MUF COULD BE FROZEN
Mayor Wentworth cites “ridiculous headwinds”
By Lunch
While the bids are not in yet for Mammoth’s long-planned Multi-Use Facility (MUF), Mammoth’s Town Council and Staff appear resigned to the likelihood that the bids will come in a lot higher than initially anticipated.
Some of this is due to design changes and refinements. And some of it is due to President Donald Trump’s decision to provoke a trade war with proposed tariffs on steel.
Talk about Stormy weather!
But the project, which at one point in its now 3.5-year history staff had “value-engineered” down to a $9.5 million estimated price tag, has the potential to draw bids of perhaps twice that amount.
Bids will be opened Wednesday, April 25 at 4 p.m. in Mammoth’s Town offices.
At Mammoth’s Council meeting Wednesday, Public Works Director Grady Dutton detailed the latest increases in cost estimates.
As of October, 2017, the estimate was $12 million. That number does not include $477,000 which has already been spent on preliminary design, environmental and legal work.
It also does not include revisions to the original design, which are anticipated to add $850,000 to the project.
These include:
1.) An extra $350,000 for an upgraded chiller/refrigeration system. Rink consultants advised that different uses (figure skating as opposed to hockey, for example) require different ice temperatures as well as ice thicknesses.
2.) Upgrades to the locker rooms, restrooms and showers.

HAVE YOU FED GLADYS?
The world’s first (and only!) Recyclescope on display this weekend in Bishop

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The future of work in Mammoth?

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Walk-up songs

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You want a focus group?
Go sit in Stellar Brew’s parking lot on your tailgate at 6 a.m.,” said the Mountain Lab’s Scott McGuire, who is one in a series of professionals presenting on their skill sets at The Fort coworking space in Mammoth Lakes.
McGuire bounced back and forth between Mammoth and the Bay Area for years before finally starting his brand strategy and development company, based in Mammoth.
He says that, although many ideas are born in the mountains, cities have historically been where the jobs are.
“I kept having to go to these places I didn’t want to be for a ‘real job,’ and then I’d have to come back here and fill my tank,” says McGuire. “I finally asked myself, ‘Why do I keep doing that? Why don’t I just … create the life I want here?’
McGuire will present his workshop, “Making it Work in a Mountain Town,” on May 23.
Coming up next week

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Regional Love in the Air?

The Eastern Sierra Council of Governments met in the Bishop City Council Room on Thursday to discuss a host of subjects which including “Reliable Regional Air Service”. The discussion centered largely on the ESCOG’s collaborative efforts towards the work that has already started at the staff level in the Town of Mammoth Lakes, Mono County, the City of Bishop and Inyo County, which comprise the ESCOG board. The focus of that effort is to open the airport in Bishop to future passenger service.

Central to the discussion is “What is the value (of local air service) to each of the Eastern Sierra communities.” Most appear to agree that more reliable air service is essential to the future economic growth of the area and would bring in much greater numbers of tourists, as well as provide a tremendous improvement to the “quality of life” for local residents by allowing friends and relatives to fly into Bishop and for the residents to fly out for family visits and business as well.

ESCOG City of Bishop representative, Councilman Jim Ellis said, “‘Reliable’ is the key word.” He has noticed that local concerns from years ago against air service in Bishop over pollution, noise and other issues has virtually disappeared. “People now appear to support the effort and they are excited about the possibility of the option to travel in and out of the area by air service,” said Ellis.

ESCOG Inyo County representative Jeff Griffiths stated that he felt it was a “quality of life” issue for Inyo County residents that would make travel much easier for them. He also added that the area would derived economic benefits from an airport in Bishop.

Grady Dutton, Town of Mammoth Lakes Public Works Director, gave the board an update on staff progress. Later, Inyo County CAO Kevin Carunchio would share his thoughts on progress which largely mirrored the comments made by Dutton. According to Dutton, the staff in both counties are very close to finalizing their effort to provide a local roadmap to the success of the airport and will soon present their findings for comments by local governing boards and the public.

There is cause for optimism. Staff from Inyo County, Mammoth Lakes and the Alterra Mountain Company met with Federal Aviation Administration staff in Los Angeles in March to review the agency’s assessment of Bishop’s Airport Certification Manual. The ACM was well-received, Carunchio told ESCOG board members, with only a few minor issues that needed to be addressed, among them a Wildlife Hazard Assessment. He recounted that one FAA participant from the meeting said the report “Blew their socks off.”

Several council members mentioned repeatedly that the active financial support and involvement of Alterra Mountain Company, which has thrown it support behind Bishop as the primary commercial airport for the region, is essential to success.

ESCOG Mono County representative, Bob Gardner, noted that by moving the primary service to Bishop would go a long way towards improving reliability. Mammoth/Yosemite Airport saw 1 in 5 flights cancelled. As The Sheet reported in January, only two FedEx planes cannot land in Bishop per year, less than 1% cancellation. Gardner said that the cooperation “will be a test as to our ability to sacrifice.
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Cool it, geezers!

Dear Editor,

As one who is well into his geezer years (I’m 77), I have valued the reduced rate for Mammoth Mountain senior passes. When the prices for Ikon Pass were first announced I was miffed (hot under the collar) like many of The Sheet readers who have vented their frustration in Letters to The Sheet. However, I cooled my jets when I considered the price increase in relation to typical costs. If you consider the price of the Ikon Pass, we geezers will be paying about $200 more and with the Ikon Base Pass we will pay approximately $400 more.

Let’s put this in perspective with just a couple of examples. For two people, a meal at one of Mammoth’s nicer restaurants might run between $50 and $100 for a couple. So…the fuel price in Los Angeles is comparable to the price increase for just two trips from L.A. is comparable to the price increase for the Ikon Pass. If you are a stick-in-the-mud and don’t go out to eat, try it, you’ll like it!

Live in the L.A. area? At current prices the average round trip fuel cost is over $100. So…the fuel price for just two trips from L.A. is comparable to the price increase for an Ikon Pass.

In grousing about the season pass price increase for seniors, those people, a meal at one of Mammoth’s nicer restaurants might run between $50 and $100 for a couple. So…the fuel price in Los Angeles is comparable to the price increase for just two trips from L.A. is comparable to the price increase for the Ikon Pass. If you are a stick-in-the-mud and don’t go out to eat, try it, you’ll like it!

June Mtn (~$400…now…complain about the "astronomical" (balderdash) price increase of the Ikon passes and want to avoid the “screamers” going at supersonic speeds at Mammoth, I suggest opting for a season pass at June Mtn (~ $400…now…complainers…that is more like it!). June is my favorite ski area…great cruising, superb scenery, nice folks.

I know…you will come back at me grumbling about the untenable season pass price increase and how they have been so unfair to the faithful Mammoth geezers. Come on guys, quit whining. Many of us have had a great life and, if we stop whining, our privileged life can continue in spite of the season pass increased price.

Derrill Kerrick
Mammoth Lakes

Fool Me Once …

Dear Editor:

Background: I’m a second home-owner since before the turn of the century/millennium. Not rich—just lucky. Been on skis and in the back-country all my life. Love Mammoth. Love the Mountain. Love the town. Love the people. You can see where I’m going with this. Nobody … not a born and bred octogenarian native of Mammoth Lakes California could love this place more.

Ok, maybe.

I love Mammoth for what it is. For what it has been—warts and all. For what it can be—a successful, beautiful, functional, respite-from-the-urban, Mountain Town. I love it for what I hope it will continue to be for our children and our children’s children.

I am a person who loves his life, his family and the benefit of the lessons that traveling across time have taught me.

Mistakes, I’ve made a few … but then again, I’d rather not mention them here.

But of all the lessons I’ve learned in life, making a second identical mistake … AGAIN … means that I did not learn from the mistake I made the first time. And we all know what that makes me. That’s right … a dumbass. And if there is one thing I hate more than being called a dumbass … it’s being a dumb ass.

If the good people of Mammoth Lakes vote for Kirk Stapp to be on City Council again … no matter how much he shouts from the mountain-tops that it was not his fault that we are all currently suffering by having to pay off a $50,000,000 (FIFTY MILLION DOLLAR) airport litigation debt brought about by a ginormous mistake made during his tenure on this Town Council in a previous time in history … then … well … you know what that makes us.

I’m not saying Kirk Stapp is a bad person. I don’t know him. Everyone is entitled to a mistake. I’ve made my share.

But I am begging you … DO NOT make the same mistake of putting him on Council again. There is an old saying. IF YOU DON’T LEARN FROM HISTORY—YOU WILL BE FORCED TO RELIVE IT. There’s another old saying. FOOL ME ONCE — FORCED TO RELIVE IT. From History — you will be forced to relive it. There’s another old saying. FOOL ME TWICE — SHAME ON ME.

This town deserves a future.

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SUPES NOT “MALL IN”

County leaders ask for more info for SoCo facility

By Bodine

“We know more about the Mammoth Mall now than we knew about the Sierra Center Mall (in 2017),” Assistant County Administrator Tony Dublino told Mono County Supervisors during an update on the status of South County Facility/Offices. Despite the information presented by Dublino, County leaders asked for more information before moving ahead.

Mono County has been pursuing a new facility to house all of its Mammoth departments, which are currently divided between the Sierra Center and Minaret Malls.

Dublino said the County is in a position to execute a contract with a build and design firm, it’s just waiting for Board direction.

The lease at the Sierra Center Mall runs out in October 2019. It’s unlikely that County offices will operate from the sidewalk when the leases run out, but time’s running out.

Dublino explained that if the County stays past October 2019, rents (currently $82,233 per month), will rise by 25 percent in the first three months, 50 percent the next three months and 100 percent after that.

To recap the South County facility options: The County considered purchasing the Minaret Mall, but it wasn’t large enough. The Sierra Center Mall was dropped as a possibility because in 2017, the owners did not want to sell. The property has recently come on the market, however, the structural integrity of the building is unknown. The Sierra Center Mall is 40 years old.

The construction of a facility on a parcel known as the McFlex, which could be shared with the Town of Mammoth Lakes has an estimated cost of $20.5 million (pre-Trump tariffs), not including extra costs that may be accrued during construction. The County has already received three bids for the project.

The latest emerging option is the Mammoth Mall. The property came on the market in January for $6 million and has more than enough vacant space to house County departments.

Mammoth Mall is 30,000 square feet, and it would not create additional empty commercial space in town (via displacement) if occupied by the County, unlike if the County built new space at McFlex.

The cons of the Mammoth Mall is that it’s 35 years old, there’s not enough parking, and occupancy may require cancelling some leases from tenants at the mall. The mall is also being considered as site for affordable housing.

Dublino asked for more direction in pursuing the Mammoth Mall or not, as time is short.

“We owe it to the public [now] that we’ve started the process of a viable alternative, and we should finish it with a thorough financial analysis,” Supervisor John Peters said.

Supervisor Fred Stump said he needed additional information before making a decision on Mammoth Mall and the entire project.

Corless suggested talking to County employees for their opinions. She also asked if the Mammoth Mall meets the goal of finding a “safe, modest and comfortable” facility for County staff.

Ultimately, the Board directed staff to gather more information about the Mammoth Mall. A decision on final direction is expected by May 1, but County Administrative Officer Leslie Chapman said that, given the task of fact finding, the analysis may not be complete by May 1.
(Wednesday, April 25) is Linda Cobb’s workshop on branding. Cobb, the principal of Bumpercrop Studio, works from her Tyrolean Village condo for clients like Dwight Yoakam, the Grammys—even the Beach Boys. She’s excited about the potential for remote work in Mammoth because it’s helped her realize her own dream of snowboarding in the mornings and jogging in the woods with her dogs while still working at a professional job.

“I always had in my mind that I’d love to be able to work at the level I’m working at, but be able to live anywhere,” said Cobb. “Technology made that possible, but even then, it was really about client psychology. They felt if you weren’t in L.A., then you weren’t working.”

Cobb says that attitude is in the midst of a shift.

“I felt like I was a pioneer” in moving to Mammoth and working mostly remotely (she still keeps an office in Pasadena where she spends about 25 percent of her time). “Now everyone is doing it. People are pretty non-plussed about virtual offices.”

She thinks this kind of work will become commonplace in the future.

“If we can grow the professional community here and start attracting people, kids coming out of high school, maybe they don’t have to leave to make money,” said Cobb. “We don’t have ladders for people here,” says McGuire. “I have three kids. I hope they want to stay here, but if they don’t want to work for the County, the hospital, or the school district, they have no hope but slinging beers for the mountain.” He says there is, of course, also a very small niche for entrepreneurs, “but that’s not for everyone.”

McGuire thinks maybe people don’t have to “trade their passion for a paycheck,” and that there may be a place for rural dwellers to enter the global market.

“We had a period where the migration to cities was so pronounced, and now, with technology, we are watching [people have] the ability to migrate back.”

Mammoth’s “Remote Professionals Workshops” are the brainchild of Branko Kral, a 29-year-old who runs his own analytics company and who is enthusiastic about the way that Mammoth, which is now a gigabit community connected to Digital 395, can be at the forefront of a remote professionals revolution.

“The idea of working long and working hard is phasing out,” says Kral. “That’s more of a Baby Boomer style. Follow a linear path. High school, college, job.”

Kral thinks—and he’s not alone—that there’s a better way.

“Working hard is nice, but it doesn’t always equate to results. It just means you make yourself tired. Working well means you have results. You’re your only judge and critic.”

“Working well you have results. You’re your own judge and critic.”

Does this mean everyone should quit their job and travel the world, blogging their experiences? Not quite.

“It’s not easier to [run your own show],” says Kral, who has previously hosted professionals sharing their time-management techniques, learning routines, and productivity skills.

“It’s hard-earned freedom, but it’s real freedom.”

All of the presenters are volunteers, and all of the workshops are free. And there’s almost always cake from Mama’s Kitchen Table and beer from Black Doubt Brewing.

“There’s something very profound about how enjoyable it is to share something that you’ve put a lot of time and effort into,” says Kral, who says that the workshops are “untraditional” in that they are more of a back-and-forth instead of a presenter “talking at” the audience.

“The hosts share a lot about both personal stuff and how they executed their projects and ideas,” said Kral. “So you see exactly how somebody did something that relates to you.”

“It’s such a great communal thing for this town to come together on a professional level,” said Cobb. “It’s something that can drive the town to become better.”

Linda Cobb will present “Brand Love,” the sixth workshop in the series, on Wednesday, April 25 at The Fort, 452 Old Mammoth Road. Check out her work at www.bumpercrop-studio.com.

Scott McGuire will present “Making it Work in a Mountain Town” on Wednesday, May 23.

Get on the mailing list for The Fort’s events by visiting www.fort.mammothmountain.com/register.
Compiled by Bodine

Stolen work trailer recovered

On Friday, April 13 at about 2 p.m., Inyo County Sheriff’s Office received information from Bishop Police Department on a possible location of a stolen maintenance trailer. The stolen trailer was located along with a lawn mower at a residence on North Pa Ha Lane.

The Sheriff’s Office, with assistance from Bishop Tribal Police and California Highway Patrol, stood by and secured the location until investigators obtained a search warrant for the residence.

Upon executing the search warrant, two occupants walked out of the residence. One of the occupants was 26-year-old William Taylor; Taylor had two outstanding local warrants. No other stolen property was located. Several people on the property were questioned about the stolen property and then released. Taylor was transported and booked at the Inyo County Jail. Bail has been set at $35,000.

Crash in Big Pine Canyon

According to the Inyo County Sheriff’s Department, at approximately 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 13, California Highway Patrol received a report of a single-vehicle accident just east of the Big Pine Creek Campground. CHP officers, along with personnel from the Big Pine Volunteer Fire Department, arrived on scene and located a 2018 Subaru Forester along the north shoulder of Glacier Lodge Road that sustained major collision damage. The vehicle had been traveling westbound on Glacier Lodge Road and for an unknown reason, the driver caused or allowed the vehicle to swerve to the right and collide with several large boulders and a dirt embankment. Alcohol use is suspected in the traffic collision and the driver was arrested for Driving Under the Influence. The collision is still under investigation by the Bishop CHP.

Violent robbery suspect arrested

According to the Bishop Police Department, in the early morning hours of April 11, a 65-year-old male residing on Sierra Street heard a knock on his front door. When he opened the door, he was allegedly confronted by 28-year-old Matthew Gonzales of Bishop, who had robbed him before and was prohibited from making contact with the victim per court order. Gonzales reportedly was aggressive and demanded money. When the victim refused, Gonzales held a knife to the victim’s throat. Gonzales ultimately left the residence with some cash and the victim’s debit card and PIN. Gonzales subsequently accessed the victim’s account and withdrew cash.

Local law enforcement began canvassing the area for Gonzales and an arrest warrant was obtained. An Inyo County Sheriff’s Deputy spotted Gonzales on the afternoon of April 12 in a field north of E. Line St. Deputies and police officers contained the area and made the arrest without incident. Gonzales was later booked into the Inyo County Jail and charged with robbery, false imprisonment, destruction of a phone line, disobeying a stay-away order, burglary and assault with a deadly weapon.

Bail has been set at $500,000.

Anyone with any relevant information about this investigation is urged to call the Bishop Police Department at 760.873.5866 or stop by in person at the corner of Warren and West Line streets.
By Lunch

There's one thing about Lynda Salcido which is not in question, it is this: She is eminently qualified to serve on Mammoth Lakes Town Council.

Salcido, who served as Mono County's Interim CAO (County Administrator) on two separate occasions (for a total of one year), knows what it takes to manage and lead a multi-million dollar organization with hundreds of employees.

Not bad for someone who arrived in Mammoth Lakes in 1996 from Long Beach with a 1st grader and a 6th grader in tow.

She knew one other person when she arrived.

What she did possess when she arrived, however, were in-demand skills, with a background as a nurse and clinical nursing instructor.

She also majored in Business Administration in college.

Combine the nursing background with the business acumen, and you've got the makings of a Healthcare Administrator, which is exactly what she got the makings of a Healthcare Administrator, which is exactly what she turned out to be.

By 1997, she had become Public Health Director for Mono County. She also became a Board Member for the Southern Mono Healthcare District.

Why is she running for Mammoth's Town Council this year? She has the time and the opportunity now, having reduced her role at the County to that of part-time consultant.

For her, running for public office is volunteering to keep a “sacred trust.” “Being an elected official … that means someone marked your name because they think you'll do a good job. I owe it to them to put in the work and justify their trust.”

Sheet: A common question people like to toss out there is, “What will be your management style?” … Do you have one?

Turns out Salcido had a lot to say. “A Council only has two employees (Manager and Attorney) but really, the Manager. You’ve got to set the tone in these relationships,” said Salcido. “If the Manager gives you a piece of information and you simply thank him for it, that sends a message, when you ask no questions, set no direction.”

“Rarely have I heard the current Council saying they need more information, or don’t have enough information. I’m going to demand more, and when I don’t feel comfortable about something, I won’t vote on it until I do (feel comfortable).”

“People sometimes confuse management with leadership,” she continued. “Leadership is setting a tone, an atmosphere, in which people can succeed. Missions, goals, challenges … you know you’re a leader (or not) if you turn around and no one’s following you.”

Sheet: What are the qualities in a good leader?

Salcido: Leading by example. Being the first to arrive and last to leave. Focusing on the We vs. I. Management, she says, is ensuring staff has the tools and resources to succeed, making sure you’re not setting up someone to fail by giving them what they need to complete a task.

On the Issues

For the proposed Multi-Use Facility: “We should have the money in hand before we build.”

Most important issue: “Housing. If we can’t live here, we don’t have a community.” Ultimately, she believes the current Council’s decision to purchase the Shady Rest Parcel was a smart one. “It is important to own and control (Shady Rest),” she said. She acknowledges the Town hasn’t built affordable housing projects in the past where there is a land acquisition cost, but says, “We’ll have to figure out a new way. Partnerships are key.”

She believes the property should be used for workforce housing only and not combined with market-rate housing to subsidize the project. She does believe the Town should perhaps look at greater density.

The other big concern she’s heard voiced is about the availability of child care. “(Along with housing)! That’s two strikes against families.”

On the fiscal side: “Are we budgeting enough for essential services?” What are essential services for Salcido? Police staffing and infrastructure maintenance.

Final story. As we finished our conversation, Salcido talked about her part-time work at the County, saying, “David Humes and I are going to go out in the fall to do our flu clinics and that’s always fun.”

Sheet: I’ve never heard anyone use fun and flu clinic in the same sentence.

Salcido (laughing): It’s fun to go out and talk with people, particularly in those rural parts of the county like Benton and Walker that you may not visit very often.
DOES HOXIE HAVE THE MOXIE?
Millennial Mammoth Council candidate focused on jobs, housing

By Lunch

Listen up, Millennials! One of your own is running for Mammoth Lakes Town Council. And Lesley-Anne Hoxie knows what she’s getting into.

“I used to be a Congressional intern for Susan Davis (a Democrat who has represented California’s 53rd District located within San Diego County since 2003) “My first job was answering the phone. It was a good introduction to politics. People yelled at me a lot.”

Hoxie, 32, grew up in Del Mar and majored in English at Cal-State Fullerton. She moved to Mammoth in 2011 with her then-husband. When the couple split in 2014, he split, too. Hoxie stayed.

She worked as Rich Boccia’s assistant at Mammoth Lakes Recreation from 2015-2017, and then spent a year working for Scott McGuire at the Mountain Lab, a locally-based consulting firm.

She worked specifically on an account for a German-based backpack company, but when the company decided to pull out of the U.S. market altogether, she found herself out of a job.

She is currently, working for Mammoth Resorts “on her own island” at The Fort co-working space, serving as the lead community host.

So why is she running for Town Council?

“Economic diversification is pretty critical. We need more jobs outside tourism and more of a long-term vision … Spaces like The Fort do bring members of the community together.”

Her other hot-button issue: Housing. “The purchase of the Shady Rest Parcel for the future development of workforce housing was a step in the right direction,” she says.

Short takes

“I don’t know quite where the MUF (Multi-Use Facility) ranks in terms of my priorities, but it certainly ranks below housing as well as police staffing … I’m leaning towards ’no’ in starting the MUF project until we have the money in hand. I’m not comfortable with the current funding gap.”

Hoxie prefers Bishop as the regional airport hub, perhaps in part because she’s experienced her own five-day odyssey in air traffic hell trying to get home and being stymied by the weather.

Airbnb (and the impact of short-term and sometimes illegal rentals on the housing market)? “We don’t need to compromise. They need to play by our rules.”

Lesley-Anne Hoxie.
30 Mono, the Mono County climate action group led by retired park ranger Janet Carle, is about to have a huge accomplishment under its belt. If everything goes according to plan, their ambitious Lee Vining solar pavilion will be completed this August (in time for the Ghosts of the Sagebrush event) at a cost of $30,000-$40,000.

This solar pavilion will be a shade structure in Gus Hess Park in Lee Vining, with solar panels on the roof and an interactive display that chronicle its production of renewable energy. That electricity could be used to charge visitors’ phones or electric cars, run a WiFi hot spot at the pavilion, and even power the community center next door. According to 350 Mono, it will be a tourist attraction, a space for Lee Vining High School to hold outdoor classes, and a community meeting place—there will even be a stage and windscreen for outdoor performances.

“Our motivation is to showcase solar energy while providing a much needed amenity for locals and visitors,” Carle told The Sheet.

The idea of a solar pavilion came from Ashton Hayes, a small village in England, and in the past few years, numerous other towns and cities have adopted the concept. But as a tiny, rural American outpost, Lee Vining building a solar pavilion will be particularly impressive.

The project has been planned and talked about for over a year, but in the first months of 2018, 350 Mono made huge progress on fundraising and getting approval from officials. It has raised $35,000 towards its $40,000 goal. “Pretty impressive for a community of 500 people,” said Carle.

Of course, donations are still needed to get that last $5,000—if you’d like to donate, write a check payable to the Lee Vining Chamber of Commerce, with “Solar Pavilion” in the subject line, and mail it to P.O. Box 39, Lee Vining CA 93541.

Donors who give more than $100 will receive a tile on the completed pavilion, and Mono Basin pioneer families who donate to the project are honored with an interpretive exhibit displaying their family history. So far, there have been nine pioneer families who have donated to the project, as well as three major donors who gave $1,500 or more. The rest of the funds came from about 70 donors who gave over $100, as well as other individual donors who gave less than $100.

On January 3, the Mono Basin Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) sent a letter to 350 Mono, stating that it had extended its full support to the construction of the pavilion.

“The Solar Pavilion Project meets several goals and policies in the 2012 Mono Basin Community Plan,” RPAC chairperson Lisa Cutting wrote in the letter sent to 350 Mono. These include supporting clean energy, improving the visual appearance of Lee Vining, and supporting outdoor education.

The design for the pavilion was created by architect Nathan Taylor. Throughout the construction process, 350 Mono plans to use donated labor to keep costs to a minimum. However, the group estimates that the pavilion would cost up to $60,000 if labor had to be paid for.

The solar pavilion will not be built using any County funds—it’s a community effort, not a government one, although Mono County has been very supportive of it throughout the process, and will own the pavilion and its electricity output when the project is completed.

The Mono Basin Historical society and the Lee Vining Chamber of Commerce have also been very helpful, according to Carle. Construction has not yet begun, but, given how close 350 Mono is to their fundraising goal, it should start in the next few months. Carle says that it’s difficult to say exactly how much the pavilion will cost until it’s done, owing partially to the ever-changing price of steel and the uncertainty of how much labor will be volunteered and how much will be paid. Nevertheless, it’s almost certain that the pavilion will be built before fall of this year, bringing Lee Vining into the future of renewable energy.

“I am supporting Stacey Adler’s re-election as the County Superintendent of Schools because of her tireless efforts for the children of Mono County. She has been a remarkable education leader and I trust that the voters will agree by keeping her on the job.”

- Hon. Tom Torlakson, California Superintendent of Public Instruction
Local artists make environmental awareness fun

A recyclescope is like a traditional kaleidoscope on steroids.

But then, it’s Earth Day, so let’s not focus too much on the Russian Olympic team.

The recyclescope is the brainchild of Darwin-based artist Judyth Greenburgh, who makes kaleidoscopes as one of her areas of interest.

She then pitched the idea to Inyo County, which commissioned the piece.

And then she had to figure out who could bring her vision to fruition.

So she approached Bishop artist David Tidwell, as she was familiar with his “functional furnishings” (Tidwell’s one of those guys who can make kitchen tables double as flying saucers. If he were around back in the day, Roald Dahl might have commissioned him to work on Chitty Chitty Bang Bang).

So this is the concept. Greenburgh wanted kaleidoscopes attached to a wheel which had a recycling tray in the center, which is the tummy of Gladys, designed by Olancha artist Jael Hollman. So you “feed” Gladys with recyclables and then turn the wheel.

“So if a kid puts some new recycled material into the wheel, he’s altering the make-up of the recycling tray and therefore part of the creation,” explains Tidwell.

Tidwell, who spent about a month on the project, says every part of the Recycle-scope is upcycled, repurposed, etc. (except for the paint).

For example, Tidwell used a golf cart differential to make the transfer of power. Kids spin the wheel to turn the table.

“It turned out way better than we all expected,” said Tidwell, “even for myself, and I’m hard to satisfy.”

“It’s like something you’d find in a novelty or carnival circus shop circa 1890,” said Tidwell. “How do I describe it? Cross between steampunk and Beetlejuice.”

If you want to catch a glimpse of the Recyclescope in action, visit Bishop City Park this Saturday or check out Skander Reid’s one-minute video at https://youtu.be/zh2AmBNAss8.

It’s no surprise that residents of mountain communities see the effects of climate change more than the flatlanders. “Saving Snow,” directed by Diogo Freire, visits members of mountain communities to see just what they are facing, what the future looks like for them, and what solutions they are implementing.

The film visits members of ski communities, of course, but finds warm winters wreaking havoc on communities like Hayward, Wisconsin—where the world-famous American Birkebeiner is held each year (a 55-kilometer cross country ski race that is a Norwegian tradition). In 2017, spring temperatures caused the race to be canceled for the second time in its 45-year history. (The last time it was canceled was in 2000).

That race, which attracts over 7,000 skiers from 40 states and 23 countries, is probably the area’s biggest economic driver. A 2013 University of Wisconsin study found that the three counties around Hayward typically receive about $15 million from the event.

Freire also visits a couple who run dogsledding trips in Newry, Maine.

“I’m sorry to say, but I think our days are numbered of being able to do guided dog sledding trips at this latitude, which is about 44.5 degrees north,” says Master Guide Kevin Slater.

Slate and Polly Mahoney also lament the dwindling population of moose in the area—in 2001, the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department investigated the moose population decline and found that ticks were thriving because of warm weather.

The study found moose with tick loads of over 100,000. Animals were dying of anemia from blood loss. And then there’s the ski areas.

Kit Caspar worked for 43 years at Saddleback Mountain in Rangeley, Maine, which, he said, employed about 240 people at its peak. That ski resort closed in 2015.

“We aren’t investing our money into snowmaking for no reason,” said Jeff Spring of Smuggler’s Notch.

“But no matter how much we decide to invest, if it’s not cold enough, it’s not going to do anything for us.”

“It’s not 2050, it’s not 2075 we need to worry about, it’s already here, it’s already happened,” said Bryn Carey, who owns a ski rental shop, Ski Butlers. Carey said his business is down to about 100 days a year.

“To grow a [mountain town], you want entrepreneurs coming in and starting local businesses, and we’re seeing those suffer too,” said Spring.

“If you’re a fledgling business and in the second year of your business, the winter doesn’t deliver, it’s going to be hard to stay afloat.”

“It feels debilitating to think about climate change,” says professional free skier Dallas Frederick, left, and Bruce Licher frame Frederick’s steel-and-wood sculpture featuring a Yellow-Billed Magpie.
In conjunction with Earth Day, Karen and Bruce Licher of the Independent Project Press in Bishop are kicking off a new exhibit in grand style, with an opening night reception this Saturday evening, April 21 from 5-9 p.m. featuring a block party and four musical acts. The exhibit is titled, “The New Earth: Collaborations with Nature.” In soliciting work for this exhibit, they included the following in their call to artists:

“Let’s re-envision our way of life on this planet! Consider the elements of earthly life: Air, water, fire, earth and/or metal. Through this work there may be transmitted the energy of: A respect for the fragile nature of eco-systems; an homage of appreciation for the endurance of life; a recognition that we have come to a juncture in the road that offers a new direction. What is called for is a determination to walk in a sacred way, a way of beauty.”

More than 20 artists responded, among them Dallas Frederick, who will not only display his artwork in The New Earth show (which runs through May 26), but will also play a solo set of contemporary American banjo.

Dallas Griffin Frederick’s “Imminente finem pro pica nuttalli.”

Jael Hoffman’s “New Earth”

What was the inspiration? Frederick, 26, explained that the Yellow-Billed Magpie is a species endemic to California and nowhere else, whose population is being dramatically reduced by climate change as well as urbanization.

There are several arresting details about the piece, including the screws drilled into the bird’s legs and wings, the hand reaching for the bottom of the tree.

Frederick, a native of Oregon who visited Bishop on a climbing trip and has never left, describes his piece as a call to arms, calling attention to a changing Earth and new landscape.
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Other participating artists include Mary Tannheimer and Cindy Meinke, who design and build industrial furniture out of repurposed material.

“The scrapyard is an important part of this show,” said Licher with a smile. Willow Street will be blocked off for the evening's festivities, and Karen Licher plans to have an “Earth” installation in the middle of the street.


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Dick Cheeseman’s “Portal”

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Angel Collison, “which leads to inaction.”

But Freire does show the audience some signs of hope, with a series of spotlights on communities doing what they can to be leaders in the fight against climate change.

Aspen (of course) founded a sustainability department in 1997. Auden Schendler, the Vice President of Sustainability, admits “We’re a luxury ski resort that uses a lot of carbon-based power… we’re stuck with that. We started by saying we should address energy. Well, we did that, is that enough?”

He leads the viewer on a tour of some of Aspen’s facilities designed to decrease the need for fossil fuels—from a high-tech snowmelt-powered peloton turbine (that feeds electricity directly into a utility grid) to solutions as simple as installing a door on a heated garage.

“This is a technology called a ‘door’ that is fixing an energy efficiency problem called a ‘hole,’” says Schendler with a grin.

The City of Aspen, also leading the way as a municipality, was the third city in the U.S. to generate enough electricity from renewable resources to match its demand.

Luke Cartin, Environmental Sustainability Manager for Park City, Utah, declares that, in Park City, “we are not going to be buying any more diesel buses. [We are building] affordable housing at net zero.

A community center at net zero… [sustainable infrastructure is a] huge win-win, an economic opportunity for our community and our state.”

“If your business hasn’t realized that changing lightbulbs isn’t a great way to make more money, you’re probably not a very good business,” says Aspen’s Schendler.

“If your CEO hasn’t spoken out on the need for climate action, you’re not a green company, period” (for the record, Alterra CEO Rusty Gregory once said “The Sierra is certainly suffering from… global climate change. There’s no question about that … Except for a few idiots, the science is pretty tough to refute”).

“Saving Snow” will screen at an event held by Mammoth Lakes Recreation and the Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce called “Confronting Climate Change in a Mountain Community.” That event will also feature a discussion with Steve Skadron, Mayor of Aspen, Ron Cohen, the Interim President and COO of Squaw Valley, and Mammoth Mayor John Wentworth.

The event is free and doors open at 6:30 on Tuesday, April 24 at the U.S. Forest Service Auditorium.


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Two years ago, I went to my first California State Energy Efficiency Conference, yes, there is such a thing. It’s a mix of millennials, utility employees, seasoned energy efficiency experts and do-gooders of all types who are passionate about using less energy to accomplish equal results and to keep the State’s per capita energy usage among the lowest in the nation. I attended a session on green business programs and wondered why Mammoth didn’t have one. I immediately knew that I wanted to start one in our region. We live in a pretty special place and I believe we have a responsibility to protect it and an obligation to show our tourists that we value our environment and to do our part to care for it.

The High Sierra Energy Foundation recently received seed funding from the California Green Business Network, funded by the California Air Resources Board to start the Eastern Sierra Green Business Program. A green business certification is granted for meeting specific measures-based criteria in the following areas: energy efficiency, solid waste reduction, recycling, and a general commitment to environmental-friendly practices.

The Eastern Sierra Green Business Program will partner with the Mammoth Community Water District, the Sierra Conservation Project, Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Mammoth Lakes to market, educate and certify local small and medium sized businesses.

There are lots of good reasons to participate in a green business program, including aligning the business owner’s personal environmental values with that of their business, to the value proposition. According to a recent Nielsen Global Survey of Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability survey, 66% of global respondents say they’re willing to pay more for products and services that come from companies that are committed to positive social and environmental impact. The rate for millennials is even higher at 75%, and since there are 92 million millennials in the U.S. alone, spending about $600 billion each year, it’s worth taking a look at investing in and adhering to sustainability practices.

The trend is gaining momentum. Last week, REI, the outdoor retail giant announced a new policy which will require companies that do business with them to adhere to a stringent code of conduct, pledging to uphold environmental and social responsibility in the supply chain. Locally, last year’s Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce’s Green Business of the Year, Stellar Brew, was also awarded Business of the Year. No coincidence I’m sure that there’s a correlation with owner Andrea Walker’s environmentally conscious mantra: “We embrace our community and local businesses, to do what we can to minimize the impact that we have on nature. The Green Business Program is one way to accomplish that. Look forward to hearing more as the program is launched in the coming months.”

By Pamela Bold

Pam Bold

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Announcing the Eastern Sierra Green Business Program

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By Rea

There are only about 500 Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep in the wild, with a range from Olancha Peak to Yosemite National Park, and the Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep Foundation and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife provide the opportunity for the average Joe to view them in the Eastern Sierra.

“We don’t find them just anywhere,” says Dr. John Wehausen, who did his Ph.D. dissertation work on the SNBS in 1974 and has worked with the sheep ever since. “They need to be a dash from the rocks” in which they can be safe from predators.

The opportunities to view Bighorn Sheep from the Eastside in the late winter and early spring are unique, says Wehausen, because the sheep make a rare descent in elevation to graze on tender and nutritious plant shoots at the base of the mountains. As spring moves up in elevation, the sheep follow the melting snow and budding plants, a process that Wehausen calls “double dipping.”

Wehausen calls them “drive up sheep” during this unique window. After a brutal winter last year, in which the SNBS population declined by almost 100 members, the sheep that survived managed to put on enough weight to “re-charge” for the next big winter, says Wehausen. “In fact, our highest weights have been recorded following big winters.”

At a field trip on February 2, participants saw three distinct groups of sheep in the Sawmill Canyon Area. “Their eyesight is like a pair of binoculars,” said Wehausen of the sheep. “If you see them, they’ve already busted you!”

However, during this period of feeding, Wehausen said, the sheep don’t pay much heed to the humans gawking at them from below. “They know we’re not a predator,” says Wehausen. “It’s very important [for the sheep] to be discerning about behavior,” because running unnecessarily from a can expend valuable energy.

Folks come from all over to view the sheep during this time, says Ginnie Chadwick, volunteer extraordinaire and one of the most recognizable faces of the Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep Foundation.

Reverend Dale Matson of Fresno is a “almost as nutty of a bighorn groupie” as Ginnie, she says. “I don’t want to call it a cult, please don’t use that word, I’m a priest,” says Matson, laughing. But he travels from Fresno to the Eastern Sierra as much as he can to see them. “I think it’s their rarity and their tenacity” that lends to their cachet,” says Matson. “They’re tough, but they’re fragile at the same time.”

Matson is an amateur photographer who has taken hundreds of photos of the rare sheep. “You become involved in their story…you’re pulled into their life.” Which is why people like Matson are so invested in their recovery—it’s humans that put them in danger in the first place.

Wehausen has spent his life studying the genetic lineage of these sheep, which are distinct from the more common Desert Bighorn. For comparison: There are about 500 SNBS and about 5,000 Desert Bighorn Sheep from the Sierra Nevada to Mexico, says Danielle Glass, a scientific aide, who is one of a team of four—“we heard that right”—to study the more populous sheep species. The SNBS diverged about 300 thousand years ago, says Wehausen.

And human activity and development took a huge toll on their population. “Freeways being built across the desert means very little gene flow (happens) across highways,” said Wehausen. He also said that after the Los Angeles Aqueduct went in, many rams drowned trying to cross it in order to breed outside their natal groups.

This, coupled with massive die-offs as a result of pneumonia contracted from domestic sheep introduced into the Sierra in the 1800s (John Muir himself was a sheepherder), resulted in much of California and the entirety of Oregon and Washington losing their native populations.

Three populations—Mt. Williamson, Mt. Baxter and Sawmill Canyon—held the key to survival for the entire species. Thus, said Wehausen, SNBS have the lowest genetic diversity of any non-captive population of Bighorn Sheep.

“We owe [Wehausen] so much,” says Matson, “because it was his discovery that the sheep were a distinct subspecies… Because of that, they were put on the endangered species list, so they got extra attention…”

SNBS Fun Facts

Old timers

For a ram, 15 is a ripe old age, said Wehausen, but most are dead by 11-12, and many before that. “Females live a little more conservatively,” said Wehausen—“their life expectancy can be up to 20 years.”

Horns like tree trunks

SNBS horns are actually made of a series of cones, one inside the other. The nutrients the animals ingest

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As part of the White Mountain Research Center Spring Lecture Series, Dr. John Wehausen, Ph.D., discussed how he and his fellow scientists count the elusive Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep by recognizing their distinct markings.

His talk, “Up close and personal: Using pictures from automated cameras at desert water sources to recognize individual bighorn sheep and estimate population sizes” was not his first lecture at the Center. Wehausen gave the inaugural lecture at the center and has given more than he can remember.

Counting individual sheep is a daunting task, he explained. He used his work and Desert Bighorn are incompatible because of their breeding seasons. Desert Bighorns usually give birth in January. The SNBS’ lifestyle is dependent on snow cycles, so they tend to begin lambing from April-June.

Females gestate for 176 days (very specific!), says Wehausen, and lambs nurse for about 22 weeks.

Not big drinkers
Interestingly, SNBS get almost all of their water from the plants they eat. “In 44 years, I can count on one hand the amount of times I’ve seen one drink water,” said Wehausen. They do eat snow, he said, but a combination of lush feed and cool temperatures reduces their need for H2O.

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calendar of events

BABBS & MUSIC

Happy Hour/
The Liberty Sports Bar and Grill. Pursuit of Happiness Hour, 3-6 p.m. Executive Conference Room, 377 West Line Street. Details: Council will hold a “meet-and-greet” luncheon with the Bishop Paiute Tribal Council. Dr. Ben Hackett climate lecture @ Bishop’s Cerro Coso campus, 7 p.m. Info: See sidebar column next page.

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April 20-21/
Inyo Community Reads Events. Friday: Student art show reception at Inyo Council for the Arts, 137 Main St. in Bishop. Saturday: Storytelling workshop with Wild Roots forest school. ICA, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

April 20-22/
Earth Day Weekend activities. See sidebar column next page.

Saturday, April 21/
Independent Project Press premieres its new show: “The New Earth: Collaborations with Nature,” featuring artwork by Frances Cholewa, Skandar Reid, Karen Nielsen Licher, Rodney Thompson and other folks you know. 5-9 p.m. PLUS: Live music from the East Willow Stage presented by Mountain Rambler Brewery. See ad. p. 2 in Green Sheet.

Home Street Middle School fundraiser @ the Bishop Country Club. Support trip to Washington, D.C. Questions: Beth Usher at 760.872.1381.


Chamber Music Unbound presents the Sonora Strings in “Fantastic Four” @ The Mammoth Lakes Lutheran Church. Time: 7:30 p.m. Tix: $25 Adult, $20 Senior, $7 Student. Available online (www.ChamberMusicUnbound.org), at the Booky Joint, the Inyo Council for the Arts, or at the door 45 minutes before performances. Note: There is also a Sunday show at 4 p.m. at Bishop’s Cerro Coso campus. See ad. p. 2.

Fee free day @ all National Parks.


Public event to view Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep. Meet 9 a.m. in the Bishop CDFW parking lot, 787 N. Main Street. ICA, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

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**49th Annual Manzanar Pilgrimage.**

Info: See sidebar column page this page. 11,052 Ezakimak Challenge, “Ka-nikez” spelled backwards. 5k race to the top of Mammoth Mountain on foot, XC skis, snowshoes or fat bike. Info: www.mammothmountain.com. See ad, p. 3.

**Sunset Summit Party @ Mammoth Mountain.**

Ride the Panorama Condo to the top of the Sierra to watch the sun set, then cheer on the Eza-kimak finishers. Live music from DJ Onezie, food and drink for purchase. See ad. p. 4 in the Green Sheet.

**JB: “Wonder” screening, Free matinee.**

ICA, 137 Main St. in Bishop, 1-3 p.m.

**Monday, April 30/Mammoth Rotary will be sponsoring a candidate forum beginning 5:30 p.m.**

At Suites Z, Minaret Mall, Mammoth.

**Tuesday, May 1/A Brave Heart: The Lizzie Velasquez Story.**

Free event @ Mammoth High School multi-purpose room. Info: Laura Timpano, ltimpano@monocoe.org or 760.934.0031.

**Wednesday, May 2/Voter Outreach presentation**

@ June Lake CAC, June Lake Community Center, 6 p.m.

**Thursday, May 3/Mammoth Voices lunch event.**

Feat. Lynda Salcido (Town Council candidate) and Stacy Coffees (District Five Supervisor). 11:30 a.m. at Giovanni’s.

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**TOWN STUFF**

**Tuesday, April 24/Confronting Climate Change in a Mountain Community**

Feat. special screening of “Saving Snow” and panel discussion with Steve Skadron, mayor of Aspen, CO; Andy Wirth, CEO of Squaw Valley; Ron Cohen of Alterra and Mammoth Mayor John Wentworth. Doors @ 6:30, event @ 7. See ad, p. 4 and story, p. 11.

**White Mountain Research Station Lecture Series**

“A survey of patterned body anthropomorphomorphic figures in the Native American rock art of the west” with Courtney Smith, rock art specialist. CDFW, 7 p.m. Owens Valley Station, 3000 E. Line St. in Bishop. Art & Wine: Mosaics with Kristen Schipke. Hosted by Mono Arts Council. 5:30-6:30 p.m. @ MAC, 437 Old Mammoth Road.

**Wednesday, April 25/“Brand Love” Remote Professionals workshop hosted by Linda Cobb at The Fort in Mammoth. 5:30 p.m. Child Abuse Prevention Month Children’s Memorial Flag Raising @ MLFD Station #1 in Mammoth. 9 a.m.

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Notice of Petition

Notice of Petition to ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JOHN PADELSKY
CASE NO. BR 180294

In all, heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JOHN PADELSKY.

A petition has been filed by LONDE G. PADELSKY in the Superior Court of California with all applicable laws and required rules and regulations. The Town will be completed within 10 days of the petition being filed.

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the conference room at the Town Offices on April 11, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., at 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite R, Mammoth Lakes, California.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes has a valid Class B Contractor License, a Driver’s License, and a current Business Tax Certificate and shall maintain all required licenses, a Drivers License, and a current Business Tax Certificate and shall maintain all required licenses.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified or surety Bond Guarantee that the bidder will enter into the proposed contract to the date of bid opening date or an amount less than 10% of the total amount of the bid, as a condition to be bid.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes, California

TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, CA
DATED: March 16, 2018

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE OWENS VALLEY C/EG AREA WATER TRANSFER (OGWA) ELECTIOON TO BECOME A WATER SOURCE SUSAINABILITY AGENCY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to California Water Code section 107253 and California Environmental Code section 107257, a hearing will be held to consider and determine at the public hearing whether the OGWA shall hold a public hearing on May 10, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. at the Tulare County, 5th District Courthouse, Room 107, 825 W. Main St., Tulare, CA 93274.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the hearing by mail to: OGWA c/o Mono County Water District, P.O. Box 317, Independence, CA 93529, by hand delivery to 135 N. Jackson St., Independence, CA 93529, or by email to OGWA@petrodecor.co. The Board shall also consider oral or written comments received during the hearing, but the Board Chair may limit oral comments to a reasonable length.

T2018-0065

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The Following Person Is Doing Business As: Heart of the Matter Consulting

Janae Lloyd- Baker Hunt
52 Raymond Ave., P.O. Box 485
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93514

This business is conducted by an individual.

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The Following Person Is Doing Business As: The Mogul Restaurant

Sigmen Properties, Inc.
P.O. Box 448
52 Raymond Ave., Mammoth Lakes, CA 93514

This business is conducted by a limited liability company.

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The Following Person Is Doing Business As: Bateman Family Tenants in Common

Hot Creek Ranch LLC.
65 Hot Creek Rd. Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546

This business is conducted by a limited liability company.

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The Following Person Is Doing Business As: Air continued from page 2

regional operation under a regional board.

During Public Comment, Mammoth Lakes’ resident Sharon Clark told the board she “tired of trying to assuage Kalish by saying, ‘A lot more information is coming, and part of the delays by staff have been the result of caution over steps on anyone’s toes,’ referencing the four local government entities being involved.

Carunchio said he preferred the idea of a “robust” air service to the use of the term “reliable” as the latter suggested there could be a reliability problem.

Some discussion centered on the Joint Powers Agreement that would create a Regional Airport Board like the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority. It was decided that it was too early in the process to get tied up on the JPA and that ESCOG needed to start getting more information to the public for support.

The good news in this meeting was that Mammoth had every chance of a new track and moving forwards towards the possible of a possible two-track-a-week air service to Bishop within the next two or three years. On the other hand, it all depends on the continued cooperation and collaboration between the local governments, the Mammoth Mono Airport Authority, and the recruitment of private investment and commitment. Residents are keeping their fingers crossed.
Dark Sky Group Comes to Light

Organization hopes to craft ordinance to preserve starry skies in Inyo

By Bodine

The lights are blinding, and not just from oncoming weekend traffic on Highway 395. Stores are bright inside and out. TV screens now only come in extra-large sizes, and often we turn to other screens (our phones or tablets) during the day.

Humans outside the third world are drenched in light most of the time. Most of the light is artificial, and most of it is proving to be unhealthy.

Some examples of the adverse effects of too much light too much of the time: Electric lights throw sleep and metabolism out of whack, migrating birds are getting confused by artificial bright bulbs, and bees are burning a hard time finding the flowers. April Zrelac of the Inyo Dark Sky Group is trying to get an ordinance passed by the County to address lighting issues for the health and safety of people and the environment.

The group, which also includes Linda Chaplin, Calder Reid and Earl Wilson, has not written an official text for an ordinance, but the key points include: No "light trespassing" or light glowing beyond one’s property; a ban on sidewalks or upward-pointing light; reducing street lights to full cutoff and on sideways or upward-pointing light; glowing beyond one’s property; a ban on sideways or upward-pointing light; a request that public buildings should use motion sensor lights when unoccupied.

The County has Dark Sky policies, but an ordinance would provide more teeth to force the changes in practice. Zrelac said she came to the Eastside 20 years ago specifically for the open space and the darkness. She said she’s been trying to establish an ordinance for years. Her initial intention was to get fully rested. “We didn’t evolve with the environment and people’s health. We didn’t evolve with the environment and people’s health.

Zrelac said artificial light, especially LEDs, affects human’s circadian rhythms, making it hard to get fully rested. “We didn’t evolve with night lighting,” says Zrelac. For most of human civilization, the only light at night emanated from fires or candles, she said.

During the day, humans produce serotonin, which stimulates appetite and helps produce energy, and melatonin is produced at night to help the body shut down. Bright lights, especially LEDs, prevent the body from producing enough melatonin to get enough rest, according to a 2017 Harvard Medical School study.

Nocturnal pollinators will not approach a field with bright lights, she added.

The group has initiated a public education campaign with the ground-breaking at the Independence Star Campground. The Independence Star Park will be a place where visitors can learn about light pollution.

The inaugural gathering at the park on Saturday night, April 14, revealed that the source of much of the light pollution comes in laterally from lights, both residential and business, that are not directed. Lights are pointed up or at an angle to cover as much ground as possible. Zrelac called this a waste of energy, maybe more than what can be saved by using LED lights.

Educational materials will soon be on display at the park, with pointers for improving lighting practices for the environment and people’s health. People can learn to break old habits by not watching TV or staring at a screen just before bed.

Here’s a hint: If you have a television in your bedroom, remove it.

Interestingly, dark skies have become a tourist attraction for stargazers and city folk that may have never seen the stars the way rural dwellers do. Zrelac explained that the West and its abundance of sparsely populated public lands are the perfect setting to see the night sky.

Bonnie Zwart, a tireless volunteer, devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, passed away on March 24 in Bishop. She was 93. She and husband Joseph Zwart moved to Mammoth in 1957 and stayed for 54 years. In 1963, the two opened the Zwart House Family Lodge. Bonnie was recognized for her service to the Town of Mammoth Lakes in 1993 by being named “Woman of the Year.” A member of the Mammoth Hospital Auxiliary for 49 of its 50 years, she volunteered her time at the Cast-Off thrift store in Mammoth for 34 of those years.

Along with Jean Standley and Ellie Randall, Bonnie started the Auxiliary before there even was a hospital in Mammoth, so the first task was to raise money to build it.

An unusual hobby: She had a penchant for collecting souvenir spoons. She collected thousands—Pastor Toldo, a tenant at the Zwart House for 15 years, said there were whole walls filled with spoons.

Zwart was a devoted member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Mammoth and later Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Bishop. Her greatest love was her family, as a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother to nine.

The family issued a statement which read in part: “Remembering Bonnie will be easy—just think of her smile, a touch, kind words of encouragement, calling you “Hon”, strawberry shakes, soothing hot tea, positive attitude, flowers, pink hats and love of her Sierra Nevada mountains.”

Bonnie is survived by her children, Steve and Janice McMann-Zwart of Bayfield, Colorado, Marty Zwart and Terri Fernandez of El Centro, California; niece and nephew, Margaret and Tim Aylea of Greensboro, North Carolina. Her grandchildren and great grandchildren, Daniel, Amy, Birdie and Dayle Zwart; Haleigh, Jacob, Hunter, Clay and Axel Waimann; Michael, Mariya, Jacey and Jack Zwart (children of late Jason Zwart).

Bonnie was preceded in death by Joseph “Joe” Zwart, her husband of 61 years; her grandsons, Jason and Eric Zwart, her parents Margaret and Alonzo Andrews; her sisters Mae Bosse and Betty Kaplan and brother, William “Bill” Andrews.

A Mass will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 14. There will be a tea party immediately following the service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be sent to Mammoth Hospital Auxiliary Scholarships, P.O. Box 1399, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546 in name of Bonnie Zwart.

FOR THE LOVE OF A CHILD

If you see or suspect abuse or neglect, please call:

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National Child Abuse Hotline

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SHEET SURVEY

It’s the bottom of the 9th inning, two outs, you’re up to bat. What’s your walk-up song?

“Some kind of deep guttural African percussion with bagpipes playing ‘Real American,’ Hulk Hogan’s theme song.”
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LINDEN TOUTS MAMMOTH

Boston winner says Mammoth is a “natural place” to train

By Rea

Mammoth got a boost in the world of distance running when Desiree Linden won the 2018 Boston Marathon (she was the first American woman to win the race since 1985).

In a Visit Mammoth video last year, Linden touted the benefits of training in Mammoth Lakes. “There’s a ton of great options out there, but Mammoth Lakes is special in that you can live at 8,500 feet and drive down 30 minutes and be on smooth roads, no ice, safe footing, and still get the benefit of altitude,” said Linden in a video that was recently picked up by competitor.com in the wake of her win.

“When deciding where to train ... for Boston, this was a natural place to turn to.”

HUSKIES START STRONG

By Brent Forsythe

The Mammoth Husky Varsity baseball team played two home games last week resulting in two wins. Tuesday’s game was a 15-2 victory over league opponent Lone Pine. Mammoth hitters collected 10 hits. Leading the way were Charlie Regelbrugge (2-3 with a double), Liam Bassler (2-2 with a double) and triples from Mason Hallum and Seth Gacho.

Friday’s game vs. Trona was similarly lopsided, 18-2. Charlie Regelbrugge pitched three strong innings with six strikeouts. Leading hitters were Barrett Calvin (2 for 3 with a double), Seth Gacho (2 for 3 with a double) and a triple from Mason Forsythe. The Huskies are 4-2 overall with a league record of 2-1.
YOU EVER SEEN A TRUCK PULL, BRO?
Bishop’s Mike Reed organizes first-ever High Sierra Strongman Classic

By Rea

Mike Reed, the organizer of Bishop’s first-ever High Sierra Strongman Classic, says he wants the inaugural event to be so impressive that “people can’t even wrap their heads around it.” Specifically, he says, he loves watching people who’ve never seen a Strongman event before witness a truck pull—a man seated in a 900-pound loader tire will pull a 25,000-pound box truck about 65 feet.

“A couple of these heavyweight guys will probably pull this truck pretty fast. I know a guy that will probably do it in about 30 seconds.”

So yeah, wrap your head around that.

Reed, who moved to Bishop with his wife Corinne two years ago, has been competing in Strongman competitions for almost a decade, minus a year off due to a torn bicep (apparently these injuries are pretty common).

“I’m very passionate about this,” says Mike. “And I have an extremely supportive wife. She’s dealt with this for the last eight years, traveling across the country and chasing our kids around while I’m competing at strongman shows” (the couple have three boys—1, 4 and 7).

“My wife’s a trooper,” he says with a laugh.

She knew what she was getting into. “I actually proposed to Corinne at a Strongman contest,” says Mike. “I dragged her seven hours from where we lived (the couple met in Port Angeles, Washington) through a snowstorm. We got snowed in in eastern Washington on Valentine’s Day, two days before her birthday. She was not very happy. I think the proposal helped … well I hope it did anyway!”

“Well, she said yes, didn’t she? “Well, I did in front of 100 people and I knew she was too nice to say no. So it was kind of entrapment!”

Corinne’s parents are Aaron and Mary Ann Schat, and they’re (almost) as supportive as Corinne—the event will be held in the Schat’s Roadhouse parking lot.

“They were the ones who pushed me to get the thing going, because I wanted to do it. But I don’t even think they realize the magnitude of what it takes to put this on.”

Mike’s really spearheaded the whole thing—he’s built most of the equipment for the events himself (he’s also had a bunch of support from Jake and Cindy Kiddoo, who run Crossfit Radiate in Bishop). He put up $3,200 of his own money for prizes because, he says, it takes a lot for the competitors to travel and he wants to make it worth their while. The event will actually be a qualifier for the North American Strongman event in Missouri in October.

Spectators will see 37 competitors who’ve come from as far as Florida perform deadlifts, keg carries, and other events that are too hard to explain to a layperson—just show up.

“Schat’s will be open early,” says Reed, “and there will be a beer tent where spectators can still watch the event” while they enjoy a beverage.

Mike Reed encouraged people to bring chairs, pop-up tents and whatever they need to feel comfortable, as the event runs on Saturday, April 21 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., according to the High Sierra Strongman Classic Facebook page.
SKIMMIN’ OFF THE TOP
Everyone’s favorite costume contest at the closing of Canyon Lodge on Sunday, April 15
Action photos by Christian Pondella

Oba Shigeaki and Kazuya Sacki came from Japan to participate.

Robert Yang as Thrift Store Finds.

Jared Guttman as Borat.

Matt Rubly as Tropical Madness.

Nord Embroden as Tin Man.

Adam Sandahl as Captain America.

Above left: Scott, Sierra and Heather Cathalinat.

Introducing
TELEHEALTH
at NIHD’s Rural Health Clinic

TUESDAY, APRIL 24, at 6:30 PM
Front Lobby
Northern Inyo Hospital
Meet our Telehealth Team Members
Q&A Period
Refreshments

The Rural Health Clinic at Northern Inyo Healthcare District is pleased to announce its new Telehealth partnership with Adventist Health. Using advanced technology, Telehealth allows you to have a local visit with healthcare specialists who are hours away from Northern Inyo.

See for yourself how easy and comfortable this is when NIHD hosts an actual Telehealth demonstration. Then meet our Telehealth team and our partners from Adventist Health, who are ready to answer your questions.

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