**THE PERFECT CHEER**

The Mammoth Youth Cheer girls will be competing in Long Beach on Saturday, January 13. They are coached by Camden DeAngeles, a recent Mammoth High School graduate, with Kaysis’ Wyman Williams as Cheer Director. The Mammoth Lakes Women’s Club has donated $500 to cover the Huskies’ registration costs. Top row left to right: Michelle Elizarraraz, Mia Williams, Ciera Morrow, Zoey Moore, Melan- nie German. Kneeling: Chloe Wilson, Hailey Calvert, Anelyz Apodaca, Tessa Adler. In front: Jocelyn Morales (not pictured: Kate Moxley).

**ENTER ALTERRA**

KSL-Aspen announces its new name: Alterra Mountain Company

On Thursday, January 11, Mammoth Resorts’ parent company, which had previously called itself the joint venture of affiliates KSL Capital Partners and Henry Crown and Company, announced its new name: Alterra Mountain Company. Affiliates of KSL Capital Partners (owners of Squaw Valley Alpine Meadows), and Henry Crown and Company (owners of Aspen Skiing Company) purchased Intrawest, Mammoth Resorts and Utah’s Deer Valley Resort in 2017. KSL-Aspen’s acquisition of Intrawest and Mammoth Resorts was finalized on July 31, 2017.

Kristin Rust, Director of Public Relations for Alterra, confirmed that “for the 2017-2018 winter season, Alterra Mountain Company employees have lift ticket privileges at our sister mountain resorts.”

When asked if a new season’s pass will be made available with access to all 12 of Alterra Mountain Company’s ski destinations for the rest of this season, or for the 2018-2019 season, Rust said that “details will be available later this spring.”

Alterra Mountain Company is headquartered in Denver, Colorado, and is comprised of Mammoth and June Mountains, Big Bear, Snow Summit, Squaw Valley Alpine Meadows, Steamboat and Winter Park in Colorado, Stratton Mountain in Vermont, Snowshoe in West Virginia, Mont Tremblant in Quebec, Blue Mountain in Ontario, and Deer Valley.

Alterra Mountain Company also owns CMH Heli-Skiing & Summer Adventures in British Columbia.

Rust said that locals can expect things to remain largely the same with regard to marketing, logos, and the character of their home resorts.

“We want Mammoth Mountain to stay Mammoth Mountain. There is a reason why it has a devoted following, and we want to keep it that way,” Rust said.

When asked if Alterra intends to go public, Rust said nothing has been determined at this time.

Mark Brownlie, President and Chief Operating Officer of Mammoth Resorts, said of the new name, “I love it!”

**FINAL FLIGHT**

Sierra Lifeflight retires two workhorse planes

By Lunch

Sierra Lifeflight will be hosting a retirement party from 1-3 p.m. this Saturday at the “Big Hangar” at Bishop Airport (first right off of Airport Road as you approach the airport).

The retirement party is unique in that it’s not a party in honor of a person, but in honor of two workhorse planes which are being replaced.

The Cheyenne Series turbo jet engine planes (circa 1978, 1980) are being replaced by King Air C-90 series planes (circa 2000, 2001).

The new planes, said Mike Patterson, Regional Director of Program Operations for Sierra Lifeflight, will fly a little smoother and quieter. They are also a bit larger, with more interior room.

But the old planes—Patterson loved ‘em. “Get in, turn the key, there it goes. The Cheyenne is the Honda Accord of airplanes.”

You’ll get to check out all the planes at Saturday’s event, and if you’ve got kids, well, what kid doesn’t want to check out not only the airplanes, but fire trucks, too, as “virtually every fire department in the valley will be here,” added Patterson.

There will be refreshments and sandwiches as well, courtesy of Subway.

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FLU OVER THE ATLANTIC

By Lunch

Sorry I was AWOL last week. A victim of the brutal flu that’s been going around.

As you’ll see below, Mammoth Lakes Tourism Executive Director John Urdi has been AWOL, too. His flu (the pining-for-snow flu) was a bit milder and had an easier cure—a quick flight to France.

I spoke to three candidates for public office this week. Sheriff Ingrid Braun is running for reelection. She has no challenger at this point.

She hopes to accomplish if given a second term: Finish the new jail project, which has a 2022 completion timeline. The new jail will have the same number of beds (48) as the old jail, because going above that number would subject the County to a host of additional regulations requiring, for example, a full-time nurse and more staffing.

Capacity has not been an issue, as the jail averages about 30 incarcerated at the moment.

Another priority is fixing the department’s radio system—a combined effort with the County’s I.T. Department.

When asked about the importance of lack thereof of reviving MONET (the County’s narcotics enforcement task force that has been mothballed as of late due to lack of funding), Braun said, “California has dumbed down drug laws, as it doesn’t seem to be a priority for the people of California.”

The new approach and philosophy (which Braun agrees with): Drug addiction is an illness versus a crime, and treatment is a preferable solution to incarceration.

Which may make a drug task force a difficult sell, because 1.) It’s hard to have a drug task force to prosecute misdemeanors. No one’s going to prison. Meaning 2.) This doesn’t lend itself to having a lot of enthusiastic informants.

Braun is optimistic about staffing prospects and says she’s been getting good candidates of late.

She attributes this to the Deputy Sheriff’s Association having a good, long-term contract.

She also hopes her stability in her job has played a role in instilling confidence in the department.

Speaking of stability, Braun is boasting of “25 years of marriage to the same person [husband Mike].”

Jennifer Halferty

Longtime Mammoth Lakes Housing (MLH) Director Jennifer Halferty has announced she is running for Mono County Supervisor in District One (Larry Johnston’s district). Johnston is presumed not to be seeking reelection due to illness.

As Halferty says, the current housing action plan states that MLH is no longer a developer—the Town is. MLH’s focus will continue to be on management of housing inventory and administration of housing programs.

Don’t ask MLH about the Shady Rest Parcel or future development plans … they have nothing to do with it.

Which is perhaps why Halferty is seeking a new challenge by running for Supervisor. While it would represent a significant pay decrease, for Halferty, it seems like the next logical step.

She’s worked with the Town, County & other governmental
A WALKABLE HIGHWAY 395?
Bishop City Council presented with North Sierra Highway Strategic Plan

By Bedine

On Monday, January 8, the Bishop City Council was presented with the Final Corridor Plan and North Sierra Highway Strategic/Specific Plan prepared by Richmond, Rossi and Montgomery Design (RRM).

Development of the plan began in April 2015, with a grant from Caltrans for Inyo County to develop a Sustainable Corridor Plan for the North Sierra Highway, the stretch of Highway 395 that runs from the intersection with Highway 6 to the intersection with Brockman Lane.

The two-mile, 423-acre corridor addressed in the plan encompasses the open space east of See Vee Lane and north of other developed lands within the city limits.

Five sites for economic opportunity have also been identified in the plan, including an empty plot at the northwest corner of Wye Road and Highway 395, a large plot to the west of the Tri-County Fairgrounds, a plot to the north of the Fairgrounds, and yet another on the south side of the intersection of Highway 395 and See Vee Lane, adjacent to the Bishop Plaza.

The plan recommended eliminating the Bishop Plaza, which sits on 8.3 acres. It also recommended the elimination of Rite Aid and adjacent buildings to make room for approximately 30 apartments, town homes, and a small park.

The concept offered in the plan for the 2.3-acre plot across Highway 395 from See Vee Lane at Cherry Lane plans for the addition of office space and storage facilities. The price to provide access to water for a development at this location is estimated to be between $500,000 and $1.5 million.

For the 5.7-acre site on the southeast side of See Vee, where Bishop Fire Station number 2 is currently located, the plan calls for a medical office space and apartments. The cost for water hookups is also estimated to be between $500,000 and $1.5 million.

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The plan identified the 22-acre site west of the fairgrounds, better known as the RV parking space for Mule Days visitors, as having the potential to host a Mule Days Museum along with commercial space, apartments and 22 single-family home lots. The estimated cost of installing sewer services at this site was $400,000, and water hookups would cost a developer an additional $600,000.

The proposed development at each of these sites may also require environmental studies, which would result in additional cost.

The plan presented Monday recommended the construction of bike, pedestrian and multi-use paths from Wye Road to Brockman Lane. The plan made it clear that, if built, these paths wouldn’t be cheap.

Construction of the recommended 4,200-foot section of multi-use path from See Vee Lane to the Tri-County Fairgrounds on the west side of Highway 395 had an estimated cost of $480,000, and the same length of path on the east side of Highway 395 was projected to cost about the same amount.

The plan recommended and offered a cost estimate of $360,000 for a 3,200-foot path from Cherry Lane to Choctaw Lane near Highlands Mobile Home Park. Additionally, it recommended construction of a 5,300-foot path on the north side of Highway 395, from See Vee to Highway 6, which would cost approximately $600,000. In addition, each of these projects would individually require environmental analysis, which would cost $250,000.

In addition to these development recommendations, the North Sierra Highway Strategic/Specific Plan recommends making the speed limit on North Sierra Highway a consistent 35 miles per hour, and eliminating the progressive 25, 35 and 45 mile per hour limits currently in place.

The City will have to work with Inyo County, Caltrans and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to implement the plan.

Bishop Associate Planner Elaine Kabala said that so far, no developer or business has shown interest in taking on the project, but that it is still early in the game.

It will be up to Inyo County and Bishop City Council to decide whether to move forward with Phase II of the project, which would require funding the required environmental analysis.
“Sequencing” is the new “phasing” as Mammoth Recreation Commission hears presentation on Multi-Use Facility

By Rea and Giles

At the Tuesday, January 9 Mammoth Recreation Commission Meeting, Town Engineering Manager Haislip Hayes told Commissioners that the proposed Multi-Use Facility at Mammoth Creek Park West may be built in “sequences,” as funding becomes available, as opposed to being built in one push.

Hayes and Parks and Recreation Director Stu Brown walked commissioners through a virtual building rendering that Brown called a “bare minimum” design, meaning it included only the bare necessities required to allow the ice rink facility to function.

“You know that I stand behind building something great for this community,” said Commissioner Christie Osborne. “What I don’t want to build is the ice skating version of Canyon Lodge.”

As the Commissioners got the “tour” of the proposed Multi-Use Facility (which the Town has renamed The Park), Brown and Engineering Manager Haislip Hayes explained that some of the features will be “sequenced,” meaning that they will be added to the building later. Primarily, work on the proposed 2,500-square foot Community Center will not be started until at least spring of 2019, according to the Town’s staff report (which proposed that construction would begin on the MUF in June/July of this year).

Hayes said that Town Staff have considered a scenario in which the shell of the community center is constructed, but where certain non-essential components of the building are left unfinished until a later date. Hayes offered installing only a portion of the floor, or not installing the floor at all as possible sequences in the project’s construction.

“If we could shelve this [the Community Center] for a later date, and save X number of dollars, that is an alternate that I think is viable,” said Hayes Tuesday. “It’s not a preferred one, but if the Council has to make a hard decision on the financing, we have to provide alternatives.”

Hayes said that the proposed 150-space parking lot is another optional component of the project.

Osborne emphasized that it was important that the building, which was designed with an “industrial type look,” according to Hayes, be a welcoming space. “A place to create family memories,” not just a place where parents come to watch their kids play hockey, she said.

“I’m super concerned, given the value-engineering conversation, and the ‘We’re not phasing, we’re sequenc-ing,’ conversation, that as we handle some of the budgetary restraints that we have… we start to create a framework for how we want people to feel in this space.”

Brown told the Commission that “much of the programming and playbook is really informing the design of the building.”

“We have the framework for what we want [people] to do,” said Osborne. “If this Multi-Use Facility and ice rink are going to work well for this community, we have to start thinking of how people are going to feel.”

The designs offered Tuesday included tempered glass around the circumference of the ice rink. The proposed chillier for the ice rink will have to be located outside, meaning it will only be functional during the cold season.

“To have an indoor-outdoor facility is our main attraction,” said Osborne of the decision to make the rink semi-open air and put the chiller outside. “Kids can skate indoors anywhere in the country.”

The staff report stated that “Staff and HMC have finalized a preliminary design for the facility that will be used to complete the construction plans and bid specifications including deductive and additive alternatives (chiller package, locker rooms, etc.).”

“Have we gotten input from tournament organizers and [potential partners the L.A.] Kings in terms of what they need in order to pay to get on our ice?”

“For right now, working with that group and our consultants, [the design presented on Tuesday] was kind of the bare minimum,” said Brown.

“As we kind of worked through the programming, we understand the expectations of… running large scale tournaments and events, the minimum requirement was four locker rooms. They talked about a minimum requirement of having one shower stall space per locker. That’s something we couldn’t really commit to,”

Brown said that instead the proposed facility has “two locker rooms attached to a shower stall and restroom and a couple of sinks,” resulting in four 250-square foot locker room spaces in total.

He said there will also be a full family restroom that meets ADA requirements.

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MIND THE GAP!
MLR holds off on MUF fundraising campaign for now
By Giles

When he was recruited as Executive Director of Mammoth Lakes Recreation (MLR), Matt McClain was told he would have to raise $1.5 million in unmet funds for the Multi-Use Facility at Mammoth Creek Park West. The unmet funds for that project have since grown to $3.5 million, and MLR has not yet launched its fundraising campaign. McClain said at an Executive Committee Meeting on January 4 that was in part because, “We don’t want to fundraise for something that isn’t going to happen or gets delayed.”

On October 4, Town Manager Dan Holler announced that the MUF, which had previously been value-engineered to be a $9.5 million project, was in fact a $12 million project. To date, $8.6 million has been secured to fund construction of the project, leaving a $3.5 million funding gap. Of that $8.6 million, $5.5 million was allocated from bond proceeds secured by leveraging Measure R funds, $2.5 million was allocated from Measure R reserve funds, and $500,000 was allocated from Measure U.

In an email this week, McClain said that, although the project is now slated to cost $12 million, MLR is still working with its original fundraising goal of $1.5 million. “That leaves a $2 million delta which we are working to close through a combination of partnerships and additional money from various sources.”

At the MLR Executive Committee Meeting on Thursday, January 4, McClain said he anticipated MLR could raise $1.5 million in 18 to 24 months. “I would expect to launch this effort once we have confirmation of how that $2 million gap will be funded,” said McClain in an email this week, adding that, “we are currently in a holding pattern until we receive confirmation from the TOML [Town of Mammoth Lakes] that the pieces are in place to secure the remaining $2 million.”

He also said that a fundraising campaign for more than $1.5 million would take longer and be more difficult to sell. “That’s [$1.5 million is] the magic number. I won’t say it’s an easy target, but once you get past there, it gets exponentially harder. Two million dollars is a lot harder to raise, and $2.5 million is even harder.”

According to the Staff Report offered at the January 9 Recreation Commission meeting, sitework and grading for the MUF is scheduled to begin in May 2018, and construction of the project is expected to begin in June or July 2019. Parks and Recreation Director Stu Brown told Recreation Commissioners at their December 5 meeting that, for the MUF to go out for bid for construction as scheduled in May, “We will need to at least get enough funding to get phase one, the ice rink, going.” At that meeting, Brown indicated that a bid package could be structured to allow the project to be built as revenue becomes available for various “sequences” of the project. Engineering Manager Haislip Hayes said at the January 9 Recreation Commission Meeting that Town staff expect to present updated estimates for how much a sequenced construction plan will cost to Mammoth’s Town Council in May.

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LESS TIME, MORE CRIME?
Bishop Police Chief Ted Stec blames Proposition 47 for escalating crime rates in Bishop
By Bodine

The crime rate in the City of Bishop spiked in 2017 compared to 2016, and the voting public are to blame, says Bishop Police Chief Ted Stec.

Stec told The Sheet on January 9 that, when voters approved Proposition 47 in November 2014, the change in law reduced many “non-violent” felonies to misdemeanors. Crimes like drug possession and theft are now infractions, said Stec, and the perpetrators are allowed back on the street after an arrest.

According to figures provided by Stec, the rates with which some crimes occur in Bishop have increased exponentially since the passage of Proposition 47.

In the City of Bishop in 2016, one rape was reported, compared with 10 reported rapes in 2017. Additionally, 113 thefts were reported in 2016 versus 217 in 2017. Bishop Police Department recorded 31 commercial burglaries in 2016 compared with 18 in 2017.

In 2009, a federal three-judge panel ordered the State of California to reduce its prison population from 190 percent of capacity to 137.5 percent of capacity by February 2016, according to a report by the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) issued in September 2015. The federal judges’ ruling was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in May 2011. In the court’s ruling, it was noted that, during the period in which California’s prisons were at 190 percent capacity, a prisoner was dying every five days due to inadequate medical care, and up to 57 prisoners might share a single toilet.

California prisons were at 179.5 percent capacity in 2011, according to the PPIC’s report. That year, Governor Jerry Brown and state legislators enacted AB 109, known as the Public Safety Realignment. It contained two elements for reducing prison populations. The first mandated that parolees who violate terms of their release but have not been convicted of a new felony will no longer be sent back to prison and instead will serve short stints of time in county jails. The second element mandated that low-level offenders with no record of violent or sexual crimes serve sentences in jails, not prisons, as was previously the State’s policy.

However, these new mandates were not sufficient to reduce occupancy rates in California’s prisons to the standards set by the federal judges. Lawmakers passed Prop 47 in 2014, hoping it would do what AB 109 could not, and reduce prison capacity to 137.5 percent by February 2016. The PPIC report, the most comprehensive to study Public Safety Realignment to date, according to Thomson, concludes it is too early to measure the effects of Prop 47.

While it may have reduced prison populations, Stec said Prop 47 has allowed crime to increase. Possession of small amounts of controlled substances such as heroin and methamphetamine, both prevalent on the Eastside (see story, p. 9), are now misdemeanors under Prop 47, said Stec. However, in a 2016 report by the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC), the agency estimated a 50 percent decline statewide in the number of individuals being held or serving sentences for Prop 47 offenses.

Prior to the passage of Prop 47, petty theft was defined as theft of property valued at under $450. Prop 47 expanded the definition of petty theft to include theft of property valued at $950 or less. Stec said it is not uncommon, now, for criminals to fill a shopping cart at Kmart with more than $500 worth of merchandise and push the cart out the door. If they get caught, the charge is an infraction, which carries no jail time—just a fine, like a speeding ticket.

Thomson said Prop 47 has essentially removed the deterrent of prison for law breakers, Stec said. Inyo County Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson told The Sheet that, now that repeat drug offenders know that drug offenses will no longer go to prison for the crimes they commit. The laws have turned a state problem into a local problem, he said.

According to a study by the PPIC, the State and Department of Corrections has not yet saved any money since the passage of Prop 47, however, the Governor and the Legislative Analyst’s Office of California estimate that the proposition will generate anywhere from $30 million to $130 million in savings for the State.

Stec said that citizens often ask him why crime is up and why the Bishop Police aren’t doing more to curb the increase. He said he then asks them how they voted and if they know what Prop 47 is, or, for that matter, if they are aware of what any law or statute is doing to affect crime-fighting.

“For two decades I’ve been given a blank stare,” in answer to questions about how California’s policies limit law enforcement’s effectiveness, Stec said.

He thinks Californians have been duped into voting in favor of propositions that reduce penalties for crimes to decrease prison populations. He said that voters were never told what would happen to those who would no longer go to prison for the crimes they commit. The laws have turned a state problem into a local problem, he said.

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Thomson said no one has been released from prison or jail early as a result of Prop 47, but parolees with non-violent charges are now held on post-release community supervision, or in the hands of county probation departments. The change has increased the workloads for probation departments and created a big change for offenders used to being on parole.

He explained that parole requirements and offenders have to present for regular check ups with parole officers, and also often require that parolees attend classes and programs. The penalty for violating parole is simple: They go back to prison.

Currently, there are 14 sworn BPD officers, which is where the force needs to be, Stec said. More resources, money and officers are always welcome, but, Stec said, he’s not going to ask the City Council for anything that would burden the City’s funds.
Sierra Lifeflight was founded by Jim Marchio in 1993. He sold the company to REACH Air Medical Services in March, 2017.

Patterson has been with the company for 22 years. He came to Sierra Lifeflight after stints as a paramedic in San Bernardino and Kern Counties. Chief Flight Nurse Lisa Davis, formerly an ER nurse at Northern Inyo Hospital, has been with the company for 13 years.

If you’re sensing a theme here, you’re onto something. This is a seasoned team, they love their jobs and they have no plans to leave. Patterson and Davis agreed that “doing what’s right for the patient” is the company mantra. And the corollary question they always ask: “Is it safe?”

Sierra Lifeflight is also holding a membership drive at the event.

A membership being essentially an insurance policy. For $65 a year, you can cover all out-of-pocket expenses as they relate to a Sierra Lifeflight should you or a family member require one.

Where your medical insurance policy leaves off, your Sierra Lifeflight insurance policy kicks in.

Membership Sales Manager Matt Patterson and Davis agreed that “lary question they always ask: “Is it safe?”

Sierra Lifeflight’s Gary Thompson retires from one of his two careers while Sierra Lifeflight’s retirement party is focused on its two Cheyenne-series aircraft, we would like to note one human retirement—that of pilot Gary Thompson.

And in fact, it’s not a full retirement. Gary’s simply retiring from his second job. He and his wife Julie will still manage Mammoth Estates. The Thompson family (Gary’s parents Elliott and Thelma before him) has managed Mammoth Estates since it was first built in 1969.

Gary notes that Mammoth Estates was developer Tom Dempsey’s first project in town.

Thompson, 61, recently retired from Sierra Lifeflight after flying for the company for almost a decade. Ultimately, he said, the grinding schedule took its toll.

As he explained, the schedule goes 7 days on (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.), 7 days off, and then 7 days on again (8 p.m. to 8 a.m.), “When you’re a younger guy, it doesn’t bother you as much … but when you’re up all night three or four nights in a row … it can be demanding,” he concluded in his characteristic, low-key way.

Thompson, who moved to Mammoth with his parents in 1969 when he was in the 8th grade, learned to fly during the winter of 1982-1983.

As Thompson recalls, there was fairly heavy snowfall in November and December of ’82, so he and his friend Russ Norton started asking themselves, “How do we get out of here?”

So they started taking flying lessons. “We were both single … we just got inspired,” laughs Gary.

And within a month, they went in together to purchase a 1974 Cessna 182. Thompson, who had formerly worked construction during the summers, soon turned to flight instruction and flying charters.

In the early 1990s, he flew commuter planes for United Express out of Fresno and Los Angeles.

As he sees it, there are two types of pilots. There’s the guy who latches onto flying because he recognizes it as a good job opportunity. And then there’s the guy (and Gary places himself in this second category) who’s turned onto flying as a hobby, discovers he loves it, and then starts asking himself the question, “How can I do this more?”

In terms of Sierra Lifeflight, he was succinct. “Incredible opportunity, fantastic people, worthy cause … I could go on about Jim Marchio’s (founder and former CEO of Sierra Lifeflight) generosity, but then he’d be upset I told the stories. He likes to keep a low profile.”

Sierra Lifeflight’s Mike Patterson did give one example of the company’s ethic during Marchio’s tenure—how Sierra Lifeflight stuck a crew in Lone Pine for months at company expense when Southern Inyo Hospital was shuttered from late 2015 into 2016.

As for Thompson, he’s down to his one job at Mammoth Estates, and as is typical, he had a wry observation about the current state of the condominium rental business.

“Everyone wants to rent your condo and take a piece,” he said. “People just want to click and collect, but no one really wants to plunge your toilet … unless they can click for someone else to go do it!”

And that’s the last word from Mammoth Estates’ ace toilet plunger, Gary Thompson.

—Lunch
NO EASY FIX

Inyo County struggles to provide treatment options for residents addicted to opioids

By Giles

In the last couple of years, we have just seen an explosion with opioids," said Merry Brown, Supervisor of Inyo County’s Drug and Alcohol Program, on January 10. Brown said she also sees people seeking help or being incarcerated for abusing prescription painkillers, such as OxyContin. Even more alarming, said Brown, is an emerging trend of people crushing and liquefying prescription painkillers to inject them. “The high is much more significant when you do that. Of course, this brings a whole host of health risks,” said Brown, who said that opioid addiction occurs across all ages and socioeconomic classes of Inyo County residents.

Brown has been a certified substance abuse counselor in Inyo County for 13 years. “When I first came on board, it was methamphetamines…now, we are seeing heroin use,” she said.

Brown also said that, in recent years, she has witnessed an increase in the number of high school students abusing prescription painkillers, often in conjunction with alcohol. As the number of people abusing prescription painkillers increases, so does the number of heroin users. “Black tar heroin is pretty cheap, and so does the number of heroin users. As the number of people abusing prescription painkillers increases, so does the number of heroin users. “When I first came on board, it was methamphetamines…now, we are seeing heroin use,” she said.

According to data from the California Opioid Overdose Surveillance Dashboard, a project of the California Department of Public Health, Inyo County had the highest rate of opioid overdose deaths of any county in the State of California in 2016, though Inyo County’s small population contributed to that high rate.

There were six opioid overdose hospitalizations in Inyo County in 2016, and three deaths. This brought the overdose rate per 100,000 residents to 22.91, which is well above California’s statewide average of 4.6 overdoses per 100,000 residents. According to Anna Scott, Deputy Director of Health and Human Services for Inyo County, there is more demand for opioid addiction treatment in Inyo County than can currently be met by providers. Scott said that Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT), or treatment of opioid addiction and withdrawal symptoms using pharmaceuticals, is not widely available in Inyo County, and that her department is looking to recruit more licensed providers to the region.

In order to provide MAT, a physician must obtain a waiver and undergo special training from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), which then allows him or her to prescribe and dispense schedule III, IV, and V narcotic drugs under the Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000. The drug buprenorphine was approved by the Federal Drug Administration for the treatment of opiate addiction in 2002, but only with a federal waiver. Prescribing an opioid painkiller, such as OxyContin or Percocet, does not require this additional training or licensure. According to SAMHSA’s website, physicians may treat no more than 30 patients during their first year of MAT certification. According to a 2017 report by SAMHSA, there are just over 1,000 physicians certified to provide MAT in California.

According to a report by the Pew Charitable Trusts, more than 900,000 physicians nationwide can write prescriptions for opioid painkillers such as OxyContin, Percocet, and Vicodin. In contrast, fewer than 32,000 physicians are authorized to prescribe buprenorphine to people who have become addicted to opiates. When asked why there is a shortage of MAT providers in Inyo County, Scott said that the treatment requires collaboration. Many of the region’s certified substance abuse counselors are not physicians, and cannot prescribe medications, let alone apply for a waiver to provide MAT. She said that many local physicians can’t even provide all the counseling services needed to make sure an addict using MAT to get clean does so safely.

Scott said that State funding for MAT has been focused on California’s urban centers. “It is with a huge and tough challenge,” Brown said on Tuesday. “It is the hub where the expertise is held by a particular provider group… the spokes are providers that receive additional support.” Scott said those resources have not yet become available in the Eastern Sierra.

To make matters worse, healthcare professionals cannot further their education in addiction counseling services.

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TILLEMANS LIMITS EXTRACURRICULARS

Inyo Supervisor cuts back on committee time, citing family matters

By Bodine

In addition to voting on legislative matters and offering input at County Supervisor Board meetings, County Supervisors have a host of responsibilities, including but not limited to the hiring and firing of the County Administrative Officer, riding in antique cars in local parades, and sitting on a variety of boards and commissions.

Inyo County’s Fourth District Supervisor Mark Tillemans has decided to sit on the Aviation Advisory Committee and serve as an alternate for the Local Transportation Commission—and that’s it, for now.

There are 43 boards and committees that Inyo County Supervisors can choose to be a part of, including the Behavioral Health Advisory Board, Children Services Council, Law Library Board of Trustees, Yucca Mountain Program Representatives and the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority.

District 3 Supervisor Rick Pucci sits on 14 committees, not including the five committees for which he is an alternate representative.

District 1 Supervisor Dan Totheroh serves on 15 committees, including the Central Valley Water Authority and the Eastern Sierra Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council.

According to the January 2 Inyo County Supervisors’ agenda, each year the Board Chairman (this year it’s Totheroh), makes recommendations for supervisor appointments to boards and commissions.

The requirements for a Supervisor’s participation are dictated by State and County law, as well as by orders by fellow supervisors. Tillemans is meeting the requirements deemed satisfactory by the Board Chairman, according to the agenda for the January 2 Board meeting.

Tillemans said in an email to The Sheet that his minimal participation is only temporary, and “…due to the acute health condition of my father coupled with private family matters requiring my focused time and attention. I fully expect to come back to my fellow Board members in the next month or two and request to shoulder a fair share of the work load; and a year from now I’m confident the committees will return to a traditionally equal distribution of representation.”

Tillemans said that he understands the concerns of his constituents and he “prays” for the opportunity to be back in a leadership role.

None of the other Inyo County Supervisors, Totheroh, Pucci, Matt Kingsley or Jeff Griffiths, returned calls for comment.

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DRUG ARREST AT BISHOP CHILDCARE

Allison Bretz, 52, of Bishop was arrested by Bishop Police Department at her home/child care business on Friday, December 15 for possession of a controlled substance. The children she was watching at the time were sent home. She was charged with child endangerment and possession of a controlled substance. Bail was set at $100,000.

William Bellona, 29, of Bishop was also arrested at the residence and charged with child endangerment, burglary, vandalism, violation of probation and possession of a controlled substance. Bail for Bellona was set at $125,000.

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or MAT locally. Those local providers who have the skills to treat patients using MAT don’t have the support of a large medical center or university, and Scott said it is difficult to retain them.

Brown said that Inyo County currently has two open positions for drug and alcohol counselors. She said that MAT providers are “few and far between and [are] needed.” Brown said that, “If we had a steady source of MAT in conjunction with some outpatient treatment, we have a much better chance of getting someone into recovery.”

“More and more, we do get people in our offices who are addicted and dependent upon prescription opioids for a genuine medical issue,” said Brown, who said many of these people struggle for a long time before seeking help because they don’t consider themselves addicts, are otherwise successful community members, and are ashamed of the stigma associated with substance abuse and dependence.

“OxyContin is a powerful painkiller. More and more, I hear people say, ‘I was never addicted before I was prescribed this pill, and now, if I don’t take X number of painkillers in a day, I start to get the sweats and experience withdrawal.’”

Brown said it can be difficult to provide these patients with the physical and psychological relief they need, especially if they are being treated for chronic pain. “MAT would certainly be helpful for these people.”

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On Thursday, January 11, KSL-Aspen announced that its 12-mountain conglomerate will be called “Alterra Mountain Company,” a mashup of “altitude” and the Latin “terra,” meaning “earth.”

The Sheet asked people on the street: What do you think “Alterra” is?

“A new designer medicine they sell on TV. Like a happy pill. ‘Discontinue use of Alterra if you experience any of the following side effects...’”

- Brian Anderson, Mammoth Lakes

“Everyone knows Alterra is a weird crunchy hippie music festival held in the Pacific Northwest.”

- Matt Davison, Mammoth Lakes

“I want to say... it’s a space ship.”

- Lauren Clemence, Mammoth Lakes

“A new designer breed of dog?”

- Rocky Morelli, Mammoth Lakes

“I just figured it was Greek for $12 beer.”

- Jenny Senior, Mammoth Lakes

“Isn’t it some kind of monster? I think it’s a monster that lives in fallen-down trees.”

- Jacob Seife, Agoura Hills

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entities in her current job, and says she understands governance, how policy is implemented, dealing with a Board, and the breadth of issues out there and the interconnectedness of those issues.

She is encouraged by the shift (improvement) in collaboration between Town and County. For example, the County offered to put up a revolving loan fund in 2015 to help the Town retain deed-restricted housing units.

“This wouldn’t have happened in the past,” says Halferty.

Then there’s the sharing of Information Tech personnel, potential sharing of offices, perhaps sharing a recreation position …

The biggest challenge for the Mono Board: She says it always comes back to finances.

When asked about the County’s desire to build its own commercial building to house its workers, Halferty said “I don’t know enough to speak to that, but I thought that ship had sailed [that it is a done deal].”

On a macro level, Halferty does believe Mono County should be supportive of state initiatives in regard to climate change. “Science has been outpacing politicians [in addressing climate change],” she said. “And the politicians need to catch up.”

Halferty is married to Derrick Halferty, who works for the Town of Mammoth Lakes in its Public Works Department. She has two daughters, one of whom matriculated to Emerson College in Boston this year.

Eric Kaufman

Kaufman, who currently sits on the Mammoth Community Water District Board (he was appointed last year), is challenging incumbent Stacy Corless in Mono County’s District 5.

A Navy veteran who is originally from Philadelphia, Kaufman and his wife Charlotte initially bought a condo in Mammoth as both an investment and as a “playground opportunity” but the more they learned about the community (like Charlotte noticing that people don’t lock their strollers at the library), the more it convinced them to stay.

Full-time.

So that’s what they’ve done, since the summer of 2016.

Eric works for a software/financial services company (Alliant). Charlotte is a freelance writer. They have two daughters, ages four and seven.

Eric’s campaign focus is in health and human services, emergency services and search and rescue—“tangible things that can make a difference in everyday lives,” he says.

He does not believe this is the current Board’s emphasis.

Philosophically, he also believes there needs to be a fundamental shift in regard to housing cost, as in, it shouldn’t be cheaper to be a second homeowner versus a permanent resident.

Parcel taxes for the schools, for example, should not only exempt primary homeowners … but be six times more expensive.

Second homeowners, he says, have an inventory lock on housing, and it’s housing, or lack thereof, which really erodes community.

A pet peeve: The way people use the term “resort town.”

Kaufman believes dismissing problems as the inevitable result of living in a “resort town” is “a lazy way of saying you’re not responsible for the problems here, and that we as a community have no control over these problems,” he says. “I reject this notion.”

“What people need is not necessarily the priority of a ‘resort town,’” he added.

What does he think about the County’s plans to build a new building to house its workers? “I’d probably be fine with renting office space versus building … it’s a matter of prioritization, and there are just too many other priorities.”

“Personally,” he says, “I could work out of a tent.”

A YEAR’S DIFFERENCE

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Snow Water Content  Liquid Contained Within the Snow

Chris Smallcomb, meteorologist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, compiled these images for The Sheet to show the difference between January 2017 and January 2018. Snow accumulation at Mammoth Pass is 5 percent of normal this year, as opposed to 189 percent of normal this time last year, Smallcomb reported.
Tara Handron brings her one-woman show about the journey of recovery to Mammoth Lakes

By Rea Dubrovner

Tara Handron has been sober for 17 years, which seems like a long time for a woman who looks as young as she does.

“I will say that not drinking and smoking cigarettes for almost 20 years definitely helps with the anti-aging process,” Handron said, laughing. Laughing is something Handron specializes in—she’s an actress, after all. She’s also the Regional Vice President of Caron Treatment Centers for the Washington, D.C. area, and she strives to make recovery from alcohol and substance addiction into something a little less doom-and-gloom. Recovery, says Handron, isn’t all about depressing meetings in church basements—it’s about thriving.

Handron is bringing her one-woman play, “Drunk with Hope,” to Mammoth Lakes via a local childhood connection. Mammoth Elementary School Principal Rosanne Lampariello was once her camp counselor in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, and they became friends on Facebook. Lampariello encouraged Handron to bring it to the Eastern Sierra. Handron got in touch with Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre’s Shira Dubrovner, and Handron will be taking the stage at the Edison Theatre on Saturday and Sunday, January 13 and 14.

“Drunk with Hope,” which chronicles experiences in recovery that has been performed across the country (at venues ranging from jails to theater festivals and everywhere in between), Lampariello encouraged her to bring it to the Eastern Sierra. Handron got in touch with Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre’s Shira Dubrovner, and Handron will be taking the stage at the Edison Theatre on Saturday and Sunday, January 13 and 14, to do a sort of alcoholic’s version of the “Vagina Monologues,” as she describes it.

She plays a variety of characters of different ages and ethnicities (she even plays a chocolate martini, according to an NBC review of the show) to illustrate the diverse ways in which people, especially women, struggle with substance abuse.

She noted that women often have it tougher when they decide it’s time to get sober.

“In the case of women, if they are a mom, a wife, they might be less likely to have the opportunity [to go away for treatment] because they feel that they have to be at home for their family…they don’t feel like they can go away for 30 days, to make that time investment to really get better.”

Handron said that she’s excited to perform her show in a place like Mammoth—a ski town where drinking is a part of the social fabric, and where the small size of the place may make getting sober, and especially attending Alcoholics Anonymous, a tough proposition.

“It’s not very anonymous,” she said, adding that “it’s interesting how there are different challenges in small towns versus a bigger town. I was living in New York City and really struggling with drinking, and I don’t know if I could have gotten sober there,” she said. “It was too easy to not be sober.”

She said that the show is for anyone, really, whether they’re thinking of quitting drinking, have a loved one who is struggling with substance abuse, or just want to get some laughs about a normally sensitive subject.

“For people in recovery, it’s about honoring their experience. They get these inside jokes…you get a little bit of an award for being one of the people who have had to take this journey,” said Handron. “It’s accessible and very educational in a fun, entertaining way.”

She also said that in the time she’s spent working in the field of addiction treatment, she’s seen a great deal of progress with regard to people’s attitudes toward substance abuse and mental health, and a changing of the stigma around asking for help.

“To know that just because something is uncomfortable doesn’t mean it’s bad,” is a big step, she said.

“There’s a culture of ‘I need to feel good, if I’m not feeling good, then something’s wrong,’” she said. But Handron does think there’s “a growing desire to be more balanced. To enjoy life, but not be totally in pain avoidance. I just think there is this growing desire to be grounded and be present even though it’s not always the easiest thing to do.”

“Drunk with Hope” plays at the Edison Theatre, 100 College Parkway in Mammoth Lakes, on Saturday, January 13 (7 p.m.) and Sunday, January 14 (4 p.m.). Tickets are $18 and $20 online (www.brownpapertickets.com), and $22 at the door. For more information, visit www.edisontheatre.org.

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Tara Handron stars in a one-woman show, “Drunk with Hope,” which chronicles experiences in recovery.
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**January 12-March 31/**
- Wilderness Photography by Eastern Sierra artist Londo Padeke, 12-5 p.m. Wednesday-Monday at the Mono Arts Council Gallery, Minaret Mall, Mammoth Lakes.

**January 13-14/**
- Felici & Friends present: Welcome Bach! with guest Ron; Huey Liu on oboe. 7:30 p.m. on Saturday at Mammoth Lakes Lutheran Church. 4 p.m. Sunday at Cerro Coso College, Bishop. Tix: Bookly Joint, Inyo Council for the Arts, and at door.
- 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, next page, ad, p. 2 and story, p. 12.

**January 13-15/**
- The Racetrack Playa Project, join Friends of the Inyo and Death Valley National Park from January 13-15. Email julia@friendsoftheinyo.org or call 760.873.6500 to reserve your spot and volunteer.

**Friday, January 12/**
- Free skating at Mammoth Ice Rink From 7-10 p.m. in honor of National Ice Skating month. See ad, p. 3.

**Saturday, January 13/**
- Inyo Search and Rescue and Sage to Summit Sk. Registration at 8:15 a.m. at Millpond County Park. Race starts at 9 a.m. Suggested $10 donation.
- Sierra Lifelight Open House and Farewell Flyaway, 1-3 p.m. at the hangar, Bishop Airport, 770 Airport Road, Bishop. See sidebar, next page and story front page.
- Monthly Bishop Paiute Tribe Conservation Open Space Area (COSA) 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 p.m. RSVP at the bookstore for address. Bring a Cuban dish or drink. All welcome.
- Wooly’s Saturday Parade in The Village, begins 3:45 p.m.

**Sunday, January 14/**
- Sierra Club Ski, Snowshoe, or Hike Adventure. Contact Briiggte, 760.924.2140, jungverman@mac.com or check www.meetup.com/SierraClub-Outings-Meetup. “Alabama Hills Under our Feet” hike with ESIA, Two hour guided hike. Begins 10 a.m. at the Eastern Sierra Visitor Center (intersection of Highway 395 and State Route 136, Lone Pine). Info: dmirk@birm.gov or 760.876.6222.
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Call for alumni artists

This winter, Mono Arts Council Gallery and Art Center will host an Alumni Show, featuring submissions in all mediums from Mono County 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 5-7 p.m. All submissions by January 26 to kristin@monoarts.org. Info: 760.914.2731.

Drunk With Hope

This shocking and hilarious one- woman show features monologues and stories, 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. See story, p. 12.

Devil’s Postpile fire management

On January 8, 2018, Devils Postpile National Monument initiated 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/depo. Select “Fire Management Plan Update”

A public scoping open house will be held at Mammoth Lakes Library, 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 18. Mammoth Lakes Library, 5:30-7:30 p.m. See ad, p. 19.

Town stuff

Monday, January 15/ National Park Service Free Entrance Day. Does not include concessions. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Tuesday, January 16/ MRl allocation workshop @ MLR Conference Room, 2520 Main St. in Mammoth. 12-2 p.m. See sidebar, this page.

Basic skills math @ MCOE Adult Education Center. Mammoth Lakes Library, 2:30-7:30. See ad, p. 19.

January 17-21/ U.S. Snowboard & Freeski Grand Prix @ Mammoth. Athletes compete for their spot on Team USA at PyeongChang 2018. 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. each day in Unbound Park at Main Lodge. Associated events like autograph signing and concert. Check mammothmountain.com for full schedule. See ad, page 3.

January 17-18/ Refresher Drivers’ Class. Sponsored by AARP. Class runs at the VFW Hall, 484 Short Street, Bishop. Call Danielle White @ 760.873.5839 for reservations and details.

Wednesday, January 17/ Public scoping open house for the Devil’s Postpile Fire Management Plan. Ellie Randol room at Mammoth Lakes Library, 3:30-6:30 p.m.

Knitting & Crocheting Group led by Diane Weissberger @ Crowley Lake Community Center, 3-5 p.m.

Basic skills ELA @ MCOE Adult Education Center. Mammoth Lakes Library, 5:30-7:30. See ad, p. 19.

Thursday, January 18/ Mammoth Voices hosts lunch @ Giovanni’s. Shannon Kendall, Helen Nunn and Jamie Gray will be guest speakers. Discussion will focus on local election process and calendar. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Adventure Series with Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association. Dr. Arlene Blum presents “Mountains and Molecules,” historic Annapurna & Denali Summit and toxins in the environment. See ad, p. 4.

Inyo County Spelling Bee (42nd annual). Begins 6 p.m. @ Jill Kinmont Booth School in the Great Room. 166 Grandview Drive in Bishop. Info: Mini Donnan, 760.873.3262. See ad, p. 4.

Friday, January 19/ USFS National Ice Skating Month: Free Fridays. Free “first timer” skate assist sessions on Friday nights. Times: 4 p.m., 4:30, 5, 5:30, 6 & 6:30, 7 +, walk-ins welcome. Sessions are 20 minutes. See ad, p. 5.

Saturday, January 20/ Eastern Sierra Women’s March (second annual). Event open to everyone, kicks off 9 a.m. in Bishop City Park. Booths in park after march. Info about booths: jmtiede@icloud.com, to volunteer: jessica.ary@gmail.com.

Fundraising dinner with Dr. Arlene Blum @ the Snowcreek Bistro. 6 p.m. Tix: esiaonline.com/shop-online. See ad, p. 4.

Sunday, January 21/ Bishop Community Concert: Quarteto Nuevo. Western classical, Eastern European folk, Latin and jazz. Bishop High School, 3-4 p.m.

Monday, January 22/ Mammoth Voices series no. 4: Great Schools/Great Communities. Lois Klein (MUSD) and Deanna Campbell (Cerro Coso) speak on local education systems. @ The Fort (Sierra Center Mall).

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person is Doing Business As:
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Dena Madison
625 Old Mammoth Road, P.O. Box 8372 Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546
This business is conducted by an Individual. The designated person is authorized to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on December 22, 2018. File Number 17-259
For further information and job application instructions and materials, visit http://www.gubacd.org/employment or gubacd.bamboohr.com/jobs.
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The Following Person is Doing Business As:
Walker Properties
Christopher, Larry Walker
254 Sierra Nevada Road, P.O. Box 1904 Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546
This business is conducted by a husband and wife couple. The designated person is authorized to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 04, 2018. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on January 04, 2018.
File Number 18-002
2018-0001 (1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3)

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person is Doing Business As:
Fresh Horizons, Inc.
C2176932
90, Box 1721 Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546
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2017-0249 (12/30, 1/6, 1/13, 1/20)

Statement Of Abandonment
Of Use of Fictitious Business Name:
The Real Estate Book
The following persons have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name:
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How much do you know about the fictitious business name?
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B. It must be renewed annually.
C. It can be used for as long as the business lasts.
D. It cannot be used if another business already uses it.
Notice of Public Hearing

The Mono County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) will conduct a public hearing Feb. 1, 2018, at 3 p.m., in the Town (County) Council Chambers, Mammoth Lakes, 147 Short Street, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546 to consider annexation of two undeveloped parcels (APNs 040-140-004 & 040-140-005) into the Mammoth Community Water District service area and related permitting for the parcels located within the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

For further information, call Gerry Le Francou at (760) 872-1810 or visit the Mono County LAFCO website at www.monocounty.ca.gov/lafcocommission/surplus or call Susan Cash at (760) 872-8211 ext. 230 no later than 3 p.m., January 31, 2018.

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A NEW CAPTAIN FOR A NEW ERA?
MLH Executive Director Jennifer Halferty seeks public office, Board prepares for change

By Giles

At the Mammoth Lakes Housing (MLH) Board of Directors Meeting on Monday, January 9, Executive Director Jennifer Halferty announced her intent to run for the District 1 seat on the Mono County Board of Supervisors in June 2018. Halferty said that if she wins, she will stay in her position as Executive Director of MLH. Halferty has served in that position since 2013. Prior to that time, she served as the agency’s Deputy Director, from 2006 to 2013. The new term for the Board of Supervisors will start in January 2019. MLH Board Member and Mono County District 5 Supervisor Stacy Corless said, “It’s speculation, but there could be the possibility of the person [who wins the race for the District 1 seat] taking office earlier.” Current District 1 Supervisor Larry Johnston has been unable to participate in Board of Supervisors Meetings for the last several months for health reasons.

In the updated Mammoth Lakes Community Housing Action Plan, which was presented to Mammoth’s Town Council on December 6 by Wendy Sullivan, a principal of consulting firm WSV Consulting, Inc., it was stated that, “A housing Department needs to be formed as part of the Town government, with a full-time Housing Coordinator (or similar position) filled within the first year of Plan Implementation (2018)...Current staff cannot take on the additional strategies recommended in this Plan.” Public Works Director Grady Dutton, acting as interim Town Manager, said Monday that, “It is likely [Town Staff] will ask Town Council on February 7 to appoint (Community and Economic Development Director) Sandra Mobery to act,” in the role of Housing Coordinator in addition to her current responsibilities.

MLH Board Member and Town of Mammoth Lakes (TOML) Mayor John Wentworth said, “I commend Jennifer for her desire to get involved in the elective process...I’m concerned...because I think that there is an opportunity for a fair amount of change that’s going to happen within the organization, in terms of what capacities are needed, and what programs are offered.”

Perhaps the biggest change Wentworth referred to is the TOML’s pending acquisition of the 25-acre Shady Rest Parcel, which is currently zoned to accommodate 172 workforce housing units. Dutton reported Monday that Town Attorney Andy Morris, “sent a final draft of the purchase agreement to the owners [of the Shady Rest Parcel, All California Funding] last Thursday [January 4],” Dutton said that the Town expects to hear back from the owners “at any moment” and that he expects the deal to close in between 90 and 120 days.

MLH Board President Kirk Stapp asked Dutton if there was any possibility of the property’s zoning overlay being changed to accommodate development other than workforce housing. “The purchase of the property and CEQA [California Environmental Quality Act] analysis...is based on the current zoning and land use...I’ve said that a hundred times and I’m going to say it a hundred more times before we close,” said Dutton. “Once we close, we will analyze what we can do with the current existing planning and land use.”

Dutton asked the MLH Board to consider a hypothetical scenario: “If next January, after we’ve owned the property for seven to eight months, somebody came in and said, ‘For $50 million, I want to give you X. I want to build all your units, I even want to put a baseball field on it.’ Then maybe we’ll say, ‘Well gee, maybe we’ll consider that.’” Dutton was clear that the Town of Mammoth Lakes does not intend to build units itself, and that it will be seeking partners to invest in development of the property once the acquisition is complete. “At this time, there is no contemplation of anything different at Shady Rest,” said Dutton. “What the future brings? That can change things.”
Bob Cox was known at the "Mayor of Alexander Street," where he spent the past two decades mowing his neighbors' lawns, shoveling their driveways and keeping their pipes from freezing when it got too cold.

"He must have had a key to every house on this street," said his wife of 59 years, Sharon. Bob Cox passed away on November 24, 2017, after a battle with cancer.

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JOHN CHARLES FOY, 1954-2017

John Foy was almost finished building his house in Old Mammoth when he passed away on December 29—just a month after he’d invited his family up to see the place where he and his wife, Janet, planned to spend their retirement. They’d been coming to Mammoth for the winter for the last six years (“they were the opposite of snowbirds,” said John’s daughter Jodie), and two years ago they found a nice flat lot on Hill Street, with a view of the mountains, where they decided they’d put down roots after having spent several winters in the RV Park. John and Janet applied to work for the Mammoth Mountain Host program, and soon were beloved by their coworkers and their new community.

“He was extremely involved and very generous,” said Anna Allen, director of the host program at Mammoth. “He jumped into the community, and was doing the things he loved doing.” Allen said that the last time she saw John Foy, he was driving a snow cat at Mammoth’s Night of Lights. John subsequently traveled down to Southern California to have knee replacement surgery on the 19th of December, and ten days later, he was gone. He fell victim to an intestinal infection that resulted from the surgery.

“When we were with him in the hospital, we just kept saying, ‘You were supposed to ski into a tree, or drive off a cliff, or rappel down a mountainside,’” said Jodie. “He wasn’t supposed to die in a hospital, he was supposed to die doing something stupid,” she said, laughing at the thought of it. “Something really stupid!”

“He was so healthy,” said Janet, who was married to John for 43 years. “He was just going to fix his knee so he could get back to normalcy.”

Janet and John met in high school—they were both dating other people when they became acquainted, but eventually those relationships ended and the two fell hard for each other. “We decided to get married after about three months” of dating, said Janet. “I always said I saw him first, anyway.” They raised their children, Jodie and Jason, to be adventurers. They “spent numerous family vacations water skiing, snow skiing, SCUBA diving and hiking the backcountry,” wrote Jodie in a tribute to her dad. “If it was an outdoor activity, [we] tried it.”

He was a consummate handyman—Jodie called him a “jack of all trades, master of all.”

When the family visited for Thanksgiving, John and his son, Jason, surprised Jason’s 14-year-old son Jaron with a bright red 1980s Toyota truck—a fixer-upper that Jaron would have two years to get running before he turned 16. “I always used to joke with Anna [Allen] that my husband had more tools than anyone,” said Janet, though she said, Anna’s husband Brent gave John a run for his money. Before John got sick, Janet said, John and Brent had spent time flying together, as both men had their pilot’s licenses. They forged a friendship over flying and the construction of the Foy’s new home—Brent was always putting John in touch with the best locals for the job, said Janet. John also took a job at High Country Lumber, where he made deliveries.

He spent the bulk of his career as a firefighter, first at the Fillmore Fire Department and then with the Ventura County Fire Department, serving 45 years in total. He played the part of “Spanner the Clown” (earning him the nickname "Clownie") presenting safety assemblies to schoolchildren. He also loved to referee sports, and volunteered his time with the Mammoth High School football and basketball teams, said Anna Allen. “We hadn’t been in Mammoth that long, but we were trying to become real citizens,” said Janet.

John Foy is survived by his wife Janet, his son Jason (and his wife Carrie), daughter Jodie (and her husband Patrick), and his grandchildren Makayla, Sophie, Milani, Jaron and Diego, as well as his brother Harold (and his wife Frances).

There will be a Jimmy Buffet sing-along (John was an enthusiastic “Parrothead,” a fan of Buffet’s) at John’s celebration of life in Fillmore (January 20 at 2 p.m. in the Fillmore Veteran’s Memorial Building at 511 2nd Street). Another local celebration for John Foy will be held on Saturday, January 27 at Eagle Lodge in Mammoth at 7 p.m.

Janet Foy asks that those wishing to bring flowers instead make donations to Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra, as John was passionate about the building of a National Wounded Warrior Center in Mammoth Lakes.

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