MUF APPEARS STUFFED
Low bid comes in at $18.8 million
By Lunch
Once the second number was read, they scattered, leaving the Town’s Assistant Engineer, a visibly annoyed Haislip Hayes, to answer a few scattered questions from representatives of the two bidding firms and one journalist. “They” being the eight or so curious Town staffers, who had assembled in the hopes of witnessing a miracle that did not occur.

At the Wednesday, April 18 Mammoth Town Council meeting, Public Works Director Grady Dutton had said at one point, in an aside, that he was optimistic the proposed Multi-Use Facility project might draw up to five bidders. At the actual bid opening on April 25, there were only two bidders: Spiess Construction of Santa Maria and AMG Construction of Santa Clarita. Spiess’s base bid: $19.8 million. AMG’s base bid: $18.8 million.

Each bidder also included “deductive alternatives” for parts of the project that could be dropped to save on cost. For example, both bidders would drop approximately $1.5 million from their bids if the community center portion were left “dark” (just an empty shell. No electricity. No finish work, etc.)

Another option, which would shave $1 million off each bid, involved removing site work from the project (ostensibly with the idea the Town or some other local entity could complete the task). A poll of Mammoth’s Town Council revealed that both these bids have scant chance for acceptance at the next Council meeting on May 2. When told of the two bids, Councilman Bill Sauser audibly laughed, then said, “Obviously, some sort of a rethink is in order.”

Colin Fernie: “Not good.”
Cleland Hoff: “I’m sad, but not surprised. I saw this pan-
ning out this way. My Dad was a contractor. I’m no great busi-
nessperson, but I know what things cost, and I knew this 
was a really big reach … the bids are a non-starter for me.”

Mayor John Wentworth: “The bids are too high, obvi-
ously. Looks like we ran into Donald Trump and his tariffing proclivities … I’m enormously proud of our staff for the work they have done on this. We need to go to plan B and come up with some other option.”

The project, which at one point Town Staff said would cost $9.5 million, carried a $12 million estimated price tag as recently as six months ago. As one Mammoth Lakes Recreation Commissioner lamented, on condition of anonymity, “Dutton [Grady] started this whole thing saying it wouldn’t cost more than a million to relocate the rink.”

COOKING THE (FACE)BOOKS
Your Congressman blocks constituents from his own social media forums
By Rea

“You serve all your constituents when you raise your hand to take an oath to the Constitution,” said Congressman Paul Cook (R-CA 08) at a meeting of the Mojave Dem Club in Barstow on September 22, 2012.

Cook, who was elected in November of 2012 (two months after he made the above statement), has blocked an unknown number of his constituents on his official Facebook and Twitter pages, an action which is at the forefront of a First Amendment battle, as social media becomes increasingly used as a tool for elected officials to communicate with their constituents.

“Social media is revolution-
izing the way we communicate, so join the conversation about our country’s future and make your voice heard today by connecting with Congress-
man Paul Cook on any of these platforms,” states Cook’s web-
site, followed by links to the Congressman’s social media platforms.

Cook’s office did not re-
spond to three separate Freedom of Information Act requests by The Sheet for a list of how many of his constitu-
ents have been blocked on Facebook and Twitter. Two of those requests were filed via email and U.S. Postal Service in January, and followed by a certified mail request in February.

In January of this year, a message was posted to Cook’s social media accounts which delineated the reasons a com-
menter might be blocked or have their comment removed.

“Comments that (i) are repetitive, copy-paste state-
ments, (ii) are commercial in nature, such as advertis-
ing, promotion, or endorse-
ment of services or products, or solicitation of funds, (viii) contain personally identifiable information about another individual, (ix) misrepresent the commenter’s identity or affiliation, (x) contain links to any site [that is unrelated to the topic of the original post], and/or (x) constitute campaign-related commu-
nications, electioneering, or fundraising efforts will be removed and may result in the inability of the author to com-
municate on future posts.”

Interestingly, there’s a Facebook page titled “Con-
gressman Paul Cook blocked me on Facebook.” The Sheet contacted several people who
I’ve got a few observations about the letter in the paper from Peter Dach last week regarding Town Council candidate Kirk Stapp, as well as Stapp’s rebuttal letter which appears on page four this week.

1.) Kirk is clearly the most polarizing candidate in this year’s Council race. I heard more about that letter than anything else which ran last week.

2.) As expected, Kirk handled Dach completely differently than I would have. But then, I have some history with Dach. Back in 2004, when the Town claimed it was helpless to enforce illegal home rentals, Ward Jones drove me around in his Bentley one afternoon to see if we could identify homes being rented illegally. We traced one such rental back to a second homeowner named … Peter Dach.

So I would’ve said something like, “Dear Editor, if Peter Dach of Los Angeles doesn’t want me elected to Mammoth’s Town Council, then maybe, just maybe, he’s worried that I’ll care more about full-time Mammoth Lakes residents more than I care about part-time L.A. ones.”

But no, Kirk instead claims in his letter that he wasn’t even around when the airport litigation settlement was reached, as if not being there for the actual conclusion means he didn’t have a hand in its perpetration.

That would be like the Boston Marathon bomber saying, “I’m not responsible for the bomb that went off since I wasn’t there when it actually detonated.”

Yes, I agree Kirk got some bad information from staff, but that’s not necessarily unusual—in any profession. I mean, the Multi-Use Facility bids opened Wednesday were more than $5 million over what was last projected - a week ago. And about 100% more than what was expected—in any profession. I mean, the Multi-Use Facility bids opened Wednesday were more than $5 million over what was last projected - a week ago. And about 100% more than what was expected.

This after spending 3.5 years on the project, and well over $1 million in consultants, lawyers, environmental work, staff time …

I can guarantee you that there will be no consequences for staff being … so wrong. Just as there were no consequences 10 years ago when the Town got lit up for a $50 million settlement.

Working for government (as well as Wall Street) means never having to say you’re sorry.

You know what the best possible investment of staff training time would be? Send ’em over to my office. I will teach them the three words which I have found to be most liberating, both personally and professionally, in my life. Three simple words. And I’ll only charge $10 a head and they won’t have to travel or spend three nights in a hotel at taxpayer expense and they won’t even have to use a per diem for meals.

So staff over. I’ll line ’em up and say repeat after me: “I F%$ked up.” And we’ll keep saying it until they can memorize it.

But when people ask me about Kirk and the airport judgement, this is what I say to them. There has been no Council in the 15+ years I’ve covered Mammoth that wouldn’t have voted the exact same way and done the exact same thing.

While former Mayor Kathy Cage always gets credit for voting against the Airport Development Agreement some 20 years ago, what I find interesting is that it does not provide much solace for her. Because it didn’t change the outcome. “I failed to convince two of my colleagues of the obvious,” has been her consistent lament ever since.

So this is my message to the rest of the candidates in this year’s election: If you can’t bother to show up for the damn meetings now, why should I expect you to show up if elected?

Not including incumbents Corless and Wentworth, the only candidates for Council or Supervisor whom I’ve seen show up regularly are … Kirk Stapp and Lynda Salcido. And Lesley-Anne Hoxie, though she missed the last Council meeting.

Last week, at a key Mono County Supervisors’ meeting regarding an update on the future of South County offices, not one challenger (Kaufman, Halferty, Kosen, Rea) showed.

Granted, people may have jobs that conflict with the meeting schedule, or they may have chosen to watch the proceedings online, but let’s face it, you just learn more when you’re there in person. You can sense the mood in the room, as well as the body language. You can hear the snarky asides. You trade information during the breaks.

You just … know more when you attend in person.

The District 1 race is particularly mysterious to me. Do any of these candidates want to win? Why are they in it?

The photo at right is from Tuesday’s Chamber luncheon, where Aspen, Colo. Mayor Steve Skadron was the guest speaker.

Skadron, as you can see, is a fashionista like Mammoth Mayor John Wentworth. Identical sweaters, except Wentworth’s have holes in the elbows. I think Wentworth’s favorite part was when Skadron talked about going to a climate conference in Paris and rubbing shoulders with former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg. Sounds right up Wentworth’s alley. Maybe Mammoth Lakes Tourism can pay for it—call it a marketing mission.
The new 18/19 Ikon Pass unlocks access to 26 iconic winter destinations across North America, including unlimited fun at Mammoth*, June* and more. With 2 pass options starting at $599, buy now and enjoy spring turns through the rest of this season at select mountains, including Mammoth and Squaw Valley Alpine Meadows.

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It's a long day, livin' in Reseda ...

Mr. Lunch,

I'm a condo owner and part time resident in Mammoth who is very much opposed to the MUF plan. Not simply because I do not care for ice skating or winter sports, but due to the plain fact that the Town staff are going to ruin an exceptional park setting and public space which has a beautiful stream running through it, and embark on the misguided journey of attempting to construct an ice rink-multi use facility which is going to cost way too much to construct and way too much to operate and maintain into the future. The next group of council members and future generation of taxpayers will be footing the huge, unaccounted for costs of this facility for years to come. (That is, if the project is actually completed.)

In my opinion the town council and parks and recreation staff simply do not have the experience, funding, and/or understanding of the reality of constructing this underfunded debacle of an idea. It's a long day, living in Reseda ...

Dear Mr. Dach;

I read your letter last week criticizing me for serving on Town Council during the airport imbroglio/litigation. Your letter gives me an opportunity to provide a little history. It’s true, I was on Council from 1986 to 2008. However, the MLLA settlement wasn’t announced until September 20, 2012, four years after I left council.

Looking back at the Third Appellate District Court’s 66-page decision (December 30, 2010), I shake my head and fume at the duplicity. The court found: “Bollixed (confused) communications by the Town with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the project developers overs a 13-year span.”

Nine days before the Council signed the development agreement (DA), the Town’s airport manager, having submitted a proposal to the FAA, received a return fax indicating the FAA had some serious objections to the DA as drafted. The Town Council was not informed of the fax or the FAA’s concerns before voting to approve Mr. Ballas’ (Hot Creek Aviation) development agreement. Worse yet, in 2004, without the Town Council being informed, then Deputy Town Manager Charles Long met with officials from the FAA and told them that the Hot Creek project was “inconsistent with the Town’s goals.” He asked the FAA to help the Town ‘get rid of Hot Creek’ because it interfered with expanded air service. The Town Council was not informed of these communications until after they occurred, nor did the Town Council majority concur with “getting rid” of Ballas’ development agreement. The court found: “Unclear motives by the Town as it shifted its focus from private side development to creating an airport for commercial aircraft service.

As one of five councilpersons, I strongly believed that Town Council was obligated to honor Mr. Ballas’ development agreement, despite being well aware of the political players who wanted commercial air service come hell-or-highwater. The court found: “An unwillingness of the Town to seriously negotiate a settlement, believing it had the right to simply walk away from a signed agreement.” For the record, before the Town was fully committed to litigation, Mayor Rick Wood and I (against the advice of our legal counsel) argued that Mayor Wood should sit down with Terry Ballas and discuss a possible settlement. The Town Council’s consensus was 3/2 to “not authorize” the meeting between Mayor Wood and Mr. Ballas. There were valid arguments for both meeting and not meeting with Mr. Ballas.

Town Council members do their best with the information they are provided. As for me, if a Town Manager or staff hides, withholds, or manipulates information, he or she should be fired.

Again, thanks for your criticism. I consider criticism an opportunity to learn and share “lessons learned.” “Trust, but verify,” a Russian proverb. “Everything in this world is subject to human error or changes, so it is advisable to err on the side of caution and make your final thought or decision based on multiple reliable sources, or at least understand how the fact or facts came into being from a trusted source.” -Jennifer Tran.

Kirk Stapp
Mammoth Council candidate

PS. One final thought, the political players who pushed for commercial air service in Mammoth now want it in Bishop, Caveat Emptor, let the buyer beware.
SCHOOL THREAT THWARTED
By Bodine

Parents of Mammoth Unified School District students received email and text messages on Tuesday morning, April 24 announcing a Red Day, closing the school for the day due to electrical problems. That was a ruse created by Mammoth Lakes Police Chief Al Davis to keep students and staff off campus as law enforcement investigated a threat of violence made by a Mammoth Lakes High School student against other students and the school.

Mammoth High School Superintendent Lois Klein stated in a letter on the school’s website that law enforcement intended on apprehending the suspect before the start of classes on Tuesday. To ensure safety, Klein closed the school for the day but did not want to tip off the suspect—hence the electricity story.

The threat, the nature of which has not been revealed, was not current, but made “some time ago,” Davis said, but is just now coming to light. Mammoth Police, the Mono County District Attorney, school administration and staff members met until 11 p.m. on Monday night, conceiving a best course of action.

In the course of conducting interviews with the suspected student’s friends on Monday, Davis decided that the student should be apprehended before word of the investigation got back to him from those same friends. The suspect may have followed through on those threats if he knew he was going to be apprehended soon, Davis added.

Davis said he was 100 percent confident that the student was not going to take any action on Tuesday and he had no doubt the student would be apprehended before school began.

The student was arrested at home. Davis added that the student’s parents were cooperative.

Teachers had raised concerns about the student, Klein said, and faculty and staff had been watching the student’s activities and behavior. When asked if the student was violent with other students or acted out before on campus, she answered, “Not to this extent.”

“It’s not always that kid that acts out visibly,” says Klein.

The District-wide Safety Committee has procedures in place but is continually looking to improve, said Klein. However, she said, each incident is different. “There’s no one-size-fits-all approach.”

The Committee is looking into an anonymous tip line for students, but for now, administration relies on student tips and what teachers and staff overheard. In her letter, Klein states the student was overheard making several threats. Klein said staff and faculty are always listening and paying attention to what students are saying. The student has been charged with a felony terrorist threat, and as of Wednesday, April 25, was still in custody at Mono County Jail.

Klein said the school has its own disciplinary actions in place. All four schools reopened Wednesday Klein explained, “Ready to rock and roll!” with loving arms to welcome the students back.

The California Highway Patrol was part of the tactical team and charged the suspect with felony vandalism stemming from an unrelated incident.
SWEPT UNDER A DIRTY CARPET

State Parks won’t admit employee contracted hantavirus at Bodie

S
pencer Fry allegedly contracted Hantavirus Pulmonary Synd-
rone (HPS) as a seasonal park employee at Bodie State Park in July 2017. The athletic 23-year-old sur-
vived the virus that kills more than a third of its hosts and has no anti-
body. However, Fry has been slow to fully recover. He cannot lift his right leg, he can raise his left leg only a couple of inches, and he has lost hearing in his left ear.

“All things considered, he’s doing much better,” said his father, Curtis Fry.

The college graduate went to Mammoth Hospital on July 7, 2017 with a high fever and cough, but Fry said he was told it wasn’t HPS and was sent home. His family happened to be in the area that weekend for the Fourth of July, noticed his symp-
toms and knew that a park employee had died of the virus in 2010. They rushed Spencer to a hospital near their hometown in Citrus Heights.

Spencer spent 13 days in intensive care and tested positive for hantavi-
rus. Curtis said his attorney has ad-
vised that pursuing civil action against the hospital or doctor would not be fruitful. A complaint was filed, but an investigation has shown that there was no negligence on the part of the hospital.

The California State Park Service claims it has not determined if Fry contracted the virus in the State Park proper, or whether he was on the clock when he contracted it. A final report from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has not been completed, the Service said in a statement to The Sheet.

Mono County Public Health Offi-
cer Dr. Richard Johnson was the first to investigate the scene at Bodie State Park. However, the facilities had been thoroughly cleaned after Fry went to the hospital and prior to the inspection, Johnson has since retired. His replacement, Dr. Tom Boo, told The Sheet it was his under-
standing that an investigation had been conducted, but he has had no cause to view it, if it has been com-
pleted.

Curtis Fry said the Park has told him that Spencer, an archeology major, was working in an off-limits part of the park. Adeline Yee, Public Information Officer for Bodie State Park told The Sheet on Wednesday, April 12 that the Park is awaiting the report and results of tests made therein. Employees are receiving training on how to deal with hantavirus and prevent exposure.

There are signs for the public warning of the virus and what to be aware of, but those signs have not been changed in light of Fry’s expo-
sure. Yee added that might change given the recommendations of the investigation.

Hantavirus is contracted by breathing in particles of the virus there, Curtis said. Spencer may have breathed in the virus? Spencer was known to work in the floors where Spencer may have breathed in the virus? Spencer was known to work on the floor, doing push-ups and sit-ups. His room was cleaned after his hospitalization, and with it any evidence that he may have breathed in particles of the virus there, Curtis Fry said.

Fry said his son is very athletic and still runs, but now needs braces for his legs. He explained hantavi-
rus restricts blood flow, and so, like frostbite, the body goes into survival mode and protects the vital organs, sacrificing flow to the extremities, resulting in damage like Fry’s.

Spencer Fry is currently undergo-
ging tests to determine if his lungs have been scarred due to the virus.

Curtis Fry said he doesn’t want to sue, “I just want to hear the State accept responsibility that they failed my son and all of its employees.”

LOCAL BRIEFS

The Eastern Sierra Tri-County Fair, Recreation & Craft Show has been canceled on May 4-5, 2018, due to lack of interest. If you signed up for the Home, Recreation and Craft Show you will receive a refund for your booth space.

It is the hope of the Tri-County Fair that you will still feel safe to the Fairgrounds and support the Chamber of Commerce “Taste of the Sierra” on Friday evening, May 4, and Laws Railroad Museum Choo Choo Swap Meet on Saturday, May 5.

Moffat Fire snuffed out

The Moffat Fire broke out at midnight on Thursday, April 19, east of Highway 395 and opposite the Manzanar National Monument. It quickly spread, heading south and whipped by high winds. While Highway 395 near Moffat Road was closed briefly, there were no evacua-
tions ordered and no injuries re-
ported. The fire was mainly confined to the eastern edge of the highway along the Lower Owens River.

There was some concern as the fire approached Lone Pine and threatened several known Native American archeological sites. A Cal Fire archaeologist marked the sites and fire crews sprayed water on those areas but avoided digging containment line or using bulldoz-
ers. The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power assisted in the effort by flooding certain areas near the fire.

By Saturday, April 21, the fire had burned 1,265 acres and by Sunday it was declared 100 percent con-
tained. The cause of the fire is still unknown.

Costello appointed

The Bishop City Council appointed Chris Costello, pastor of Foursquare Church, to fill the the vacancy created by the death of Patricia Gardner. Five Bishop residents applied for the posi-
tion, four of whom spoke at Monday night’s meeting.

Other applicants included Robert Sharp, a local businessman, Deputy Correctional Officer Heather Lind, Howard Wu, a local chiropractor who has run for City Council several times in the past, and Stephen Muchove, formerly with the Owens Valley Radio Observatory.

Mayor Karen Schwartz made a mo-
tion to appoint Muchove to fill the vacant seat, but it failed to be second-
ed. Then, Councilmember Joe Pecsi moved to appoint Costello, with Jim Ellis seconding his motion. The vote was taken and it was unanimous. Costello was sworn in following the meeting.
meetings, or engaged with his constituents which I think is totally endorsed. People are supposed to have a public forum, which is government policy. His comments were any of the other criteria cited in Cook’s political group, had its members put Cook’s face on milk cartons to draw attention to the “missing” Congress- man, according to CNN.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) has begun to fight practices like Cook’s. On April 3, The Hill reported that Maryland recently settled an ACLU lawsuit over the deletion of comments on Republican Governor Larry Hogan’s Facebook page. The State of Maryland agreed to make a $65,000 payment to the plaintiffs, and the Governor’s office was required to rewrite its policies on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Snapchat accounts. This includes creating an appeal process for constituents who believe their comments did not meet the criteria for deletion.

The ACLU also recently took on a case filed by activist J’aime Morgaine, founder of the progressive group Indivisible Santa Monica and an Indivisible Bishop. Morgaine, also a veteran, is now running as a Democrat for the Arizona State Senate.

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Michelle Myers, who lives in Pioneer- town, was also blocked.

She said that, as a former journalist and a retired attorney, she never would have used vulgar or profane language on Cook’s page.

“I think it definitely a freedom of speech issue,” said Myers. “This is a public forum, which is government-endorsed. People are supposed to have a free and frank discussion of views... it demonstrates a contempt for its constituents which I think is totally unacceptable.”

Diane Trotter of Big Pine thinks she was blocked for referring to Cook as a “back-bencher,” meaning “we never see you coming out for anything, and we never see you talking to the media.”

“There were no threats or bad language,” said Trotter of the post she thinks got her blocked.

She says if Cook held Town Hall meetings, or engaged with his constitu-

ents, the sting wouldn’t be so bad. But, she said, social media is pretty much the only way many of his constituents can communicate with him. The last time Cook held an in-person Town Hall was in 2013, according to the Hi-Desert Star in a report last year. The newspa-

per is located in Yucca Valley.

Cook’s constituents held “mock vig-

ils” for him in Yucca Valley in February of last year, The Sun reported. Earlier that month, Indivisible, an indepen-

dent political group, had its members put Cook’s face on milk cartons to draw attention to the “missing” Congress-

man, according to CNN.

The ACLU also recently took on a case filed by activist J’aime Morgaine, founder of the progressive group Indivisible Kingman (Arizona). Morgaine, as well as Paul Hamilton of Indivisible Prescott, sued Congresswoman Paul Gosar of Flagstaff in 2017, claiming that, by blocking them, he was violating their First Amendment right to free speech. Morgaine, also a veteran, is now running as a Democrat for the Arizona State Senate.

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M.E. Awareness

By Liana Dicus, RN

What happens when you have a disease doctors can’t diagnose?

That is the title of a TED Talk by Jennifer Brea. She explains what it’s like to be happy, intelligent, hard work-

ing and adventurous one day, get a viral syndrome, and become physically disabled with cognitive difficulty the next. Her documentary film, “Unrest,” is a heartbreaking story from day one of her illness onset through her eventual chronic disease. It’s also a sup-

portive love story.

There are #MillionsMissing from our society. These are the people with Chronic Fatigue (Immune Dysfunction) Syndrome. The real medical diagnosis is Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (M.E.) Brain Inflammation.

It is estimated that there are up to 2,500,000 Americans with M.E., and only 400,000 with Multiple Sclerosis (www.MEAction.net).

Cells in the brain, Microglia, can be triggered to release cytokines, or inflammatory pathways, from bacterial infections (including tick-borne diseases), viruses or toxins.

Brain cytokines can be either “nerve protective” or “neuro degenerative.” Once activated, they stay activated in a surveillance state, and can be eradicated. The type of infection, toxin, or damage (conclusion, traumatic brain injury) and genetic predisposition may affect which cytokines are activated.

The cytokine “storm” that happens in the brain of a person with M.E. is no different than the “flare” of a patient with M.S., but the damage is more devastating because of the lack of awareness of medical professionals to identify, diagnose, and therefore provide early treatment. Brain inflammation isn’t always visible on an MRI.

M.E. can cause muscle pain (fibro-

myalgia) and debilitating fatigue from physical activity, or even thinking—aka Post-Exertional Malaise (PEM). It isn’t clear if a metabolic “switch” affects glucose (sugar) utilization, or if lactic acid (muscle activity) or ATP (cell energy) isn’t being metabolized properly.

Cognitive changes vary, but can include subtle memory issues, brain fog, anxiety or depression.

I am this patient. You may be this patient. Someone you love may be this patient. Crowd Sourcing health care can save lives.

The NIH (National Institutes of Health) wants you to participate in a new program, “All of Us,” to gather data for research into M.E. Visit www.

allofus.nih.gov or www.healthrising.org.

Liana Dicus is a Registered Nurse in Bishop, as well as a Sierra Health Advocate.
TRUAX TRIES AGAIN

By Lunch

Question is, what local board has Brent Truax not served on? He’s Chairman of the Board at Mammoth Lakes Tourism (MLT), Chair of the Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra (DSES) Board and a member of the Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce Board.

He participated in the campaign for Measure G (Parcel Tax renewal) of two years ago, and is also a former member of the Mammoth Lakes Recreation (MLR) Board.

Never mind that his wife Betsy is Chair of the Mammoth Lakes Recreation Commission.

With the The Sheet to ask: Seeing as Truax (singular and plural) seems to be in the middle of everything, “Do you consider yourself to be the ‘establishment’ candidate?”

Truax replied, “I’m not sure what the establishment is in this town.” He’s not the only one. Pretty good answer.

Truax, the General Manager of the Sierra Nevada Resort, is running again for Town Council after failing short as a write-in candidate in 2016.

He considers himself a political independent with affiliations to no major party, fiscally conservative and socially “not so much.”

Housing is his number one issue, not only from a social perspective (people need a nice, affordable place to live), but from an economic one as well.

Our challenge, he said, is that housing really is an economic regulator. If you don’t have it, you can’t grow. The Shady Rest Parcel which the Town recently purchased is a critical component. “We don’t have to build it all at once. I think there’s a way to phase the development … but we need to execute.”

“Like how do we tangibly make this an attractive place to do business?” Truax continued rhetorically. Dialogue should exist from day one with potential investors, he said.

And the town can do things on a policy level. Truax brought up EIFDs (Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts).

How they work: Property tax values are set at a certain level. If property improvements and the tax basis increases, the difference between the new and old valuations is set aside in a capital fund dedicated to infrastructure improvement, which Truax doesn’t believe the Town is currently funding at an appropriate level.

EIFDs have been discussed and dismissed in the past, in part because it would require cooperation among multiple public entities to implement them, but Truax believes the Town should pitch the idea again to Mono County.

Short Takes

Truax wants to move forward with the airport terminal expansion and still sees Mammoth as the primary airport, perhaps looking at Bishop as a backup.

He then parroted some MLT stats, saying every dollar in commercial air subsidy leads to $10 in revenue.

“An air traveler spends three times the money as a car traveler … air service is also essential to attracting small business.”

TBD: In regard to the Mountain’s decision not to charge TBID on season pass sales, Truax said it was never a required element in the original deal for the Mountain to collect TBID on passes, and he’s okay with that change in the renewal. “I do hope the Mountain invests those saved dollars in regional transportation.”

As for the new Ikon pass, Truax attributes some of the bump in April business at Sierra Nevada Resort to the pass and new visitors.

He was surprisingly frank when it came to Mammoth Lakes Recreation. “MLR was created to raise money for recreational amenities … what’s been the ROI [Return on Investment]?”

The implication: Relatively new MLR Executive Director Matt McClain needs to fit a little more funding into his job description.

In contrast, Disabled Sports has already raised $5.5 million towards building a new Wounded Warrior Center with a goal of $12 million by June, 2019.

His position on the MUF (Multi-Use Facility) and MAC (Arts Center), “If they’re affordable, great.”

Truax has put a lot of time and energy into various community organizations, but says he has reached the point where he wants to be in the place (Council where the buck stops).

“I just want to see the place get better,” he says of Mammoth.

CORLESS SEeks SECOND TERM

By Lunch

When you talk politics with Mono County Supervisor Stacy Corless, who is running for reelection in Mammoth-based District 5, she gets almost apologetic as she dives into the minutiae of County government.

She admits she has found her calling. She just really loves this stuff.

What’s she learned over the past four years? “It’s easy to complain about government, or be dismissive. But it’s about taking it seriously, rolling up your sleeves and digging in.”

“You can grandstand, nitpick, or you can try to set some goals and overarching values,” she said.

And Corless is proud of the way the Board has evolved over the past four years. “Clarity and civility are really important … the way you conduct yourself in a meeting has a big impact on not only outcomes, but morale as well.”

Corless, 47, a graduate of U.C. Berkeley, defeated Greg Eckert and Kirk Stapp to win the seat vacated by the retiring Byng Hunt in 2014.

She grew up in Lancaster, and has lived locally for 20 years. When she moved here, she initially worked for the Mammoth Times and taught German at the high school.

Her political philosophy, in a nutshell: “It’s about maintaining fiscal responsibility while meeting the needs of constituents.”

She points to the County’s financial health as one of the key accomplishments of her first term in office.

“When I arrived, employees were on furloughs and reserves were depleted.” She credits County Administrativa Officer Leslie Chapman and the Board with having the resolve to grow reserves. “We’re continuing on the path of long-term fiscal resiliency,” she said.

That said, nearly $50 million in capital projects are likely forthcoming within the next few years, notably a new jail and government offices for Mammoth.

While she acknowledges there has been contentious debate regarding the County’s proposal to build a new building to house its employees in Mammoth, she notes that offices cost money either way, whether you rent or own, and that there is risk associated with either decision.

Long-term, however, she believes the County owning its own offices is the best financial decision. Looking ahead, she sees housing as key over the next four years and believes the County has done some good things in that regard over the past four years.

The County, she points out, participates in a “revolving loan fund” whereby it lends money to Mammoth Lakes Housing to buy back deed-restricted units that come onto the market.

Not buying back these units, and a loss of deed-restricted housing, was a big setback, and a big lesson, from the Great Recession of 2008. “Hopefully, we can expand this [program],” said Corless.

Another thing the County has done was apply for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) to provide down-payment assistance for potential homeowners in the County’s unincorporated areas.

Finally, Corless realizes that with the Town’s purchase of the Shady Rest parcel, it may not have immediate resources to develop the site. “The County,” she says, “should participate in the development of Shady Rest.”

One area where she is in disagreement with her challenger, Eric Kaufman, is in what she perceives to be Kaufman’s attempt to sow division between Mammoth’s full-time residents and second homeowners.

Kaufman has suggested that second homeowners pay more, for example in parcel tax, to fund school improvements.

“I’ve run two local non-profits [Friends of Inyo and Mammoth Mountain Community Foundation],” said Corless. “You have to solicit support from everyone [to get things funded]. We’re stronger together as a community. Because many feel local even if they don’t live here, and people take care of what they love.”

Other important issues on the horizon:

Redistricting in 2020, Disaster Preparedness, Solid Waste Planning and Economic Development and Regionalization. To what extent can the County support this?

Learn more about the District 5 race this coming Monday at the candidate forum sponsored by the Mammoth Lakes Noon Rotary. The forum starts at 5:30 p.m. in Suite Z at the Minaret Mall.
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Imagine finding a YouTube video online entitled “The World’s Ugliest Woman,” clicking on it, and finding that the subject is—you yourself.

That’s what Lizzie Velasquez, who suffers from an extremely rare genetic disorder (Marfanoid-progeroid-lipodystrophy syndrome, which only two other people in the world are known to have), found online one day at the age of 17.

“Kill it with fire” posted one person.

Velasquez decided she wouldn’t be a victim of bullying. Instead, she’d become a hero. Her 2013 TEDx talk entitled “How Do You Define Yourself?” has received more than 9 million views.

It was this film that Mono County Office of Education Community School Principal Kaysie Williams decided to showcase as part of the relatively new program of project-based learning for MCOE students.

“Our kids don’t fit the traditional high school model,” says Williams, who has worked at MCOE since 2014 and is serving her first year as principal this year.

So the school thought they would try a new tact. Starting in 2013, MCOE developed a program in which students choose a topic from a broader umbrella (this year it’s social justice) and create their own presentations in conjunction with a related film.

“The first year we did [project-based learning], we did a science project on water,” said Williams. Generally, she said, standardized tests are not her students’ strong suit. However, “we noticed our test scores for the science tests really spiked” after the projects were completed.

She thinks it’s possibly because students internalize the information better when they’re presenting it to others.

“Every year we do a movie screening,” said Williams. “It’s free to the public and it’s a way to generate an authentic audience for our students to present their projects.”

She said the projects are a great way for the students to demonstrate follow-through and professionalism.

“The stuff the kids learn is two-fold,” said Williams. “If they have a typo, they have to redo it. This is for real, you’re representing our school, and you want to do your best work.”

In preparation for their projects, the students (there are 16 students at the Jan Work School in Mammoth and four students at Sawtooth Ridge School in Coleville) went on a three-day trip to Los Angeles, where they visited the Museum of Tolerance, Santa Monica City College, the Santa Monica Pier, El Pueblo de Los Angeles, and the Chinese-American Historical Society.

Tito Vargas, a Jan Work Community School student, with his 2017 presentation on the Chinese-American Historical Society.
In this New York Times bestseller, Seth Stephens-Davidowitz posits that internet searches, because they are made anonymously, are a more accurate reflection of the human psyche than information that has been traditionally gleaned from polls and/or surveys.

The book leads off with a bombshell—that despite President Barack Obama’s election and reelection in 2008 and 2012 and the conventional wisdom that racism would no longer play a significant factor in electoral politics, those analyzing Google searches, including renowned statistician and handicapper Nate Silver of 538.com, determined the following:

“Silver noticed that the areas where Trump performed best made for an odd map. Trump performed well in parts of the Northeast and industrial Midwest, as well as the South. He performed notably worse out West. Silver looked for variables to try to explain this map. Was it unemployment? Was it religion? Was it gun ownership? Was it rates of immigration? Was it opposition to Obama?

Silver found that “the single factor that best correlated with Donald Trump’s support in the Republican primaries … areas that supported [Donald] Trump in the largest numbers were those that made the most Google searches for ‘nigger.’”

That’s just the start of a book in which Stephens-Davidowitz, an internet data expert who uses Google Trends to collect much of his data, explores larger themes even as he tosses off entertaining asides.

In addition to Google Trends, he analyzes Pornhub, “one of the largest pornographic sites on the internet, gave me its complete data on the searches and video views of anonymous people around the world.” He also studies Wikipedia, Facebook and Stormfront, an online hate site.

A few examples of the asides:

Who knew that a man who searches for information about Judy Garland is three times more likely to search for gay porn versus straight porn?

Or, if you type Why Is _____ into a Google search, the number one computer-generated response to complete the phrase is “Abby leaving NCIS.”

“At the time Stephens-Davidowitz wrote his book, the number one way to finish that phrase was “ ... the sky blue.”

Or that men are 170 times more likely to make a search about penis size than women. And that just 1 percent of men search about how to make it smaller, while 40 percent of women make searches complaining about penises that are too big.

In fact, Stephens-Davidowitz contemplated titling the book, “How Big IS My Penis: What Google Searches Teach Us About Human Nature” but was warned off it by his editor, who suggested people might be too embarrassed to buy a book with that title in an airport bookstore.

Or, “People are seven times more likely to ask Google whether they will regret not having children than whether they will regret having children,” however, “adults with children are 3.6 times more likely to tell Google they regret their decision than are adults without children.”

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CATCH A MOVIE THIS LONG

By Bodine

Cap off a long Fishmas Day of angling and libations with the 2018 Fly Fishing Film Tour on Saturday. The tour offers a stringer full of fishing adventures from around the globe onto the big screen.

The tour is in its 12th year but is screening in Mammoth Lakes for the first time.

“Twelve years ago some trout bum buddies were making films but no one was seeing them, so they thought, why not start a tour,” said Doug Powell, general manager of the Fly Fishing Film Tour.

Mammoth Lakes Recreation is hosting the 2018 Fly Fishing Film Tour on Saturday, April 28 at 7 p.m., doors open at 6 at the US Forest Service auditorium. The event is free.

The tour has cast a line in more than 175 cities in eight countries including Belize, South Africa and Europe. Film submissions come from Norway, Sweden, Canada, New Zealand and the list goes on, Powell said.

Fly fishing is loved internationally, Powell said, and gaining popularity, especially with women. There is a calmness and meditation in the cast and motion of fly fishing mixed with the beauty of the outdoors makes the sport very attractive.

“It’s a very accessible sport, anyone can do it,” Powell said.

Powell had been working with ski movie legend Warren Miller when he bought the tour a decade ago.

Film locations are some of the most beautiful in the world.

“100 Miles” chronicles a river raft adventure in Alaska of four friends. This one wins for best buddy fly fishing film.

“Landsick” is the favorite of Matt McClain, executive director of Mammoth Lakes Recreation. The film focuses on Chuck Ragan who started out as a touring punk rock musician for Hot Water Music, but scales back his antics and gets his fishing guide license when he settles down and becomes a family man.

“My Mom Vala” is the story of Vala Árnadóttir who lives in Reykjavik, Iceland and travels to Greenland for work and to fish for char. Vala’s daughter Mathilda has only experienced Greenland through her mother’s stories. The film introduces the audience to the mother and daughter team and Greenland and its fishing through their eyes.

There will be about a ten movies to show on Saturday, ranging in length from two to 12 minutes long.

Proceeds from the tour benefit conservation efforts and groups like Trout Unlimited, Backcountry Hunters & Anglers, Wild Steelhead Coalition, Bonefish Tarpon Trust, Utah Stream Access Coalition, Stop Pebble Mine. The tours raised $500,000 in 2017.

For more information go to flyfishingtour.com.
PHIL PISTER TO WIN ANDREA LAWRENCE AWARD

By Ben Trefry

Phil Pister will be the proud recipient of the Mono Lake Committee’s 11th annual Andrea Mead Lawrence Award, named after the late environmentalist, politician and Olympic gold medalist.

Pister, 89, has been a longtime environmental champion, both as a fishery biologist for the California Department of Fish and Game (now known as the Department of Fish and Wildlife) and as an avid scientist and outdoor enthusiast.

When Pister learned that the pond where the last remaining Owens pupfish were being temporarily kept was drying up on a hot summer’s day, he rushed to scoop up a bucket of pupfish in each hand and put them in a safer place. At the time, that was the entire global population of the tiny fish. “I thought, if I don’t do these things, they’re gone,” said Pister.

Today the Owens pupfish has been restored to four native populations throughout the Owens Valley. Although it is still a threatened species, it would almost certainly have gone extinct if not for Pister’s advocacy and action.

Pister’s interest in ecology took off during college—while studying at U.C. Berkeley, he learned from some of the greatest teachers in the field. He continued on that career path, landing a job at the first at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, then at the Department of Fish and Game where he remained until his retirement in 1990, at age 61.

Despite the fact that he’s now almost 90 years old, Pister still has a passion for hiking in the Sierra. He’s currently “keeping track” of the desert, but will start going up into the high country as soon as the snow melts. Pister says that there are more people every year, but the mountains are still the same. “You’ve got 40 million people living in California, and it seems like half of ’em want to come over here and enjoy the Sierra Nevada,” he said.

For Pister, winning the Andrea Lawrence award was unexpected. However, he said, “it’s nice when people appreciate what you do.”

Past winners of this prestigious local award include the late guidebook writer Genny Smith (2017), Dan and Leslie Dawson of the Valentine Reserve (2016), and Ted Schade of the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District (2015).

Phil is something of a local hero now. But decades ago, when he was deep in the environmental battles that made his career in the Sierra, he and his work were a source of intense controversy, especially when he got involved in saving the California golden trout.

Brown trout, the hardy introduced species that was quickly destroying the native golden trout population, were, and still are, a favorite among fishermen. Furthermore, saving the golden trout would necessitate completely removing brown trout from some of the places that they lived in, as well as reintroducing other native species that golden trout depend on for survival. But the Department of Fish and Game did this anyway, and though golden trout are (like the Owens pupfish) still threatened, Pister was instrumental in making sure they didn’t go extinct.

“Your first effort is to protect the habitat, and if you can do that where they live, the critters will take care of themselves,” said Pister.

In the 1970s, he went to the Supreme Court to do just that for another species of pupfish, the Devil’s Hole pupfish, which has just one population in a small but deep Death Valley spring. This habitat was being slowly but surely depleted by the drilling of agricultural wells in Nevada, and the Devil’s Hole pupfish were nearing extinction. But thanks to Pister’s perseverance and determination, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of the pupfish, and that same population is now thriving.

Pister will be presented the Andrea Lawrence award on Friday, May 4, at the Parallax Restaurant at McCoy station on Mammoth Mountain. To buy tickets, call Lily Pastel at 760.647.6595 or visit the Mono Lake Committee’s website at www.monomlake.org.

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Pister was instrumental in saving several native species in the Sierra Nevada and Owens Valley

Photo: Tim Biddle
STACEY ADLER
FOR Superintendent of Schools
MONO COUNTY

“It is with full support that I endorse Stacey Adler for Mono County Superintendent of Schools. She is a 30-year long educator and a consistent champion of educational programs in the county. Because I deeply care about the schooling of our youth, as they will be the future leaders of our great communities, I believe Stacey Adler is our driver and defender for education of all ages in Mono County.”
- Deena Kastor, Mono County Parent

“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, CA Superintendent of Public Instruction

“Education has become a challenge with funding, staffing and coordinating all the agencies that can make a difference in our local schools. Dr. Stacey Adler thinks out of the box and in creative ways to maximize the limited resources she has at hand for our county. Living where we live we need the stability of a long term, caring local who has the knowledge and experience and knows how to apply her wisdom. Dr. Adler has proven that she is here for Mono County and the kids.”
- Tom Cage, Mono County Parent

Last Saturday, April 21, over 100 people from the Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Reservation and other tribal communities, as well as the Lone Pine Community, participated in this year’s Earth Day celebration. The day began with a reservation roads clean-up, where 22 bags of trash were collected. Additionally, in conjunction with the Inyo County Recycling & Waste Management’s Tire Amnesty Month, 84 tires were also removed from the Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Reservation. Following the road clean-up around the reservation, event-goers attended a Community Outreach Fair held in the tribal gym. There were lots of free giveaways and games for the kids, as well as a free lunch for all those attending. Mel O. Joseph, LPPSR Environmental Director said, “This event brought together all our Tribal entities and surrounding communities to reinforce that we all need to help take care of Mother Earth by Making Earth Day Every day.”

Photo above: Lone Pine Chairwoman Mary Wuester with grandson Kaedyn Hilliard.

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was dropped in the later years of the paper’s 20-year run) was usually between 16 and 24 pages, says Jay, and each of those pages was painstakingly laid out and glued. Mistakes meant having to rip the thing apart. Somehow, they managed to put it together in a day, once a week, for almost two decades.

This included developing all the photos for the paper in a darkroom. “It was very hands-on, a very manual production,” says Jay. Eventually, the Coles opened their own print shop in the building that now houses Wave Rave. They produced posters (probably still adorning the walls of old Mammoth condos to this day), bumper stickers and postcards. Then, says Jay Jr., “I guess they didn’t have enough to do, so they opened up a stationery shop in front of the business.”

Wally Hoffman, who eventually ended up founding the Mammoth Times, told The Sheet that Jay and Carol “hired me to be their Managing Editor of the Lakes District Review on November 15, 1979,” wrote Hoffman in a message to The Sheet. “I remember the day like it was yesterday—it was my 23rd birthday. I had also just worked my first day as a Ski Patrolman at Mammoth Mountain.”

Hoffman was out for dinner with Cole at the Brass Elephant Restaurant and Saloon the night he met his wife, Sandi. Hoffman said Cole “taught me how important local relationships, integrity and respecting all points of view were as the publisher of a small town newspaper in a town such as Mammoth Lakes.”

“I assume their motivation was just keeping the community informed,” said Jay Jr. of his parents. He read the headlines of the first issue of the Review, from July, 1972: “New Ski Lifts Planned (that would be Chairs 11, 12, 13 and 14); Mammoth Building Boom.”

Could be a headline from today, Jay Jr. said. Jay Jr. still lives in town—after an early career in software development, he’s now a realtor.

“All this stuff about affordable housing, Measure Z … well, guess what, it’s been the same thing since 1972. Nothing has basically changed,” he said with a laugh.

“Complaining about how our current administration, Town Council, or whoever about how nothing gets done, guess what, it hasn’t been done. It’s endemic to this community.”

But he and his parents loved it in spite of, or perhaps because of, this character.

“We both left Mammoth, but Mammoth never left our hearts,” wrote Hoffman of Cole. “This majestic place continued to be our hometown.”

Jay is survived by his wife, CJ (Carolyn) Cole; his son, Jay Cole Jr., his daughter-in-law Collen Cole, and granddaughter Devon Cole.
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The Following Person Is Doing Business As:
At Home BBQ
dbergindustries, LLC.
P.O. Box 124, Lake Mary Road
Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546

This business is conducted by a limited liability company. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. The registrant has filed a fictitious business name statement with the Clerk of Mono County on April 11, 2018 File Number 2018-0063.

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person Is Doing Business As:
Heart of the Matter Consulting
Jannet Lloyd-Baker Hunt
52 Raymond Ave., P.O. Box 485
June Lake, Ca. 93529

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 11, 2018. Please submit a resume, cover letter and complete the general application found on ESTR website or at our offices in Bishop. $15.75 per hour to start. EEO employer.

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person Is Doing Business As:
The Mogul Restaurant
Signem Properties, Inc.
395 Main Street
Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546

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Bateman Family Affairs in Common
Hot Creek Ranch LLC.
85 Hot Creek Rd.
Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546

This business is conducted by a limited liability company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 1, 2011. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on April 11, 2018 File Number 2018-0062.
BARS & MUSIC

Happy Hour/
The Liberty Sports Bar and Grill. Pursuit of Happiness Hour, 3-6 p.m. Tastings of select beers, $2 off wine, $4 well drinks, $2 off specialty drinks. $5 Flatbread.

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

Roberto’s 4-6 p.m. every day.

Austria Hof 5-8 p.m. daily.

Whitebark 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.

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

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

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

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

Snowshoe Weekend Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. in the bar only.

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

Giovanni’s Happy Hour, daily 4-6 p.m. Large pizza and a pitcher of beer gets you free wings.

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

Black Velvet Coffee’s Happy Hour, from 4-6 p.m. every day.

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

April 27-28/
Big Wednesday @ Liberty Sports Bar & Grill. 9 p.m. See ad, p. 11.

Saturday, April 28/
Elephant Rifle at Mountain Rambler Brewery. “Like eating pizza, tacos and mescaline all at the same time.” 10 p.m. Free, but donations suggested.

Good Livin’ at the East Side Bake Shop. Dinner 5-9 p.m.

Bowl Thursday, April 27-28/. 50 percent off all wings 6-9 p.m. Wild Wing Wednesdays at Outlaw Saloon.

Wednesday, May 2/
Wild Wing Wednesdays at Outlaw Saloon. 50 percent off all wings 6-9 p.m.

Thursday, May 3/
Latin Night at Mammoth Rock’n Bowl. 9 p.m.

Friday, May 4/
East Side Bake Shop turns 5 years old. Dinner and bluegrass jam, birthday party. 5-9 p.m. See ad, p. 6.

Saturday, May 5/
Cicaco de Mayo fiesta @ Outlaw Saloon. Specials beginning 4 p.m. See ad, p. 9.

Jonathan Siebrantl Solo plays East Side Bake Shop. Dinner 5-9 p.m. Music starts @ 6 p.m. See ad, p. 6.

TOWN STUFF

April 27-29/
Owens Lake Bird Festival hosted by Friends of the Inyo. Check festival website for details: www.Friends-of- the-Inyo.org/owens-lake-bird-festival or see sidebar column next page.

April 28-29/

Saturday, April 28/
Fishmas! Season opener. Fly Fishing Film Tour hosted by MLR and Town of Mammoth Lakes @ USFS theater. 6:30 p.m. Free admission. See ad, p. 4 and story, p. 12.

49th Annual Manzanar Pilgrimage. See sidebar column next page.

11,053’ Ezakimak Challenge. “Kamikaze” spelled backwards. 5K race to the top of Mammoth Mountain on foot, XC skis, snowshoes or fat bike. Info: www.mammothmoutain.com. See ad, p. 3.

Sunset Summit Party @ Mammoth Mountain. Ride the Panorama Gondola to the top of the Sierra to watch the sun set, then cheer on the Ezakimak finishers. Live music from DJ Onezie, food and drink for purchase. See ad, p. 13.

Inyo Community Reads: “Wonder” screening. Free matinee. ICA, 137 Main St. in Bishop. 1 p.m. Lone Pine Film Museum screening 4 p.m.

Cindy Kamler, Director of Eastern Sierra Wildlife Rescue. shows slides and reads excerpts from her soon-to-be-published book. Time: 4 p.m. Location: The Imagination Lab in Bishop, 621 West Line St. (upstairs).

Sunday, April 29/
The Bishop Community Concert Assn. invites you to a FREE concert @ the BUHS Auditorium. 3 p.m. Performing: The Cal-State Fullerton Jazz Orchestra.

Monday, April 30/
Mammoth Lakes Noon Rotary-sponsored candidate forum begins 5:30 p.m. in Suite Z, Minaret Mall, Mammoth. Mono Superintendent candidates 5:30 p.m. Mammoth Council candidates 6 p.m. Mono Supervisor candidates 7:15 p.m.

Inyo County Sheriff candidates forum @ Independence Legion Hall. 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 1/
A Brave Heart: The Lizzie Velasquez Story. Award-winning documentary and student presentation. Free @ Mammoth High School multi-purpose room. Info: Laura Timpano, rlimpano@monocoe.org or 760.934.0031. See story, p. 10 and ad, p. 21.

The 2018 SNARL (Sierra Nevada Aquatic Research Laboratory) Spring Lecture Series kicks off. Speaker: Dr. Jennifer Caselle. Topic: Exploring Places in Our Oceans. Time: 7 p.m. Location: The Page Center @ SNARL. 1016 Mt. Morrison Rd. Mammoth Lakes Recreation Commission meets. 9 a.m. Suite Z. Minaret Mall.

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Mono County Board of Supervisors meets. 9 a.m. Bridgeport Courthouse.

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Smoke and Mirrors Gala

A benefit to support Mammoth Elementary and Middle Schools. The third annual gala is themed “Smoke & Mirrors.” Surprise, delight and magic await at the Sierra Center Mall on Saturday, March 5 from 5-10 p.m. Magicians, tarot card readings, live auction, raffles, dining & cocktails. All proceeds will benefit MES and MMS Parent Teacher Organization. Visit www.mammothgala.com for info.

Personal Use Firewood Season ...
... Begins May 1. Permits will be on sale starting Thursday, April 26. Due to staffing shortages, the forest requests fuelwood permits be obtained between the hours posted for each visitor center.

Mono Basin Scenic Area Visitor Center in Lee Vining: 760.647.3044
Permits on sale, Thursday - Monday only until May 1 when seven-day staffing begins. Permits on sale between the hours of 9-12 and 1-4.

Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center: 760.924.5500
Permits on sale, Thursday - Monday only until May 1 when seven-day staffing begins.

Permits on sale between the hours of 9-12 and 1-4.

White Mountain Ranger Station in Bishop: 760-873-2500
Permits on sale starting Thursday, through Fridays between the hours of 9 a.m. to noon and 1-3:30 p.m. only until May 1 when seven-day staffing begins.

New this year, copies of fuelwood maps will be available on Avenza. Fuelwood permits are still $15 per cord with a two cord minimum.

Manzanar 2018

This year’s Manzanar Pilgrimage, set for Saturday, April 28 will commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, the legislation that provided redress and reparations, along with a formal apology to surviving Japanese and Japanese Americans (or their immediate families) for their unjust incarceration during World War II.

The day’s activities will start with a performance by UCLA Kyodo Taiko at 11:30 a.m., followed by the main event at noon.

The evening’s Manzanar At Dusk program will focus on the anniversary of the Civil Liberties Act and include an opening panel discussion about the redress and reparations movement and its significance, given the current political climate.

Manzanar at Dusk takes place from 5-8 p.m. in the Lone Pine High School gymnasium.

Both the daytime Pilgrimage program and the Manzanar At Dusk event are free and open to the public. Info: 323.682.5102 x49 or pilgrimage@manzanarcommittee.org.

TOWN STUFF

Tuesday, May 1 (cont'd)/ Candidate Open House with Mammoth Voices @ Shelter Distilling, 5-7 p.m. Free for Chamber of Commerce members, $10 for non-members. Info: 760.934.2712 x1315
U.S. Congressional District 8 candidates’ forum, Independence Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m. Your incumbent Congressman will not be in attendance.

Wednesday, May 2:
Mammoth Lakes Tourism Board meets. 1 p.m. Suite Z. Minaret Mall. Mammoth Lakes Town Council meets. 6 p.m. Suite Z. Minaret Mall. Voter Outreach presentation @ June Lake CAC. June Lake Community Center, 6 p.m.

Independence Civic Club hosts workshop about Measure L (Owens Valley Special District general obligation bond). Independence Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 3/ Mammoth Voices lunch event feat. Lynda Salcido (Town Council candidate) and Stacy Corless (District Five candidate). 11:30 a.m. at Giovanni’s.

Friday, May 4/ Open studio @ 287 Academy in Bishop from 4-8 p.m. Bohemian artworks/Bonnie Jay Jewelry.

May 4-5:
Round Valley F.A.M.E. production of Peter Pan Jr. @ BUHS Auditorium. 7 p.m. both nights. Info: roundvalley-fame@gmail.com

Saturday, May 5/ Cinco De Skimo @ Mammoth Mountain. Hosted by Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center. Participants will ski their way from Canyon Lodge through five ascents. Info: www.mammoth-

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mountain.com. See ad, p. 4.

Smoke and Mirrors, an MES and MMS fundraiser. 5-10 p.m. @ the Event Center, Sierra Center Mall 2nd floor. Info/tix: www.mammothgala.com. See sidebar.

Frank Serrano painting demonstration at the inyo Council for the Arts. 1175 So, Main St. 10:30-12:30. Free. Serrano is a western landscape artist. Laws Choo Choo Swap Meet @ Tri-County Fairgrounds. 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

May 5-6/ Eastern Sierra Symphony presents “An Evening of Cabaret” at the Edson Theatre in Mammoth featuring Kristi Holden, Will North, Gregory North and Chelsea Morgan Stock. Tix: $25 in advance or $27 at the door. VIP tix include a champagne and dessert reception w/cast: $40 in advance and $45 at the door. Showtimes 7 p.m. Saturday and 4 p.m. Sunday.


Sunday, May 6/ Bishop Community Concert Assn. presents Roy and Rosemary, a pop piano and violin fusion duo. Time: 3 p.m. Location: BUHS Auditorium. Adult tix: $25. Student tix: Discounted/free, tix: bishopopac@gmail.com.

Tuesday, May 8/ Voter outreach presentation @ Bridgeport Valley RPAC. Twin Lakes Annex. Bridgeport. 7 p.m.

Art & Wine: Alcohol Ink Landscape Vases with Red Beckey Jewelry. 5:30-8:30 p.m. at MAC, 437 Old Mammoth Road. Adult tix: $25 in advance or $27 at the door. VIP tix: $40 in advance or $45 at the door. Showtimes 7 p.m. Saturday and 4 p.m. Sunday.


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AT THE MOVIES

Minaret Cinemas

Avengers: Infinity War (PG-13): Comic book-based, big budget action flick starring Iron Man, Thor, Hulk and the rest

A Quiet Place (PG-13): Critically acclaimed horror film about a family forced to live in silence while hiding from creatures that hunt by sound.


Fine amnesty @ M.L. Library

Here’s your chance to return that book you’ve been afraid to return because, let’s face it, you’re afraid of the librarian’s snarling disapproval and you can’t even calculate what a book that’s 63 days overdue might cost you.

Well, for the month of May, if you donate a good, a pet treat or a pet toy, Mammoth Lakes Library will take $10 off your fine.

While you’re there, check out the library’s community art show, which will run May 1-June 30. The theme: You guessed it—Animals.

Bronco football fundraiser

The Bishop Union High School Football Program is holding their second annual spaghetti dinner and pie auction. The spaghetti dinner will begin at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 4 in the BAC at Bishop Elementary School. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Bishop Bronco Football Program.

The family friendly event will include a delicious spaghetti dinner, 50/50 raffle, and homemade pie auction. The live auction will feature a wide variety of homemade pies and cakes.

Tickets for the dinner are just $15 for adults and $5 for children. Tickets and can be purchased from members of the Bishop Bronco Football team, or call coach Palu at 760.937.4929.

Lees Clothing Drive

The Leo Club is planning a Spring Clean/Winter Clothes Drive. As people start to clean out their closets they may be needing to get rid of old grown out winter clothes. We are planning to have two drop off spots for donations: Mammoth High School and Olson Insurance located at 148 Mountain Blvd. People can also drop off any used glasses they may have that will help benefit the youth in the community.

Donations can be dropped off starting Thursday, May 10 and can be dropped off through Friday, May 25. The clothing drive will be held at the high school Sunday June 2nd from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Broadway comes to Mammoth

Eastern Sierra Symphony in a co-production with the Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre invite you to join them for an exciting musical performance celebrating the music of Rodgers & Hammerstein and Lerner & Loewe Webber on Fri. May 5 and Sat. May 6. Details, see ad page 3

Town Clean-Up Day

Take Pride in your Mammoth Lakes neighborhood & volunteer to help clean up your town. Beginning at 8 a.m., drop off your trash, recycling & green waste at the Town clean-up day stations conveniently located throughout town. Free bags; pick up yours at TOML offices, and ML Disposal Transfer Station. Saturday, May 12.
Notice of Ordinance

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, May 9, 2018, beginning at 2:00 p.m. and continuing until finished, at the Town Council Chambers, Suite Z, within the Minaret Village Shopping Center, 437 Old Mammoth Road, the Mammoth Lakes Planning & Economic Development Commission will hear a request for the following:

Application Request: Zoning Code Amendment 18-001 — Amend various sections of Chapter 17.48 (Signs) of the Town of Mammoth Lakes Zoning Code to:

(1) Eliminate the restriction of only one (1) Halo Lit sign per property; and

(2) Eliminate the 20 square-foot-size restriction of Halo Lit signs and rather allow the size of signs with halo lighting to be up to the maximum size allowed for the various sign types where halo lighting is currently allowed (i.e., wall sign, hanging sign, monument sign, projecting sign, or theater sign).

CEQA Determination: Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Guidelines Section 15164, an Addendum to the Town of Mammoth Lakes Sign Code Update Mitigated Negative Declaration (SCH No. 2011022063) has been prepared describing that no new or increased environmental impacts would result from the proposed project.

Location: Town-wide

Zoning: Non-Residential Zoning Districts

Proponent: Town of Mammoth Lakes

All persons having an interest in the proposed application request may appear before the Planning & Economic Development Commission either in person or represented by counsel and present testimony or may, prior to said hearing, file with the Executive Secretary written correspondence pertaining thereto. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence 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 May 4, 2018, contact Nolan Boboff, Assistant Planner, at (760) 965-3631. Faxes may be sent to (760) 934-7493, or email at: nboboff@mammothlakes.ca.gov.

Planning & Economic Development Commission

P.O. Box 1609
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

SECTION ONE: Chapter 7.92 of the Mono County Code is hereby amended in its entirety as follows:

A COMPLETE COPY OF EACH EXHIBIT LISTED IS ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE OF ORDINANCE AND IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION WITH THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS PERVISORS AND IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION WITH THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS PERVISORS AND IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION WITH THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS PERVISORS AND IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION WITH THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS PERVISORS AND IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION WITH THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS PERVISORS AND IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION WITH THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS PERVISORS AND IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION WITH THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS PERVISORS AND IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION WITH THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS PERVISORS AND IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION WITH THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS PERVISORS AND IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION WITH THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS PERVISORS AND IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION WITH THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS PERVISORS AND IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION WITH THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS PERVISORS AND IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION WITH THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS PERVISORS AND IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION WITH THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS PERVISORS AND IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION WITH THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS PERVISORS AND IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION WITH THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS PERVISORS AND IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION WITH THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS PERVISORS AND IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION WITH THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS PERVISORS AND IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION WITH THE

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SECTION TWO: This ordinance shall become effective, issue dates of its final passage, which appears immediately below. The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall post this ordinance and also publish the ordinance in the manner prescribed by Government Code section 25124 as soon as practical after the date of its final passage and final adoption. If the Clerk fails to re-publish this ordinance within said 15 days, then the ordinance shall become effective 30 days after the date of publication.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of April, 2018. For the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors Corless, Gardner, and Peters.
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Bob Gardner, Chair
Mono County Board of Supervisors
ATTY: Shamin Kendall
Chief of the Board
APPROVED AS FORMED: Stacy Simon County Counsel

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Mammoth’s Jon Karr scores as his Carolina Reaper pepper hot sauce becomes a local hit

By Rea

“I kinda feel a little bit like a drug dealer. I ride around town on my bike and people ask if I’m holding,” says Mammoth’s Jon Karr. “Then I pull a little bottle of hot sauce out of my pocket and they’re like yeah! I need my fix!”

Karr has been making waves with his Karrnage Hot Sauce, a vinegar-and-sugar based concoction featuring Carolina Reaper peppers. The Carolina Reaper was bred by “Smokin’ Ed Currie and is certified as the hottest pepper in the world (1,569,300 Scoville Heat Units—for comparison, a jalapeño ranges from 2,500 to 10,000) by the Guinness Book of World Records in 2013.

“It’s quite an endorphin rush when you’re really getting into it,” says Karr, who has cooked at “basically every restaurant in town,” and makes the Karrnage sauce out of Mike Coco’s kitchen at Thai’d Up.

“I wear a little ski mask and I have a respirator and a pair of goggles. I had to buy equipment for the rest of the people who work there, because I cook the stuff while the restaurant is open.”

He says that when he runs the dirty pots and pans through the dishwasher “it sends a spicy vapor” throughout the joint.

He first got the idea while working at Thai’d Up. “People would come in asking for the spiciest stuff we had, and all I had were Thai chilis, which didn’t satisfy some of them,” says Karr.

He then started working at Rafters and “people started coming out of the woodwork” when they learned they could get their fix there. “After I left Rafters, I went to Vons and looked at all the spicy sauces they had. There were some good ones but they weren’t that spicy. I thought, ‘why don’t I just make this sauce that I had at Rafters, but more for the masses,” he said (he notes that the Karrnage sauce isn’t as hot as the one he was serving before.

“For example, a couple drops will spice up your eggs. But five to seven will set them on fire. Janet Francis at Mama’s Kitchen Table is nuts about it (she carries it, ostensibly, but the bottles keep mysteriously disappearing, jokes Karr). Francis is “a super big chili head,” says Karr. “She was eating straight up ghost chilis the other day.”

Karr grew up loving spice. His biological father is Creole, but he was raised by a Pakistani, and he’s part Mexican.

“I used to eat just raw jalapeños,” he says. “It was just my diet. And then when I was a teenager I got a stomach ulcer so, I have to be careful now.” He says he tries not to consume his own stash, but it’s just too addictive for a spice lover.

“I use it pretty much every day, I really try not to over-use it, but it’s just so good on everything.”

Karr said that Coco lets him use his kitchen in exchange for always keeping the sauce in stock. “If it weren’t the local support, I probably wouldn’t be really pursuing it past just the casual hobby, but ... I’m trying to run with this energy and get the stuff marketed further afield.”

Karr calls Karrnage Hot Sauce “a mighty spicy sauce on the 10+ level, but still enjoyed without making you hate yourself.” Find Karrnage Hot Sauce ($7 a bottle) at Mama’s Kitchen Table, Bleu Market and Kitchen, and Thai’d Up. Trade in your old bottle for $1 off the new one.

Jon Karr with a bottle of his Karrnage Hot Sauce, made with butt-puckering Carolina Reaper peppers.

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**HORRORSOPES**
By Clouds McCloud

Taurus: If you really think about it, life ultimately comes down to two dates and a dash in between. So what’s it really all about is that dash in the middle. To help you make the most of yours, work on being grateful all the time to offer, even the stuff that may seem challenging at first, and be sure to hug more often, both with and without pants on.

Gemini: Okay you two, it’s about time you worked more on balance and less on flip flopping like Sean “Handout” Hannity. To help, try to remember that whenever you enter a room, your natural inclination is to make it a happier place. If you enter a room and it feels like someone should call attorney Michael Cohen, then you’re doing something wrong.

Cancer: Studies have shown that every time you resist acting in anger you actually rewire your brain to become more calm and loving. Therefore, the next time someone becomes more calm and loving.

Leo: Your new assignment is to not become more calm and loving.

Virgo: Keb Mo’ is coming to play this year’s Bluseapalooza. If you’re looking for better news than that, you may need to adjust your priorities. Your priorities should be on enjoying life as much as you can, while still holding down a job and being a good friend and family member, even if your family primarily consists of regulars at the Liberty Bar. As Keb Mo’ sings: “Well I feel just like you and I cry just like you, but I heal just like you and under my skin I’m just like you.”

Libra: Clouds is betting that something surprisingly magical will happen to you during the month of May. Several things, in fact. Clouds, however, isn’t betting that you’ll notice or fully appreciate them. Therefore, your mission is to help Clouds win the wager and completely slack off and complain about everything this month. As a parlay, be sure to never stop to smell the roses or the lilacs or your snuggle buddy.

Scorpio: Scorpio is the most prevalent sign in America. This should help explain why Super Bowl is so popular. It apparently makes Americans really randy. Randy is a name most Scorpios could use as an alias—replacing the “y” with an “i” for some of you. Therefore, on behalf of the rest of the signs, please use your power with compassion, and with regular passion.

Sagittarius: If you feel like something has been holding you back in life, there are two simple things you can do: Face it or forget about it—or move forward in your life. It should help you to realize that even the crappiest parts can be the fertilizer of blessings, if you’ll allow them to be. Or they can hover around you like a fart in an elevator making you wish you had a can of Febreeze.

Capricorn: This much we know is true: 1) As an Earth sign, Capricorns are useful, loyal and materialistic. 2) One of the biggest regrets people have in life is not enjoying the present moment enough. 3) The more you smile, the happier you will be. 4) You are an acquired taste, meaning that people who don’t like you need to acquire some taste.

Aquarius: Congratulations! You’re part of the smallest sign in the country. There are fewer Aquarians than any other sign in the good old US(SR)A during President Trump’s reign. This helps explain why this year’s Bluseapalooza is so popular. It apparently makes Americans really randy. Randy is a name most Scorpios could use as an alias—replacing the “y” with an “i” for some of you. Therefore, on behalf of the rest of the signs, please use your power with compassion, and with regular passion.

Pisces: The most common regrets in life include: Not taking enough risks; caring too much about what others think; not sharing feelings; too much time worrying. So, basically, if you can just avoid these things you should be good. That, and call your parents more often. Throwing some extra vegetables into your diet wouldn’t hurt either.

Aries: As a Fire sign, Aries are naturally passionate people. You are also very dynamic and can do just about anything well—except for take a break. That’s why your theme song comes from Neil Young: “It’s better to burn out than to fade away.” And your advice from Clouds: “Even the Big Kahuna took a rest from all his begetting on the seventh day.”

**It’s better to burn out than to fade away.**

-Neil Young

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First annual Wag-n-Walk brings the pups (and those who love them) out in Bishop

Photos by Gayla Wolf

The first annual family-friendly Wag-n-Walk was hosted by Altrusa and was a benefit for For 4 Paws, ICARE and a promotion for the Inyo County Animal Shelter. There was a dog costume contest, agility demonstration and fun walk on Saturday, April 21.

Susan Daughenbaugh and Clyde.

From left: Karen Cudney, Ted Schade (founder of ICARE) and Lisa Schade.

Above: Gail Swain and Sundae (Best Costume). Below: Carmen London strolls along with Fancy.

Dog trainers Sherry Dodson and Lois Alexander.

Debbie Sessions and Daisy, winner of the Earth Dog Award.

Lisa Yeager, Corey Buffington and daughter Logan walking along the canal.

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