The Mighty Mite athletes presented with A-Team sweatshirts were Chase Casave, Eve-Ana Charbent, Noah Gefre, Mather Koegle, Emily Sugimura, Tori Newman, Sara Tomaier, and Leah Crall.

The following additional athletes were named to the A Team. Freeski: Jack Sloacek, Hayden Higashi, Gavin Higashi; Snowboard Jr. Elite: Makayla Kellogg, Keyser Murphy; Snowboard Junior: Paige Lary, Connor Burrows; Snowboard Mini: Jeffrey Anderson; Snowboard Devo: Natalie Partridge, Sebastian Markman; U19: Evin Haworth, Bruno Amor-Franceschi; U14: Ian Ferguson, Jack Lackey, Siena Beegly, Thia Amor-Franceschi, Mitchell Parsons, Kendall Spieler; All Mountain Chargers: Caitly Rahmeyer, Kaylie Kokado, Calista Yan, Vaughn Wilson, Mia Williams, Martin Walker, Emma Smith, and Silas Wilson.
The Hairy Superheroes of Mono Lake

Dr. Floris van Breugel uncovers the secret of how Mono Lake's alkali flies scuba dive while staying dry

By Giles

Research completed this summer at Mono Lake and published this fall in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences has the potential to offer engineers new insight into the development of hydrophobic materials.

Dr. Floris van Breugel, a post-doctoral researcher at the University of Washington, discovered this summer just how Mono Lake's characteristic alkali flies scuba dive under the lake's surface by creating a bubble of air that surrounds their bodies and allows them to remain submerged for up to 15 minutes at a time.

Van Breugel has a background in engineering and studies biomechanics, or the way that animals coordinate their limbs to accomplish tasks such as the aerial motion of wings as well as terrestrial locomotion. In this study, he was particularly interested in how flies manage to make complex decisions and form air pockets that allow them to dive without splitting their bodies into two pieces.

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This negative charge makes the lake water cling more aggressively to the mostly positively charged hair cuticles on the flies' bodies, pulling the water close to the hairs. "If there is enough (negative) charge, lake water gets pulled into the air pockets between the hairs, and wets the fly," said van Breugel. If this happens, the creatures can't re-emerge. Mono Lake's water level can fluctuate dramatically over the course of a week during the summer months. Prior to the start of water diversions by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power in 1941, Mono Lake's surface sat at 6,417 feet above sea level. Today, it sits at 6,381 feet above sea level. As the water level recedes, the salinity of the lake increases, along with the concentration of sodium carbonate.

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Michael H Dickinson working at a field site on the shores of Mono Lake. In the foreground is the micro-force measurement apparatus used to study the diving flies.

Van Breugel compared the performance of other alkali flies with Mono Lake's flies in similar environments (similar species exist at Utah's Great Salt Lake), and found that the flies at Mono Lake are 16 percent hairier than their relatives. Van Breugel also discovered that their bodies are coated in the same water-repelling hydrocarbon found in beeswax.

Mono Lake's water is rich in sodium carbonate, which van Breugel described as "a very strong version of baking soda." Van Breugel discovered this summer that the presence of sodium carbonate in water makes it stickier. It clings to foreign surfaces more readily than fresh water does, and it is better at permeating waterproof materials as a result.

The presence of sodium carbonate in the water at Mono Lake creates a slightly negative charge at the lake's surface. When an object like a fly or a piece of clothing comes into contact with that surface, positively charged molecules on the fly are attracted to negatively charged molecules in the water. "This pulls the lake water close to the surface of the fly," said van Breugel. Mono Lake's alkali flies, unlike fruit flies, have a waxy, paraffin-like coat that repels the negatively charged molecules at the lake's surface. As they submerge themselves (head first), the waxy cuticle that surrounds them repels the water, creating a bubble of air that encases the fly as it moves into the depths of the lake. In order to submerge themselves, the flies have to muster more force than is generated by their waxy cuticle's repulsion of the lake water.

This adaptation to form an air bubble allows the flies to lay their eggs and feed on algae below the surface of Mono Lake's water. In order to submerge themselves, the flies have to muster more force than is generated by their waxy cuticle's repulsion of the lake water.

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An Alkali Fly inside its protective air bubble under the surface of Mono Lake.
**BARS & MUSIC**

**Happy Hour**

The Liberty Sports Bar and Grill. Pursuit of Happiness Hour, 3-6 p.m. $1 flatbread. Save on draft beers, $2 off wine, $4 well drinks, $2 off specialty drinks. $5 Flatbread. See ad, p. 4.

Outlaw Saloon: Happy Hour Monday: All Night Happy Hour; 4-Midnight, Tues-Fri 4-6 p.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays $2 Tacos 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. 2.

Sunday ticket NFL Outlaw opens early at 10 a.m. with breakfast burritos, Bloody Marys and mimosas. Roberto’s 4-6 p.m. every day.

**Austria Hof** 5-8 p.m. daily. See ad, p. 7.

White Barb 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. 1.

Petra’s Bistro Happy Hour, 5-6 p.m. every day. See ad, p. 3.

Mammoth’s famous Slocums Happy Hour Mon. thru Fri 4-6; Saturdays 4-5. Closed Sun. See ad, p. 5.

**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.

**Lakanuki** 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.

**January 5-6**

Tony Glaser plays Liberty Bar. Funk Rock. 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Free. See ad, p. 4.

**Monday, January 8**

Bowling’s Bantam Rock n Bowlers.

**Open Mic Night** @ The Liberty Bar in Mammoth Lakes. 6 p.m.

**Tuesday, January 9**

Tuesday Night Special @ Morrison’s. Glass of wine or draft Coors Light with any entree.

**Karaoke** @ Rafters with DJ CDS, 10 p.m. Free, 21 & up.

**Trivia** @ Mammoth Brewing Co. Starts 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, January 10**

**Trivia Night** at Mountain Rambler Brewery. Starts 8:15 p.m.

**Thursday, January 11**

**Ladies’ Night** @ Mammoth Rock n Bowl. Ladies bowl 2 games free, includes shoe rental.

**Friday, January 12**

Trivia @ Rafters and Black Velvet Coffee. Opens 10 a.m. for breakfast and drink specials.

Some Assembly Required plays Black Doubt Brewing. 7 p.m. Free.

**TOWN STUFF**

**January 2-31**

Wilderness Photography by Eastern Sierra artist Londe Padelakes. 12-5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday; Monday at the Mono Arts Council Gallery, Minaret Mall, Mammoth Lakes.

**January 5-31**

Calico Quilters Art Show at the Mammoth Lakes Library. Side Door special 4-9 p.m. to 5 p.m. Purchase proceeds support Friends of the Mammoth Lakes Library.

**January 5-7**

Public Skate at the Mammoth Ice Rink. 12-3 p.m., 3:30-6 p.m., and 7-10 p.m. Skate Assist lessons available 4-6:30 p.m. on Fridays. Ice Rink will open at 3:30 p.m. on December 25. See ad, page 3, sidebar next page.

**January 6-7**

Alabama Hills Film History Tour. Meet 10 a.m. at the Eastern Sierra Interagency Visitor Center. Guided tour concludes at noon. See sidebar, next page.

**Saturday, January 6**

Calamity Passholders Early Ups. Get the chance to load the lifts beginning at 7:30 a.m. and enjoy a complimentary hot breakfast at McCoy station at 8 a.m., while supplies last. Woody’s Saturday Parade in The Village. Begins 3:45 p.m.

**Sunday, January 7**

Sierra Club Hike to Mono Cragers. Ski or snowshoe, depending on snow conditions. Info: Melissa, 760.937.0499, melissas1@verizon.net, or check www.meetup.com/ROLG-SierraClub-Outings-Meetup on Saturday.

**Monday, January 8**

Mammoth Lakes Housing Board Meeting, 6 p.m. In Town Council Chambers, Suite Z, Minaret Mall, Mammoth Lakes.

**Bishop City Council meeting, 6 p.m.** @ 377 W. Line St.

**Mammoth/Bridgeport City Council meeting**.

**Mono Basin Historical Society Meeting**. Potluck at 6 p.m. @ the Lee Vining Community Center. Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. Info: 760.647.6461.

**Stormwater Resource Plan meeting** with the Town of Mammoth Lakes. 4 p.m. in Suite Z. RSVP to jrobertson@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov by January 3. See sidebar, next page.

**Inyo County Board of Supervisors Meeting**. 8:30 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence. Public Comment Period opens for the update to the 2005 Devil’s Postpile National Monument Fire Management Plan. See sidebar, next page.

**Tuesday, January 9**

Mono County Board of Supervisors meeting, 9 a.m. Broadcast live from the CAO Conference Room, Sierra Center Mall, Mammoth Lakes, Meeting in Bridgeport @ the Courthouse.

**Mammoth Recreation Commission Meeting**. 9 a.m. in Town Council Chambers, Suite Z, Minaret Mall. Mammoth Lakes Recreation Board Meeting. 5 p.m. in Town Council Chambers, Suite Z, Minaret Mall.

**City of Bishop Water Sewer Commission Meeting**. 6-8 p.m. at City Hall.
TOWN STUFF

Mammoth Planning and Economic Development Commission Meeting 2 p.m. in Suite Z, Minaret Mall, Mammoth Lakes.

Mammoth Basin RPAC Meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the Lee Vining Community Center. Writing workshop with author Jamie Della. Grades 6-12, From 3-5 p.m. @ Mammoth Lakes Library. For a Library of Congress Letters About Literature Writing Contest. Info: 760-934-4777.

Sierra Club Executive Committee meeting. At the Shores’ home, 4-5 p.m. Info: chairrolg@gmail.com. Coffee with a Cop and Mammoth Lakes Police Department, 9-10 a.m. at Black Velvet Coffee.

Thursday, January 11
Sierra Eastside Mountain Bike Association hosts Fat Bike Race #1. 5:30-7 p.m. Start and finish at the yurt at Tamarack Lodge and Resort. Beer to follow, race open to beginners and pros alike.

Apres Ski Yoga with Tessa Coker. 5-6:15 p.m. at the Crowley Lake Community Center.

January 13-14
Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre Presents: Drunk With Hope. Tickets online: $18/20, $22 at the door, no discounts. Starts Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 4 p.m. @ The Edison Theater, Mammoth Lakes. Tix: www.edisontheatre.org. See sidebar, this page.

Saturday, January 13-15

January 17-18
Refreshers Drivers’ Class. Sponsored by AARP Class runs at the VFW Hall, 484 Short Street, Bishop. Call Danielle White @ 760.873.5639 for reservations and details.

UPCOMING

Saturday, January 13
Inyo Search and Rescue and Summit ski. Registration at 8:15 a.m. at Millpond County Park. Race starts at 9 a.m. Suggested $10 donation.

Chamber Music Unbound: The Felsic Piano Trio. 7:30 p.m. at the Mammoth Lakes Lutheran Church. Tickets: $25 at www.chambermusicunbound.org. The Booky Joint, ICA.

Sierra Lifeflight Open House and Farewell Flyaway. 1-3 p.m. at the hangar, Bishop Airport, 770 Airport Road, Bishop. See sidebar, this page.

Monthly Bishop Paiute Tribe Conservation Open Space Area (COIS) Bird Walk. Hosted by Eastern Sierra Audubon Society. Meet at the BLM/Forest Service Center at 8:30 a.m. Contact Hillary Behr (hillarybehr@yahoo.com) for info.

SpellBinder Books Vicarious Travelers Club Meeting 3: Cuba. The club has read and been reading books by Cubans about Cuba and will celebrate with a potluck at Genevieve’s house in Bishop, from 6-8:30 p.m. RSVP at the bookstore for address. Bring a Cuban dish or drink. All welcome.

Sunday, January 14
Sierra Club Ski, Snowshoe, or Hike Adventure. Contact Brigitte, 760.924.2140, jungverman@nicc.com or check www.meetup.com/ROLG-SierraClub-Outings-Meetup.

Monday, January 15
National Park Service Free Entrance Day. Does not include concessions.

January 17-18
Piano Trio.

January 27
Bird Walk.

Stormwater meeting in Mammoth

The Town is developing a Stormwater Resource Plan (SWRP) and is inviting the public to participate in the process on January 8, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. in Suite Z. The SWRP is required by the California State Water Resources Control Board to establish eligibility for bond funding for stormwater treatment and improvement projects. Please RSVP to jrobertson@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov by January 3, 2018.

Hike the Alabama Hills

The Bureau of Land Management Bishop Field Office, Alabama Hills Stewardship Group and Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association will be hosting two-hour guided hikes. Hikes will begin at 10 a.m. on January 6, 14, 20 and 27, leaving from the Eastern Sierra Visitor Center, Lone Pine.

On January 6 and 20, join the BLM for a hike through Alabama Hills’ film history where more than 400 movies and commercials have been filmed. This is an easy one mile walk on roads and trails.

“Alabama Hills Under our Feet” hike will be held on Sunday, January 14. Hear geological and cultural tales on several short walks.

“Till the Hills Are Alive” hike will be held January 27. Discover native flora and fauna.

For more info, contact BLM Bishop Field Office. Call Dave Kirk at dmirk@blm.gov, or the Eastern Sierra Visitor Center at 760.876.6222.

Sierra Lifeflight open house

Sierra Lifeflight will be retiring its fleet of Piper Cheyenne aircraft in favor of King Air C90s, which officially go into service this month. A celebration will be held January 13 from 1-3 p.m. at Sierra Lifeflight’s hangar at the Bishop Airport. The C90 features a 227-cubic foot cabin, providing more space for doctors and nurses to treat patients during a flight.

The open house event and farewell flyaway are free of charge, open to the public, and will feature complimentary food and drinks; a firehouse salute for the Cheyenne aircraft; engines from CAL FIRE and White Mountain Fire Department; Symons Ambulance; and tours of Sierra Lifeflight’s 24-hour base of operations, aircraft hangar, and King Air C90s.

Caltrans online customer service system

Caltrans’ online customer service system is now available for the public to report issues directly to Caltrans about malfunctioning traffic signals, wind-torn signs, new potholes, litter, etc. This system is designed to keep the reporting person in the loop through emails and phone calls during the process. The link to take a look is: https://csr.dot.ca.gov/

AT THE MOVIES

Minaret Cinemas

Star Wars: The Last Jedi (PG: Luke Skywalker’s peaceful existence gets upended when he encounters Rey, a young woman with strong signs of the Force.

Four teenagers discover an old video game console and are literally drawn into the video game Jumanji.

For movie times, call 760.934.3131 or visit mammothlakesmovies.com.

AN ALTERNATIVE NUCLEAR BUTTON

MY BUTTON IS STRONGER THAN NUCLEAR

Ice skating at the Mammoth Rink

The Mammoth Ice Rink is open seven days a week (weather permitting), with public skating sessions offered every day throughout the holiday season (December 29-January 7). Session times are as follows: 12:00-3:00 p.m., 3:30-6:30 p.m. and from 7:00-10:00 p.m.

The Mammoth Ice Rink is located at 416 Sierra Park Road adjacent to the Mammoth Lakes Norway Lodge.

Updated schedules and information can be found online at www.mammothicerink.com or by calling 760.965.3695. See ad, page 15.

Drunk With Hope

This shocking and hilarious one woman show of monologues, stories of many women, illustrating the recovering alcoholic’s experience: life when they were drinking or using drugs, what caused that shift when they decided to stop, and what life is like now.

The play will be performed by Tara Handron and will run at The Edison Theater in Mammoth Lakes on Saturday, January 13, at 7 p.m., and on Sunday, January 14, at 4 p.m.

Devil’s Postpile fire management

On January 8, 2018, Devil’s Postpile National Monument will initiate a public scoping process to update the park’s 2005 Fire Management Plan (FMP). The update will address fire and fuels management, respond to declining forest health, protect natural and cultural resources, and reduce the risk of catastrophic fire.

Scoping comments will be accepted through February 16, 2018.


Public comments on the proposed scope of the EA for the FMP update are welcomed and can be made one of these ways: A letter addressed to Superintendent, NPS POB 3999 Mammoth Lakes CA 93546, or online through the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) website at http://parkplanning.nps.gov/depco. Select “Fire Management Plan Update”.

A public scoping open house will be held at the Mammoth Lakes Library Ellie Randol room on January 17, 2018 from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Call for alumni artists

Mono Arts Council Gallery and Art Center will host an Alumni Show, featuring submissions in all mediums from Mono Country Schools Alumni Artists. The show will run in Mammoth Lakes from February 16 through May 13, with an opening reception on Friday, February 16, from 7-9 p.m.

Email submissions by January 26 to kristin@monoarts.org. Info: 760.914.2731.

For more information about the Mammoth Lakes Library, visit mammothicerink.com or by calling 760.965.3695. See ad, page 15.
Help Wanted

Sierra Nevada Resort & Spa

Housekeepers ($11)
Cook/Dishwashers
Maintenance Worker

Please complete an application at 164 Old Mammoth Rd. or e-mail pl@thelandingtahoe.com

Full time Maids Needed: Vacation rental company is hiring. Must have vehicle. Call Luis at 760.914.0678

The Austria Hof Lodge has a position open for a full or part-time front desk representative. Experience is preferred but not required. We are looking for someone who is motivated, reliable and enjoys customer service. Please call 760.934.2764 or stop by by 92 Canyon Blvd. for an interview.

TONK—NOW HIRING
Full and Part time Positions Available
Join our awesome team, work in a fun environment. Pick up an application at Tonk, 501 Old Mammoth Road.

High Country Lumber in Mammoth has a job opening for a full time Department Manager to manage large Paint and Decor Department. We are seeking an enthusiastic, professional individual with a strong background in retail sales and knowledge of House paint, Sundries, and Decorative Department. We are seeking a Manager to manage Paint Department. If you have a passion for law enforcement, excellent administrative skills, and a desire to serve our local community, apply now! Visit www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov, or call 760.934.4000 for more details.

Temporary Snow Removal Operators
The Town of Mammoth Lakes is hiring for Temp Snow Removal Operators for the 2017/18 winter season. $22.92 - $26.53/ hr. Compensation incentive required. Full-time hours, opportunity to work day or night shifts and potential overtime. Second job for the winter and a time off of a dedicated, hard-working crew!

Executive Assistant to Chief of Police
Wage $43,724 - $52,828 annually depending on benefits package.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes is looking for an Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police to join the Mammoth Lakes Police Department. If you have a passion for law enforcement, excellent administrative skills, and would enjoy working for a small department in a beautiful area of the country, apply now! Visit www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov, or call 760.934.4000 for more information.


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Holiday Haus Motel and Hostel! Now Hiring Desk Associates and receptionist position for a Front Desk Person. Excellent pay DOE. Please contact Todd Roberts at 760.934.2144 or stop by and see us in person at 3900 Main Street in Mammoth Lakes.

Maintenance Assistant Job:
Must be able & willing to assist with maintaining & maintaining 20 chalet structures. Experience is needed in snow removal, electrical, painting, carpentry & plumbing services. Candidate must be able to perform vehicle maintenance on a variety of maintenance equipment.
Debbie & Mike Crowe
Mammoth Mountain Chalets
800.331.8669 Ext. 10 (CA)
760.934.8158 Ext 0
reservations@MMCchalets.com

Mammoth Hospital is looking for an HR Assistant/Generalist! Check out our website to apply!

Bongo Froyo. New in Mammoth Lakes. Self-serve frozen yogurt and specialty hot chocolate shop opening next to Good Life Café. Previous counter service experience a plus, but not required. Wages DOE. Positions available for busy Mammoth-loving counter staff. Product sampling required. Unless you don’t want to. Opening soon. Email or call for interview.
bongofroyo@gmail.com
760.934.4805

Help Wanted

Mammoth Rock & Bowl/Mammoth Rock Braserie has the following positions available. Bowling Desk Employees, Server, Bartender, Braserie Hostess. Contact Kevin O’Connell @ 760.934.4205, or Ann Ward ext. 221

Work With The Best. Footloose Sports, nationally recognized as a top 60 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 who are interested in the world of sport and mountaineering and motivated to provide the best in customer service. We have full and part-time positions open in our sales, rental, boot, and ski repair departments. We are offering great pay DOE, discounts and flexible hours, in progressive work environment. Call us at 760.934.4238, or go to our website at www.footloosesports.com or e-mail your resume to footloose@footloosesports.com to schedule an interview.

Wanted Administrative Assistant for Our Resort We need someone to join our team to assist our manager with guest services, operations and some marketing. This full time permanent position is available immediately. Duties would be to assist the manager with the day to day operations including but not limited to: reservations, customer service, front desk, housekeeping supervisory duties (pre and post checks and assisting when needed), assisting with guest arrivals/departures, and regular relief of manager on manager’s days off. Also assisting with marketing and social media.
Experience Required: Customer service a must, lodging or hospitality background preferred, but not required. Must be willing to have a flexible schedule and take on special projects as needed. Training will be provided.
Debbie & Mike Crowe
Mammoth Mountain Chalets
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Immediate opening for Assistant Inn Manager. Mammoth Creek Inn is a room/bed and breakfast hotel in Mammoth Lakes, CA. We are looking for a people-person for the daytime and evening hours. Responsibilities include: checking in and out, answering emails, answering phone calls, booking reservations, monitoring the reservation system, managing employees, and generally assisting the Inn Manager, and . Please email your resume to Leahal ai @mammothmountain.com or stop by for 663 Old Mammoth Road.

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Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546

Help Wanted

Big Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District is seeking a TECHNI- CAL SPECIALIST Keeler Office (Full-Time; with benefits) Salary Range: $3,444-6,617/ Month
Under general direction, oversees operation, maintenance and network from site location, to design, permitting, installation and operation. Separately qualified Eligible recipient. Mammoth Lakes B. C. and Mammoth Lakes Industrial Park. 1st and 2nd level positions set by the EPA, State and District.
Completes, assists, reviews, tracks and directs all aspects from screen and from field to final report presentation. Works directly with other agency representatives and other local agency representatives to facilitate a smooth implementation of all air monitoring completed on and around Owens Lake.

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Education and Experience:
Completion of a Bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university in a physical science, engineering or envi- ronmental field of interest and five years’ experience in a scientific position; or combination of two years at the Technical Air Monitoring II level position or any combination of education and experience that provides their equivalent to the above.

Previous supervisory experience is desirable.


Statement Of Abandonment
Of Use of Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Real Estate Book
The following persons have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name:

Fresh Horizons, Inc.
C2176932
2113 Meridian Blvd. #113
Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546

This business is conducted by a Corporation. The fictitious business name was filed in Mono County on October 23, 2017.
File Number 17-206.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on December 22, 2017.
2017-0249 (12/30, 1/6, 1/13, 1/20)
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File Number 17-206.

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2017-0249 (12/30, 1/6, 1/13, 1/20)

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The following Person is Doing Business As:
Horrizon 113
Jared Kutsch
P.O. Box 8612, 2113 Meridian Blvd. #113
Mammoth Lakes, Ca.93546

This business is conducted by Co-partners. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 24, 2017. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on December 22, 2017.
2017-0249 (12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 1/6)

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The following Person is Doing Business As:
SAMURAI

H & T International Inc.
P.O. Box 8252, 452 Old Mammoth Road Mammoth Lakes, Ca.93546

This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on October 23, 2017.
2017-0241 (12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 1/6)

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sierra employment services

Sierra Employment Services, Inc. is hiring for the following positions:

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Room Inspector M $15
Photographer Secretary M $13
Apprentice Carpenters M $15-20
M $15-19
General Laborers M $14-18

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See our full job list online
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first time, as they had no idea the area was so large and remote, said Mono County Sheriff Ingrid Braun at the Mono County Supervisor’s meeting on January 2.

The tiny, isolated community of Oasis near the Nevada state line, on the east side of the White Mountains at the junction of Highways 188 and 266, is part of Mono County. But it takes Mono County Sheriff’s Deputies at least two-and-a-half hours to respond to calls in Oasis, according to Braun. In contrast, Inyo County first responders can get to Oasis in an hour.

Mono County Supervisor Fred Stump explained that, for residents of Oasis to receive County services, like Health and Human Services, they need to drive to Mammoth Lakes, a drive that takes more than two hours and requires traveling over Westward Pass, when passable, or through Fish Lake Valley to Benton Crossing.

Supervisor Stump, whose district includes Oasis, said the area is mostly alpfa farmland, and most of those farmers live in Nevada. The Board packet stated that Mono County will forfeit $9 million of taxable property and $90,000 in property tax revenue if it annexes Oasis. The packet added that these losses could be offset by the amount of road maintenance costs Mono County currently accrues annually due to the remoteness of the area.

Mono County staff has not specified the area of Rock Creek Canyon that would be included as part of the boundary adjustment. The Inyo/Mono County line is near the end of Rock Creek Road at the Mosquito Flat trailhead.

A FOOTE IN THE DOOR

Kammi Foote to run for re-election in Inyo County

By Kammi Foote

I would like to announce that I, Kammi Foote, will be running for re-election to the office of Inyo County Clerk/Recorder and Registrar of Voters during the June 5, 2018 primary election.

The past seven years I have had the privilege of representing Inyo County as your Clerk/Recorder. I have led the effort to modernize the Clerk, Recorder and Elections offices by expanding online access to services and information, secured grant funding for accessibility improvements to the Big Pine Town Hall, instituted the student poll worker program, established a Citizenship & Government project through 4-H and founded Leadership Eastern Sierra—a program to foster the next generation of leaders in our community. But there is still more work to be done.

Over the next five years, Inyo County will be purchasing and installing a new voting system and a new land records software program. Both projects will require careful oversight and attention to detail to ensure that no records are lost and that no voters are disenfranchised. I would be honored if the citizens of Inyo County would elect me to another term of office to oversee a smooth transition of these high priority advances in technology.

During my tenure in public service, I have had the opportunity to serve in leadership positions for both the County Recorders Association of California (CRAC) and the California Association of Clerks and Elections Officials (CACEO). As an active member of these associations, I have testified before the California Legislature against bills that would be harmful for Inyo County citizens and in support of policies that would clean up our voting records. I have also worked with the California legislature to sponsor successful legislation that removed barriers to recording your documents. Prior to working for Inyo County, I was a title and escrow professional.

I was raised in the Owens Valley by my parents, who were title and escrow professionals in Lee Vining, Ca. 93541. I was raised in the Owens Valley by my parents, who were title and escrow professionals in Lee Vining, Ca. 93541. I have been a title and escrow professional in Lee Vining, Ca. 93541. I have been a title and escrow professional in Lee Vining, Ca. 93541. It is with this background and these skills that I bring to the Clerk/Recorder’s office.

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In December 2016, Mammoth Mountain recorded receiving 75 inches of new snow. In December 2017, Mammoth Mountain recorded receiving 3 inches of new snow.

The Sheet asked people on the street: What would you do for snow this month?

“I would break up with my boyfriend for snow. I’m sure he’d do the same thing.”
- Valerie Reyes, Mammoth Lakes

“I might consider sacrificing my virgin daughter. I don’t have one, of course.”
- Matt Finnigan, Mammoth Lakes

- Jesse Rea, Mammoth Lakes

“I live in town, and I like it the way it is. I don’t have to dig, and I think a lot of people around town feel that way. We’re still recovering [from last year].”
- Hunter, Mammoth Lakes

“I would swim in Twin Lakes.”
- Davin Wolter, Mammoth Lakes

“I would make a human sacrifice!”
- Wyatt Raddr, Acton

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Mono County Board of Education will hold a public hearing on Thursday, January 18, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. at the Mono County Office of Education, 37 Emigrant Street, Bridgeport, CA.

The subject of the public hearing is the review of Board Policy 6141.6.1, “Indian Policies and Procedures.”
Capricorn: To help you celebrate your latest birthday and the next blessed year of your life, please enjoy the words of fellow Capricorn Janice Joplin, “The older the grape, the sweeter the wine.” Since 2018 is a year meant to reinvent your life, try to spend more time living it and less time thinking, especially about things like regrets or doubts or why you still have your clothes on.

Aquarius: In case you had trouble keeping any of your resolutions from last year, the Stars are saying you can screw ’em. 2018 is all about change anyway. It looks like every area of your life will get some form of a makeover and, quite frankly, your sweater collection could use it. To make the most out of it, be open and as non-judgmental as possible. You’ll also be rewarded for taking risks, staying hydrated and moving on.

Aries: The Stars are saying this can be your worst enemy in work matters. It could be a very good year in your life so long as you keep your thinking clear and your key will be to not over-exert yourself and to create balance between good and enjoyable one for Virgos.

Virgo: The Stars are saying that long-term relationships will be a big focus for you in 2018. Real relationships will be reinforced, others will fade away. The wheat in your life, so to speak, will be separated from the chaff. If you’re gluten intolerant, the simple still stands. Therefore, make sure to remember that real friends not only help you back up after you’ve been knocked down, they also tease you about it for years afterwards.

Taurus: 2018 is expected to be a very lucky year, even if President Trumped does declare war on some odd place like North Korea or Nova Scotia. It’s probably felt like your personal relationships have had some wars over the last few years as well, so you’ll be happy to hear the Stars are saying that the white flag has been raised. This year your relationships will be your biggest sources of joy. To help, remember that love means accepting someone for their strengths and for their moronic and annoying traits, too.

Gemini: The Stars are saying this can be a very good year in your life so long as you keep your thinking clear and temper in check. It will help to get lots of exercise and if you can avoid not to be your worst enemy in work matters. To help, adopt the Rule of 5 for 2018: If it isn’t going to matter in 5 years, don’t waste more than 5 minutes on it. Just give it a one finger salute and move on.

Cancer: To help you make 2018 the truly special year it can be, please quit doing these 5 things: 1: Trying to please everyone. 2: Fearing change. 3: Living in the past. 4: Overthinking. 5: Making excuses for not having a life you love—even when you’re hung over.

Leo: The Stars are reporting that this is going to be a very promising year for Leos, especially for your career. To help you make the most out of it always stay positive, don’t let your temper get you in trouble and make this your new motto: “Drink water, eat well, make love and mind your own damn business!”

Virgo: It looks like 2018 will be a very good and enjoyable one for Virgos. Your key will be to not over-exert yourself and to create balance between work, play and rest. It really is easy to be happy and rich, especially when you remember RICH stands for: “Realizing I Create Happiness” as well as “Risky Intercourse Causes Humans!”

Libra: The Stars are reporting that this would be a great year for you to re-kindle your passions in life. You know, indulge in any hobbies you have like reading, woodworking, painting and exploring nude beaches. As you may remember, passions are like a box full of puppies. Once you get one fired up they all start wagging their tails.

Scorpio: Most of us who know Scorpios well will tell you that they’re like mischievous and horny little angels—and that’s why we love them so. A lot more people will fall in love with Scorpios this next year as this sign will become a conduit for the dreams of others. Basically, the Stars are saying that Scorpios will find great joy in helping others in 2018 and should get used to saying things like, “Sure, I’ll be right over to celebrate in a Prosecco!”

Sagittarius: The key to achieving your goals this next year will be to stay true to the best you. That will mean leaving situations that make you feel unsafe—where you may get hurt or try to hurt someone. But it also means still sticking it out when something only scares you for other reasons, like it involves extensive raw honesty and/or nudity. To help, make this your New Year’s motto: “I’ll be good to people, including myself, and let all those other butts make love to themselves.”
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