HOCKEY PLAYERS DON’T QUIT

By Lunch

Mayor John Wentworth surrounded by insanely cute, guilt-trip delivering hockey enthusiasts. From left, Tori Coo, Finley Kastohili, Miles Coo, Wentworth and Devon Cole. For more, see p. 2

HELLENS GOODBYE

Longtime Mammoth residents retiring to Idaho

By Lunch

After three decades in Mammoth, Mary and Thom Heller are bidding farewell to the Eastern Sierra.

Mary, a longtime Nurse Practitioner at Mammoth Hospital, retired in January. Thom Heller’s last day as Mammoth’s Fire Marshal will be May 21.

The couple, which has been married 39 years and raised two children here, is moving to Victor, Idaho.

Mary says she and Thom chose Victor in part, because “Town’s grown a little too much for me.”

The couple met in Salt Lake City through mutual friends … at a bar, so they couldn’t blame the 3.2% beer for their mutual attraction!

Both, ironically, grew up on the east coast, some 60 miles apart; Thom in Long Island and Mary in New Jersey.

At the time, Thom was working for the Utah State Fire Crew, having finished college with a degree in range hydrology. Quite simply, he always wanted to be a snow ranger.

The Hellers wedding day, 1979. Meanwhile, Mary was working as a registered nurse at the University of Nevada Medical Center. For more, see HELLENS, page 10

HOW COME WE’RE DRY AND THE SWAMP IS FULL?

By Bodine

The City of Los Angeles and its henchmen, the Department of Water and Power (DWP) continue to find ways to divert drops of water on the Eastside to fill the water bottles and pools of the Kardashian family and their servants.

The latest attempt to shut off water to rancher lessees in Long Valley prompted Mono County Supervisors to send a letter to the leaders of the City of Los Angeles asking them to reconsider the plan.

Leases were introduced to ranchers at the end of March sans water allotments. This means ranchers will have to rely on rain for irrigation and keeping pasturelands healthy. The area is prime breeding ground for the Bi-state sage grouse that was nearly listed as an Endangered Species in 2015, but was saved that label due in part to the concerted efforts of private and public stakeholders who have protected its habitat, i.e., Long Valley.

Supervisor Fred Stump asked rhetorically at an April board meeting if Garcetti, who has announced he will run for Dianne Feinstein’s Senate seat in 2020 and is planning, Stump wonders if Garcetti really wants to be known as the mayor who destroyed the Bi-state sage grouse.

Garcetti replied on May 1 stating that the DWP will research the possible environmental impacts of the proposal over the next six months, during which time ranchers will receive water comparable to 2016 allotments.

Rancher Mark Lacey said that amounts to 4,000 to 5,000 acre-feet for the entire valley. In a normal runoff year, the valley would receive about 30,000 acre-feet.

“Water supply in the southwest (U.S.) has become increasingly unpredictable,” Garcetti stated in response adding he has “ambitious” targets to maximize local water supply. He went on to advertise his North Hollywood West Groundwater Remediation Project, one of four water projects that will eventually serve 800,000 Angelenos.

Despite these projects and ambitions, the city will, of course, continue to import water from the Owens Valley. Garcetti blames droughts, current and forthcoming, as a reason for conservation to “prioritize our water resource.”

“This means reevaluating water use, he added, including in Long Valley.

Lacey who is also President of the Inyo Mono Cattlemen’s Association said ranchers had no idea the leases would be dry, but said he’s not wholly surprised. In 2013, the Mammoth Community Water District lost a suit over water rights with DWP and had to pay out $3.4 million. That money was to be spent on local water projects and improving efficiency of flows into the LA Aqueduct.

Neither Lacey nor the Mammoth Community Water District know where that money was actually spent. Garcetti blamed droughts, current and forthcoming, as a reason for conservation to “prioritize our water resources.”

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MHS Freshman Jessica Bonich pitching vs. Boron last week. For baseball and softball photos and results, see p. 21-22
WHAT’S NEXT?

As expected, Mammoth Lakes Town Council rejected both bids for the Multi-Use Facility at its meeting Wednesday, throwing the future of the project into uncertainty.

While Town Staff promised to try and figure out why the bids came in significantly higher than expected, members of the public as well as Council expressed a mixture of disappointment as well as defiance.

“I still think we can figure it out,” said hockey enthusiast Jeff Posey, who added, “Nothing will ever get done around here if we kick this to the curb.”

 Recreation Commissioners Betsy Truax and Sean Turner reminded those present that just because the project won’t get built right away, that doesn’t mean the needs this project was meant to address have disappeared.

“Things like this happen [in real estate development],” said Councilman Shields Richardson. “We’re not quitters. We’ll find a way.”

Staff was expected to quiz bidders about their bids on Thursday, although Public Works Director Grady Dutton did acknowledge that bidders are under no obligation to offer any explanations.

Mammoth Lakes Tourism Board members John Morris and Brent Truax made compelling arguments in support of a TBID (Tourism Business Improvement District) renewal on Wednesday.

Morris, who also serves as Chairman of Mammoth’s Lodging Association, said TBID was originally conceived to help “weather-proof” the town, as well as grow business during the shoulder season months of April, May, October and November.

He said in the five years prior to the enactment of the TBID, the four aforementioned months accounted for just 10% of lodging revenue.

In the five years of TBID, those shoulder months have dramatically improved, now accounting for 15% of revenue, or a 50% increase.

10 of 12 months have now experienced room tax revenues of $1 million or more.

And most convincingly, Morris said that in past drought years like October since the establishment of the TBID.

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Of course, the extra revenue is nice, but Truax said one of the positives that is sometimes overlooked is that the added business means this one, lodging properties would typically see a 30-40% decline in business. This year, with the aid of TBID and an extra million dollars devoted to marketing (vs. 2016-2017), properties like Snowcreek only experienced a single-digit decline off 2016-2017’s record numbers.

Truax, General Manager of the Sierra Nevada Resort, said two months, April and October, have demonstrated the effectiveness of increased marketing.

He says Sierra Nevada Resort has experienced consistent 40% year-over-year growth in April and 25% year-over-year growth in October since the establishment of the TBID.

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Diane Stillwell of 101 Great Escapes echoed the sentiment, saying she hasn’t laid off/furloughed an employee since the inception of the TBID.

Heather Johnston was introduced as the new Executive Assistant to Mammoth Police Chief Al Davis. Davis said Johnston beat out a whopping 47 other applicants for the job. Johnston is the wife of Mammoth Lakes Recreation Executive Director Matt McClain.

Chief Davis also was recognized for obtaining his Executive Certificate from the Commission on Police Officer Standards and Training (POST). Five officers were on hand to pose for the celebratory photograph. I’m not sure what to make of that.

Finance Director Rob Patterson made his quarterly presentation regarding T.O.T. (Transient Occupancy Tax) enforcement. The most interesting part regarded the effect of the Town’s implementation of “Host Compliance” technology.

Essentially, in the cat-and-mouse game of tax dodgers versus tax collectors, it appears the collectors have procured a tantalizing new weapon.

Host Compliance acts as an internet spy which is pretty damn good at identifying lodging rental postings. So if you fly an ad for your place, the Town’s eventually gonna know you’re renting, and it’s gonna know accurately via cross-checking whether or not you’ve got a business license and whether or not you’re zoned properly.

As Mayor Wentworth said, “For those citizens concerned about zoning, I think we now have the tools to address this [rentals in areas not zoned for rentals].”

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Letters

Rink out. Pool in?

Dear Editor:

With the recent news that the proposed Multi-Use Facility bids came in at about twice what was originally budgeted, the Mammoth Lakes Swim Team (MLST) Board of Directors respectfully requests that consideration once again be given to use the funds to construct a new aquatic facility instead which could be built within the initially proposed MUF budget.

The monies, which had been earmarked for what is effectively a very expensive ice rink, would have added little in the way of new recreation opportunities to the community. By contrast, an amazing pool would have a far wider cross-section of users by both community members and visitors alike.

Swimming, diving, and water polo teams could be grown or created. The facility could house general-use Jacuzzis which would generate revenue and add to the visitor experience. A hybridized version of the pools that exist in the Truckee-Donner area could be created where homeowners could purchase annual transferable passes for transient renters while the community could have access for YEAR-ROUND daily use, rentals, and most important to us, new and existing teams would have a better home.

The facility that we currently use and that is available to the public has many drawbacks that could be resolved with the construction of a new facility in town. MLST is unable to host sanctioned events at Whitmore Pool due to the fact that the pool is small, does not have ample restrooms or parking, is removed from town, is closed for more than half the year, doesn’t have a sufficient timing system, is in generally poor condition, and has dimensions that are not in line with Pacific Swimming standards – pools are typically 25 yards or 50 meters. South Lake Tahoe has a very nice, truly multi-use facility which houses a swim complex, recreation space, and an adjacent ice rink. Community classes and events are hosted in the recreation space that is shared with the swimming pool facility. The space there adds tremendous value for residents and visitors. Mammoth would do well to try and emulate these types of facilities by taking what is best from them and creating a place where community members and visitors to the area can recreate, while adding opportunities for locals to have a better residential experience. From aquatic fitness classes, learn-to-swim programming, and water-based rehabilitation, a new pool could really be a boon for Mammoth.

An indoor Olympic-sized pool that is 50 meters long and 8 lanes wide with a depth in the shallow end of 3.5 feet that gradually slopes down to 13 feet at the deepest end could serve the community well. One meter and three-meter diving boards and water polo goals could be included to provide brand new scholastic athletic opportunities. The overall facility could be used to further market Mammoth as a high-altitude training destination, and a professionally designed aquatics facility could support numerous sanctioned swim meets. Based on the figures that some members of town staff use to calculate revenue and visitation, the pool would probably pay for itself in a matter of days and generate incremental visitation to the tune of billions of dollars (sic). Plus there would be some great new town jobs created that would allow for more nepotistic employment opportunities ...

But seriously, much of the impetus for the current MUF seems to be driven by a desire to bring recreation opportunities for and visitation by a very small group – hockey players. I love watching hockey and am a huge Kings fan. I even own ice skates. My whole family does. But we rarely use the current ice skating rink and won’t use the one that doesn’t seem to be getting any closer to becoming a reality. An aquatics facility would seem to serve a broader audience which should get better community support, benefit a wider audience, and actually get built.

Let’s move past this Multi-Use Facility Fiasco (MUFF) and onto bigger and better things. Please consider building a quality aquatic complex for the people who live in and visit Mammoth Lakes. If an Olympic-sized pool is too much to ask for, maybe a nice, new 25-yard pool facility would suffice, but I propose we go big.

Maybe we can use this facility to anchor what could become Mammoth’s actual Special Multi-Use Recreation Facility—the SMURF I like the sound of that...

Jef Rahmeyer
MLST Member at Large

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Dear Editor:

I have been reviewing the candidate position statements and the school tax increase proposals as the June election approaches.

When I saw a $63 million Mammoth School Bond proposition on the ballot, it raised several questions. Why does Mono County have three separate school districts, each with their own staff? What would the savings be to the taxpayers if school administration was consolidated under one entity?

How come the school district failed to set aside funds for capital improvements as a private business would do?

If you work in Mammoth and make less than a six-figure salary, I suggest you take a look at the website “Transparent California.” You will find the pay and benefit cost for all state and local employees. For example, Mammoth police officers annual pay/benefits are $50,000 - $221,000. Mammoth’s School District has 47 teachers whose pay and benefits exceed $100,000 annually.

Private sector business has to put considerable capital at risk to make a profit. Government employees have no such liability, but are often compensated at higher levels.

In the mid-1980s when I made $10 an hour with full benefits employed in the private sector, housing was not an issue. Police and teachers at that time made ~25 percent more than I did. Now retired, the last several years I have been working out-of-state in the Arctic to afford to live in Mammoth.

Wages for public employees have steadily risen because of unions and the fact they do not compete with illegal labor. For other occupations in the service and trades, wages have been stagnant. The concept of labor unions was to counter the power of the private sector had. I ask, who is oppressing the public workers, the taxpayers?

When I moved to Mammoth in 1984, one could make a decent living in the construction trades as I did. I was considered a skilled blue collar labor force, who were playing by the rules now found themselves displaced or experienced significant reductions in pay. Any criticism of the impact illegal immigration had on one’s employment brought swift accusations of racism, etc. The immigrants who came here illegally were treated as victims.

Mentioning any liabilities that illegal immigration would have on our community at large was and is taboo. It is a fact that immigration of any form decreases wages, increases the cost of housing and is the main driver of income inequality. This is basic economics, the law of supply and demand. I do not believe it is the role of government to subsidize workforce housing: its role is to manage the commons.

It would be informative to know the candidates’ position on California Senate Bill 54, which effectively made California a “sanctuary state” by legalizing and standardizing statewide non-cooperation policies between California law enforcement agencies and federal immigration authorities.

Do you believe in nullification of select federal laws?

If I had to put responsibility on one elected official for the problems facing Mammoth, it would be Kirk Stapp. Though I voted for him consistently in the past, he no longer has my support. Mayor Wentworth’s comment regarding the doubling of the estimated versus the actual low bid of $19 million for the Multi Use Facility as the result of the President’s position on tariffs is also unreasonable. Don’t build the MUF.

Gary Guenther
Mammoth Lakes
MEASURE FOR MEASURE
The skinny on local tax measures A & B

By Lunch

In June, Mammoth voters will decide how much they may wish to tax themselves to support local schools. Currently, Mammoth voters are paying off the last eight years of school bonds passed in 1998 (Measure S). These bonds cost the average property owner $50 per $100,000 in valuation.

The new school bond measure being proposed this year (Measure B) seeks to raise $60-plus million dollars over the next thirty years. According to Mammoth Unified School District Business Manager Brooke Bien, Measure B will be designed to have a lower tax rate (approx. $40 per $100,000 in valuation) during these next few years when the 1998 bonds are still being repaid.

The Measure B rate would rise to $60 per $100,000 in valuation after repayment, $50 (1998) plus $40 (B) from 2026.

If B passes, the taxpayer would pay $450 annually on a $500,000 property. Measure B needs 55% approval to pass. Projects to be funded by Measure B would include:

- *Enhancing campus safety and security*
- *Replacing the mobile classrooms currently used at the Elementary School with a permanent building addition.*
- *General repair and replacement for aging infrastructure and classrooms.*
- *Constructing science labs*  
  *Modernizing libraries*

Measure B is not the only local tax measure on the ballot. The Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District is also asking voters to approve a $79 per parcel tax to support, among other objectives, recruitment and retention of personnel and increased first response engine staffing.

By Benham

Mammoth residents got their first chance to see candidates for office in person at a forum hosted by the Mammoth Lakes Noon Rotary on Monday evening in Suite Z at the Minaret Mall.

Rich Boccia moderated the event. It was broken into three parts: A half-hour opening segment for Mono County Superintendent candidates, followed by one hour segments for Mammoth Lakes Town Council and Mono County Supervisor candidates.

Talk of “collaboration” was a theme throughout the evening, although the gathered political hopefuls did not form a circle, hold hands or sing songs.

In the evening, however, Gerald Kosen, candidate for Mono County Supervisor in District One, did recite the first line from “The Sound of Music.”

The format of the event seemed to work fine for the first segment, when there were just two candidates on stage. It worked less well in segments two and three, when you’d have the same question beaten to death by 4 to 6 people in a row.

How many ways can a group of people say they care about housing? Moderator Rich Boccia, presumably in the interest of impartiality, did not intervene with any follow-up questions of his own. A strict timing buzzer cut off numerous candidates before they had completed their answers.

Superintendent’s race

Superintendent Stacey Adler is seeking her third term. This, however, is the first time she’s been challenged at the polls.

Her opponent is Jennifer Huh, who currently serves as Deputy Superintendent. Huh has worked at the Mono County Office of Education for eight years.

Why is the 2nd in command challenging her boss for the top job? Based on their mutual civility, the question remains a mystery. In their half-hour onstage together, they neither disagreed nor attacked each other. (Apparently, that is left to surrogates on social media.)

The closest sniff of truth occurred when Boccia asked a “whistleblower” question fed by a member of the audience.

The question alluded to the illegality of retaliating against someone by stripping them of responsibility or demoting them.

Adler said she has an open-door policy, investigates issues appropriately and follows through.

“Retaliation is absolutely illegal,” she said.

Huh agreed. Demotion and removal of duties is illegal.

Moderator Boccia did nothing to provide context.

Here’s the context. Huh used to be MCOE’s Human Resources Director. Adler stripped her of those duties.

Because it’s a personnel issue, Adler’s not allowed to tell us why. Because Huh has an attorney and is challenging the demotion, she’s not saying either.

Huh said afterwards that she didn’t talk specifics during the forum, because she wanted to “take the high road.”

“However, one might argue you can’t take a high road if you haven’t properly established there’s one that’s lower,” said Huh.

It all smacks of Masterpiece Theater, with no Poiret available to solve the case.

In her closing statement, Huh said she was promoted to Deputy Superintendent because of the quality of her work and character.

What is sort of a double-edged sword, because the person who promoted her and recognized the quality of her work and character is the person she’s running against.
Town Council Candidate Forum

Six candidates squared off during the Council segment. They included current Mammoth Mayor John Westworth, the only incumbent seeking reelection, a former Mayor and 22-year Council vet in Kirk Stapp seeking to recapture past glory; former Mono County Public Health Director Lynda Salcido, Sierra Nevada Resort General Manager Brent Truax, Mammoth Lakes Planning and Economic Development Commissioner Jennifer Burrows, and Lesley-Anne Hoxie, the sole “Millennial” candidate.

Their opening statements were interesting in what they chose to emphasize. Burrows and Truax laid out laundry lists of civic positions held. How Burrows finds the time as a mother of three, or Truax as a General Manager of a large resort property, is a mystery. It sounds superhuman and somewhat exhausting.

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didates’ forum hosted by the Independence Civic Club at the American Legion Hall drew a crowd of approximately 60 residents on March 29 evening.

Under Sheriff Jeff Hollowell, the presumed heir apparent to Sher-
hill Bill Lutze, demonstrated a clear understanding of the job as well as be expected of the department’s second in-command law enforcement officer responsible for the department’s day-to-day operations.

The entry of the far less ex-
perienced candidate for the office, Deputy Joshua Nicholson, has come as somewhat of a surprise. Nicholson gave answers that often appeared perfunctory and uneven, although he did provide a comprehensive four-page document to the audience titled his “First 180-day Plan.”

The two candidates agreed on many issues such as sanctuary cities being “bad law,” the need to provide better enforcement of the law within the communi-
ties in southern Inyo County, school safety, and 12-hour work shifts for deputies which could potentially provide better coverage for the entire Inyo County communities and improve retention of officers. They both expressed the opinion that the state’s reduction of drug possession cases and the officers in the county and it will be resolved with 2 deputies on duty at all times.

Under Sheriff Hollowell has thirty years of experience in law enforce-
ment with the Sheriff’s Department, rising through the ranks from patrol officer and sergeant to lieutenant and Undersheriff. Hollowell said he is also POST-certified (Peace Officer Standards and Training) in virtually every aspect of his certification from the Basic Certificate to Management and that the one certification he lacks, the Executive Certificate, he plans to take as soon as it becomes available.

Nicholson says that he decided to run at the request of fellow depu-
ties and Bishop police officers who expressed dissatisfaction with the leadership at the Sheriff’s Office.

Candidate Hollowell says he has 20 years experience in law enforce-
ment as a patrol officer with the Inyo Coun-
ty Sheriff Office. He has also earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Crimi-
nal justice and has a Master’s degree in in public administration. He has Advanced POST certification, and besides being a patrol deputy, is also an Explosives Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Expert, Explosive K Handler, and K9 Handler. Hollowell says he has handled almost every emergency imaginable.

Nicholson says that there is no aspect of the Sheriff Office operation, including the all-important annual development of the budget, with which he is not familiar.

Hollowell also said that he is “out-of-touch,” “out-of-date,” “fiscally irresponsible” and “lacking inspired leadership” that only he can provide. Hollowell strongly denied the accusations.

Candidate Nicholson would com-
ment during the evening that “the value is in the choice between the two vastly different candidates.” He repeatedly stated that he bears “no ill-will” towards Hollowell, while nevertheless implying that over the last 2 years of Hollowell’s term (which happens to coincide with Hollowell’s temporary appointment as Undersheriff in 2013 and official promotion in 2014) that the department has not been well led.

Hollowell responded that Inyo County has one of the lowest attrition rate for county employees, and that of the 12 officers cited by Nicholson, 5 retired, 1 went to Mammoth Lakes PD for a promotion with a substantial raise, while 3 more deputies went to work for Bishop PD, also getting consider-
sable raises, 1 went to work for Mono County and 2 were terminated “because we do hold employees responsible.”

“Don’t come to leave,” as alleged by Nicholson, “because of poor leader-
ship,” says Hollowell. As to realloca-
tion of resources, he said he has been working with the sheriff for the past six months to address the issue of better coverage in the county and it will be resolved with 2 deputies on duty at all times.

Toilet strains the department’s operations, crisis and mental health issues that the department has had poor leader-

The Sheen was contacted by a caller insisting that Nicholson’s reasons for running have more to do with opportunism, ambition, and desire for payback towards the depart-
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Both candidates have posted video of the forum online at their Facebook campaign web sites and readers are encouraged to visit those websites for more information.

The next Sheriff’s Candidates’ forum will be hosted by the Bishop Sunrise Rotary Club on Tuesday, May 8, at 6 p.m. at Bishop Cerro Coso Community College, located at 4090 West Line Street.
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They stayed in Utah for seven years while Mary finished graduate school. During that time, Thom hooked on with the U.S. Forest Service, and served as a Snow Ranger for Alta/Snowbird, doing avalanche control, weather and snow forecasting and the like.

As he said in this week’s interview of that job, “My goal in life [as a young man] was to be an avy forecaster in Little Cottonwood Canyon … I achieved that at 27.”

Because promotion within the Forest Service is predicated upon moving around, at least during that time, the couple moved to New Mexico for four years before arriving in Mammoth in 1988.

Thom’s initial job with the USFS in Mammoth was as permit administrator for lands, minerals and geothermal. He later administered Mammoth Mountain’s permit.

Mary was with the Alpine Clinic, a partnership spearheaded by Dr. Dennis Crunk, before it was bought out by Mammoth Hospital in 1995, and stayed at the Hospital after the merger until her retirement.

There was a point in 2001 when the Hellers considered moving on, “but the kids really wanted to stay,” said Mary. “And the education was good.”

To ensure the quality of that education, Mary served on the Mammoth Unified School District Board for three years (she was appointed to fulfill a term).

Thom left the USFS for a stint at Mammoth Mountain in its planning department before finishing his work career at the Mammoth Lakes Fire Department. He is proud of the cultural shift in Mammoth’s attitude towards fire safety over the past decade.

“We’ve made pretty significant changes [in code and policy, particularly as it relates to building materials and fuels reduction], 90% have accepted that we live in a fire-prone environment.”

In Mary’s world, she’s noticed a lot of changes both in health and local demographics over the past 25 years. “When I started,” she said, “the overwhelming majority of patients I saw were young people. By the time I retired, 90% of my practice was over 45 [year of age] and 75% was over 60.” “I never used to see chronic disease,” she added. “Now, you see a lot of diabetes, hypertension, heart disease …”

So why did the couple choose southeastern Idaho for retirement? Couple reasons. Their daughter Katherine lives in Salt Lake City, as does Mary’s brother. They still have a ski resort 20 minutes from their door (Grand Targhee). Jackson Hole is right over the other side of the pass and a little park called Yellowstone is also within a two-hour drive.

What both parents never quite expected is the degree to which their children followed in their footsteps.

Katherine, like her mother, has a doctorate degree and works as a Family Nurse Practitioner.

Son Kyle lives locally (half the time, anyway) and is on that ski patrol/fire crew rotation.

Their immediate plans after Thom’s last day? Rafting Cataract Canyon in Canyonlands National Park. Then a camping trip to Sequoia/Kings Canyon in July.

As Thom explained, based upon their work schedules, they could never quite make enough time for Sequoia/Kings Canyon because it was so hard to get to if you only had 3-4 days. Well, they’ll soon have a little more than that.
LADWP continued from page 1

wheels found used in large scale agricultural fields. In the process of working on the bid, Lacey said he had an epiphany that these environmental projects were not about the environment, but were a precursor to shutting the water off completely. LADWP is seemingly doing what it wants without oversight, but it’s hard to get much information at all about who should be watching whom. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife did not return calls concerning the Bi-state sage grouse. The Department of Water Resources referred The Sheet to the Bureau of Reclamation that claimed it had no jurisdiction over the matter. Reclamation suggested the Metropolitan Community Water District who then referred us to the Water Resources Board. DWP did not return requests for comment by The Sheet.

“What are these agencies doing?” Lacey asked. He said he wondered if a court order is going to be needed to “get these people involved.”

LA Mayor Eric Garcetti in November 2014 highlighting LADWP’s energy efficiency programs. Garcetti has agreed to a six-month investigation into the possible environmental effects of shutting water off to ranchers in Long Valley.

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WHY DON’T PEOPLE LIKE GETTING THE KRABS?

By Bodine

In the Harlan Ellison books, Vic and Blood, a boy and his dog, try to survive in a post-apocalyptic wasteland, setting up a draconian choice for Vic when he meets a woman. He’s forced to choose between his love or his dog, and I’m not going to give away whether or not he made an incredible mistake.

Dog owners looking for a place to live on the Eastside increasingly face a similar dilemma; do I give up my little buddy for an affordable place to live or continue to couch surf or live in shacks until there’s just me?

My dog, Mr. Krabbs and I have been drudging through the post-AirBnB landscape of empty, furnished homes but not many doors are open. The rental market, especially in Bishop, has always been scarce, but with landlords able to make a mortgage payment with a couple of nightly rentals, there’s less and less incentive to house long-term tenants. Inventory has been shrinking like George Costanza in that infamous Seinfeld episode.

There was not one place for rent in the weekly rental listings provided by Bishop Realty that would accept a dog. “Even, Mr. Krabbs?” I’d ask. “He’s an internationally recognized figure, old and goofy, his tongue sticks out, who wouldn’t want to take him in?”

Katie Bird, Inyo County Animal Control Officer, said a cat named “Sophie” had been brought in by a family just see KRABS, page 12
this week that had to give her up for a place to live.

"Everybody has a dog but nobody wants to rent to someone with a dog," said Jake Rasmuson of Bishop Real Estate. He joked that for as long as Bishop has loved animals, landlords have not accepted pets.

The problem, according to Tanya Miller, Property Manager at Eastern Sierra Reality, is chiefly a lack of inventory. As Bishop is landlocked, and there isn’t a lot of new development on the horizon, what there is is what there is.

Having pets has become an elitist sport. Houses with yards are a good fit but can be expensive and any house to rent is a rare find in Bishop.

"Be willing to negotiate with a landlord. Offer a bigger deposit or extra rent, have a plan and be prepared to compromise," Miller added.

"You have to show the landlord the dog’s not a home wrecker," Bird observed.

No dog is perfect; small dogs scratch hardwood floors, big dogs chew through drywall and nobody likes barking dogs - but then, who’s going to want a dog that doesn’t bark at intruders?

Both old and young dogs are incontinent, just like people.

Service dogs, those leading the blind or supporting epileptics are exempt. Emotional service dogs are not a shoo-in, again, ask the landlord.

The biggest reason why landlords don’t rent to pet owners? Check your shoe. That’s right, people don’t clean up after their pets, and it’s not appreciated by neighbors and owners alike. This isn’t the first time a load of shit has divided people.

"Even if it happens just once, a landlord’s not going to want to rent to people with animals again," said Rasmuson.

Krabs and I have found temporary digs with the help of several generous patrons, but it’s not permanent. I have prospects and am sure I’ll find a fit, but I’ve lived here forever and have contacts. What are newbies supposed to do? I guess be prepared to wait and get used to sleeping with your dog in the back of the truck.
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Unfortunately, as Dr. Jennifer Caselle says in the opening SNARL lecture of the season, there aren’t really any left.

By Benham

At the first event of the 2018 SNARL (Sierra Nevada Aquatic Research Laboratory) Spring Seminar Series, Dr. Jennifer Caselle promised hope. She is a Research Biologist at the Marine Science Institute of UC Santa Barbara and works for National Geographic’s Pristine Seas, a project with a mission “to explore and protect the last wild places in the ocean.” (Pristine Seas Website)

The title of her talk, ‘Exploring Pristine Seas: protecting the last wild places in our oceans with National Geographic’, was deceptive. A map of the world appeared on the screen. The oceans were mostly shaded yellow, with splotches of red, and specks of green and blue. For a moment, the yellow could have been mistaken for gold and gold for pristineness.

But it’s 2018 and this was an experienced audience. Dr. Caselle explained the lack of white on the map meant that every part of the ocean has been impacted by humans. The wild places don’t exist. There were scattered sighs. “What’s the solution? Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). These are areas closed to extractive activities, such as fishing and mining, in order to protect and increase biomass in essential ecosystems. Pristine Seas researches and documents these ecosystems, presenting its findings to policymakers in the hopes of having the area protected. Pristine Seas is part scientific research, part film production. Logos and paths.

The first video Dr. Caselle played consisted of depressing soundbytes from scientists set to dramatic music, fit for an action movie trailer. There were lens flares. There were shots of bleached coral. There was a polar bear, alone, on a snow patch. Members of the audience sighed.

Dr. Caselle called it ‘a sizzle reel’ for it’s poignancy. Another five videos followed. Although the background music lightened and the soundbytes become hopeful, they sizzled as much as the first. “The reason we make these short little films,” Dr. Caselle explained, “we do these things while we’re actually on the expeditions so that we can have presentations and meetings with people on the islands, before we go home … so that people can see what we do. We often work with the locals as well, on the boat, but in cases where we don’t, or even in cases where we do, we like to go back to the communities and show them what we’ve done, what we’ve accomplished.” The films inspire awe and urgency. It’s ocean porn with a purpose.

Dr. Caselle noted that leaders and communities are bragging about the size of their MPAs. Aissing contest with a purpose.

Between videos, she showed charts and explained the significance of the data. She talked about how MPAs increase biomass both within and outside their borders, borders in the ocean being nothing more than lines on a map. The increase of biomass outside the MPA borders is called ‘The Spillover Effect’.

Monitoring remote areas with lines on a map as borders is difficult, so Dr. Caselle explained how the Automatic Identification System (AIS) works, which tracks all commercial shipping vessels. Finally, the promised hope. But, Dr. Caselle explained, even if a ship fishes protected waters, catching that ship can prove awfully difficult. Most countries do not have enforcement fleets and there are countries that allow violators, knowingly or unknowingly, to offload illegal catches in their ports.

There is only so much hard science and truth an audience can handle, and before long the audience found itself in the midst of another film, “a mini-expedition” she called it.

But before a ‘mini-expedition’ to Beveridge Reef, home of the highest biomass of Grey Reef sharks, Dr. Caselle told the audience “to just enjoy and relax.”

After the final mini-expedition to the remotest place Dr. Caselle has ever been, Tristan da Cuhna, a group of islands—volcanic rocks—in the middle of the South Atlantic, she answered questions from the audience.

“Some months ago the adminstration was talking about the list of national monuments and national marine reserves and whether they would be changed or compromised or reduced, where are we on that?” Dr. Caselle chuckled, then said, “It’s not good. There will be some pretty big lawsuits that slow things down, but we are, behind the scenes, gearing up for some pretty big time right now.”

Then she continued, “You know what the positive is? We’re not going to let it happen.”

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y and Mono counties has been known for its fertile soil and grazing pastures for more than 150 years. In 1870, there were 200,000 head of cattle winter grazing in the Owens Valley; now there are just 8,230. Nevertheless, agriculture continues to make a significant financial contribution to the region and output of cattle and alfalfa production is coming back from the recent drought.

From the 2015 ag economic profile, hay and cattle produce $49.7 million in direct value or production to the county, $18.4 million in Inyo and $31.2 from Mono.

That number swells to $78.6 million, $27.4 in Inyo and $51.1 million in Mono, when multiplier effects like fuel and food are included.

Agriculture output steadily rose by 39.6 percent in both counties during the period 2000 to 2015. However, the $78.6 million total is still 37 percent lower than pre-drought (pre-2011) output.

Nate Reade, Inyo Mono Agricultural Commissioner told The Sheet on May 2 that things are looking up and agriculture is back to 2015 values. He said the 2017 Crop Report is the first to show total increases since he was appointed in 2013. Agriculture supports 239 direct jobs, or 2 percent of the workforce. When combined with multiplier effects like food and fuel, the total number of jobs jumps to 449 (*meaning, the ag worker supports the local supermarket checker by spending his paycheck on food, etc.).

For every dollar of output from livestock, another 64 cents goes back into the communities from spending by ranch hands and growers in towns, according to an economic profile by Agricultural Impact Associates commissioned by the Inyo Mono Agriculture Department.

Taxes from agriculture come in at $65.4 million rounded, for both counties, Reade said.

He added that he could not give an estimate as to how much agriculture contributes to the total financial output in the counties because he hasn’t seen relevant and reliable numbers himself.

At a Mono County Supervisor’s meeting on April 17, Reade prefaced the total output dollar amount by saying they aren’t a reflection of profit or loss made by individual businesses but of the industry.

Reade said that the timing of the study comes as ranchers in Mono County are being presented with leases by the land owners, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power that lack any water allotments. Irrigated lands produce 90 times more economic activity than non-irrigated lands, he added.

When it comes to livestock, it is difficult to separate the two counties. Nineteen ranchers have leases in both counties; keeping herds in Inyo for the winter and Mono in the summer. Pasture loss in one county has significant consequences for the other, according to the profile.

“What affects one county affects the other,” Reade said.

The bulk of lands used for agriculture in Mono are federal lands, nearly 99 percent is managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP). Private ownership makes up just 1.4 percent of agricultural land for use.

DWP leases constitute under 10 percent of the land available for crops but accounts for a disproportionate 20 percent of agriculture’s direct and indirect economic output, according to the profile.

Most private land owners reserve their precious pastures for high value alfalfa production. Alfalfa accounted for $14 million or 69.5 percent of total economic output yet was grown on a scant .83 percent of the total acreage available.

Alfalfa and other field crops that include garlic, grain hay and sudangrass were second only to livestock for value totaling 47.1 percent of economic production. Field crops in Mono over grows Inyo production, $17,239,000 or 55.2 percent of total production value compared to $6,192,000 or 33.5 percent in Inyo.

Fruit and nut production in Inyo topped $203,000, or 1.1 percent and $38,800 in Mono.
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The Outlaw Saloon is in search of day-time server/bartender. Must have experience working off peak hours. Some barking hearing and a commitment to working the entire summer is required. Please send resume to eastsidebakeshop@gmail.com or call 760.914.2896

The Outlaw Saloon is looking for a responsible and organized person with good computer skills and people skills to manage reception duties including scheduling, posting charts, confirming patients and verifying insurance. Flexible schedule, experience not necessary. Excellent salary and benefits. Please leave message 760-793-8230.

Mammoth Dental is looking for a responsible and organized person with good computer skills and people skills to manage reception duties including scheduling, posting charts, confirming patients and verifying insurance. Flexible schedule, experience not necessary. Excellent salary and benefits. Please leave message 760-793-8230.
**BARS & MUSIC**

**Happy Hour**
- The Liberty Sports Bar and Grill. Pursuit of Happiness Hour, 3-6 p.m.
- Sushi Bar & Lounge. Open Mic Plus @ Some Assembly Required, 5-9 p.m.

**Clocktower Cellar Happy Hour**
- Daily Happy Hour 4:30-7 p.m.
- Mammoth Tavern Happy Hour Mon. thru Fri. 4-6; Saturday 4-5. Closed Sun.

**Smokyard weekend Happy Hour**
- 4-6 p.m. in the bar only.
- Side Door Happy Hour daily 3-6 p.m.

**Morrison's Happy Hour Daily**
- 3-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

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**TOWN STUFF**

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

**May 4-5**
- Round Valley FAME. production of Peter Pan Jr. @ BUHS auditorium. 7 p.m. both nights. Info: roundvalleyfame.com.

**May 5-6**

**Saturday, May 5**
- ESLT to Kick Off Spring at GardenFest from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at N. Fowler St. in Bishop. For more information, please contact Ryan, ryan@eslt.org or call 760.873.6554. See sidebar. p. 19.

**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. Info: bishopcca@gmail.com.

**Monday, May 7**
- Owens Valley Radio Observatory Tour. See the “Big Ears” up close and learn all about the Owens Valley Radio Observatory. Held the first Monday of every month from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Contact Dr. Mark Hodges for info at 760.938.2075 (Ext 109).

**Mammoth Lakes Trail System public meeting @ Mammoth Lakes Library at 5 p.m. See sidebar, next page.

**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.

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

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**Christopher’s Happy Hour All-Day 1/2 off**
- Margarita’s See ad, p. 4

**Cinco de Mayo at RAFTERS**
- Feat DJ Rodney O and DJ Swerve 1. Starts 10 p.m. 21+.

**After-hours park session & party**
- At Mammoth Mountain. Chair 6 will run until 7 p.m. for hot laps, feast to follow at the Main Lodge Sundec with tunes by DJ Rodney O, plus taco and beer specials.

**Sunday, May 6**
- Some Assembly Required plays Black Doubt Brewing. 7-9 p.m. Free.

**Monday, May 7**
- Open Mic Plus @ Liberty Sports Bar & Grill. 9 p.m. See ad, p. 5.

**Boulevard Beasts at Mammoth Rock ‘n Bowl**
- 9 p.m. $4 games.

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**Sonora Pass reopens**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) reopened Sonora Pass as of 2 p.m. Thursday. Caltrans reminds drivers to carry chains and to be prepared for all driving conditions.

For the latest highway information please visit the Caltrans QuickMap site at quickmap.dot.ca.gov or call the Road Condition Hotline at 1-800-GAS-ROAD (427.7623).

**Smoke and Mirrors Gala**

The May 5 fundraising gala to support Mammoth Elementary and Middle Schools is themed “Smoke & Mirrors.” It is being held at the Sierra Center’s Event Center from 5-10 p.m. Magicians, tarot card readings, live auction, raffles, dining & cocktails. All proceeds will benefit the MES and MMS Parent Teacher Organization. Visit www.mammothgala.com for info.

**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 sneering 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 pet food, 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. The theme will run May 1-June 30. 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 Bronco Football team.

Along with spaghetti there will be a 50/50 raffle and a 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 Pala at 760.937.4929.

**Leos 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 old glasses they may have that will help benefit the youth in the community.

Donations can be dropped off starting May 1 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.

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**TOWN STUFF**

**Tuesday, May 8 (cont.)/Community meeting in the MHS MPR starting 5:30 p.m. to discuss last week’s shooting threat.**

**Wednesday, May 9/INOYO355 will have Dr. Trina Tobey, Executive Director of Wild Iris Family Counseling & Service Center, as a featured speaker at its May General Assembly. 6:30 p.m. at Jill Kinmont Boote School in West Bishop.**

**Thursday, May 10/Mammoth Voices lunch feat. Lynda Salcido (Town Council candidate) and Stacy Corless (District Five Supervisor candidate). 11:30 a.m. at Giovanni’s.**

**Candidates’ Night @ The Sierra Center Mall Event Center. Meet and greet 5 p.m. Q&A: 5:30-6:30 p.m. w/ Town Council candidates. Q&A 7-8:30 p.m. w/ Mono County Board of Supervisors candidates. Beer and wine provided.**


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**UPCOMING**

**Mammoth’s Planning and Economic Development Commission meets, 2 p.m. in Suite Z.**

**ON THE ROAD**

**Friday, May 4/Sierra Summit Bike Rodeo: 10 a.m. at Mammoth Lakes Trail System parking lot. The Bike Rodeo (children’s obstacle course and more) will be on Saturday, May 12 from 1-3 p.m. on Warren Street at Academy. The event will include optional bike registrations, face painting, bike and helmet decorating, and game booths. California Highway patrol officers will be handing out children’s helmets free to participants (while supplies last). Proceeds from the Bike Rodeo will go to the Caltrans District 9 scholarship program for high school students.**

**Sunday, May 13/Marc Atkinson Trio @ the Inyo County for the Arts, 7 p.m. Tix: $20 Workshop for intermediate-advanced musicians. All instruments. 4 p.m. Reservations required. $25 Fee.**

**Monday, May 14/California Poet Laureate Dana Gioia @ the Inyo Council for the Arts, 7 p.m. Poetry reading and conversation. Gioia will be joined by Samathan Burns and Grace Morisset, Inyo County Poetry Out Loud Champions. For more information visit inyo.org or call 760.873.8014.**

**Tuesday, May 15/Bike Tour of Caltrans Active Transportation Projects. Meet @ Bishop CHP office with a bike @ 7:30 a.m.**

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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 of the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) plus the Avengers. * Customer Appreciation Night* every Tuesday. All seats, All shows $6.00 For movie times, call 760.934.3131 or visit mammothlakescinemas.com.

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**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 Lord Andrew Lloyd Webber on Fri. May 5 and Sat. May 6. Details, see ad page.**

**Town Clean-Up Day**

Mammoth Lakes Town Clean-up Day takes place Saturday, May 12 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.

**Join ESLT to Kick Off Spring at GardenFest**

Eastern Sierra Land Trust (ESLT) invites everyone to “ring in the spring” at their annual GardenFest, held in their backyard in Bishop on Saturday, May 5. This free, family-friendly event celebrates the arrival of spring with plants and brick-oven pizzas for purchase, a free beer tasting, live music, children’s games and much more. GardenFest will be held on Saturday, May 5 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at 290 N. Fowler St. in Bishop. For more information, please contact Ryan, ESLT’s Executive Coordinator and AmeriCorps Member, at ryan@eslt.org or call 760.873.4554.

**Spirit of the West**

Thomas Kelsey, photographer/author, will present as part of ESIA’s May Artist & Author Series in the eastern Sierra. Thomas is the only presenter scheduled to attend LWCV for May 10th (Thursday), doors at 5, presentation at 6. His photography work will be on display for the afternoon of the 10th, and he will have a book signing of “Spirit of the West.” The event is free.

**Mammoth Trails Public Meeting**

On Monday, May 7, in the Mammoth Lakes Library, the Mammoth Lakes Trail System hosts a public meeting. All trail users are encouraged to attend the meeting to get informed and offer input on Mammoth Lakes Trail System plans and projects. Topics include: Highlights of winter programs, new trails in Sherwins Area Recreation Plan (SHARP), Trail Days- Sustainable Recreation-10th Anniversary. Introduction of new Trail Crew Leadership Core Volunteer Task Force Program, and E-Bikes! 5 p.m.

**Not Your Grandma’s Bingo Night**

Notice of Public Hearing
Zoning Code Amendment (ZCA) 18-001

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 light sign per property; and
(2) Eliminate the 20 square-foot-size restriction of Halo Light 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 Addition to the Town of Mammoth Lakes Sign Code Update Mitigated Negative Declaration (SCH No. 2011022060) 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

Proprietor: 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 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 65060(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 Bobroff, Assistant Planner, at (760) 935-3651. Fiscalisms may be sent to (760) 934-7483, or email at: nbobroff@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

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Junior Tina Orrick

Freshman shortstop Erica Lynch

Maya Feeney legs out a hit

Jessica Bonich waits on a pitch

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

1-800-4-A-CHILD
1-800-422-4453

National Child Abuse Helpline

1-800-340-5411

Local Child Abuse Hotline

Sponsored by Wild Iris with Mono County Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment Program Funds
MHS BASEBALL SPLITS

Despite a late inning comeback, the Huskies dropped the first game to Boron at its home doubleheader on April 27 by a 16-14 margin. The team bounced back and took the nightcap 13-7.

This past Tuesday, Mammoth defeated rival Lone Pine 21-7, scoring 13 runs in the 3rd inning to break it open.

Second in league, Mammoth took on league leader Desert Christian on Friday, May 6 in Lancaster.

Photos by Benham

Bench Coach Craig Calvin

Carson Thompson takes his lead at first.

Senior Mason Forsythe

Charlie Regelbrugge coming in to score.

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Join us at 2PM at FOOTLOOSE SPORTS for a POST CLEAN-UP DAY PARTY
Corner Main & Old Mammoth Rd.

Beginning at **8AM SATURDAY, MAY 12**
you can drop off your

**TRASH, RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE**
at the

**TOWN CLEAN-UP DAY STATIONS**
conveniently located throughout town.
Regular drop-off fees apply on days except May 12.

**TOWN CLEAN-UP DAY STATION LOCATIONS**

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**ITEMS TO DELIVER TO TOWN CLEAN-UP DAY STATIONS**
- LARGE BULKY ITEMS: Furniture, appliances, Old tires, Heavy metal. Mattresses, etc. Refrigerators must be delivered to Transfer Station.
- METAL OBJECTS: Appliances, large metal objects, snow stakes, metal waste, etc.
- YARD WASTE: Pine cones, needles, grass clippings, leaf debris, etc. mommy caps into nail-off tires.
- RECYCLABLE MATERIALS: Plastic, glass, etc.
- NO FOOD OR CONSTRUCTION WASTE! These items are accepted at the TRANSFER STATION.

**ITEMS TO DELIVER TO MAMMOTH DISPOSAL TRANSFER STATION**
- METAL OBJECTS*: Refrigerators, Snow Stakes, Washing Machines, etc.
- SNOWMOBILES & SNOWMOBILE TRAILERS (all oil, gas & gas tanks must be removed).
- HHW: HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD WASTE/ITEMS* Batteries, Tv's, Electronics, Refrigerated light bulbs, Hazardous liquids, oven & oil-based paint, motor oil.
- FOOD WASTE: Food scraps, Compost items, etc.
- YARD WASTE: Pine cones & needles, Grass clippings, Leaf debris, etc.
- TREE LIMBS: Less than 12” in diameter. **FREE** recycling this day by USPS & RKPD.

* Mammouth Disposal will accept these items FREE of charge on this day ONLY.

For information, to volunteer, or to arrange collection of abandoned vehicles, please contact:
Sherine Sanders (760) 965-3636 Mon–Thur.
Mammouth Disposal (760) 934-2201 Mon–Fri.

**SATURDAY MAY 12**

**TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD & VOLUNTEER TO HELP CLEAN UP YOUR TOWN**

The Town encourages property owners, renters, community groups, local non-profit organizations and homeowner associations to purchase trash bags, engage their constituents and pitch in to clean up their neighborhood.

Please do not leave bags on the side of the road, as they will not be picked up.

Please deliver these items to the Town Clean-Up Day Stations conveniently located throughout Town, or directly to the Mammouth Disposal Transfer Station, in the Industrial Park.
NEW RELEASE OF LUXURY MOUNTAIN RETREATS NOW SELLING!

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