LET YOUR MIND RUN
2018 is the Year of the Book in the Kastor Family
By Lunch

I think it’s safe to say that most folks in Mammoth were pleased (and flattered) when Andrew and Deena Kastor decided to settle here.

And while we as a community are proud of their accomplishments and celebrate their athletic achievements, most of us, I imagine, are casual fans.

Which is to say, in Andrew’s case, every year or so, he brings members of his new stable of elite runners from the Mammoth Track Club for introductions to the community at a Mammoth Town Council meeting, and we take down those names mentally for future reference (and bragging rights).

In Deena’s case, we have followed her major running races, wishing the 2004 Olympic Marathon had been 29 miles instead of 26 (she was closing so fast she would have won at 29 miles, right?), and wishing the 2008 Olympic Marathon (in which Deena got injured) had never happened at all.

But generally, we have experienced Andrew and Deena in the now, for the friends and neighbors they are today. Their place in the larger world is sort of… tangential to their place in the community. You sort of forget who they are on the larger stage because they don’t carry themselves that way.

Of course, Meb was the same way. Maybe it’s in a runner’s nature.

But in the coming weeks, you will get the opportunity to know a bit more about them, mostly via Deena’s soon-to-be-released autobiography. In fact, both Deena and Andrew will publish books this year.


As Andrew explained this week, “The book targets the first-time marathoner, but there are also some nuggets in there for seasoned runners.”

On Amazon, the book has already garnered 32 reviews and averages 4.5/5 stars.

Rick Wood, who long-served as Mammoth’s Mayor and is an accomplished runner in his own right, reviewed the book for The Sheet this week. You’ll find that review on page 25.

Deena’s autobiography, set for national release on April 10, tells a vivid and engaging tale of how the Deena you know came to be. I finished the 283 pages in two days. So it’s a good read. And it’s paced like you’d expect a professional runner to pace things: Fast.

The one-sentence description: Thoughtful woman who is also tough-as-nails learns how to harness her prodigious talent.

If you wanted to make it a run-on sentence description, you’d put something in there about the power of a positive attitude.

Ten things you’ll learn if you read Deena’s book, or Andrew’s book … or sit in their kitchen for an hour.

1.) It was literally a toss-up who wins the 2004 Olympic marathon, Deena or Meb.

2.) During college, she sold her kitchen for an hour.

3.) You’d put something in there for seasoned runners.

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Andrew, Deena, and Piper Kastor (7) with Mastiffs Duke and Zita.

WATER YOU DOING?
MMS students take on McConkey EcoChallenge
By Rea

With some of the best tap water in the world coming out of the faucets in Mammoth Lakes, it’s puzzling for locals to see visitors streaming out of Vons with pallets of bottled water beneath their shopping carts.

A group of Mammoth Middle School students are trying to raise awareness about the overuse of plastic water bottles, and their efforts may even help them win money for their school.

The Shane McConkey Eco-Challenge (held in honor of the extreme athlete who died in a 2009 ski accident) asks kids to create an “eco-team” with an adult advisor. In this case, it’s the High Sierra Energy Foundation’s Pam Bold, who said the project has taken on a life of its own and is “becoming basically a part-time job!”

The kids are taking part in the project under the tutelage of sixth grade science teacher Gil Campos, where they use his comic book character-festooned classroom as base camp for the outreach they’re doing.

In the past several weeks, the students have spoken to the Mammoth Lakes Rotary Club and performed a blind taste-test for the Mammoth Town Council in an attempt to encourage people, especially visitors, to drink tap water.

see CHALLENGE, page 26

PHOTO: REID BUCHANAN

PETE BUCHANAN

Shannon Cox and Alondra Yanez prepare part of their submission for the Shane McConkey EcoChallenge, which their class is competing in. The students, members of Gil Campos’ Science Club, are attempting to reduce the amount of bottled water used in Mammoth Lakes.

PHOTO: REA
Local seniors organize “March for our Discounts”

Local seniors are expected to turn out in wheelchairs, walkers, limousines and Teslas next Wednesday to protest for preservation of handouts they’ve become accustomed to over time.

The rally will be held at Samurai Restaurant in Mammoth on Wednesday, April 4th, since the restaurant is advertising a 10-cent beer special on your first beer for karaoke night (Seriously. See ad page 18).

The Sheet spoke to rally organizers over breakfast at Denny’s in Bishop earlier this week.

“Now that’s a helluva discount,” said senior Ted Baxter of Palos Verdes Estates regarding the 10-cent beers, “but really, seniors should only have to pay a nickel.”

“Ted’s absolutely right,” said fellow retiree Lou Grant, who hails from La Jolla.

“We feel that Mammoth Mountain taking away our senior ski passes has amounted to the first domino,” added Grant. “If we don’t fight back now, what will they take next? Laos? Cambodia?”

The protest is being held in reaction to last weekend’s March For Our Lives rally. Rally events were held nationwide on March 24.

While Millennials marched for stricter gun control laws, Seniors believe a reduction in discounts is a far more serious social issue.

“Millennials just don’t see the larger picture,” declared Georgette Franklin. “We seniors never complained when Grandma got run over by a reindeer. I mean, accidents happen. But charging us what you might charge another customer is absolutely discriminatory!”

“I’ll tell you what,” said Murray Slaughter of Brentwood, “If they don’t reinstate the senior pass, we’ll just retaliate by reducing the amount we tip. Forget your 10%!”

“We bought into the lies our parents told us,” observed Sue Ann Nivens of Simi Valley. “Why is this generation so resistant?”

“Kids are lazy today. And unmotivated,” chimed in Grant. “I offered to pay a kid to come protest for me on Wednesday but he told me, get over here!”

“I offered a free ice cream cone,” added Murray. “But not enough of you younger people vote and all of us seniors vote, and we’ve got a sneaky awesome ballot measure planned in the near future.”

“We’ve got this proposed constitutional initiative that would, and I quote California’s Legislative Analyst’s Office, ‘Eliminate Income and Property Taxes for Californians Age 55 and Over. This measure amends the State Constitution to prohibit the state and local governments from levying income or property taxes on any Californian age 55 or over,’ added Murray.

“All we need to do is submit 365,880 valid signatures by May 8, 2018, in order for it to make the ballot in November,” smiled Lou. “And just imagine if it passes! None of us will have to move out of our homes or die poor!”

“The assembled seniors then taunted me by having the waitress card me so I wouldn’t be able to order from the 55+ menu. Then they drew me close and told me of a diabolical plan.

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“And you’ll probably all put your assets into your parents’ names because that’ll shield you from taxes, too,” piped up Georgette.

“Which means you’ll be beholden to us forever!” crowed Sue Ann.

“And then there’s the other proposal,” said Murray, “which would allow seniors to keep their Proposition 13 tax basis even if they sell their property and move into a more expensive home!”

“We’re just gonna keep floating this stuff until young people get less stupid and decide to tell their parents and their peers in political offices to go take a seat on the bench,” said Lou. “Otherwise, who’s gonna be the April Fool?”

“Note: The column is an April Fool’s joke starring the cast of the Mary Tyler Moore Show. But the initiatives discussed, while appearing to be farfetched, are no joke.”
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Mammoth’s biggest annual fundraising event is coming up April 6–8. If you can’t attend in person, you can still support the Trip for 2: 7 Days & 7 Nights Alaska Heli-Ski/Snowboard Mammoth Mountain Community Foundation by participating in the online silent auction from your computer or mobile device.

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TREK ELECTRIC BIKE - POWERFLY 7FS PLUS
EXCEL SPORTFISHING 3-DAY LONG RANGE SPORT FISHING TRIP FOR 2
HEAD KORE 99 SKIS WITH TYROLIA ATTACK2 13 BINDINGS
4 DODGER DUGOUT CLUB TICKETS
CATALINA ISLAND STAY & JEEP TOUR
HEAD KORE

“All That Glitters Is Gold”

Gala Dinner & Live Auction • April 7 • Main Lodge – Bidding by Proxy is Available

Mammoth Mountain Community Foundation’s signature event is all about coming together on the snow for a great cause, plus an enjoyable evening of giving at the gala dinner and auction. Check out a couple examples of the fun and unique experiences that will be auctioned off at the Live Auction below. For Gala tickets and info, go to MammothMountain.com/Invitational.

ALASKA HELI-SKI/SNOWBOARD TRIP FOR 2: 7 DAYS & 7 NIGHTS
TOP OF THE WORLD SLEEPOVER WINTER OR SUMMER
Most Violated Patrons

Dear Rusty,

I, along with every other senior or near-senior Mammoth pass holder, am extremely disappointed and more than a little upset at the pricing structure for the IkonPass. As an original and continued MVP/Cal4nia pass holder, and full-time Mammoth Lakes resident, I was initially very optimistic when I read your original article in The Sheet that stated your commitment to the IkonPass did not reflect either your commitment or Dave’s towards the IkonPass going forward; that stated your commitment to the folks of the TOML going forward; as an original, long time Mammoth Mountain and the unwavering support of original, long time Mammoth Value Pass members, you have in a singular act made us feel like Most Violated Patrons. How complicated would it have been to continue some iteration of the MVP/Cal4nia/locals pass giving consideration to past loyalties and advancing age? Most of that cadre of skier has remaining PassCash (immediate free cash flow for MMSA) on their existing passes and will now be expected to carry two passes: one for lift access and one for refreshments and shop purchases. A lame concept foretold to wreak havoc with lift gates.

Alterra Mountain Company’s attempt to “walk back” the alienation of dedicated Mammoth Mountain skiers with the implementation of the Base Pass was a feeble and poorly cerebrated attempt to mollify hardcore Mammoth skiers. The economics were slightly more favorable but still added significantly to the cost of a senior’s ticket. The most unsavory and insulting aspect of the Base Pass was the inclusion of “blackout” dates. Having skied at Mammoth for over 30 years, we generally try to avoid those most crowded times on the mountain; however, often by necessity, those holiday periods are when kids, grandkids and friends are able to visit. While they may be committed to a longer time on the hill, the savvy local will pluck “ten before ten” and then either head home or join friends and/or family in the lodges for refreshments. Your intent to mitigate crowd control during busy, holiday periods is mis-guided and economically unsound, as most locals avoid crowds by choice and are offended by mandate.

In closing, I commend you for attempting a military rate within the pricing structure. Honoring those who have served is commendable and appropriate. Thank you for the recognition. I do, however, urge you to reconsider the elimination of any and all consideration to senior skiers. Surely there is a creative way to tweak the pricing structure (at least locally) to provide some financial reward or relief to long term MVP members who have reached a certain age. Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Ken Klein
Mammoth Lakes

Talk about short-sightedness

Dear Alterra,

Have you considered that eliminating the senior pass puts local businesses as well as mountain services at risk for significant revenue loss? Just a reminder, a lot of senior skiers are from out of town.

Diane Eagle Kataoka
Mammoth Lakes

Livid

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members who verified that they were unaware of the stipends.

I find the timing “curious.” Dr. Adler herself assigned Mrs. Huh to the position in Human Resources. Mrs. Huh did not seek it out. All concerns were brought to Dr. Adler first and no action was taken. The stipends in question were not completed correctly. None of the required paperwork was in evidence. Had this not been reported to the Board, Mrs. Huh could be complicit in any possible wrongdoing and her credentials would be at risk.

Typically, stipends have a paper trail delineating why the stipend is being given, what duties are beyond the current scope of the employee’s position, how many hours are expected to be put in beyond the employee’s current work time, and how the stipend shall be paid.

None of this paperwork was in evidence, nor were they paid in a manner typical of stipends. These were paid in lump sums, not over the course of a school year. They were not offered to department employees to apply for, or given in equal amounts. The issue came to the attention of Human Resources when another employee approached HR because he was not getting one of these stipends.

The stipends issued between 2012 and 2016 should have gone down incrementally as did the number of charter schools. When MCOE took these on there were three schools, then two, then one. The stipends, however, did not decrease.

[The Times article] has another error when it states Mrs. Huh “had no knowledge of the additional work efforts on behalf of the charter schools”. Huh worked directly with the charter’s staff providing staff training for their special education students, without receiving a stipend. Clearly she was aware of the charter school and herself part of supporting and working with them as additional duties to her own job.

Why is this an issue, Dr. Adler wonders? Because rather than using the money that came in from the charter to support students or programs in our county, it went entirely into the pockets of a few management and IT staff. We have students sitting in darkened classrooms because there is not enough money. We have teachers being told there is no money. We have support staff who work directly with children making less than $30,000, without benefits, because they are six-hour employees, while we have salaried management staff taking two-hour wellness lunches out of their eight-hour day, being bought $4,000 desks, and receiving stipends because their department took on a bit more paperwork.

It is true there are no current policies regarding how the Superintendent gives stipends. The DA did uphold that Dr. Adler did not go against California Ed. Code as written and did nothing illegal. This does not equate to “no wrongdoing” though.

The attorney did indicate that if Dr. Adler did not repay the money she paid herself, she would be at risk of a lawsuit. What is at issue currently is how did these stipends get done without the appropriate paperwork process? What was done to earn the stipend, how was it monitored, and what time was put in by the employees above and beyond their current full time status? I would also question the amounts of the stipends.

Both unions have stipends for employees. They range $250-$2,000 annually. Why were these stipends so much larger than those available to other employees, those working with students and programs directly?

In a larger district, employees and parents alike would be up in arms and at these Board meetings demanding answers. In a larger county, where people did not know each other and give each other the benefit of the doubt, things might be going differently and even the DA might have interpreted these stipends differently or interpreted Ed. Code differently and done a more intensive investigation.

I respect Dr. Adler and Mrs. Huh both. None of this is personal for me. It’s just about what is right, what is morally and ethically right in an organization that serves our community and its children.

I am greatly disappointed with the one-sided article [The Times] put forth because it read like a smear campaign and a pro-Adler article as opposed to an article sharing facts with the public.

I strongly encourage community members, especially parents, to attend future Board meetings and express their concerns and hopes for how MCOE can support their children in the community and where they would like to see monies going. The community should be heard, and the Board can guide the MCOE to better the current situation. In June, people need to vote! Whether they continue to support Dr. Adler or support change and Mrs. Huh, they need to get out there and vote.

Birgit Roesler, MS
Mammoth Lakes
Bishop is going to be flush with places to buy groceries after Grocery Outlet moves in and Joseph’s Bi-Rite Market is fully renovated.

Joseph’s has operated in the Owens Valley’s since 1895. The new owners, Sam Kahlil, Mike Kahlil and Ray Akkari have changed the name to the Bishop Market and the Lone Pine location has been dubbed... wait for it—the Lone Pine Market.

When asked why the three purchased the historic markets, Head Manager Jack Elian told The Sheet, “Because [they were] for sale.” Elian added the three have more than 30 years of retail experience.

Everything in the store is going to be changed, he said. Over the next six months, new refrigerators and coolers will be installed, the kitchen will be completely redone and there will be new paint and windows.

There will soon be a selection of organic produce and other items for sale. “That’s what people are asking for,” Elian said.

He promises lower prices and says he can compete with the other stores in town, including Vons, Manor Market and Smart and Final.

Plans for a Grocery Outlet store located on Wye Road in Bishop are also moving forward. Elian said he didn’t know what Grocery Outlet was, but was certain Bishop Market could compete.

Grocery Outlet is a resale market—they buy items in bulk at cheap prices. The inventory changes frequently, as the store stocks what it can find on sale. It will be located on the northeast corner of the intersection of Wye Road and Highway 6.

In October 2017, the City of Bishop Planning Commission approved the division of a 5.47-acre parcel at the location into 3.8 and 1.67-acre parcels. One parcel will contain the new 20,000-square foot grocery store and the other a 40,000-square foot consolidated Inyo County office and staff building.

Grocery Outlet was unavailable for comment.

The planned new $14 million consolidated office space in Bishop located adjacent to Grocery Outlet will be leased by Inyo County. The County currently leases six different spaces for different departments. The County plans to lease the building from Joseph Enterprises for 20 years at a fixed price, and then purchase the building for $1, according to a story by James in The Sheet (“Consolidated Offices will Cost Inyo,” January 15, 2015). Inyo County Administrator Kevin Carunchio told The Sheet that, in 2013, the proposed project was estimated at $11.35 million. In 2015, Carunchio told The Sheet that the cost of the 20-year lease would be $3.6 million more than the rent the County is currently paying, but the County would own the building at the end of the deal.

“It’s kind of a no-brainer in terms of long-term cost savings,” said Carunchio on Thursday, March 29.

Inyo County is currently waiting for an update on pricing from the developer, said Carunchio. He told The Sheet that the project was proposed more than four years ago, and prices have changed since then.

Carunchio said the developer is waiting for its credit agency to deliver final finance costs. The County should hear back from the developer in 60 to 90 days, said Carunchio.
The Center for Biological Diversity hopes to light a fire under federal management agencies

By Bodine

The Center for Biological Diversity hopes to light a fire under federal management agencies for eight Congressionally-designated California rivers in Southern California, including the Amargosa River, Owens Headwaters, Cottonwood Creek, Piru Creek, the North Fork of the San Jacinto River, Fuller Mill Creek, Palm Canyon Creek and Bautista Creek.

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The suit has not yet gone to court and no judge has been named or dates set.

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COUNCIL APPROVES FUNDS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS
By Giles

On March 24, Mammoth’s Town Council voted without discussion to approve Town staff’s recommendations for Special Event funding in 2018. The item, which carries a $125,000 impact to the General fund, was listed under the Consent Agenda.

In 2017, Mammoth’s Town Council adopted an economic development strategy for special events. According to the staff report, “special events are defined as ‘festivals, music events, other entertainment, fairs, etc. that are scheduled one-time and not recurring.’”

An exception to the one-time requirement was made for summertime events in The Village, which were characterized as being in operation for “two to ten plus years” by experienced event organizers.

The Town received 17 applications for a total funding request of $210,000 for FY 2017-2018, and handed out $138,500 for a total funding request of $210,000 for FY 2017-2018, and handed out $138,500.

Applications were reviewed by a Special Event Funding Committee comprised of Town Manager Dan Holler, Finance Director Rob Patter, and Recreation Director Stuart Brown, along with Mammoth Lakes Tourism Executive Director John Urdi and Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Ken Bringle.

For FY 2017-2018, the Committee allocated $57,000 to summer events in The Village, of which all have been funded before. All of these events received less funding than in years past. The First Annual Mammoth Yoga Festival was awarded $6,000.

Mammoth Oktoberfest was the only shoulder season event to receive sponsorship. That recurring event was awarded $12,000, the same as last year.

The Committee recommended that $65,000 be awarded to promotional partnerships through the Mammoth Festival of Beers ($25,000), Mammoth Gran Fondo ($15,000), and Kamikaze Bike Games ($15,000). The Ezaki-mak Challenge, which was funded at $30,000 in 2017, was not awarded funding for 2018.

The Committee recommended allocating $8,000 for Community-Oriented events, including Mammoth Museum’s Jazz by the Creek event ($7,000) and the Children’s Fishing Festival ($1,000). The Fourth of July Parade was not funded, though an application was filed requesting $10,900. Additionally, the Mammoth Museum’s Storytelling Festival was not funded.

FIVE BRIDGES OVER TROUBLED WATER

LADWP, Inyo County, spar over mitigation efforts
By James

A full day, March 26 meeting of the Long-Term Water Agreement Technical Group ended in stalemate—with Inyo County rejecting a Los Angeles Department of Water and Power study on environmental mitigation in the Five Bridges area, north of Bishop.

Technical Group meetings are comprised of representatives of LADWP and Inyo County Water Department staff, who work together on “technical issues” and “vetting” action items on which both sides can agree. However, many agenda items often fail to meet with approval from one side or the other for presentation and recommendation to the Standing Committee, which makes the final decisions on their recommendations.

Most disagreements involve groundwater pumping level quotas, newly-proposed or replacement wells, or modifications to existing wells. These issues are coupled with interpretation on the success or failure of dozens of mitigation and enhancement projects, such as that at Five Bridges.

The recurring roadblock is LADWP’s attempt to have their mitigation efforts involving revegetation in the Five Bridges impact area signed off as “mission accomplished” by Inyo County. LADWP contended at the Monday meeting that the mitigation goals, set in 1999, were irrelevant.

The original impact area at Five Bridges constituted 300 acres. When the acreage was reassessed in 1991, it was decided roughly 240 acres had recovered and that the new goals were laid out for rehabilitating the remaining damaged area in 1999. LADWP said they used the 300-acre original impact area to come to their conclusion that Five Bridges goals have been met.

LADWP accused the County Water Department of “cherry-picking” areas that were identified as still in need of mitigation to conclude that the goals have not been met. The County reminded LADWP that the plan was developed to address those unmitigated areas to begin with. This long-running issue is complicated by LADWP’s effort to test Well 385 to see if, with modifications, pumping could again resume, although its initial operation in 1987-1988 resulted in severe environmental damage.

There have been three Tech group meetings since January in which the County’s reaction to the LADWP study was that the goals as outlined in the 1999 Mitigation Plan for Five Bridges have not been met. Those goals required a 60 percent recovery in alkali meadow and 90 percent of riparian scrub. While the County was willing to acknowledge that the alkali meadow recovery is close to meeting the goal, they contend that the goals for riparian areas have never been met over the 20-year study period.

The County’s response to LADWP’s latest study regarding mitigation at the Five Bridges impact area was to announce that they would complete their own evaluation and get back to LADWP.

Easter
For this is the way God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world should be saved through him.

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There was one occasion where teachers had to bring 130 kids into the Mammoth Mountain ticket office to shelter whilst they were waiting for the school buses to arrive in blizzard conditions, and the freezing kids displayed remarkably good behavior.

We would like to extend our thanks to the Mammoth Mountain Community Foundation, and also the Parent-Teacher Organization, as well as donations from the parents that keep this program running. Some children would not get the opportunity to ski or snowboard without this program.

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We would like to thank the instructors supervised by Bob Hurlburt and Bryan Bartilucci for all their patience and dedication with our students. On the last day, when it was announced at school that ski PE was over for the season, a second grader burst into tears because she had wanted to say goodbye to her ski instructor.

We would also like to thank our school bus drivers for all the extra work they do for this program. Led by driver Marty Burgenbauch, bus drivers not only have to drive up in hazardous conditions, but also lift skis and snowboards in and out of the buses, pick up lost equipment, wait patiently for all the kids to clomp up and down the bus in their ski and snowboard boots, as well as continue with their routine duties. Thank you so much, bus drivers!

Our local ski shops, Footloose, Kittridge, and Ski Renter have also been extremely generous again in giving our students half price rentals for the ski PE season. Thank you!

Finally, we extend our thanks to all the fabulous teachers at Mammoth Elementary, without whom we could not run the program, as well as the parents for getting the kids there. Lastly, thank you to the students who have become so independent through this program that they have turned into tough Mammoth Lakes community members of whom we are so proud.

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Duggan and TurnKey take a tech-driven approach to property management

By Lunch

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Duggan, who had been with Sierra Nevada Resort in a variety of roles for the past seven years, including that of General Manager, has been recruited by TurnKey Vacation Rental Management to build its business here in the Eastern Sierra.

Duggan, who describes TurnKey as "a technology company [working within] the hospitality industry," has its own proprietary technology, including wifi enabled digital door locks (meaning you don't need a key or a stop at a property management office before you arrive) that will make things easier for guests.

"We also have tablets in each property," said Duggan, "so when you log in upon your arrival, you can rate the condition of the property immediately."

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Duggan’s first client was Geary Smith, who owns a property at Snowcreek V.

Smith told The Sheet he received a cold call from a TurnKey representative from Texas who mentioned that they had just entered the Mammoth area. A meeting was arranged the following week between Smith, his two 28-year-old sons, and Duggan.

"I didn't know Rhonda beforehand," said Smith, but he (and his sons) were sold by the tech, as well as the personal attention. "They're a little smaller right now," he said, "so I don't feel so much like a small fish in a big pond."

"One problem I had in the past is that the cleaning crews sometimes wouldn't spot damage," he continued. "With TurnKey's tablet system, everything is documented. They take pictures of everything before you go on their program. So if something isn't right, it's easy for the staff to refer to the 'before' pictures to determine if anything's wrong."

"I also feel like it's very visible online," he added. Duggan corroborated that point, saying TurnKey is the #1 producing site for HomeAway, and is partners with Airbnb and VRBO.

"I think they'll do well in Mammoth," Smith concluded. "Rhonda and the staff are great. The fee makes them very competitive, and their services are as good or better."

Duggan does believe that Mammoth may have been short-sighted in its passage of Measure Z, which requires voter approval for any zoning changes to allow short-term home rentals in additional residential areas.

She believes that not only have customer tastes changed (many families wish to rent homes), but that management companies are becoming increasingly adept at ensuring that renters are good neighbors. TurnKey, for example, even installs sound equipment to measure decibel levels.

"We [as a community] are not putting the right people in the right places [when we curtail home rentals to families and stuff them into a different product type]," said Duggan. "And they'll go elsewhere to find it."

For more information, contact Rhonda Duggan at 760.283.7638.
Will Mammoth rents go down with the addition of new workforce housing?

By Paul Oster

Q: I own a small income property in Mammoth and I am concerned that if the Town of Mammoth Lakes builds hundreds of "workforce housing" units in Shady Rest that my current rents will be affected, and not for the better. How do you see it?

A: The year 2018 is a very good time to be a residential landlord in Mammoth Lakes or to be a seller of a residential investment property. Local rents typically bounce around to the supply and demand of the marketplace and demand is in excess of supply right now. The vibrant tourist economy of the past couple of years has increased the demand for resort-type workers. Construction work isn't booming like the early 2000s, but there will be plenty of work this year. The Airbnb craze has consumed a good deal of the low-end condo inventory that in the past has supplied affordable rents and ownership to local residents. And cheap ski passes always create additional demand in the bottom of the condo market. Here we go again.

But, ultimately, it is all about supply and demand, and in the microcosm of Mammoth Lakes, it's always changing. The Community Housing Action Plan of 2017 concluded that we need to produce 200 to 300 dedicated workforce housing units over the next five years. With the Town's acquisition of the 24-acre Shady Rest parcel, there is a strong commitment to accomplish that and maybe much more. That could include ~50 zero-lot-line homes for middle income families and ~200+ apartments of various sizes. There should be other efforts and incentives to create or legitimize workforce housing. Much of it depends on the future Town Council and new leadership at Mammoth Lakes Housing.

Let's look at some numbers to also get a good perspective on the market and the potential impact of such developments. The 2010 Census gave us some interesting numbers. There really hasn't been much development since then and the town demographics have not substantially changed since then. The only real difference that I see is the volume of lower-end condos that have moved from vacation homes and long-term rentals to short-term rentals.

In 2010 there were a total of 9,626 housing units in Mammoth Lakes. That includes single family homes, condos, apartments, mobile/manufactured homes, etc. And according to the Census there were 3,229 households in town. That includes families, roommate scenarios, single adult households, etc.

That would mean that 6,397 of the housing units were not occupied by full-time owners or renters. That's pretty typical in a mountain resort community like Mammoth.

Of the 3,229 households in town, 46.5 percent of the households own the real estate they occupy as home. And 53.5 percent of the households are renting their homes. And 42.1 percent of the local population own their own home, and 56 percent of the Mammoth population are renters. Again, really no surprise there.

Ultimately, the number that is most relevant to the question is that there are 1,727 (long term) rental units in Mammoth (as of 2010). So if in the next five years there are ~300 new workforce housing units created, percentage-wise that is a substantial increase to the supply. There would be some natural absorption of that increased supply by people who want to live here but simply can't find housing and aren't currently living in town (or are living in their car). And there is likely to be some shuffling around as new, more attractive units would become available. But what is that number likely to be? It might be impossible to say. The consultants seem to think it is pretty substantial, hence the “need.” The town's population grew by around 1,100 people between 2000 and 2010, and that was a pretty booming decade. And there were dozens and dozens of new workforce housing units constructed during that time. The number of “new” people in town

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The prudent and long-time local landlords know that the best strategy is to keep rents reasonable for local residents; they can only pay so much (this isn’t LA). These landlords like to minimize vacancies by keeping good tenants for years. Despite the demand, vacancies and other hiccups can easily erode even small rent increases. Mammoth remains a somewhat transient place. But the demand in 2018 is so high that these landlords know they can bump their rents. They do it with a wary eye. They also know that a couple of drought winters or another recession or an earthquake swarm can send rents the other way. In the meantime I have no doubt that the recent group of investment property buyers believe they can successfully increase rents (they’re smart—rents are undervalued!). We’ve seen this before. Now we are rhyming with 2006. Many of those peak investment property buyers who financed their purchases ended up in foreclosure. Going negative on an investment is not fun. And what about the cash buyers? They will certainly learn the vagaries of the Mammoth multi-family market and the tenant pool. And they will also learn how much snow removal can cost in big winters, and what ice dams are all about, etc.

Historically, the development of major government-sponsored housing projects in Mammoth most likely helped in keeping rents stabilized. But it really isn’t about low rents, it is about having available housing for people who will fill jobs. That is the point we are at right now. There is a clear labor shortage, especially during peak tourism periods. Most non-tenants and newcomers probably don’t even know how much of this housing exists in Mammoth. The Bristlecone Apartments behind the Mammoth Tavern were approved in the 1990s. Aspen Village is the large project that wraps around the Snowcreek Athletic Club. Meridian Court and other assorted Sierra Valley Sites (aka The Ghetto) locations are some of the nicer looking projects in the neighborhood. And there are “deed restricted” units popped into different buildings all over town. These separate units often allow developers to gain bonuses for increased densities and/or building heights.

The one sideways project is San Joaquin Villas behind Lopez’s on Main St. It was part of Intrawest’s contribution to affordable housing (that what we use to call it). It was designed as middle-income family housing. But as it came available for local residents to be able to purchase these units (with assistance) in the late 2000s, the real estate market and economy crashed. The majority of the units eventually came onto the open market. Some remained restricted by Mammoth Lakes Housing, others have been purchased by local residents, and many are owned by second homeowners. Because the units cannot be rented nightly, many of these units may eventually end up as locals’ housing. So how the anticipated influx (supply) in workforce housing units will exactly affect the rental market is an unknown. There may be a simple reversion to the mean for market rents. Or maybe we are already there? Once again, the general economy will play a large part (like it did in the late 2000s). And there could also be some unforeseen new demand. What if some major tech firm decided that they wanted a campus here? Or what if some professional hockey teams decided high-altitude training was the new key to success? The overall housing numbers are quite small and adding 100 new potential renters would impact the market significantly. Especially if these new renters have higher incomes than the average local resident.

But regardless of where rents go, the new workforce housing is needed to improve the quality of life here. And these units will be certified for local residents of certain income levels. Local employers need these employees. The fire department needs the recruiting base. But existing landlords shouldn’t panic. Times are good for now and may stick around. Meanwhile, they should appreciate and respect their quality tenants. Paul Oster is the Broker/Owner of REMAX of Mammoth. For other timely real estate information you can go to www.MammothRealEstateBlog.com. For legal, accounting, or construction advice, please seek out the appropriate professional.

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Believe It or Nott

REALTOR® Rob Nott honored for 40 years in real estate industry

By Lunch

Trust me, the last person who believes it is Rob Nott.

“I shouldn’t be this old. I don’t feel my age … It just doesn’t seem like I’ve been doing it that long.”

Despite these protestations, the calendar does appear to be accurate, and the National Association of REALTORS® recently bestowed upon Nott the title of “REALTOR® Emeritus,” celebrating 40 years in the real estate industry from 1977-2017.

The award is based upon both longevity as well as service within the industry. Nott has been a fixture at the Mammoth Lakes Board of REALTORS® for decades, serving as President on multiple occasions.

Rest assured, Nott has no thoughts of retirement. After all, this is a guy who still plays in both the men’s and coed summer softball leagues every year, though he does make this concession to age: “I don’t have the range I used to. No more shortstop. ‘I’m pretty much a pitcher now,” he says with a smile.

Nott, like so many, originally planned on living in Mammoth for a couple of years before he moved on. “But Mammoth just takes hold of you,” he said. “I like the fact that the longest commute in Mammoth is five minutes. And the Town is like one big neighborhood watch.

Nott said he raised four children in Mammoth, and all now live within 45 minutes.

Real estate was the family business for Nott. In fact, Nott’s father Dwight owned Main Street Realty in Mammoth.

Nott spent one year in real estate in Encino (his father said he wouldn’t hire him without a year’s experience), and then the newly-married Nott moved to Mammoth to work for his father.

He bought out his father in 1985 and then sold the business to Coldwell Banker Mammoth Real Estate in 1990. He has worked as an agent for Coldwell Banker Mammoth Real Estate ever since.

His current view of the local real estate market? Optimistic. “This is my third cycle,” he said, “And I am absolutely confident we will surpass our last peak. I like the direction the town is heading, and am encouraged by the prospect of future development. In the long run, Alterra [which recently acquired Mammoth Mountain] is going to help us.”

Why hire Rob Nott? “I’m intimately acquainted with the town and know all the projects and all the floor plans. When a client tells me what they’re looking for, I can narrow it down pretty quickly.”

Favorite part of the job? “Showing property. I like to meet people. I like to make it fun … If they’re not excited about it, they shouldn’t do it.”

Least favorite part? “Probably the paperwork, which has increased exponentially over the past 40 years. When I started, one legal sheet constituted a purchase agreement.”

If you weren’t a realtor you’d be a … ? “I’ve always wanted to coach baseball.” As it is, Nott has umpired in the local Little League for more than a decade. And he’ll probably be doing it for decades more, especially with a fifth grandchild on the way.

Rob Nott can be reached at 760.914.1928.
PARENTING FROM JAIL

Inyo County’s Positive Parenting Program helps bring families together

By Bodine

Inmates with children incarcerated in Inyo County Jail are being offered parenting classes. The kids don’t get involved until the parents are released, but the program is proving to be successful.

Serena Johnson, Inyo County First 5 Director and one of the facilitators for the Positive Parenting Program (known as Triple P), in jail, said a strong, healthy family and parent/child relationships have been proven to reduce recidivism. The class is also offered outside the jail, Johnson joins Melissa Ruiz and Barbara Keller, both Prevention Specialists, as facilitator.

Triple P is a private corporation offering an evidence-based program backed by 30 years of research that is proven to strengthen child/parent relationships and prevent child abuse, Johnson said. Inyo County is into its third year with the program.

Public Health Director Ana Scott said the county isn’t just making up classes and programs, “We’re using taxpayer money, so we want to make sure it’s proven.”

There is flexibility to the state programs, Scott said, which are adaptable to fit local needs.

Funding comes from California’s Public Safety Realignment and the Child Welfare Prevention Plan. In an effort to control overcrowding in the California prison system, Realignment is transferring non-violent felons from state prison to county jail. Jails are now holding inmates for multiple years—before Realignment, there was a maximum stay of one-year. The longer stays means there is enough time to offer extended classes, Scott said.

Triple P is intended for parents with access to their children, so offering the classes in jail has created a challenge. A positive relationship between First 5 and the Inyo County Sheriff’s Office has facilitated the smooth implementation of the program, Scott added.

Inmates do not have visitations with their kids, Johnson said, adding that small children have a difficult time processing the fact their parents are incarcerated.

The program has two parts—eight classroom sessions are completed behind bars, with the final eight offered after the parent has been released.

Seven parents have completed the program. There have been 24 total participants, on the inside and the outside, Johnson explained. She said many don’t officially complete the class and receive a certificate, but the parents do gain some knowledge from Triple P.

One man that committed to the program both in and out of jail now has a “high quality relationship” with his kids, Johnson added.

The program is about strengthening relationships between children and parents, Johnson said, but in jail parents have to practice some of those skills with their fellow inmates. Incarcerated parents are asked to practice positive affirmations by telling themselves or cell mates they are good, caring people, or they’re happy to see them.

Johnson called this practice “homework.” The sessions in jail consist of videos and discussions, but the key to success with the program is the homework, said Johnson.

Parents practice responses to different situations then discuss what works and what doesn’t. They learn strategies to get out of the escalation trap, for example (where family members talk louder to get what they want and blow a situation out of proportion).

By the end of the program, parents will have the confidence to apply these newfound skills without the need for a facilitator, said Johnson.

Inmates are proud to have taken the classes, Johnson said, and gladly volunteered to have their picture taken for a Facebook post. “They wanted to show their friends and family,” Johnson said. The first success stories from the program, the local champions, are being recorded.

The Fatherhood Initiative will be also offered on the inside and outside this fall.

Johnson recently returned from a Triple P conference where she presented details of the County’s work in the jail, she said.

For more information about times and dates for the Triple P call First 5 Inyo County at 760.873.6453.

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KOSEN JUMPS IN
Gerald Kosen joins the race for District 1 Supervisor

By Bodine

Gerald Kosen is 24-year resident of Mammoth Lakes, a father and mechanic, and he’s throwing his hat in the ring for District 1 Supervisor. A native of San Diego, Kosen came to the Eastside in 1994 to escape Southern California and find a better place to raise his three kids. He earned a BA in Electrical Engineering and a Masters Degree in Business Administration from San Diego State University and UC San Diego, respectively.

He said that, after it became evident that Supervisor Larry Johnston would not be seeking another term, he was approached by friends and neighbors urging him to run.

He said he’s the guy always complaining about local government and how it could be improved. There is no better qualification for being an elected official.

He said he disagrees with how things are being handled in District 1, where, he claims, the best interests of the constituents are not being considered. If elected, he said he’d be fully transparent and open lines of communication between himself and the voters.

As a former employee of both the County and Town of Mammoth Lakes, Kosen said he sees a disconnect between employees and upper management. He added that many employees, especially managers, have “no skin in the game.”

Strong leadership skills is where he said he excels. He has managed numerous employees as an employer and has worked with race car teams. Listening to what the rest of the team has to say makes for a better business and a winning team, says Kosen.

A major project for Mono County has been a new South County facility that would house offices and employees in Mammoth. Depending on which direction the County decides to go, the project could cost more than $25 million. Kosen admitted not knowing much about the project, but after hearing a few details, he quickly formed opinions.

“Why not buy the existing building (Sierra Center Mall), it’s not going to sell for $25 million?”

If the County moves from its location at the Sierra Center Mall, it will create more empty, unsightly space in town, says Kosen. “If the County moves out, who’s going to move in?”

He said he’s in the “fix what you have” camp. He’s a stable Mammoth resident with no plans on flipping his house for a profit or using the position of Supervisor as a stepping stone—he just wants to represent his constituents.

“I’ve got their backs,” he says.

NICHOLSON SAYS INYO NEEDS NEW BLOOD

Deputy Inyo County Sheriff and Bishop School District Board member Joshua Nicholson is running for Inyo County Sheriff.

He’s been a resident of Inyo County for nearly 26 years, graduating from Bishop Union High School in 2000 before enlisting in the Army as a Combat Engineer. He was deployed to Iraq twice; once during Operation Enduring Freedom and again for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

After being discharged, he married his wife Amy, and went to college, earning degrees in Spanish and Criminal Justice. He was hired by the Inyo County Sheriff’s Department in 2010, and then earned a Master’s Degree in Business Administration.

In November 2014, Nicholson was elected to the Bishop Unified School District Board, although his own children are home schooled. He said he knows his kids will go to school eventually and he wanted to see how the district operates.

He and his wife and three kids are members of Calvary Baptist Church. Nicholson coaches football at Bishop High School and coaches and referees for Sierra Roller Hockey League.

“I want to return safety as a priority in the community,” he said.

Nicholson said the department has lost 12 sworn deputies in the past three years. There’s never enough people to cover all the shifts, especially at night. There are only two deputies patrolling the entire 10,000 square miles of Inyo County.

Nicholson cited a lack of leadership and low pay as the two motivating factors for moving out of Inyo County.

According to Nicholson, it costs taxpayers approximately $140,000 to process and train a new deputy.

“The string of new officers, many new to the profession, hesitate in the line of duty, which isn’t safe for the officers or the community, says Nicholson.

“I am the candidate who will hold those from the top down accountable for their actions and inactions. I will create a working environment where our employees want to stay for their career and others will want to apply,” he said in a prepared statement.

He said he has a proactive approach to policing, starting with educating the kids. “We can be much more involved with our youth by having a school resource officer present and fostering meaningful relationships with our children and faculty throughout the schools...”

Nicholson also said he can bring something new to the table. “Voters know what they’re going to get with Jeff (Hollowell), his challenger and current Undersheriff; He’s done his 30 years and it’s time for him to retire.”

He said if Hollowell gets in, nothing’s going to change.

“At Inyo County Sheriff’s Department, I want to get away from management and focus on leadership. True leadership is about serving others and placing their needs before our own. I want to see leaders developing other leaders. We need leadership in Inyo County, not managers.”

He closed by reiterating his tenet of safety first. “I offer you and the Inyo County Sheriff’s Department the best, sustained path to safety and peace in our community.”

For more information visit www.nicholsonforsheriff.com; call 760.258.1545 or email nicholsonforsheriff@gmail.com.
Help Wanted

**SIERRA NEVADA RESORT & SPA**

**Housekeepers (ST)**

Cook

Dishwashers

Maintenance Worker

Please complete an application at 163 Old Mammoth Rd. or e-mail ppl@lahendahub.com.

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**SIERRA EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

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

- Janitor B $15
- Electrician B M $20
- Bookkeeper B $20-$25
- Const. Foreman M $33
- Laundry Attendant B $15
- Maintenance Mechanic M $20
- Front Desk Agent M $12 - $15
- General Laborers M $13 - $16
- Const. Foreman M $33 - $36
- Const. Lead Worker M $30 - $34
- Customer Representative M $15-$20
- Mechanical Maint. Worker M $18.41 - $22.65
- Inspection & Audits Compliance Liaison

Call 760.924.0523 or 760.873.8599 for full job listing. www.SierraEmployment.com

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**Mammoth Rock & Bowl/Mammoth Rock Brasserie** has the following positions open:

- **Bowling Desk Employees**, **Server**, **Bartender**, **Brasserie Hostess**. Contact Kevin Q’Connell 760.934.4200 ext.223, or Ann Ward ext. 221
- **East Side Bake Shop** located in Crowley Lake is hiring for a Baker. Please provide a brief experience description. You would be trained on a variety of baked goods, breads and more. Applicant must be available for a 15-20 hour per week schedule. Stop by and see us in person at 3905 Main St in Mammoth Lakes for more information and to pick up an application.

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**Part-time night audit position at Sierra Lodge.** Immediate availability to work 11 p.m.-7 a.m. shifts. Must have work experience demonstrating direct interaction with guest and the ability to communicate. Good work ethic and ability to work in a fast-paced environment required. Starting hourly wage DOE. Deliver resume in person or pick up application from Sierra Lodge, 3540 Main St, or send to info@sierralodge.com.

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**Hiring for year round permanent position for a Front Desk Manager and a Housekeeper.** Excellent pay DOE. Please contact Todd Roberts at 760.934.2414 or stop by and see us in person at 3905 Main St in Mammoth Lakes.


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**Quality Control Specialist for Resort** - $17.31 + Benefits + Bonus Inspections, requests for maintenance, amenity re-placements and great welcome bags, supply stocking and call logs for thirty one cabins and forty one hotel rooms. Applicants should possess customer service and employee benefits. Great Work Environment. 760-934-3800 ext.46 Kristen@conviciti.com

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**TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES Equipment Mechanic $47,795 - $67,253 + competitive benefits package**

We are currently seeking an Equipment Mechanic to join our Town and undertake all aspects of our financial management including corporate accounting, general ledger reporting, budgeting and forecasts preparation. Go to highcountrylady.com for details of job responsibilities and duties. Ideal candidate should have: 7+ Years of progressive experience in a financial management role and possess CPA or MBA credentials.

**Benefits include:**
- Competitive Salary (based on skill and experience)
- Friendly work environment
- Health Care Plan
- Vision Care
- Sick Leave Pay
- 401K Savings Plan

Contact: Stephen Joseph 760. 873.5874, stevej@highcountrylady.com

New hiring for management position at Domino’s! Applicants must be eager to learn the ropes and do what it takes to be a great leader, managing a small team, with our help and guidance. We prefer, but not required. If you are willing to work and take pride in what you do, we have the skills to install in you! Position starts at $12.00 per hour plus tips. Hours vary, 20 to 30 hours per week to start. This is a great opportunity to manage a shift. We are looking for closing managers who are ready to set a great example to fellow employees. Domino’s is a great place to work with plenty of growth opportunities! Applicants must be able to pass a criminal background check, must have a clean driving record (less than three tickets in last three years) as you might be delivering from time to time (more tips there too). Come join a great team! Apply in store at 1934 Meridian Blvd.

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**FOR RENT**

**Bookkeeping Services Available** Let me know what you need: up to 40 hours per week while you focus on your business or travel. stevej@highcountrylumber.com

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**FOR SALE**

**The Saloon Lawn** is in search of day-time server/Bartender. Must have experience plus ability to work in fast-paced environment, daily, for Hectar.

**Samurai** is hiring servers/kitchen crew experience preferred. 760.804.0567

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**FULL TIME MAIDS NEEDED: Vacation rental companies are in search of a Full Time Housekeeper for a long term position. We offer a great opportunity to take on a new challenge in a small, friendly environment. Full Time Housekeepers will be responsible for cleaning, restocking and call logs for thirty one cabins and forty one hotel rooms. Starting wage $12 – $17 per hour. This is a Full Time, Year Round position. We have an immediate opening for a Spa Maintenance position. This position also offers vacation accrual, benefits and paid holidays. Experience is preferred, but not required. Heavy lifting and a clean DMV is required. Please call 760.924.0523 or stop by and see us in person at 3905 Main St in Mammoth Lakes for more information and to pick up an application.

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**COO/Controller High Country Lumber is seeking a Bright, proactive and well organized financial COO/Controller to join our team and undertake all aspects of our financial management including corporate accounting, general ledger reporting, budgeting and forecasts preparation. Go to highcountrylady.com for details of job responsibilities and duties. Ideal candidate should have: 7+ Years of progressive experience in a financial management role and possess CPA or MBA credentials.**

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Contact: Stephen Joseph 760. 873.5874, stevej@highcountrylady.com

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**High Country Lumber in Mammoth is hiring hard working individuals to assist customers in the lumber yard. We will be hiring a part-time employee at the Mammoth Lakes, High Country Lumber location. High Country Lumber offers competitive pay, employee benefits and 401k for qualified full time employees. Application available online at: www.SierraEmployment.com. Please deliver resume in person or pick up application at Sierra Lodge located at 3540 Main St. www.estransit.com, or at our offices in Mammoth, 210 Commerce Dr, or Bishop (703 Airport Rd) or call 760.872.1901 ext. 15. EOE/Drug Free Workplace & Drug Free Workplace.**

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**FOR SALE**

**The Following Person**

**Is Doing Business As**

**Real Earth Designs**

jamie de la 154 Hilton Creek Drive Crowley Lake, CA. 93546

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 13, 2018. The registrant has an annual renewal period of 1 year. Applications for renewal must be filed in the County Clerk's office at 154 Hilton Creek Drive, Crowley Lake, CA 93546. All other applications must be filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on March 13, 2018.


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**Fictitious Business Name Statement**

The Following Person

Is Doing Business As

D.A.A. Design Studio

Amanda Stone & Vincent Maniaci

116 Crowley Lake Drive

Crowley Lake, CA. 93546

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File Number 2018-0045 (3/24, 4/3, 4/10, 4/14)

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**PERSONALS**

I saw you... never celebrate Easter any more. I know, I know, after He died, the business was really good. Question... what is the President's favorite dish? Answer... I Trump roast. In search of... a place to use some jellybeans. Is your fallopian tube available? I heard you... are the last of the red hot low river. I hear you! I would love to be said for natural selection.
**BARS & MUSIC**

**Happy Hour**
The Liberty Sports Bar and Grill.

**Pursuit of Happiness Hour**, 3-6 p.m.

**All Night Happy Hour**, 4-9 p.m.

**4-6 p.m.**

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

**Roberto's** 4-6 p.m. every day.

**Austria Hof** 5-8 p.m. daily. See ad, p. 6.

**Whitebear Restaurant Bar & Lounge**
Unwind with daily drink and food specials 4-6 p.m.

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

**Peter's Bistro**
Happy Hour, 5-6 p.m. every day.

**Mammoth's famous Slocums Happy Hour**
Thru Fri 4-6; Saturdays 4-5. Closed Sun. See ad, p. 7.

**Happy Hour @ The Bistro at Snowcreek**
4-6:30 p.m. daily.

**Mammoth Tavern**
Happy Hour Tuesday-Sunday 3:30-5:30 p.m.

**Snowcreek**
Happy Hour, 4:30-6:30 p.m. daily.

**Mammoth's famous Slocums Happy Hour**
Every day.

**Side Door**
Happy Hour daily 3-6 p.m.

**Gloria's Happy Hour**
daily 4-6 p.m.

**Large pizza and a pitcher of beer gets you free wings.**

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

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

**Morrison's Happy Hour Daily**
5-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

**Saturday, March 31/ Grinnims and True Violet play**
Whiskey Creek in Bishop. 10 p.m.

**Grinnims is a local metal band, and True Violet is a LA-based Indie-Folk band. Free.**

**Après at the Outpost.** 4-6 p.m.

**We're keeping the food and drinks flowing at the Melt House and Boundary bar even after the lifts stop.**

**Ride in and hang out, or walk in after 4 p.m.**

**Mammoth's Outpost at the base of Chair 14.**

**The Grouch and DJ Fresh from Living Legends play Raiders.** 10 p.m. 21 plus. Tickets: $20 in advance at Raiders or ticketweb.com or $25 day.

**Final Four Semi-Finals @ Liberty Happy hour menu,** See ad, p. 11.

**Sunday, April 1/ Some Assembly Required plays Black Doubt Brewing.**
7-9 p.m. Free. Final Four National Championships @ Liberty
See ad, p. 11.

**Monday, April 2/ Bowlinfo's Beats at Mammoth Rock 'n Bowl.** 9 p.m. See ad, p. 11.

**Wednesday, April 3/ Wild Wing Wednesdays at Outlaw Saloon.** 30 percent off all wings 6-9 p.m. See ad page 9.

**Thursday, April 4/ Latin Night at Mammoth Rock 'n Bowl.** 9 p.m. See ad page 11.

**Karaoke night @ Samurai.** First beer, 10 cents. See ad, p. 18.

**TOWN STUFF**

**March 30-31/ Banff Mountain Film Festival in Bishop.** 7-10 p.m. at the Tri-County Fairgrounds. Tickets available at Eastside Sports, The Booky Joint in Mammoth, and Inyo Council for the Arts, or at the door for cash only/15 per screening. See sidebar, ad p. 2 and story, p. 27.

**March 30-April 1/ Sierra Classic Theater's production of Neil Simon's Last of the Red Hot Lovers continues at Edison Theater in Mammoth Lakes.** Fri-Sat. night shows at 7 p.m; Sunday matinee at 4 p.m.

**For its mammothlakesrepertorytheatre.org.**

**Friday, March 30/ Easter Egg Hunt at Mammoth Creek Park.** 3-4 p.m. Hosted by Mammoth Lakes Parks and Recreation Department. BYO bag/basket.

**Passover Seder hosted by the Eastern Sierra Jewish Community & The Bistro East at Snowcreek Athletic Club.** 6:45 p.m. Wine and a vegetarian sushi dinner available for purchase. Homemade matzo ball soup. Info: mlesjc@gmail.com.

**Saturday, March 31/ Free Easter Egg Hunt at the Sierra Nevada Resort and Spa and Raiders Restaurant.**
Starts at 10 a.m. Register at Raiders before the hunt. Ages 12 & under. Brunch and breakfast specials, and more than 2,000 eggs to find. See ad, p. 4.

**Tablelands Archaeology Walk with BLM archaeologist Greg Haverstock.** 3-hour guided hike featuring human history of the region. RSVP: julia@friendsoftheinyo.org. 9 a.m. to noon. Guided Hike: The Alabama Hills Under our feet. Meet at the Eastern Sierra Interagency Visitor Center at 10 a.m. 2-hour, easy, interpretive hike through the desert.

**Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra Spring Expo.** All day at the bottom of Chair 11. Raffle and ski bike, mono-ski and bi-ski rentals.

**Art and Wine: Pendants and Beaded Chains with Danielle Dublino at the Mono Arts Council.** 4:30-6:30 p.m. Free. Info: 760.358.6410.

**Super Photo Sale @ the Mammoth Lakes Library.** Images of the Eastern Sierra: Framed prints, matted prints, and just prints. Ellie Randol Reading Room from 12:30 p.m.-3 p.m.

**Sunday, April 1/ Easter Sunday Parade in The Village at Mammoth.** 5-5:30 p.m. See ad, p. 3.

**Bishop Elks' Lodge Annual Easter Egg Hunt.** Hotdogs, chips, and a drink for $2. 1 p.m. at Bishop Elks Park, Line St., Bishop. Info: 760.872.3222.

**Easter Egg Hunt at June Mountain.** 1:30 p.m. 5,000 eggs, including golden eggs with great prizes. Young kids and older kids areas. See sidebar, next page.

**Monday, April 2/ Owens Valley Radio Observatory Tour.** 1-2 p.m. Info: Dr. Mark Hodges, 760.358.6410.

**Mono Basin Historical Society Meeting.** 6-8 p.m. at the Lee Vining Community Center. Potluck at 6, meeting at 6:30. Speaker: John Warneke, “Postcard Memories.”

**Mammoth Lakes Housing Board meeting.** 6 p.m. in Suite 2, Minaret Mall, Mammoth Lakes.
**Upcoming**

by meeting with speaker, Mammoth Town Council candidate Lesley-Anne Headley. 7 a.m.-8 a.m. at Mammoth Gold Mercantile (next to Booky Joint).

**Thursday, April 5/**

City of Bishop Tree Committee meeting.

**1-2 p.m. at City Hall.**

Mammoth County Planning Commission Meeting. 8 a.m. in the Town/Country Conference Room, Minaret Mall, Mammoth Lakes.

Mammoth Voices Meeting.

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Giovanni’s. Candidate speakers: Stacy Adler (Mammoth County Superintendent of Education) and Kirk Stapp (Mammoth Town Council).

**Rotary scholarship deadline for MHS seniors. See sidebar.**

**Friday, April 6/**

OVDIC Indian Education Summit.

Info for parents, educators, and community members to share skills, resources and help students and families be more successful. RSVP: 760.873.6547. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 4090 West Line St., Bishop.

Mammoth Noon Rotary Club Scholarship Application Deadline. Open to graduates of Mammoth High School attending Cerro Coso. See sidebar.

**Saturday, April 7/**

American Legion Post and Auxiliary Unit 457 Rummage/Bake Sale. 8 a.m.-noon @ Big Pine Town Hall. Info: Rick Fields at 760.263.4150.

Book signing, “Sage & Sierra: Growing up in the Owens Valley” at Eastern California Museum, 1-3 p.m. See sidebar.

Alfredo Rolando Ortiz in Concert: “The Beautiful Paraguayan Harp.” 3-5 p.m. at the BUHS Dorothy Joseph Theater. Tickets: bishopcca.org.

Mammoth Noon Rotary Club Trip Leader Training.

8 a.m. to noon. See sidebar.

**TOWN STUFF**

**Monday, April 2 (cont’d)/ Special Meeting of the Mono County Board of Supervisors. 9 a.m. at the County Courthouse, Bridgeport.**

**Teleconference: Sierra Center Mall, Mammoth Lakes.**

**Tuesday, April 3/**

Mammoth Recreation Commission meeting.

8:30 a.m. in Suite Z, Minaret Mall, Mammoth Lakes.

Inyo County Board of Supervisors meeting.

9 a.m. at the County Administrative Center, Independence.

Mono County Board of Supervisors meeting.

9 a.m. at the County Courthouse, Bridgeport. Teleconference: Sierra Center Mall, Mammoth Lakes.

Lone Pine Community Dinner.


WMRC 2018 Public Lecture Series: “Some Bristlecone History: a Closer Look” with Daniel Pritchett. 7 p.m. at White Mountain Research Center, East Line St., Bishop. Free.

Victorious Travelers Meeting at Spellbinder Books in Bishop. Read a book of your choice about Nigeria and join other book club members from 6:30-8 p.m. to share your books.

**Wednesday, April 4/**

Eastern Sierra Agency on Aging. 10 a.m. at Sterling Heights Assisted Living, 369 E. Pine St., Bishop.

Mammoth Lakes Tourism Board meeting.

1 p.m. in Suite Z, Minaret Mall, Mammoth Lakes.

Mammoth Town Council meets.

6 p.m. in Suite Z.

Easter Egg Hunt Bike Ride in Bishop.

6-8 p.m. from Black Sheep Coffee Roasters and around town to Moun- tain Rambler Brewery.

Volunteer Eastern Sierra hosts week- end.

**UPCOMING**

**Banff Film Festival in Bishop**

On Friday, March 30, and Saturday, March 31, the 16th Annual Banff Film Festival World Tour will come to Bishop. This year’s films feature stories about adventure in the wilderness, conservation efforts, and new innovation in outdoor sports.

There will be two nights of movie screenings at the Mono County Fair Grounds. Tickets are $15 per screening and support local art programming.

For more information or to purchase tickets for the event, contact Inyo Council for the Arts, at 760.873.8014. See ad, p. 2 and story, p. 27.

**Audubon trip leader training**

Join the Eastern Sierra Audubon Society for a Field Trip Leader Training Seminar. The first hour will be spent in the morning in the Lozito Conference Center at the Jill Kinnoch Boothé School. The last hour of the day will be spent at the Bishop Paiute Tribe’s Conservation Open Space Area. Expert birders and field trip leaders Santiago Escruceira, Eric Smith, and Nora Livingston will teach participants how to efficiently point out birds, manage groups of all abilities and skill levels, and care for equipment. BYO binoculars, lunch. 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, April 7.

**Bishop ADA project construction**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) began construction on Sunday March 25, at the Southeast corner of West Line Street and Sunland Drive. Hours of construction are expected to be 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Contractors will be removing and replacing sidewalks, curbs, gutters, and driveways. Eastbound traffic will be detoured into the two-way left turn lane in the area of active construction and traffic signals will be changed to a flashing red.

**Easter at The Village at Mammoth**

Celebrate Easter with Mammoth Mountain on Sunday, April 1 at the Village at Mammoth. The Easter Bunny and Woolly the Mammoth will be present, with candy and parade favor giveaways for kids.

From 3-5 p.m. there will be performances by roaming stilts performers and a stilts circus. From 3:30-4:30 p.m., an Easter Parade will take place through the Village. For more information about the event, visit villageatmammoth.com. See ad, p. 3.

**Easter Egg hunt at June Mountain**

Over 3,000 eggs will be hidden in the snow at June Mountain, full of candy and prizes.

There will be two areas: One for 0-6 year-olds and one for 7-12 year-olds. Don’t forget your basket! Hint: Golden eggs have the best prizes. Hunt begins at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 1.

**AT THE MOVIES**

**Minaret Cinemas**

**Pacific Rim: Uprising (PG 13):** Jake Pentecost reunites with Mako Mori to lead a new generation of Jaeger pilots. Like transformers but not transformers.

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**Ready Player One (PG 13):** Steven Spielberg Sci-Fi film about an ubiquitous virtual reality world called OASIS.

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

**Rotary Scholarship applications**

The Mammoth Lakes Rotary Foundation College Completion Scholarship offers financial assistance to graduating seniors at Mammoth High School who plan to attend Cerro Coso Community College. The recipient, upon graduation from Cerro Coso and transfer acceptance to another accredited 4-year school, will receive a $20,000 scholarship paid over two years to assist in completion of a bachelor’s degree.

To submit a standard MHS community scholarship application to the MHS counseling office by April 6. Applicants must write an original essay detailing their experience with service to others while completing their high school academics. The essay prompt for 2018 is “Making a Difference.” Your essay should describe what you think it means to make a difference, and highlight activities you have participated in that have made a difference. Your essay should not exceed 5 pages, size 12 font, 1-inch margins.

“Aage & Sierra: Growing up in the Owens Valley” screening

The Eastern California Museum will host Joan DeDecker Busby and Carol DeDecker Weins as they sign copies of their recently published book, “Aage & Sierra, Growing Up In The Owens Valley” a memoir about their unique childhood in Independence. The book recounts the joys of small-town life and exploring the Eastern Sierra. The DeDecker sisters be signing their book from 1 to 3 p.m., Saturday, April 7 at the Eastern California Museum, 155 N. Grant St. in Independence. For more information, call 760.876.0258.

**ESLT Pollinators Workshop**

Looking to revamp your garden this season, but don’t know where to start? Join Eastern Sierra Land Trust for a free workshop and discover how to transform your garden.

You’ll hear from local experts about hummingbirds, bees, butterflies, and how to turn any garden into a haven for pollinators. For information or to RSVP, contact Ryan at garden@eslt.org or 760.873.4554. Saturday, April 14 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the White Mountain Research Center.

**Spellbinder book club meetings**

Join readers of all ages to discuss the book Wonder by R.J. Palacio. The story features August Pullman, a boy born with a facial difference that prevents him from attending a mainstream elementary school until 5th grade, when he enrolls in a prep school. He wants to blend in, and can’t. The movie was made into a major film starring Owen Wilson and Julia Roberts, released in November 2017. It is an acclaimed children’s book. Discussion starts April 10 at 7 p.m. at Spellbinder Books, Main St. Bishop.
Notice Inviting Bids

Pursuant to Public Contract Code section 22100, the Town of Mammoth Lakes reserves the right to award certain contracts for funds withheld by the Town.

The Town reserves the right to award the responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid on the basis of total cost. The Town reserves the right to waive any informalities or irregularities in a bid.

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Bid No. 002018

The Mono County Office of Education (“MCOE”) will receive sealed bids for the Trailer J Door and Ramp Replacement Project at the office of the MCOE office at 431 Sierra Park Blvd. Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546 no later than 7:00 a.m. on April 17, 2018. All bids must be opened and read aloud. Bids received after this time will be returned unopened. Bids shall be valid for 60 calendar days thereafter.

Each bid must be submitted on MCOE bid forms. Bidder must obtain a contract at the office of the MCOE office at 431 Sierra Park Blvd. Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546, (760) 934-0031. The MCOE will make plans for viewing at room rate plan rooms in compliance with Public Contract Code Section 20105.7.

The MCOE reserves the right to reject any and all bids or any portion of any irregularities or nonconformity in any of the bids or the bidding. Except as provided in Public Contract Code Section 20105.7, any bidder may withdraw a bid for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after the opening of the bids.

If the MCOE requires that bids include additive or deductive alternates, the Bid Form will describe the specific alternate required. The award of the contract for the Project will be based on the lowest responsive bid (Base Bid plus Allowance if applicable).

Each bid must be submitted with security in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the maximum bid amount as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into the contract and perform all obligations of the contract. All bidders must agree to maintain active registration with the Department of Industrial Relations to perform public work. If awarded a Contract, the Bidder and its subcontractors, of any tier, shall maintain active registration with the Department of Industrial Relations. No bid will be accepted nor any contract entered into without proof of the contractor’s and subcontractors’ current registration with the Department of Industrial Relations to perform public work.

For additional information, or to obtain a copy of the bid documents and the work site. Attendance is required to visit the site. The successful bidder will be required to provide a performance bond and a separate payment bond, each in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount. The forms of the bonds are set forth in the General Terms and Conditions. The contractor shall, as a condition of the contract, submit a California-admitted surety as defined in California Code of Civil Procedure Section 955.120.

The classes of California contractor’s license(s) required in order to bid on and perform the contract for this Project is: General Contractor’s License.

The MCOE will conduct a pre-bid conferences and site visits on 3/23/2018 and 3/30/18 at noon for the purpose of acquainting all prospective bidders with the bid documents and the work site. Attendance is mandatory, and any bidder that does not attend will be disqualified from work on the Project. The pre-bid conferences begin at the MCOE office and move on to the project site.

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For further information, contact Jenni Huh, (760) 934-0031.

Dated this 19th day of March, 2018.

Clerk of the Governing Board
Mammoth Lakes Planning & Economic Development
Mammoth Lakes, California

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Public Hearing

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Location: 131 and 145 Manzanita Road (APN: 033-135-011-000 and 033-135-012-000)

Zoning: Residential Multi-Family 1 (RMP-1)

Proposers: Mark and Diana Lehman (Applicant / Property Owner)

All persons having an interest in the proposed application request may appear before the Planning & Economic Development Commissioners either in person or by counsel present testimony or may, prior to said hearing, file with the Executive Secretary of the MCOE a written correspondence pertaining thereto.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 65069(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing. For this notice to be effective, a copy of the notice of public hearing, the petition for public hearing, and the opponent’s response must be delivered to the Town of Mammoth Lakes at or prior to, the public hearing. For additional information, or to obtain a copy of the staff report which will be published no later than April 6, 2018, contact Assistant Planner, (760) 965-3631. Facsimiles may be sent to (760) 965-4793 or email at knb@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

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TS #2018-0053

Fictitious Business Name Statement

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The Following Person Is Doing Business As:

The Sheet Show

The Sheet, Inc.
2380 Main St. Suite 700
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

This business is conducted by a Corpora- tion: The Sheet, Inc. The principal corporation conducting business under the fictitious business name listed above is located at 2380 Main St. Suite 700, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546.

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Mammoth Lakes has a new udon restaurant, called Samurai. The restaurant is located in the Sierra Center Mall, in the same unit where Shogun, Mammoth’s first Japanese and Sushi restaurant, previously resided.

Owner Hidetoshi Seike opened his doors in late 2017. He was born in Fukuoka, Japan, and decided to open a new udon restaurant after being convinced to move to Mammoth Lakes by his brother in August, 2017.

The restaurant’s entrees include a variety of udon and soba dishes. Udon are thick noodles made from wheat flour, often served with broth, vegetables, and meat. Samurai’s menu features Tonkotsu Udon, with roasted pork, green onion, fish cake, and bean sprouts, as well as Shrimp Tempura Udon, which replaces the pork with shrimp. Beef and vegetarian options are also available. Seike described udon noodles as being “kind of chewy,” but in a good way.

The menu also features hot soba dishes. Soba noodles are thinner than udon, and are made with buckwheat flour, which gives them a distinct a hearty flavor.

After earning a law degree from Aoyama Gakuin University, Seike lived and worked in Tokyo for nine years, then took a job in Malaysia, working in sales for Three M (the firm that makes Scotch Tape). He determined that Tokyo was too crowded, and working in sales wasn’t ultimately fulfilling. “I’d only ever lived in really big cities, so I was a little worried at first. But people are really nice, and I’m happy here,” he said. He hasn’t picked up snowboarding or skiing, but loves trout fishing.

Seike said he chose to serve udon and soba dishes because they are authentically Japanese and have recently grown in popularity in the urban American markets. “When you ask a Japanese person, ‘What is Japanese food?’ they would name sushi, udon, or ramen,” said Seike, who said that at Samurai, they prepare the noodle dishes in the manner in which they would be served in Japan. The dishes are fresh and healthy, and not Americanized.

The menu features appetizers to share in the $4 to $12 range, and entrees in the $10 to $17.50 range. Appetizers include Crab and Spicy Tuna Rolls, Sunomono (a cucumber seaweed salad), and Fried Gyoza, a pan-fried dumpling dish.

His favorite dish on the menu? Samurai Udon, which features seaweed, fried tofu, mushrooms, green onion, dash, and bonita flakes in a homemade fish broth.

Greatest challenge opening a business in Mammoth? Ordering noodles. “Much of our inventory, including our noodles, comes from Japan,” said Seike.

Samurai is open daily from 5-9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 5-9:30 p.m. Friday through Saturday.
homemade pastries to local coffee-shops to make a little extra money.

2.) Andrew's publisher told him the optimal length for a book is 27,000 words. But distance runners have a hard time staying fit during the editing process.

3.) Deena is adopted. She described this as her first lesson in positivity. An adopted child is given up as well as chosen. It's all a function of perspective. In Deena's mind, she was chosen.

4.) On at least three occasions in Deena's book, Andrew is described as a bit of a goofball. During one training session, she returns to a checkpoint to find him cheering for her ... up in a tree.

5.) If he had not met Deena ... Andrew had a job lined to work as a personal trainer in Simi Valley. He majored in exercise physiology at Adams State University in Alamosa, Colorado.

6.) One story about Deena's toughness that didn't make the final draft of the book. During one race, a bee flew into her mouth and stung her in the back of the throat, stunning her. Temporarily. She still finished 12th.

7.) Deena's first professional coach, Joe Vigil, used to buy Hal Eastman coffee every morning when he was in Mammoth.

8.) Female professional runners typically have thinly disguised "pregnancy clauses" in their sponsorship contracts. Translation: if they don't compete for a period of, oh, let's say nine months, the sponsor has the ability to void their contract. Deena had such a clause in her contract with ASICS, a shoe and apparel company which is her main sponsor, but the company stuck with her during her pregnancy.

9.) When thinking about her own book, Deena researched and read books by other athletes. Even though she is no fan of tennis, Andre Agassi's was her favorite, because it's as much about other things as it is about his tennis career.

10.) Like so many who got the chance to meet and know Andrea Mead Lawrence, Deena was inspired by the two-time Olympic ski champion who also made Mammoth home. Andrea's book, "A Practice of Mountains," and in particular, her chapter on "Danger and Daring" inspired Deena at a particularly critical juncture in her career.

Andrew's book is already available. Deena's is soon to arrive. Dave Leonard at the Booky Joint has ordered a ton of copies. Deena is traveling for the bulk of April but she'll be back after that to sign all your books.

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Andrew Kastor's marathon training guide, A Practice of Mountains, is soon to arrive at a bookstore near you.
I've photographed you and our animals for calendars. I've written articles about our life for magazines. Never did I image though, that I would be sitting here trying my hardest to outline your life and death in a few short paragraphs—the given space—for the newspaper.

We read obituaries and are sad, but rarely do we think about the person writing them. Knowing now what it feels like—I have to say that my heart goes out to every soul that has had to write about a deceased loved one.

My best friend Jack (John) Padelsky was a wonderful husband, father, son, brother, uncle, and cousin. He was the man who built the biggest development of supervisor. Jack was part of the crew Ladinig to work lift maintenance at the age of 9 on his birthday, when Jack was hired by Heimo Borscht or split pea soup. He was a master of his art. He loved to cook up a pot of beans, and he could make even open. He always had time for a game of bridge or cards with friends.

One of Jack's favorite places to visit in the backcountry was Jack- son Meadow. He loved fishing in the streams and lakes and taking care of his stock. He was one of the best backcountry cooks ever. Whenever I returned from photographing him, I would have a beautiful, hot meal waiting. He also enjoyed sharing those trips with his buddies.

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In 1971, Jack moved to Powder Mountain Ski area in Ogden, Utah, and worked as a ski lift mechanic and snow cat operator. He and his family lived in Sunny Slopes on January 9, 2006. Interestingly (amazingly), in late December of 2017, Jack had the sense of a foreshortened future that he shared with the Lutheran Pastor Kenton Puls. He began going to church and was happy to feel connected with his faith again.

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Climber Maureen Beck was born without a left hand, but that never stopped her from crushing it on the cliffs. Beck is the subject of a documentary by filmmaker (and Yosemite big wall fixture) Cedar Wright and it will screen at this year’s Banff Film Festival, which will be held in Bishop on Friday and Saturday, March 30 and 31.

“Stumped” follows Beck in her attempt to climb “Days of Future Passed,” a 5.12 located in Boulder Canyon, Colorado.

“So me, I thought that getting myself on a climb that had a benchmark grade of 5.12 would make me a ‘real’ climber—one handed or not,” wrote Beck on her website, Mo in Mountains. “Is this a healthy approach? Probably not, but it worked out. I also think it’s cool to change the conversation from ‘Wow, I couldn’t do that with one hand!’ to ‘Wow, I couldn’t do that with two hands!’

“I don’t want to be known as a one-armed climber, and it’s tough because that’s the only reason you’re talking to me,” says Beck to the camera in the documentary, which was directed by Wright and Taylor Keating.

“Like, I get it, that’s what makes me special. But I just want to be a good climber. I don’t want to be good for a girl. I don’t want to be good for someone with one hand, I just want to be good, period.”

The bespectacled Wright, who spent years working for Yosemite Search and Rescue, is probably best known for his “Sufferfest” franchise—a series of films starring Wright and the now-deified Alex Honnold (Honnold free soloed El Capitan in June of last year, securing his place in the climbers’ pantheon).

Wright saw Beck’s tenaciousness and, yes, her physical challenges, as inspiring enough to make a film about her attempt at Days of Future Passed.

“When we first started filming, we were like, ‘Wow, how is she going to be able to climb at a pretty high difficulty level missing most of her arm?’” Wright told The Denver Post. “For me it was like watching climbing through new eyes. It was just so wild to watch her climb at that level, but as we got to know Maureen we realized that was secondary to the journey she was on to climb 5.12. It became less about the arm and more about her pushing her own level in climbing.”

In the film, viewers watch as Beck gets shut down on the climb again and again, struggling to conquer a 10-foot crux which ended up taking about 50 tries to accomplish.

“I could see why people might like to have two hands when they’re rock climbing!” shouts Beck after falling yet again.

The film’s title, “Stumped,” is a tongue-in-cheek jab at both Beck’s missing limb (it’s known as a congenital amputation) and about the feeling a climber gets when they’re working a problem that just won’t give.

“When it comes to being ‘Stumped,’ the point is you should try things that are too hard, because sometimes if you chip away at it, it’ll work out,” Beck (who has won two gold medals at Paraclimbing World Championships) told the Post.

“If I can connect with someone that might not be aware of what they’re capable of and push them towards trying something new, maybe even a little outside of their comfort zone, then putting myself out there in the world as a resource and a motivator is entirely worth it,” wrote Beck on her website.

“One arm? One leg? Blind? In a wheelchair? Bring it on. But will you do me a favor? Being an inspiration doesn’t imply action. I want you to take that inspiration, find your courage, and take action. Change your life.”

“Stumped” (25 minutes) will screen on Saturday, March 31 at the Banff Mountain Film Festival at the Charlie Brown Auditorium at Bishop’s Tri-County Fairgrounds. For more information about the festival, visit www.inyo.org or call 760.873.8014.
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