PLAY TIME

Queen C
Agnes Vianzon is hard Corps

E astern Sierra Conservation Corps (ESCC) held a .5 (not a typo) kilometer race in the parking lot in front of Liberty Bar last weekend.

The start/finish line was drawn in chalk. Racers could smell the donuts and coffee that waited at the halfway point rest station across the parking lot.

Smoke from the Lions Fire turned the sky brown, yet participants persevered in less than ideal conditions. “It was a bunch finish,” ESCC Founder and Executive Director Agnes Vianzon said.

Everybody won, especially the ESCC. The event raised $1,900 for the corps.

Vianzon had a Facebook fundraiser running for another week after the event with the goal of reaching $5,000. Vianzon founded the organization in the summer of 2016. Since last year, ESCC’s programming has doubled.

Before setting off on her own, Vianzon worked for the California Conservation Corps (CCC). She refers to it as ‘the CX’. And before working with the C’s, she bartended at McCoy Station in the winters and found part-time work during summers. She grew up in San Fernando Valley and graduated from high school in Simi Valley. She didn’t hike a lot during her childhood.

“Our national park visits were, stop at the overlooks and get out of the car, take a few photos, nothing on trail, no backpacking, no fishing, no snowboarding. Not a lot of outdoor recreation,” she said.

“We would do car camping trips once a year.”

“I think my Dad took me skiing the first time when I was thirteen.”

They went to Mountain High, in the San Gabriel Mountains. Mountain High calls itself, “Southern California’s closest winter resort.”

“It’s like ice mountain,” she said. Her family started coming to Mammoth once a year starting in high school.

Vianzon had not spent time in the backcountry before she joined the CCC. Then, she went into Kings Canyon National Park for eight weeks. She was twenty-five at the time.

On one of the first big work days of the trip, her crew left her behind.

“I was supposed to have a buddy and everyone just took off.” She remembers thinking, “This trail’s so steep. And, why am I here? And everything’s heavy, and this shit’s not for me.”

Eventually Vianzon caught up to her crew, who were eating lunch.

“It took me so long that by the time I got there the supervisor says, ‘Alright, we’re done. Pack up. We’re going to start working now.’”

see ESCC, page 4

DANGEROUS FLOW
Get ready for a summer gorge ... on water

O n Tuesday, June 26, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) began emergency repairs on the Control Gorge Power Plant in the Owens Gorge. The repairs require LADWP to divert water from the penstock into the channel.

“The penstock is the technical term for the big pipe that leads to the turbine,” said Bob Harrington, Inyo County Water Director. The diversion will increase the flow rate to ten times the normal amount. The average flow rate is 55 cubic feet per second (cfs). During repairs it could be as high as 500 cfs.

LADWP has given itself until September 5 to complete the project.

The start date of the higher flow rates has been delayed to mid-July. So if you want to float the Owens, better inflate your tubes now.

Harrington has a hunch the project could wrap up before September. He called the 71-day window, “the maximum amount of time,” they need.

Here’s some of the background about the gorge (A full report of the case law involving the Owens Gorge would sink an inner tube).

From a 2015 press release from the Mono County District Attorney’s office:

“In an historic agreement resolving litigation filed in 1991 by the Mono County District Attorney and Mono County, Los Angeles has now agreed to permanently

see OWENS, page 25
PARADE-Y

I did appreciate being asked to announce Mammoth’s 4th of July Parade after a year’s hiatus. No, I was not suspended last year for the use of performance-enhancing drugs - though one cannot argue about the enhancement provided by a Breakfast Club Bloody Mary.

I was actually disinvited in 2017 after a 12-year run or so because it is supposedly a wholesome family affair and the last thing the Chamber of Commerce or Mammoth Lakes Tourism or the Town or all the other humorless entities which contribute to my job satisfaction wanted was someone going off-script and telling jokes at their expense.

It’s almost like...you’ve got to kill off a town before you can rebuild it in Outside Magazine’s image, and the way to kill off a town is to rain someone going off-script and telling jokes at their expense.
MAMMOTH LAKES

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Dark thoughts swirled in her head as she started the afternoon’s work: “I’m going to get out of here. I don’t need to be here. Maybe, I signed up for the wrong thing.” But she didn’t walk off. She and her crew finished work on their section and headed down the trail to meet the supervisor and relax for the rest of the day. Dreams of dinner and the sunset danced in Vianzon’s head. The supervisor told them that they had done the project wrong, that they had to head back up the trail and make it right. Vianzon started calculating the distance to the nearest bus stop.

While fixing the mistakes, she calculated the distance to the nearest bus stop and practiced an ‘I quit’ speech. On her way to the supervisor, she ran into a woman working on a different section of the trail. “Before I even said anything, she was like, ‘Today sucked. Nobody waited for me. I was left at the back. I didn’t have time to eat my lunch before we had to go back to work. We didn’t do it right so we had to go back.’ It was the same exact story … at the end she said, ‘But I got through it. You’re going to get through it. We’re going to do this thing together.’ I didn’t even tell her how my day went because it didn’t even matter.”

She went on to work for CCC and even last year—after she had started ESCC—recruited and advised crews in the field and taught classes for it. “But I always thought I’d be so cool to have something local.” Vianzon wanted to focus on giving excluded populations, like the LGBTQ community, women, and women of color, opportunities to spend time in the wilderness and access to jobs in the outdoor recreation industry.

Access to wilderness and the backcountry is not equitable. She cited the fact that women of color are the least represented group in National Park employment and visitation. “Some of the contract work that ’the C’s’ does is CalTrans. I didn’t want to just get contracts that were going to put people on the side of the highway. I want to put you as far into the backcountry as I can.”

ESCC has introductory eight day trips, an eight day Women in the Wilderness program which focuses on basic backpacking skills and includes a couple days of trail work, and is introducing a Queers in the Wilderness program this summer. It will be ESCC’s first LGBTQ program. “I’m not necessarily looking to take over the conservation corps world,” Vianzon said. Eventually she would like to have one technical group roaming the state and to add more introductory trips areas like fire, rock climbing, habitat restoration.

To make programs accessible, ESCC provides transportation, and all the gear and food a participant needs. She just had a group leave for Kings Canyon for eight weeks. “For most of them it’ll be the first time they’ll be carrying that much weight.” She would like to give participated a national parks pass or let them take the gear home. For now, they leave with memories to turn into stories to turn into passions to continue to preserve public lands.

For more information, contact www.easternsierracc.org or call 760.935.3877.
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3:00 PM  Chihuahua Races in The Plaza
Roaming Stilt and Cirque Performers, DJ Rodney O in The Plaza
8:00 PM  Live Concert with Satsang On The Plaza Stage
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LIONS TAMED, BUT SMOKE NOT

Intermittent smoky conditions expected to persist for a few weeks.

By Miczulski

The Lions Fire which has plagued the Eastside with thick smoke for the past week, has burned 3,000-plus acres thus far.

Officially recognized on June 11th, the fire was reportedly created by lightning strikes in the Sierra National Forest near Lion Point in the Ansel Adams Wilderness.

Early reports stated the fire actually started June 1st. USFS Public Information Officer Kirstie Butler explained, “That was our best guess because we weren’t exactly sure when the lightning occurred that started it … because we haven’t had much lightning, but our best guess is the strike occurred around June 1st, but we won’t know for sure.”

It appears the fire simply wasn’t noticed or wasn’t taken seriously until it had grown out of hand. What was happening between June 1st and June 11th?

If there is a ten-day difference between when a fire started and when it was first reported, it seems like it could have been easily snuffed out before growing to 3,000-plus acres.

Whether it was deemed unthreatening or insignificant at its conception, it has now too big to ignore and the smoke is affecting the residents of Inyo and Mono counties.

Gabrielle Kenton, another USFS public information officer, was answering questions outside of Vons the afternoon of Wednesday June 27.

In regard to smoke affecting tourism and recreation, she said, “I know a lot of the visitors coming in are disappointed that they don’t feel like they can hike and breath.”

It’s still unknown how the fire will effect 4th of July plans and celebrations across the county. The fire’s containment date is being estimated around July 14. Visitors and residents should plan on a smokier than usual 4th of July.

After weeks of growing minimally, the fire eventually spread into the Inyo National Forest on June 22 and was reported at 1,000 acres on Monday June 25th. Strong winds and ample fuel supplied by deposits of red fir from the large blow-over event in 2011 caused the fire to grow to 3,007 acres as of June 28.

Kenton detailed the fire for the Sheet, “It’s a type 3, it’s more than the local forests could handle so they brought in a team. It’s not that kind of fire where there are concerns about evacuations. Between here and there (the fire) there’s a lot of old burns or really rocky areas where it’s not likely to get into and if it did, it would be easy to spot.”

The fire is burning in the rugged designated wilderness of the Stairway Creek drainage to the north and west of the Middle Fork of the San Joaquin River. This makes accessing the fire difficult for firefighters involved with containment.

Because the area affected is designated as wilderness by the Forest Service, firefighters are using MIST (Minimum Impact Suppression Tactics) This includes using natural barriers for containment lines and minimizing line construction, as well as only using hand construction crews.

Kenton explained that growth of the Lions Fire has slowed as of June 27th because the fire has reached old footprints from the 1992 Rainbow Fire and 2017 Butte Fire. She also noted, “There are a lot more rocky cliffs that it [the fire] is going to run up against. The crews are feeling pretty confident that they’re getting good barriers.”

She continued to comment on town concerns, “With the anticipated weather there aren’t red flag conditions here, but nearby there are, so with the high winds and very dry conditions the fire could move more but it’s also dependent on terrain and vegetation.

Butler also noted that fire retardant has not been used on the fire, all air drops have been water from the San Joaquin River.

The Pacific Crest Trail and the John Muir Trail are the most notable trails that are closest to the fire, and they remain open as of this writing. Lateral trails leading into the fire area will likely be closed in the near future as the fire runs its course. These lateral trails include:

Sierra NF: 26E01 (Mammoth Trail) to the Inyo NF Boundary, 26E56, 26E14, and 2646 from the Inyo NF boundary. Inyo NF trail closures include 26E01 from the Sierra NF to 2601 junction, and 2601 from the boundary of the Inyo NF and Devils Postpile National Monument (King Creek Trail).

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INYO SUPES SUPPORT TRIBAL GOV’T CANNABIS AUTHORITY

By James

The 109 federally recognized tribes in California were left out by the state regulators when it comes to recognizing that tribes should have the same local authority to license commercial cannabis businesses as cities and counties. To legally sell marijuana in California, businesses need a license from the state and the city or county where the will be operating. When the state began issuing licenses in January, many expected that licenses from sovereign tribal governments would function the same as a license from any city or county. Turns out that was simply not the case. The state claims its hands are tied.

Leaving out consideration of local sovereign tribal government authority (which some suspect was a deliberate move by state regulators) makes it difficult for the tribes to compete on an equal basis with state-licensed cannabis businesses by restricting the tribes to cannabis operations only on their own tribal land.

Some licensed state competitors claim that tribal exceptions from state income taxes give the tribes an unfair competitive advantage that will undercut prices and lower profit margins.

At Tuesday’s Board of Supervisor meeting, Inyo County District 5 Supervisor Matt Kingsley told his fellow supervisors that he strongly supports a change to recognize tribes’ licensing authority like those already granted to cities, the counties and the state. He asked his colleagues to officially support efforts by Assemblyman Rob Bonta, D-Alameda, under Assembly Bill 924 that, if successful, will give that same authority over sales outside the reservations through Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreements that promise the state and local governments a share of taxes to support services such as public safety, health programs, and other issues that might arise from the activity, like agreements already used for Indian casinos.

Under AB 924, tribes would be issued state licenses and must meet or exceed the state’s public health and safety standards for cannabis businesses, track and trace products, report sales to the state, undergo regular audits, conduct background checks and work exclusively with other state-licensed operators, explained John Vallejo, Asst. Inyo County Counsel.

The letter of support, recognizing the main objectives of the county’s interest and commitment in working with the tribes, was unanimously approved by the supervisors.

FIREWORKS PROHIBITED IN THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES

All fireworks are prohibited in the Town of Mammoth Lakes. In addition, personal use of fireworks is prohibited in the non-incorporated areas of Mono County, on the Inyo National Forest (INF) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands.

NEW INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

The new inclusive playground at Mammoth Creek Park will provide opportunities for physical, social, emotional, sensory, cognitive, and communicative benefits of play for all abilities. Join us for a ribbon cutting ceremony on the 4th of July immediately following the parade.

CELEBRATE PARK AND RECREATION MONTH

July is National Park and Recreation Month. This year, the Town of Mammoth Lakes celebrates a ‘Lifetime of Discovery.’ Explore local parks and recreation with a variety of exciting events and activities planned for residents and visitors of all ages and abilities. Visit: www.Mammothparksandrec.com for details!

July 11: Planning and Economic Development Commission Meeting Suite Z, 2 p.m.

July 18: Town Council Meeting Suite Z, 5:30 p.m.

August 7: Recreation Commission Meeting Suite Z, 9 a.m.

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Rescue at Crystal Crag

Mono County Search and Rescue (SAR) volunteers spent more than 57 combined hours rescuing an injured hiker from Crystal Crag on Sunday according to a Sheriff’s Dept. press release.

On the morning of June 24, SAR was called to aide in the rescue of a 25-year-old female who had sustained a possible broken ankle at Crystal Lake in the Mammoth Lakes Basin. She and a friend had almost sum-
mited the Crag when a boulder dis-
lodged and struck her ankle. With the help of her friend and fellow climbers they were able to lower her off the Crag to the base, while the SAR team as-
sembled at Lake George.

The hiker was successfully transport-
ed by wheeled litter down to the Lake George staging area, where her friend then transported her to Mammoth Hospital for treatment.

Busy Bishop P.D.

On the evening of Tuesday, June 26, Bishop Police Officers were dispatched to a County Facility located in the City Limits regarding an investigation into the use of marijuana. Officers recovered 1.8 ounces of marijuana from the location and were able to contact and identify the subject who had been in possession of the marijuana.

During the investigation, the subject, Andrew Sexton, 19 of Bishop, admit-
ted to two burglaries believed to have occurred on separate days earlier in the week. One burglary had been unreported, but officers were able to identify and contact the homeowners. Officers were able to confirm that the male Sexton was in possession of had been stolen from the victims’ residence.

During the second burglary, the resident woke up to discover Sexton in his home. This resulted in a brief altercation, and the suspect fleeing. In this case, the suspect was known to the homeowner and no other damage was taken from the residence.

Sexton was charged with burglary, probation violation and possession of more than an ounce of marijuana and transported to the Inyo County Jail.

In an unrelated case, on the same day, Bishop Police were notified of a two vehicle traffic collision in the area of the 200 block of See Vee Lane. California Highway Patrol, Symons Ambulance and Bishop Fire personnel responded and were unable to locate any involved parties after all had left the scene. CHP Officers located one of the involved vehicles near the 2200 North Sierra Highway, and the male driver had been injured.

It was determined that the accident had occurred on Home Street and Bishop Police Officers were notified and arrived on scene. Through their investigation, it was learned that both drivers were involved in an ongoing domestic disturbance, and one subject was chasing the other throughout the area when the collision occurred.

It was determined that the male driver caused his vehicle to make con-
tact with the female’s vehicle, causing himself injuries. The male driver also threw an item from his vehicle at the victim’s vehicle, causing damage.

Both individuals had been involved in a physical altercation before the col-
lision, and the female received injuries. Two juveniles were in the vehicle with the victim but were not harmed.

Benjamin Cory Allen, 37 of Bishop was arrested after receiving medical treatment for his injuries and equipped with domestic battery, child endanger-
ment, vandalism and throwing an item at a vehicle with the intent to cause great bodily injury.

Continuing with the Tuesday hot streak, in a separate incident, Bishop Police made contact with a known male probationer late at night after it was believed he was seen by an officer urinating in public. The probationer was detained, searched and found to be in possession of marijuana in his car.

Shane Allen Ensor, 39 of Bishop, was subsequently arrested and charged with possession of a controlled sub-
stance.

VET NEEDS UNMET

By Bodine

Finding a place to live on the Eastside is difficult-to-impossible with low inventory and high demand.

Some residents are resorting to living outside or in their cars while they wait for a vacancy.

There are approximately 50 home-
less veterans in Inyo County and 20 in Mono, according to figures from the latest Point in Time Homeless Count. It’s an annual count performed by local Health and Human Service agencies.

To meet this need, Inyo County is trying to secure funding for a 17-unit housing complex, located next to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Post 8988 on First Street in Bishop.

Jessica Allman, Inyo and Mono County Veterans Services Representative, told The Sheet, the project is in the infant stages of filling out applications for grants, but she said she’s found a source of money for housing, thanks to advice and assistance from Larry Emerson, Housing and Planning Director for the Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action, or IMACA.

Allman said the public will also be solicited for project funding.

The housing would not just for

homeless vets, but all veterans, Allman explained. It could be used as transitional housing, a place to stay while permanent digs are established, or a place to get on with life.

Many veterans have fought for our country only to leave the service with a zero credit rating and no housing references. That was Allman’s situation when she returned from duty in Ger-
manny and she struggled to find a place.

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“I’ll get six of my best guys right on it.” (Biger works alone. One-man shop).

“No job too big. No fee too big.” (Self-explanatory).

“Come to Mammoth on vacation. Leave on probation.” (Also self-explanatory).

And then the final one, just to illustrate that Biger’s a real softie. “It doesn’t cost money to be nice. Being nice is the only thing in life that’s free.”

It therefore follows that the home Mike and his wife Karen are selling on Shady Rest Rd. is indeed not free. But it is well-appointed and well-kept (thank Karen for that. The only thing Mike’s ever done on the house is the sod - a 20th century project) and has proven to be a wonderful place for the Fiebigers to raise their two daughters Mishelle and Brittany over the past two-plus decades.

But now it’s time for the downsize phase, which will ultimately be followed by the retire in Mexico phase. What they’ve really enjoyed about their home of 22 years is the neighborhood. It’s beautiful and quiet, no rentals, a true family neighborhood. “The only tourists you see are lost,” says Mike.

“And we used to have nice view of Mammoth Mountain,” says Karen, “Until the trees grew too tall.”

The fenced-in backyard is perfect for dogs and children, and the home has been the site of countless haunted houses and birthday parties.

When asked how long they’ve been married, both answered in unison, “Too long.” Which is exactly why they’re still married (27 years). When asked what the key to a successful marriage is, Biger deadpanned, “Coors Light.”

When asked where they met, Mike said, “I was a bouncer at Whiskey Creek … that’s where she fell in love with me.” Insert dizzying eye roll from Karen.

Biger has a notorious soft spot for his daughters, all protestations to the contrary. He often refers to himself as the “Human Versatel” and says that the girls are constantly hitting him up for money.

“That’s because they know better than to ask me,” pipes up Karen. “Mike’s the one who gives them everything.”

Case in point: When the girls were attending Mammoth High School, you’d often see Biger pulling in to the MHS parking lot to drop off a Starbucks order.

“The cord will never be cut,” he laments. “They’re gonna be married with children and still calling me to get them winter tires.”

But when I called him last week about one of my cars, Biger replied, “I’m on the golf course with my daughter. Just wait ’til your daughters grow up and can play golf with you. It’s the best.”

I suppose the point of this story is that Mammoth is the perfect place to raise kids, if you’re lucky enough and plucky enough to pull it off. And if you buy this house, well, you know it has a good track record.

Note the July 4 open house from 9 a.m. ’til 4 p.m. The house is within easy walking distance of the parade route (and the Lions Club pancake breakfast) from Mammoth Mall. Call Karen for more information and/or to set up future viewings.
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Center of Town • Quiet Cul de Sac
A new breed of buyer is emerging in Mammoth's real estate market, according to Broker/Realtor Matthew Lehman. "We have a new breed of buyer," he says simply. "It's shifted from second home buying to more of an investor-buyer. And I don't think they spend as much time up here. Nor are they particularly concerned about comparable sales. In the past, buyers would look closely at that. Now? 80% of buyers want to know about the property's income data, and if the property doesn't have income data, they want comparable income data. Some sort of projection... They want a number."

"It's a business deal versus an emotional connection," says Lehman. "So it's not even so much about location, location, location as it is about income, income, income."

"And it also shows that there is a higher need than ever when it comes to marketing," he continued. "People get turned off now by that 'homemade' look... they [the new breed] want to know what they're buying before they ever step foot in town."

"When they get here, their search-es are very targeted," he says. "In the past, a buyer might look at a dozen places. Now... they've been sitting on their computers in L.A. or San Diego and they're targeted maybe two or three properties. That's all they want to look at."

And they're not bashful about walking away if those properties don't meet their expectation, says Lehman.

In terms of where the local market stands today, the median single family home price ($810,000) is up 12% for the year. The median condo price ($390,000) is also up 12%. Ashley Toups, a realtor in Lehman's office, says condos have appreciated steadily at 2% per month over the past 18 months.

How long will the trend last? "I think the appreciation will slow because of competition," observes Lehman.

What are some of the hot spots? "Close to the Village but not in the Village is very desirable right now," he says. "It's hard to get lending on hotel condos so you have to come in at a higher down," he explained.

Speaking of condo hotels, Lehman says an idea being pitched for the corner of Main and Minaret where Nevada's sits is that of a "Yotel." Huh?

He says the concept has been successful in Park City, where Replay built "The Pad." The units are 200 to 300-square feet in size. So they're small, but of good quality. A nice bed. A nice room.

The selling points are the location and the communal amenities - the outside, social environment. Per square foot, sure, the price is pretty darn high, but... the absolute price is pretty reasonable. "Even a local could get into one of these," says Lehman. "Think of Bruce Willis' apartment in the Fifth Element," he adds.
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MISSED OPPORTUNITIES AND TODAY’S WISH LIST

Paul Oster

Looking at your LinkedIn page it looks like you were intimately involved in the Village planning some 25 years ago. So with new Ski Area ownership and new development possible in Mammoth’s future, what do you think worked in the Village and what didn’t?

Mammoth has plenty of good to offer, and some bad. But the unfortunate part is the lost opportunity. I’m not sure we’ll get it right the second time, or even if there will be a second time. But we might have a chance.

Today’s Village has plenty of good to offer, and some bad. But the unfortunate part is the lost opportunity. And it wasn’t planned that way. The second North Village Specific Plan process that culminated in 1994 was always enough time to do it right the first time, but always enough time to do it right the second time.” Our current town topology is the ice rink and the TBID and events venues and TOT generation and the public officials and local residents. Much of what he planned back then exists today but with some very critical differences. One of his resort planning theories was that the visitor environment was ripe for it to happen. And thankfully the Town didn’t cower. And the Village Gondola was the epitome of what works/doesn’t work. It is almost the gondola to nowhere. It looks good in the brochures. The Intrawest condo hotel buyers were sold the vision that the gondola from both Eagle and the Village would merge and move up to the saddle between Chairs 10 and 5 where there would be a restaurant and nightclub. The gondola would also go to the top of the mountain. That has been the plan for 20 years. Nobody wants to spend the money to complete the vision. Why is this so important? Today, “mobility” is one of the biggest buzz words in mountain resort communities. It is about access, convenience and service. It is what the customer wants and for them it warrants the price of admission. It is more than just good shuttles (which Mammoth has). It is about getting to the ski runs quickly and comfortably. Modern resorts do it with high-speed gondolas. Anybody who regularly skis Mammoth Mountain knows that getting onto the Resort is less than friendly. Especially if you’re a little late. Or if you don’t have your proven “plan” working. At busier periods it is utter mayhem. But we’re just so used to it. We’ve gotten used to it. I consider it a form of customer abuse.

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for the Town. It is also a significant (and profitable) revenue source for Alterra.

The Village plaza is also a vibrant locale for year round entertainment and events. Beck positioned it in the sun for good reason. The events do draw local residents and visitors alike. It works well. But the size and exposure to weather create limitations. Having an adjacent and enclosed venue would be ideal.

The expanded future of the Village and the whole North Village Specific Plan area is really unknown. Alterra has other lodging development opportunities coming in the future and we can capitalize on those opportunities.

Happy Fourth of July!!

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TIME TO SET FOOT ON EARTH AGAIN?

By Casselman

Since election night, 2016, many Democrats have been on a fantasy flight at zero gravity somewhere in space. It’s time for them to return to earth and set foot on solid ground again.

After a political baptism in controversy and congressional stalemate throughout most of 2017, President Donald Trump and his Republican colleagues are enjoying a remarkable series of political victories, some of which were enabled by many Democrats abandoning the fields of political battle for a chartered flight of denial in the clouds.

Elections mean a lot more than just getting the most votes. They give power to the winners. This had been true in 2008 when the Democrats took back the White House. Republicans, of course, were not happy, and some of them got sidetracked in an empty controversy over a birth certificate.

But after Obamacare was pushed through the Congress, the GOP eschewed a flight into denial space, and went to work. Capitalizing on the unpopularity of Obamacare, they won mid-terms in 2010 and 2014, and almost defeated a sitting president in 2012.

Even the latter defeat did not prevent an upset victory four years later by Mr. Trump.

The most current consequences of conservative election victories come from the non-elected branch of government which the elected branches have the power to appoint and confirm, the U.S. Supreme Court.

Within only a few days, this court handed down historic decisions on the president’s travel ban, the rights of pro-life clinics, and the rights of non-union public employees not to be forced to pay union dues. In spite of being heralded as a “swing” vote on the nation’s highest court, Justice Anthony Kennedy joined the conservative majority on all three votes.

His replacement, to be named by President Trump, will almost certainly strengthen the conservative majority.

There will be a partisan battle over whomever the president nominates, but even if the confirmation vote is delayed until after the mid-term election, a credible conservative will take Justice Kennedy’s place.

These developments, welcomed by most conservatives, are equally and understandably disliked by most liberals.

The problem for the latter is that the Democratic Party seems, in the current primary nominating season, to be moving strongly and often to the left. This movement pleases some in the Democratic base, but faces opposition from many in the liberal mainstream. Most risky of all, it might well turn away otherwise sympathetic independent voters, usually the key group to winning competitive elections.

Republicans have only a narrow majority in the U.S. senate, but they have a clear advantage in the 2018 races, where so many more Democratic incumbent senate seats are up for re-election. U.S. House members do not confirm presidential appointments, including Supreme Court nominees. U.S. Senators do.

Wafts of socialist and other radical programs are filling reports from many primary contests in several states, egged on by some of the most prominent potential 2020 Democratic presidential nominees. These would seem to be cases of new political flights into electoral denial.

The argument for a mid-term “blue wave” is now seemingly evaporating. Is another kind of wave on the horizon?
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The communities of the Owens Valley have lost one of their champions. Cora Anna Williams, mother, grandmother, friend, and former co-owner of Joseph’s Bi-Rite Market in Bishop and Lone Pine has died.

Born on January 24, 1933, Cora passed away on June 17, at Renown Hospital in Reno, surrounded by her family. She was 85.

“Mom, was a big believer in community,” said son, Marty Williams. “She was a warm-hearted human being who never forgot anybody.”

She was dedicated to donating to local Little Leagues and softball clubs and bowling teams back in the day. Boys and Girls Scouts, the Mural Society, Mono Lake Committee and was a member of the Elks Club and Hospital Auxiliary. The walls of the market, a staple of the Owens Valley since 1895, were covered with pictures of local Future Farmers of America and 4-H livestock and the animals raised by local students the couple had purchased.

“Providing service to the community was in her heart,” Marty said.

“She loved Bishop and the Owens Valley and Inyo County, she loved it all,” said daughter Lisa Pittman.

Born to Raymond and Tilda Hamby in Aldridge, Miaaouri, she was the youngest of four children and the only daughter. She moved to Ojai with her family and graduated at the top of her class from Nordhoff High School in Ojai, in 1951.

She met her husband, Monte Williams in Ojai when he returned from the Korean War. They married at the Little Chapel Around the Corner in Las Vegas. Cora helped Monte manage a small grocery store in Ojai but her time was quickly consumed by their five children, Marty, Lorie, Larry, Lisa and Mona.

Monte went to work for Nason Tobey in Ojai. Tobey bought Joseph’s Bi-Rite in Bishop and asked Monte to move to the Sierra and work at the store in 1969. Cora worked as a secretary at Petroleum Gas Company in the early ’70s until she and Monte purchased Joseph’s in 1976.

She was the store bookkeeper for 42 years. All of the Williams children and many of their kid’s spouses and their children have worked at the store, some for a short stint, and some like Marty who worked at the family store for 44 years, longer than his mother.

Lisa’s husband Dale Pittman worked at Joseph’s for 38 years, “They treated me like one of their own sons ... that’s why we worked so hard.”

Nobody worked harder than Cora, though, Marty said his parents worked too much. But the two also had their fun and they did some traveling. “She kissed the Blarney Stone and saw the Panama Canal.” Dale said the family would always get together for dinner on Saturday nights, but as Monte and Cora got older, the family would leave earlier and earlier, to let them get some rest.

Dale said the joke was that the two were taking advantage of that time alone. Marty said Cora had to work even harder after Monte died in November 2015.

The store sold on March 17 of this year and Cora retired, or only worked five hours a day closing out the business, said daughter Lisa. Cora died three months later.

Cora and Monte believed in having a grocery store in the middle of town but could have sold to Dollar General at one point and made a mint, but they remained stern on keeping it a grocery store and turned the offer down. Marty said he overheard one of his siblings say after Cora had passed, “She’s going to find Dad and give him hell [about not taking the dollar General offer].”

Cora loved working in the garden at her home on Irene Way and having Sunday brunch with Monte. Going to the hair salon on Wednesdays was a staple.

Cora is preceded in death by her husband, Monte; parents, Raymond and Tilda; brothers, Robert and Gene and daughter, Lorie Kay. Cora is survived by son, Marty and wife, Marcy Williams, their two children Cory Williams and Ashley Diaz (Williams) and her husband Rene Diaz; their children, Andrew; Bonnie, Isabel, Jolie, and Ashlyn; grandchildren, Samantha Nelums, Jeff Nelums and his wife, Brefame Nelums; son, Larry Williams; daughter, Lisa and husband, Dale Pittman; their three children Elizabeth Pittman, Dale Pittman Jr. and Heidi Taylor (Pittman) and her husband, Dustin Taylor; their two children, Brooke and Austin; daughter, Mona and her husband, Pedro Velazquez; their children, Miranda Curtis, Connie, Abby and Brenton Velazquez; brother, Bill Hamby and Gwen; sister-in-law, Katie Williams and many nieces and nephews.

Her service will take place on Saturday, July 7, at 11 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 205 N Fowl er, Bishop, with a graveside service to follow at East Line Street Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in honor of Cora to Northern and Southern Inyo Hospitals Ladies Auxiliary Equipment Fund.
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NEEDED: A BETTER E-XPLANATION

By Benham

The Mammoth Lakes Recreation Commission met Tuesday at nine in the morning. And Recreation Commission Chairman Chris Osborne wonders why the public doesn’t attend the meetings.

At 9 a.m. on a Tuesday … Joel Rathje, Town of Mammoth Lakes Trails Coordinator, gave a presentation on e-bikes. It was the same one he gave to Town Council on May 16. He told the commission that he’d submitted a formal request to Inyo National Forest to modify the town’s use permit to allow class 1 e-bikes on the town’s multi-use paths. He displayed a handout created by Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access (MLTPA) titled, “Riding E-Bikes in Mammoth What You Need to Know.”

“Good accurate information on one page,” Rathje said. “We want people to have fun in the right places.”

He showed pictures of the new ‘no e-bike signs’ which have been posted around town.

Osborne asked if speeding e-bikes were a safety issue. Rathje responded: “I don’t see a difference between an e-bike and a non-motorized bike because the physics are the same.” Speed is speed. He went on to call the speeding problem “Darwinian (?)” then the weight of regular bikes, and are being discussed problem.

He went on to call the speed of e-bikes “ah, here they are.”

Walt Palazzo, a manager at Footloose, said e-bike rentals had been “less than expected.” Neither Palazzo or Nedeleff has had any problems with renters violating path use rules or at least they haven’t been caught.

Talk turned to disc golf. The current course currently under Forest Service review).”

The Club and the town have given up on the current course. The club said that, “Pacing a road, building rest rooms, and an environmental impact report on the current most popular course would be prohibitively expensive.”

Town Parks and Recreation Director Stu Brown said that the town doesn’t have any money set aside for the project, but has been working on it anyway. “We are trying to thread the needle between sensitive sites,” Rathje said. The Town and Club are working with an Inyo National Forest environmental report. Travis Mason, INF Recreation Officer, is currently reviewing it.

Brown and Haslip Hayes, Engineering Manager for the town, gave an update on the stalled Multi-Use Facility. According to Hayes, steel tariffs remain the biggest cost obstacle.

The smaller NHL rink doesn’t. Alternatives were presented. Alternative 1 eliminates the roof on the rink, but eliminates the community center. The community center being a lobby with a big desk, a community room, a storage room, men’s and women’s locker rooms, an office and concessions.

“Community center” is a stretch. The trees in the dividers of the Vons parking lot don’t make it a park. Alternative 1 still has locker rooms, rental and concession areas.

Alternative 2 eliminates the roof and keeps the “community center.” In addition, the rink would be reduced to NHL from Olympic size, which affects summer programming. The larger Olympic-sized rink accommodates three tennis courts, or three basketball courts, or three indoor soccer courts. The smaller NHL rink doesn’t.

Osborne wants politicians, stakeholders and the public to stop talking about the project as an ice rink. To her, calling it an ice rink disseminates misinformation. “If we don’t have the multi-use facility, we are doing a disservice to the public,” she said. Betsy Truax, Recreation Commission Chairwoman, and Laurel Martin, Recreation Commissioner, agreed. Town staff will take the proposed alternatives to Town Council in August.

The new handicap accessible playground in Mammoth Creek Park will open on July 4. Enrique Velos, carpenter and installer with Child’s Play Commercial Playgrounds and Park Fixtures, says the project is the biggest handicap accessible playground he has built.

This past year, the town has invested $750,000 in maintenance on park facilities.
**UP IN SMOKE?**
How much effect do wildfires and air quality have on the bottom line?

By Ben Trefry

This week, the talk of the town has been the smoke from the Lions Fire southwest of Mammoth Lakes. As of press time, the smoke was clearing up, but with the 2018 fire season just beginning after a fairly dry winter, there will likely be many more fires like it. Just as the Eastern Sierra gets greater and greater tourist visitation, the landmarks those tourists come to visit are getting harder and harder to see through a haze of wildfire smoke.

“We knew something was going on as soon as we got up here,” says Christi Gilbert, visiting from Tecopa, which is four to five hours away. “I feel for the people who come from really far away. They come up here to see the beauty, and darn, it’s smoky again!”

Likely due to climate change, fires in California have become much more common and severe in the past few decades. Even though this decade still has two fire seasons to go before it’s over, it has already seen more acreage burned by wildfires than any other decade in recorded history, according to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy. Within 30 years, the Sierra Nevada Conservancy also estimates that carbon emissions from California wildfires will be up 24% from 1961-1990 levels.

Upon discovering how smoky the normally beautiful Eastern Sierra is, “people are definitely a little bit disappointed,” said Lily Pastel, Information Center and Bookstore manager appointed, “said Lily Pastel, Information Center and Bookstore manager.

Pastel says many people who have visited Mono County recommend it to their friends, only to have the friend visit during a smoky period, making it hard to see what’s so great about the Eastern Sierra.

“The longer the smoke persists the more impact it will have on reservations. In the past we have seen people shorten their stays and even cancel future reservations if they feel the smoke will disrupt their vacation,” said Lara Kaylor, Director of Communication for Mammoth Lakes Tourism.

In speaking with tourists at popular recreation sites, this definitely seemed to be the case. John Lee, visiting from Gardnerville with his wife, daughter, and granddaughter, says he’s considering heading home early because of the smoke.

The family had been planning to visit Yosemite and El Capitan, but the billowing plume they saw while hiking made them decide to stay in Lundy Canyon, where the air is a bit clearer than farther south.

“It’s definitely changing the way people visit the area… I wouldn’t normally take my family up to Bodie, but that’s what we did because of the smoke,” says Pastel. Jeff Sasseen of Littlerock, Calif. is always determined to carry on with his plans, despite having encountered travel delays due to wildfires many times in the past, such as the detour he had to take during the Marina Fire near Lee Vining.

“Somewhere between where we live and here, just about every time there’s smoke coming from somewhere,” he told the Sheet after reeling in a greedy fish that was hooked on both his and his fishing partner’s lines. “You just have to deal with it, turn on some Jimmy Buffett.”

While areas such as the southern Mono Basin were inundated with thick smoke this week, the air in northern Mono County was fairly clear. Just five miles uphill from 395 near Mono Lake, the air in Lundy Canyon was fresh and the view of the Sierra Crest was clear of smoke. By looking at webcams, checking the wind direction, and ascending to higher elevation, it is often possible to avoid the worst of the smoke.

Most of the smoke in the Eastern Sierra experiences during the summer is from natural fires. However, as we reported in the June 9 issue of the Sheet, the Forest Service’s new emphasis on prescribed burns will create slightly more smoke in the short term in order to reduce smoke and fire in the long term.

“Is this a good bargain? Gilbert thinks not. “I wish they would stop controlled burns,” she said. “I don’t like them one bit. Never have, never will,” The Lions Fire is not a prescribed fire, but has been managed to reduce fuels, rather than snuffing it out as quickly as possible.

The Lions Fire was officially recognized on June 11. It started from lightning strikes.

If anything, the increasing negative impacts that smoke has on the Eastern Sierra is making tourists more conscious of fire safety.

“I’m really careful with fires,” said Gilbert. “As far as I know, I’ve never started one.”
BRACING FOR THE BIG BOYS

**By Bodine**

A corporate-owned mega Starbucks will open this fall in the former McDonalds building at the east end of town and a 19,850 square foot Grocery Outlet is currently being built on Old Mammoth Road adjacent to the Shellmart.

The supermarket is slated to open by mid-January, 2019, a representative from Grocery Outlet stated in an email to The Sheet. The store will employ 25 to 40.

Grocery Outlet Construction Manager Pat Davis told the Mammoth Lakes Planning and Economic Development Commission in June 2017 that the local store and market was neither to big nor too small but a perfect fit for the company. Davis could not be reached for comment for this story.

A Grocery Outlet of the same size will open in Bishop in mid-March and will employ the same number of people. The Bishop site will be located on Wye Road, near the intersection of Highways 395 and 6 at the north end of town.

Mammoth Starbucks is an apt description. The remodeled store will have 4,435-square feet of space. The building is large; the former Mc-

Oscar Lopez, Foreman for AG Demolition and Justin Ratts (right), Superintendent of PR Construction.

Donalds had an indoor playground and two dining areas. Justin Ratts, of PR Construction and superintendent for the interior remodeling and construction said this is his fifteenth corporate remodel for Starbucks, and Mammoth is by far the biggest building yet.

The store will have a mountain cabin feel, Ratts said with exposed beams and plenty of wood, a fireplace and a conference room.

Ratts said the store is set to open on September 27, before the end of the company’s fiscal year.

Developer Steve Selcer of the Selcer Group and owner of the property told The Sheet that his responsibility on the property includes the site work, the painting, the boulders and parking lot, is set to be complete by the second week in July.

His tenant, Starbucks, is remodeling the inside, to the tune of over a $1 million. Starbucks wouldn’t confirm the cost of the tenant improvements.

Selcer claimed it is one of the most expensive retrofits in company history.

“They believe in Mammoth, if they didn’t, they wouldn’t be here,” says Selcer.

A spokesperson for Starbucks told The Sheet in an email that the new store will employ about 30 people.
The agreement “protects the habitat,” Parmenter said, “and keep a close watch on trout.”

Philip Anaya—concerned citizen, carpenter and long-time angler—is worried about the fish, specifically brown trout. “I’m afraid it’s going to be a crummy,” he said.

“I would expect the projected flows—such as we have heard described—would do more to benefit than harm the fishery,” Parmenter said. “Your readers may be concerned that a longer duration at 450 cfs may produce more channel change than the prescribed, but shorter exposure to 700 cfs,” Parmenter said. “In context, prior to construction of Crowley Lake, the average year saw at least 30 consecutive days of flow in excess of 379 cfs. Peak flows in excess of 450 cfs occurred annually (on average), and 950 cfs was exceeded—sometimes by a large margin—in 1 of every 10 years.”

“In the long run, he said, “the underlying hard structure of the channel, formed by vastly more powerful historic flows, will persist. Flow variation, including uncommonly high flows, is part of a dynamic healthy, and naturally functioning river.” Has DWP followed the California Environmental Quality Act’s statutes and guidelines or filed a negative declaration?

LADWP needs to complete and file an environmental report and submit it to the county before it can start the project. Harrington hasn’t seen anything. Neither has Anaya. The flow schedule depends on “how repairs proceed,” Harrington said. According to Harrington, DWP cannot produce an accurate hydrograph (chart of flows), because the agency is unsure about the details.

Fred Stump, Mono County Supervisor, said that LADWP hadn’t filed any CEQA reviews that are required as for most projects. Inyo County Recorder Clerk Brenda Delgado hadn’t received any documentation as of Wednesday, June 27. Stump and Anaya suspect LADWP might be abusing the term ‘emergency repairs’ to avoid doing CEQA environmental reviews. Stump said that Mono County attorneys will look into how this project might impact the 2015 settlement between the county and DWP regarding habitat in the Owens Gorge. “Every time they take the short term approach they lose,” said Stump, referring to court decisions that have scolded LADWP for environmental violations.

I’m an old fly fisherman. I’m afraid it’s going to wash trout out.

-Philip Anaya
**Calendar of Events**

**Bars & Music**

**Happy Hour/ The Liberty Sports Bar and Grill.** Pursuit of Happiness Hour: 3-6 p.m., Mon.-Thurs. 5 p.m. to close. More info: See ad, p. 20.

**Mammoth Rock ‘N Bowl** Happy hour 5-7:30 p.m. daily. 2 for 1 bowling. Location: Mammoth Rock ’n Bowl.

**Petra’s Bistro & Wine Bar** Happy hour 5-7 p.m. daily. $5-10 menu items and drink specials. More info: See ad, p. 18.

**Clocktower Cellar** Happy Hour 4:30-7 p.m. daily. $5 menu items, drink specials. More info: See ad, p. 18.

**East Side Bake Shop.** Open Thursday-Sunday. Live Music and dinner every Saturday. See ad, p. 10.

**Roberto’s** 4-6 p.m. daily.

**Austria Hof Happy hour** 5-7:30 p.m. daily. Tuesday: Baja fish tacos, $3.50. Thursday: Poki tacos 3/5. More info: See ad, p. 20.

**SAMURAI.** Mon.-Thurs. 5 p.m.-close. 20% off all alcohol in bar. Karaoke Night every Fri. and Sat. starting June 29-1-11:30 p.m.

**Whitehurst Restaurant Bar & Lounge** Unwind with daily drink and food specials 4-6 p.m. Also: Parent’s Night Out for month of June. Three course meal. Complimentary valet, glass of champagne. Free childcare at Westin Kid’s Club. 4 p.m.-midnight.

**Mammoth’s famous Slocums Happy Hour** Mon. thru Fri 4-6 p.m.; Saturdays 4-5 p.m. Closed Sun. More info: See ad, p. 9.

**Happy Hour @ The Bistro at Snowcreek.** 3:30-6:30 p.m. daily. Mammoth Tavern Happy Hour Tuesday-Sunday 3:30-5:30 p.m. Closed Mondays.

**Smokeyard weekend Happy Hour** 4-6 p.m. in the bar only.

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

**Black Doubt Brewing Company** Open mic on Mondays.

**Friday, June 29/ The Chimpz play Rafters. Starts 10 p.m.**

**June 30-July 2/ Silent DJ in the Village at Mammoth plaza. 5-9 p.m.**

**Saturday, June 30/ Driftwood Creek plays East Side Bake Shop at McGee Creek. Dine from 5-9 p.m.**

**Mammoth Celebrates the Arts** show, hosted by Mono Arts Council.

**Sunday, July 1/ The Village Summer Movie Series.** Film: Despicable Me 3 (PG). Start time: 8 p.m. Location: Mammoth Plaza.

**Monday, July 2/ Mono Basin Historical Society meeting.** Time: 6-8 p.m. Location: Lee Vining Community Center, Matty Avenue, Lee Vining. Potluck dinner followed by Daniel Pritchett-led program regarding the infamous 1861 voter fraud scandal in Mono County.

**Trout Fest** at Hot Creek Fish Hatchery. Touch a fish, taste a fish, feed a fish, catch a fish. Organized by California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife. Fishing for 15 & under. Gear provided. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Info: troutfest@wildlife.ca.gov/760.534.2664. Directions: Just south of Mammoth Lakes. Airport turnoff.

**MONO COUNTY**

**Mammoth Lakes Housing Board** meets 6 p.m. in Suite Z, Minaret Mall, Mammoth.

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**TOWN STUFF**

**June 30-July 1/ Bridgeport Bistro, at Centennial Ranch. Info: sidebar column next page**

**Saturday, June 30/ Foster Care Resource Family BBQ Social.** Time: Noon-3 p.m. Location: Mono Lake Park. See p. 20.

**Bridgeport Trails Day.** Time: 9 a.m. Location: meet at Mono Village parking lot at Upper Twin Lake, 13425 Twin Lakes Rd., Bridgeport. Gloves and tools provided.

**Families Belong Together rally** (in response to U.S. border policy) at Bishop City Park. Starts 9 a.m. Music, speakers, coffee, doughnuts, ideas. Interpretive Hike at Rock Creek Lakes Resort, led by Friends of the Inyo. Time: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Location: 1 Rock Creek Rd. Bishop. Bring lunch. Trout Fest. At Hot Creek Fish Hatchery. Touch a fish, taste a fish, feed a fish, catch a fish. Organized by California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife. Fishing for 15 & under. Gear provided. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Info: troutfest@wildlife.ca.gov/760.534.2664. Directions: Just south of Mammoth Lakes. Airport turnoff.

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**Mammoth Liquor**

Beer lovers’ candy store
Selection of more than 300 beers
SUMMER = THE PERFECT TIME TO BE SINGLE & WE SELL PICK-UP BEER

934-6260
Main St. Next to Rick’s
**Lions Club Pancake Breakfast**

The Mammoth Lakes Lions Club presents the 4th of July All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast. Breakfast includes orange juice, coffee, two sausages and all the pancakes you can eat.

Adults $12. Children (under 12) $8.

In the Mammoth Mall Parking Lot from 7-11 a.m. Bring used eye-glasses to donate.

**Jazz Weekend**

July 6-8 is Mammoth Jazz Weekend. On Friday and Saturday, the Village hosts JazzFest, a collaboration of Contemporary, Fusion, Latin and other genres. A wine walk begins the festivities ($35/person). The concerts are non-ticketed and free. Visit mammothjazzfest.org for the lineup and schedule.

On Sunday, the celebration moves to Hayden Cabin for Jazz by the Creek, presented by the Southern Mono Historical Society. There will be jazz, food and beer tasting. Food and beer for purchase, a bar, a dessert buffet and dancing. The event begins at noon and ends at 10 p.m. Visit mammothmuseum.org/jazz/ for the event schedule.

**July 3-4 @ Village at Mammoth**

There's always something happening in the Village. On the 3rd, there's duck races, chihuahua races, live music and fireworks. On the 4th, enjoy the post-parade all-American picnic. For details, see ad page 5.

**Foster Care Resource Family BBQ**

Join Mono County Social Services at Mono Lake Park for a free BBQ on Saturday, June 30. The event is open for anyone interested in learning more about foster care. The BBQ starts at noon and goes until 3. There will be games for all ages. Mono Lake Park is located on the north end of Mono Lake off Cemetery Drive. Please RSVP to Mono County Social Services at 760.924.1790.

**Bridgeport Ranch Rodeo**

Two days of rodeo at the Centennial Ranch, in Bridgeport. The event takes place Saturday, June 30 and Sunday, July 1. There will be bronc riding, team roping, steer wrestling, branding, ranch horse class, doctoring, cow stealing and ladies jackpot steer stopping. The action starts at 11 a.m. both days.

Centennial Ranch is located on Twin Lakes Rd. and Hwy. 395 in Bridgeport. For more info, call Kim Bunn at 760.616.4079 or email her at kimbunn777@gmail.com.

**Bishop Fireworks**

... are sponsored by the Bishop Fire Department. Bring your food, beverages and shade. There will be games for all ages. Festivities start at 4 p.m. at the Bishop Airport. Fireworks after sunset. Info: 760.873.5863.

**June Lake Triathlon**

On Saturday, July 7, swim, bike, then run the June Lake Loop. The event is a fundraiser for High Sierra Tri Club. There are multiple race options:

- **Long Course** Half-Ironman Distance: 1.2mi swim, 52mi bike, 13.1mi run. Ages 18 and up. Relay divisions available.
- **Mini Course** Aquabike: 1.2mi swim, 52mi bike. Ages 18 and up.
- **Olympic Distance**: 1.5k swim, 40k bike, 10k run. Ages 13 and up. Relay divisions available.
- **Olympic Distance Aquabike**: 1.5k swim, 40k bike. Ages 13 and up.
- **Sprint Distance**: 400m swim, 8 mi bike, 3mi run. Ages 13 and up. Relay divisions available.
- **Kid's Mini Tri Distance**: 100m Swim, 2mi bike, 1mi run. Ages 6-12. Register at highsierratrilethletics.com.

**11,053 Summer Ezakimak**

On Friday, June 7 run or bike an uphill moonlit 5k race from the base of Mammoth Mountain to the summit. The race will follow the legendary Kamikaze bike trail. Spectators can racers on from the summit. The race starts at 7pm and costs $40 in advance, $50 on-site. Discounts are available for California Passholders and students.

Race is followed by the 11,053 Sun-set & Full Moon Summit Party. The party starts at 6:30 p.m. and ends at 9:30 p.m. Ride the gondola to get there. Info/register: 800.626.6684.

**Crowley Fireworks**

This year's Sky Concert will propel over 737 shells into the sky for 20 minutes beginning at approximately 9:15 p.m. (weather permitting). Admission: $25.00 per car, RV or truck (excludes camping); $5.00 per individual. Bike. Watch at 1149 South Landing Road, Crowley Lake.

**Art Show in Mammoth**

Presented by Mono Arts Council (MAC), the Town of Mammoth Lakes and the Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce. Sunday, July 1 through Wednesday, July 4. Browse over 70 artists. Beer from Mammoth Brewing Co. will be on sale at the International Food Court. The show happens in the Footloose Sports parking lot, 3043 Main Street in Mammoth. Info: 760.914.3752.

**High Sierra Running Camp**

This camp, which will take place July 16-19, is open to all high school students as well as incoming freshmen.

For just $100, campers get accommodations, meals and so much more.

Contact Coach Heidi Eldridge at heldridge@bishopschools.org or call 760.784.1667 for more information.
**Help Wanted**

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

- Cashier B $11
- Cashier M $12 - $14
- Front Desk Assistant DOE
- Mechanic B DOE
- Apprentice Plumber M $16 - $18
- Maintenance Assistant M DOE
- Bilingual Receptionist M/B DOE

**Mechanical Maintenance I**

M $18.41 - $25.35

Call 760.924.0523 or 760.873.8599 for our full job list online. [www.SierraEmployment.com](http://www.SierraEmployment.com)

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**Mammoth Rock & Roll/Mammoth Rock Brasserie**

Sierra Nevada Resort & Spa has the following positions available: Bowler/Server, Bartender, Bar Attendant. Contact Jon 760.703.4543 ext. 223, or Jon 760.395.4200 ext. 223.

**Seeking a FT, year-round, skilled worker to join our grounds crew team.** Ample hours and evening position. Must be willing to work weekends. Individual must be able to lift 30 lbs. and have basic maintenance skills. Position starts at $13/hr. Email Chavel for an application at cmarquez@mammothresorts.com.

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**Holiday Haus Motel and Hostel**

Now hiring for the following positions:

**Front Desk Agent DOE**

B $9.20 - $12.00

**Housekeepers $11**

**Dishwashers**

**Maintenance Worker**

Please complete an application at 160 Old Mammoth Road, or e-mail pl@thelandingtahoe.com for an application.

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**ологический Магазин**

Eastern Sierra Transit is hiring safe customer service oriented, outgoing individuals for driving positions in Bishop and Mammoth Lakes. Full time and part-time positions are available. A commercial driver’s license is provided. Full and part-time hours available.

**Bishop - Part Time Driver**

Approximately 20-25 hrs per week. Pay rate: $13.75 per hour. This is a 50% benefited position approx. 20-25 hrs per week. Pay DOE. Email resume to sarah@mammothsierraoonline.com, or call 760-934-8372, or stop by 1914 Meridian Blvd. for an application.

**Mammoth Lakes - Seasonal Drivers**

FT & PT available. Commute assistance from Bishop is available. $15.75 per hour after paid training is complete.

**Full Time Maintenance Manager**

Needed seeking a responsible and reliable Maintenance/Property Manager for upscale Mammoth community. Previous maintenance experience required. Bilingual preferred. Full time, 40 hrs per week. Pay DOE. Email resume to stacey@mammothsierraoonline.com, or call 760-934-8372, or stop by 1914 Meridian Blvd. for an application.

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**The Eastern Sierra Transit Authority**

Applications for bus drivers will be accepted. Equipment used will work from the Mammoth Lakes office and perform a variety of duties including: assisting in the coordination of the daily operation of ESTA’s Mammoth Lakes area fixed routes and demand response public transportation services, provide the public with route information, facilitate community groups in Mammoth Lakes area transportation services, and with vendors, and perform data management, activities and general office duties. Required skills include being detail oriented, strong typing skills, proficiency in Microsoft Office, customer service and good with numbers. This is a 50% benefited position approx. 20-30 hrs per week. Pay rate $13.75 - $17.75 per hr. Pre-employment and random drug screening required. Please complete the general application that can be found at [https://www.estransit.com/jobs](https://www.estransit.com/jobs) or call 760-872-1901 ext. 11.

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**Fictitious Business Name Statement**

The Following Person is Doing Business As Moore Storage

Moore Storage

250 HWY 187 P.O. Box 247
Bishop, CA 93517

This business is conducted by a limited liability company. The date that this fictitious business name was filed with the County Clerk is June 18, 2018. File Number 18-121.

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**Help Wanted**

The Town of Mammoth Lakes is recruiting for an Associate Civil Engineer to join our Public Works Department. $63,465 - $84,066. Full-time position includes competitive benefits package. Come join a team of dedicated, highly skilled professionals! Living and working as a Professional Engineer in the State of California is a must. Visit www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov for job information, application deadline July 16.

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**Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Coordinator**

Full time position, $68,000 - $83,300 + benefits. In partnership with the Town of Mammoth Lakes and Mono County, Mammoth Lakes Recreation is looking for an Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Coordinator to join a growing team of recreation professionals in our local community. If you’re passionate about the development and maintenance of sustainable recreation in the Eastern Sierra, visit www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov or email employment@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov to find out more. App. deadline: July 31. Send resume, cover letter, & references to contact@sierrasustainability.org to apply.

**Stellar Brew**

Full Time Hospitality Agent Needed! Seeking responsible, outgoing Hospitality / Reservation Agent for local management company. Excellent phone/customer service skills required. Previous marketing and reservation experience preferred. Flexible 32-40 hours per week starting immediately. Competitive pay. Please email resume to stacey@mammothreservations.com.

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**Mammoth Lakes Food & Wine Festival**

7-11-18 - 13-14 July. 760.674.3781 or visit mammothfoodandwine.org and click on “volunteers.”

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**For Rent**

**2BR, 1BA Apartment for Rent**

Unfurnished/washer/dryer hook-up, no garage. $595 per month, 1 year lease, and legal rental terms. Greg 760.937.7569.

**Furnished Condo**

Condo 2500 mo (flexible) Staging 3-Story end unit in Mammoth Pines, 2bd/2.5bth/loft Approx. 2000 sq ft, Available April 1st. Smoking/smoking. Excellent Credit/Call for showing. thixofeinstein@gmail.com

**1BD/1 BA condo w/ detached garage**


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**Help Wanted**

**Cashier B**

$11.00 per hour. Email Chaviel for an application at mammothsierraoonline.com. 

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**Help Wanted**

Do you like Dogs? Do you want to work with dogs? We have openings for Mushers/Handlers. Trail work and Kennel Positions. For further info, call Jim 760.914.1019. “NO Drama Queens”
**Notice of Summons**

Notice of Summons

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**Notice of Public Hearing on the Adoption of the 2018-2019 MAMMOTH COMMUNITY WATER DISTRICT WATER RATE REPORT**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Birchmont Community Service District will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed 2018-2019 Water Rate Report on June 26, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. for the purposes of receiving comments on the budget, delinquencies, and annual water rate report.

Said hearing will take place at 7:00 p.m. on July 17, 2018 in the Board Room of the Mammoth Lakes Town Council, 52560 Highway 91, Mammoth Lakes, California. The proposed budget will be considered for adoption after June 14 at Owens Gorge Rd, Tom's Cabin, Ca.

Call Scott Wing-Hartung at 760-937-8878 for an appointment.

TS #2018-0116

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**Notice of Ordinance**

ORDINANCE NO. 06-21-18

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MAMMOTH COMMUNITY WATER DISTRICT TO MAKE CHANGES TO DIVISION XIII OF THE DISTRICT CODE TO MAKE CHANGES TO DIVISION XIII OF THE DISTRICT CODE

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**Notice of Ordinance**

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response to this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to consider it. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and legal information at the California Courts Online Help Center (www.courts.ca.gov/help_center) and your local court website. If you cannot file the written response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages or bank accounts may be taken without further warning from the court.

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney is Gary Calvin Simitti, Esq, 126 Old Mammoth Road, Suite 203, P.O. Box 3837, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546-0383. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Courts Online Help Center (www.courts.ca.gov/help_center) or your local court county bar association. The name, address, and telephone number of defendant's attorney is Frederick G. Diem, 36 Foster Ave., P.O. Box 94, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546-0094. You can use these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Help Center (www.courts.ca.gov/help_center).

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**Notice of Ordinance**

Notice is hereby given that on June 20, 2018 the Mammoth Community Water District Board of Directors adopted an Ordinance en titled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 16-05**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, MONO COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONING CODE AMENDMENT 18-1, ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO SIGNS WITHIN MUNICIPAL CODE ARTICLE 17.48 (ZONING) ORDOX**

by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Ferris, Richardson, Sau
ABSENTE: None

DSSQUALIFICATION: None

A certified copy of the complete text of the Ordinance is posted and may be read at the Town Offices, Mammoth Lakes, County of Mono, Mono County, State of California, 36 Foster Ave. P.O. Box 94, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546.

HAMED BAHRENDT Town Clerk Town of Mammoth Lakes
Notice of Sale of Surplus Equipment

NOTICE OF SALE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the availability of the following surplus property, to be sold to the highest bidder meeting the minimum bid requirements. All equipment is sold as is, where is, with no warranty or guarantee as to its serviceability or fitness for any purpose.

Item No. Description Minimum Bid
PV01 2006 Ingersoll Rand P5510 Parw 350,000
BT05 2007 Ford E-450 Type 2 Transit bus 2,500
PD02 1999 Ford Expedition 1,000
PD08 2006 Ford Expedition 1,000
AJ01 1994 Jeep Cherokee $500
AJ04 1995 Jeep Cherokee 1,000
AJ09 1997 Ford Expedition 1,000

Bidder will be responsible for registration and smog certification.

Sealed bids must be submitted to the attention of the Town Clerk, Town of Mammoth Lakes, P.O. Box 1409, 427 Old Mammoth Road, Suite B, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546 in envelopes marked “Sealed Bid, Surplus Equipment” and must identify the item being bid upon. Bids will be accepted until 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday July 18, 2018, at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Payment must be in cash, money order, or cashier’s check only and must be received by the Town within 2 working days of notification of successful bid. Ownership and registration certificates will be issued at time of sale. Purchased items must be removed from the Town Corporation Yard for sale. For an appointment to view the equipment at the Town Corporation Yard (299 Commerce Drive), call the Town Vehicles and Equipment Maintenance Division, (760) 956-3062.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes reserves the right to waive irregularities and the right to reject any and all bids.

Dated: June 19, 2018
Jamie Gray, Town Clerk

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The Following Person Is Operating Business As:
Mammoth Lakes Barber Shop
Ellen McDonald
P.O. Box 121
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 15, 2018. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on April 4, 2018. File Number 18-048 2018-0117 (6/16, 6/23, 7/14, 7/7)

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The Following Person Is Operating Business As:
High Sierra June Lake
Really High Sierra, Inc.
P.O. Box 187, 2555 CA 158 Suite 420
June Lake, CA 93529

This business is conducted by an Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 5, 2018. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on June 5, 2018. File Number 18-105 2018-0122 (6/30, 7/7, 7/14, 7/21)

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The Following Person Is Operating Business As:
First Chair
First Chair Foods
P.O. Box 864, 3043 Main Street
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

This business is conducted by an Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on June 25, 2018. File Number 18-090 2018-0117 (6/16, 6/23, 7/14, 7/7)

We're Social. Come Visit.
### Want a Great Career in Child Care?
#### Online & In-Seat* Fall Classes at Cerro Coso!

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Registration open NOW! Enrollment closes after the first week of class!

Find more information about Cerro Coso Child Development courses at [https://www.cerrocoso.edu/academics/cded](https://www.cerrocoso.edu/academics/cded)

Or speak to a Cerro Coso Counselor to help with registration: Kimberly Blackwell (760) 934-2875

Child care job opportunities are waiting for you! Make a difference in children’s lives!

***Child Care Center and Preschool Teachers Needed***  
***Private In-Home Daycare Providers Needed***

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### Mono County Public Health Tobacco Control Program

**Flavored Tobacco Banned in Many California Communities**

Nineteen communities have passed policies that prohibit the sale of flavored and menthol tobacco. In recent years, the tobacco industry has stepped up the offerings of flavored tobacco products, and electronic cigarettes, chew, vaping products and little cigars. These flavored products are undermining efforts to reduce nicotine addiction while putting a new generation at risk of a lifetime of addiction and tobacco and vape related disease.

#### Results of the Fall 2017 California Health Kids Survey

**Mammoth Unified School District**  
Sample: 9th Grade= 84 & 11th Grade= 81  
44% of 9th graders and 44% of 11th graders report having used an e-cigarette or vaping device  
66% of 9th graders and 69% of 11th graders report it being easy to obtain an e-cigarette or vaping device  
42% of 9th graders and 46% of 11th graders do not see vaping as harmful

**Eastern Sierra Unified School District**  
Sample: 9th Grade= 29 & 11th Grade= 24  
0% of 9th graders and 13% of 11th graders report having used an e-cigarette or vaping device  
13% of 9th graders and 34% of 11th graders report it being easy to obtain an e-cigarette or vaping device  
28% of 9th graders and 34% of 11th graders do not see vaping as harmful

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A message from the CA & Mono County Public Health Departments
SAGE GROUSE DODGE THE BULLET
But they can’t dodge L.A.

The California Fish and Wildlife Commission voted on whether to allow for a preferential point system for drawing hunting tags for the Bi-State sage grouse on June 21.

The next item on the agenda for the commission meeting held in Sacramento was a presentation on the bird’s dwindling population. The two seem diametrically opposed but the point system was put on the agenda after a public petition. There are hundreds of hunters with itchy fingers desperate for a chance to shoot a grouse, according to Commission Executive Director Malerie Termini.

Whether to ban hunting has been an ongoing discussion since the birds population began to dwindle in 2010. The Bi-state sage grouse was considered for protection under the Endangered Species Act in 2012 and again in 2015 but pulled from the list in 2018 after a survey found the birds population had dipped.

The preferential system allows applicants to earn points if they have not been chosen for a tag that year. The more points raises an applicant’s chances of drawing a tag and encourages them to keep trying to draw a tag. Termini explained that the system creates an ongoing discussion and it to the commission in 2014 and 2015.

The commission is responsible for making decisions concerning the terms of hunting regulations and tags and bag limits to leasing kelp beds for harvest.

The commission voted to allow for the preferential point system for picking tags, but that was negated when it voted not to allow hunting of the birds in 2018.

Hunting was also halted in 2017 after a survey found the birds population had dipped.

The preferential system allows applicants to earn points if they have not been chosen for a tag that year. The more points raises an applicant’s chances of drawing a tag and encourages them to keep trying to draw a tag. Termini explained General hunting and archery season would have been September 8 and 9 and hunting by falcon open from November 3 through January 1, 2019. The number of tags vary year to year. There is a one bird limit per season.

Hunting just one bird means threatening 20 percent of one flock in Parker Meadows, southeast of Mono Lake.

Scott Gardner, Senior Environmental Scientist for the Department of Fish and Wildlife said Northern Mono might support a hunt, but as many as 25 hens from Bodie Hills area are being translocated to Parker Meadows. The population in Parker is just five birds. Further investigation revealed the birds had inbred to the point that their eggs were no longer fertile. The hope is that hens will be able to raise the population in the area thanks to a genetic influx.

In Northern Mono County, primarily the Bodie Hills and a small area in Parker Meadows southeast of Mono Lake, populations had dropped by 39 percent from 2012 to 2018, from 510 birds to 218. In Long Valley, the populations have dropped dramatically, from 418 in 2012 to 152 in 2018, a loss of 64 percent.

Mono County Supervisors have scribed a letter to the California Fish and Game Commission asking it to reduce the number of tags to zero.

The county leaders prefer the request by stating it supports “legal and well regulated hunting” in the county and state.

Mono County is a key player in the Sage Grouse Local Working Group, who along with other stakeholders like the Bureau of Land Management, Nevada and California wildlife services and private entities have worked to keep the bird off the endangered species list.

If listed, the bird’s habitat could be designated as “critical” and with it restrictions on grazing and development.

The county sent similar requests to the commission in 2014 and 2015 but it received no response, said County Counsel Stacey Simon.

The letter from Mono was not mentioned by the commission at the June meeting. What has been mentioned by Mono Supervisor Bob Gardner is the possible threat posed to the re-gal birds by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP).

The utility plans on turning off the water to rancher lessees in Long Valley. Ranchers use that water to irrigate otherwise dry land and turn it into pasturelands for cattle. The pasture lands have become ideal nesting grounds for the sage grouse.

Gardner said that preliminarily, it appears the grouse has become dependent on the irrigated pasture lands for its success. Rancher permittee Mark Lacey has said that Long Valley has been irrigated for more than 150 years, a half-century before LADWP bought the land.

Gardner said he hopes to be in discussions with LADWP about the potential impacts of the dewatering.

“They said they’re going to supply some water, but don’t know how much,” Gardner said.

PERSONALS

I hope to see you... on a 4th of July float. Please be considerate and wear a short skirt.

In search of... someone to watch fireworks with. Added bonus: After it’s all over, I’ll still have a rocket in my pocket.

I saw you... have been really bothered by that Lions’ smoke. You know what’s worse? Having a member of the local Lions Club blow smoke up your ass.

In search of... someone to go to the Lions Club Pancake Breakfast with. Since it starts so early, maybe we can stay out drinking really late.
WHERE ARE ALL THE HOOLIGANS?

By Miczulski

A s the 2018 FIFA World Cup unfurls in Russia, and the smoke from the Lions Fire makes the outdoors less appealing, there’s never been a better time to head to your favorite local sports bar for an early pint and some futbol.

The World Cup is scheduled to go until July 17, so there are plenty of games, plenty of fans, and plenty of folks claiming ancestry from foreign countries (thank you 23and Me), so it’s never too late to jump on a bandwagon.

Lunch-ordered “research” around town proved somewhat disappointing. Where are all the hooligans? It could be due to the time difference. With a typical game day starting at 7 a.m. and ending before noon, if there are fans, they aren’t at the bars, because the vast majority aren’t open.

The Sheet asked Mark Gardner, the afternoon bartender at Roberto’s upstairs cantina, what he’s noticed since the World Cup started.

“It’s tourists who come to watch the games,” he explained. “It’s not locals. I’m sure if it were at night, there would be more locals, but in the daytime, it’s just not what we see.”

“Our biggest turnouts have been for Mexico and Germany games,” he added. Mexico has reached the round of 16 and will play Brazil on Monday, July 2 at 7 a.m. Germany was eliminated this past Wednesday.

Even as a fan and amateur player, I admit that a 90-minute soccer game can be hard to sit through - Wednesday’s 7 a.m. game between Germany and South Korea being a prime example. South Korea won in a 2-0 upset but didn’t actually score until after the 90-minute mark.

Germany’s elimination is a true stunner. The defending champions obliterated the competition 2014, defeating Brazil in the final by a 7-1 count.

Andy Girard from the Liberty Bar noted a moderately different experience from Gardner, explaining “It’s been a good turnout, not like the hockey crowds though, this is a hockey bar, and playoff football gets pretty big.”

When asked about the community interest around soccer, Girard explained, “I wouldn’t say this is super soccer interested town, soccer’s different, like when LA Galaxy is playing it never draws too much of a crowd, but the World Cup gets a few more people in the door.”

He continued, “It’s a terrific time for European tourists. We only advertise with that big yellow sign outside; most people drive by without even noticing this is a sports bar but when those Europeans see that World Cup sign, they usually want to stop in. There’s always someone asking the late-night bartender if they can open early to catch the morning games, I’m sure if you throw them a nice tip then maybe they’ll help you out … but I’m not about to wake up that early!”

Girard did mention that ever since the World Cup started, “10:55 a.m. people are hanging out. I open the doors and the place is packed ‘til noon. Sixty to seventy percent are still locals but the ones watching the World Cup often aren’t from here.”

I assume there are community members who are following the World Cup from the comfort of their homes or record the games for later - totally understandable.

But as a living cliché (struggling writer who can’t afford cable), I highly recommend everyone who’s able to get out and experience at least one World Cup game at a local establishment. Sharing the experience with other fans, even if they are rooting for a different team, is why soccer is so inclusive.

Time will tell if the World Cup can lure the World Cup fans of Mammoth Lakes out of hiding.

The Round of 16 starts this Saturday. Upcoming games to watch out for include France vs Argentina at 7 a.m. on June 30 followed by Uruguay against Portugal at 11 a.m. Spain plays Russia at 7 a.m. on July 1 followed by Croatia against Denmark at 11 a.m.
The United States failed to qualify for the 2018 World Cup. Does anyone really care?

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including the IBLA (Interior Board of Land Appeals) and federal court.

The Friends have enlisted attorney Toed Tucci of Advocates for the West to help with the case. And at the very least, Tucci is confident.

“This is not a close call, frankly,” he said. “The decision [to allow exploratory drilling] is far outside of the mainstream.”

Tucci said threats to groundwater and species have not been properly addressed, and that courts “routinely vacate approvals that fail to adhere to management plans.”

The Friends also enlisted Dr. Tom Myers, a geologist/hydrologist out of Reno, to write a declaration concerning groundwater specifically.

The BLM report, according to Schneider, is circular. As if it reads like a passage from Joe Heller’s Catch 22. There can be no impact from exploratory drilling because there is no existing information about the groundwater source. You can’t impact something unless there’s data. No data, no impact, right?

The Friends filed the request for review on June 15. The BLM has three weeks to respond.

And from Miczulski’s desk … Miczulski attended the 6 p.m. Thursday debrief regarding the Lions Fire. Below are his notes:

“Based on the Forest Service report, official numbers are 3,107 acres and the fire is 7% contained. So far it’s cost $1.6 million.”

Editor’s note: How come letting a fire burn costs so much money? Would it have cost more to put it out when it started?

Smoke is going to fluctuate with wind but should be on the wane over the next couple of weeks.

The first crew dispatched which had eyes on the fire happened on the 14th. Boots on the ground firefighting didn’t start until the 23rd Pack lines with mules are being used to get gear to fire crews to reduce helicopter use.

The biggest public concerns expressed were in regards to information, Mono County Supervisor Fred Stump noted that there wasn’t a lot of information about the fire available to residents. Guess he got some unpleasant phone calls.

The rest was just people complaining about the smoke and why the fire wasn’t immediately put out the moment it was discovered.

The party line: The big wind event on Saturday evening, June 23 took the fire southwest out of its containment area.

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