### SADDLE CLUB OFFERING $10,000 REWARD

**By James Saddle Club**

The reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the truck fire and vicious attack on horses at the Big Pine Saddle Club on July 2 has doubled from $5,000 to $10,000. In just a week as the Inyo County Sheriff’s Department joined local Concerned Citizens in offering the substantial reward.

In a separate attack, a horse owned by Lea Belgarde was reported as injured on Sunday, July 8, on Pa Ha Lane on the Bishop Indian Tribe Reservation. The Sheriff’s Department stated it does not think the two incidents are related.

The nine horses that were injured by a still unknown assailant at the Saddle Club last week are recovering well, according to the club’s president, Shelly Snoderly in a phone interview with The Sheet.

Choking up during the call, she spoke about how, despite what the horses went through, “they still come over to you at the fence.”

She spoke about the burro at the club that was known for being “quite verbal.” It has been quiet, she says, for days since the attack, but when she went to check up on and feed her horse this week, she knew things were going to be okay when the burro went back to its normal verbalizing self, which is to say, back to making a racket.

An example of what happened was posted on Facebook Big Pine 411 on July 2 that “Both of my horses were victims but Chocho got it the worst of all. Neck slit over 12 inches, needed over 40 stitches and a 4-inch knife wound … I hope they find who did this. It is very unsettling … other horses (were) hurt and most of them requiring some stitches.”

Photos of Hannon’s horses’ horrified residents and strangers alike, spurring immediate efforts to offer a reward for information and establish a GoFundMe account. The money raised will be used to help with veterinary bills for the injured horses, and to install security lighting and surveillance cameras to prevent a future occurrence. The GoFundMe account, www.gofundme.com/big-pine-saddle-club, as of this Thursday, is already at $6,765 towards its goal of $10,000.

Those wishing to contribute towards the reward being offered by the saddle club can do so at Union Bank in Bishop.

Emotions are running high. A recent victim of assault in Big Pine reportedly told deputies that his attacker accused him of having something to do with the incident. As a result, on Sunday, the Sheriff’s Office issued a caution to the public that “the public keep in mind that this is an open investigation. Vigilante justice is not only unacceptable, it is a crime...”

The Sheriff’s Office ask that the public call (760) 878-0363 if they have any information on case.

### CASE CLOSED

**D.A. Kendall passes on pursuing Adler investigation**

\*By Bodine*

To quell concerns surrounding Mono County Superintendent of Schools Stacy Adler issuing herself and 11 other employees at the Office $93,330 in stipends since 2012, Mono County District Attorney Tim Huh Adler did not renew Huh’s contract, which expired June 30.

The stipends ranged from $200 to $5,000 to Adler and other MCOE employees for work performed in managing a charter school in San Diego. The Office has not produced or does not have time cards or a list of work performed for justifying the stipends as requested by The Sheet.

The Sheet made this request via a Public Records Request.

In February, Kendall announced the findings of an investigation into possible misappropriation of funds by Adler and determined she had not acted maliciously and no charges were filed.

He said what was not made public in February was that the State Attorney General’s Office reviewed the case and agreed that charges should not be filed, “based on no likelihood of conviction beyond a reasonable doubt to 12 jurors.”

His decision still stands where he left it; Adler did not break any laws and the case remains closed at this time.

The investigation never made it to court, so the files are not public record, Kendall said.

Additional information concerning the case was provided to Kendall in June. He told The Sheet he had reviewed the new information but it did not constitute re-opening the investigation.

“We were provided with information, much if not all institutional memory and experience that was always seasoned with good judgment. He wasn’t overbearing, and you never felt like your arm was getting twisted. He just gave you the facts ... And on those rare occasions where he did express an opinion, I paid extra special attention.”

Mono County’s D.A. Kendall passes on pursuing Adler investigation.

### Missing Bill

**Mammoth mourns loss of Bill Taylor**

\*By Lunch*

For a man who never called attention to himself, Bill Taylor might’ve been embarrassed by the outpouring of heartfelt tributes made in reaction to his death this week from leukemia at the age of 6.

Let him be embarrassed. Taylor, who served as a longtime member of Mammoth’s Planning Department, including several stints as Community Development Director, was the consummate gentleman, civic leader and public servant.

As his friend Tony Taylor (no relation) observed, “He had so much knowledge, institutional memory and experience that was always seasoned with good judgment. He wasn’t overbearing, and you never felt like your arm was getting twisted. He just gave you the facts ... And on those rare occasions where he did express an opinion, I paid extra special attention.”

Mammoth Councilman Kirk Stapp served with Taylor on the Mammoth Lakes Housing Board. He also worked with him for many years during Stapp’s previous tenure on Council.

“It could be really frustrating sitting on the Council...”

### Celebration of art

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### USFS drops the ball

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### Smoke’s Club

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### Rocky Mountain hi

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### Dieter and his “Ducks”

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DO THE RIGHT THING

The whole thing started because a pair of buddies had a vision. An auspicious vision.

Randy Short and the late Dick Nolles wanted to provide handicap access to 42 bodies of water in Inyo and Mono Counties. Of course, they also had more than just auspicious vision on their side. They also had a little clout.

Short is the Chairman of the California Boating and Waterways Commission. And Nolles... well, when it came to public lands access, the late Mr. Nolles was a legendary fighter and proponent.

And both friends just liked to get things done.

So for their first project, they decided to build a handicap access ramp down to June Lake Beach.

So Short rounded up the usual suspects: He, Nolles, Dave McCoy, Bob Schotz, John Frederickson. They each tossed $5,000 in the pot. He then approached then-Inyo National Forest District Ranger Ed Armenta with his plan.

According to Short, Armenta gave him carte blanche to do what he wanted.

The first phase of the project built the path to the water.

After the initial opening, Mammoth District Ranger Jon Regelbrugge weighed in. He asked Short and Co. if they would raise additional money to build a connector between the paths and the June Lake Beach restrooms. He also asked for swank-looking pavers to be placed around the restrooms.

John Atkins, a Vietnam Combat Medic, paid for the next phase that provided the pavers and the installation requested by the District Ranger.

The addition provided access from the parking lot to and around the existing restroom and tied to the path. For that part of the work, Dylan Gray were removed and not replaced.

In the process of doing the project (barely a year after phase II of the Short/Noles had been installed), however, the pavers laid down by Todd’s crew, including the remarkable Dylan Gray (Marine, double amputee, nationally ranked snowboard racer) installed the pavers just in time for the June Lake Triathlon [2016].

John Fredrickson of June Lake Marina says that about 100 people use the accessible pathway each day. Dick Nolles would be proud - his mission to provide accessibility to lakes and rivers in the Eastern Sierra is transitioning from the parking lot to the pathway will be 100% seamless for wheelchairs, walkers, strollers, etc. thanks to the beautiful pavers they’ve installed, which also blend into the natural landscape!

What happened next will bug the hell out of you.

Last summer, the Inyo Forest began receiving a lot of complaints regarding the bathrooms at June Lake Beach. The water system was failing and according to Public Information Officer Deb Schweizer, there was no money to invest in it.

“We received hundreds of complaints about these bathrooms. People were sending me pictures daily,” said Schweizer. “The problem had reached critical mass.”

So the Forest Service was in a bind. “And our budget’s not what it used to be,” lamented Schweizer.

But, she asserts, “Our [engineering] staff is really creative and does really good work.” She referred to Forest Service Engineer Nora Gamino as a “rock star.”

So what miracle did the engineering staff perform? They managed to find the money to install vault toilets in the June Lake bathrooms which do not require running water, allowing them to shut off the water system, prevent the system from backing up and largely eliminate the complaints. Sounds reasonable.

In the process of doing the project (barely a year after phase II of the Short/Noles had been installed), however, the pavers laid down by Dylan Gray were removed and not replaced.

Further, they were just sort of indiscriminately stacked against a nearby tree. Some were taken. Some were vandalized.

Short was crestfallen. And that was before he spoke to the Forest Service about it.

“I called the new Forest Supervisor, Tammy Randall Parker and was
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Remembering Elliott

Dear Editor:

In my 30 years at Mammoth Lakes, or anywhere else for that matter, I never met a nicer person than Elliott Thompson. I enjoyed many hours discussing music with him. Other than family, the love of his life was his horn, and he certainly could make it sing. He played jazz, and traditional jazz, and show tunes, and, unlike many of us hear his age, he appreciated the newest jazz sounds. He would talk about a new musician, or old cuts by old musicians, and it seemed that the next time I would run into him he would hand me a home-made CD featuring the person or band we had just discussed. He shared and taught his music as well as he lived it.

Like anyone who knew him, I was sad and felt a sense of diminishment when I heard of his passing. I'm sure all who knew him shared that feeling. Then the realization set in that when I heard of his passing. I'm sure all who knew him shared that feeling. Then the realization set in that when I heard of his passing.

Mary and Thom Heller
Mammoth Lakes

Remembering Bill

Dear Editor:

It was with great sadness that Mary and I heard of the passing of Bill Taylor. Bill meant a lot to the Town of Mammoth Lakes and to us personally. Bill always was the gentleman. His responses were always articulate, sincere, accurate, and never belittling. He was always at the top of his game, and while he did not exhibit it often, Bill had a humorous side that was entertaining.

To Sherry and the family, we wish you the best in moving forward, but appreciate the time that you shared Bill with us. Bill left this world and Mammoth a better place, and in the end, is that not a true evaluation of what a person has achieved in life.

Mary and Thom Heller
Mammoth Lakes

Housing and Offices: A County/Town Partnership Opportunity

Dear Editor,

Enjoyed your summary in the July edition regarding taxating, the discussion around a real estate transfer tax and the challenge of how to pay for workforce housing. I pitched the following idea to one of our newly elected town council members shortly after the Shady Rest parcel purchase was announced and plan to speak with county officials as well.

Mono County wants new offices. They have proposed to spend $20+ million of our money on this. We have a workforce housing crisis, have purchased property to resolve this but have not figured out how to finance it.

What if the county, instead of building a shiny new building over next to the cop shop and courthouse (or anywhere else in town), partnered with the town to develop the Shady Rest parcel?

Imagine a “campus style” development, with multiple buildings. The county could occupy all or most of the first floor of each building, with two stories of workforce housing above. A child care center could be built within the complex, to serve both town folks and county employees.

A campus style setting would allow for plenty of open space across the 26 acre property, meet the deed restrictions, put the county employees smack in the middle of “downtown” and seems like a logical way to get their new offices while providing a critical benefit to the folks they serve, whether they are seasonal or full time folks needing a place to live.

And, it would remove the issue of (argument against) a fancy new building on the edge of town, built solely for the purpose of housing county personnel and instead show how we can work together for the benefit of all.

Heck, throw in a spot for the ice rink to be built sometime in the future, if fundage is ever scraped together for that. Maybe also a pad for a future gondi to the Village?

Anyway, that’s my concept and idea and I offer it freely, unlike the NGO’s and consultants you also spoke of in the editorial.

Stu Welch
Mammoth Lakes

Dear Editor:

It was with great sadness that Mary and I heard of the passing of Bill Taylor. Bill meant a lot to the Town of Mammoth Lakes and to us personally. It is not often that a person becomes so caring and knowledgeable about a place that they are the go-to person for virtually any information. Bill was that kind of person. Going to work for the town after working for the Forest Service in Mammoth for a few years, Bill was involved in just about all aspects of the development of our community as we see it today. He was the person that we all went to for answers to questions, not opinions, as he hardly ever gave you his opinion on items. He knew the facts, relayed them concisely, and added very little to embellish the answer.

Bill had a love for this community that has been rarely rivaled. He loved Mammoth and the Eastern Sierra. He cherished working in this environment and his energy and enthusiasm were contagious. It did not matter if he agreed or disagreed with you, Bill always was the gentleman. His responses were always articulate, sincere, accurate, and never belittling. He was always at the top of his game, and while he did not exhibit it often, Bill had a humorous side that was entertaining.

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Mary and Thom Heller
Mammoth Lakes
SEE YOU IN DENVER
Direct daily winter air service to Denver confirmed

By Lunch

It was somewhat fitting that technical difficulties with the Granicus Internet feed delayed the start of Wednesday’s commercial air service workshop held in Mammoth Lakes in Suite Z. Technical difficulties (flight delays and cancellations) have plagued Mammoth air service for years and have prompted Mammoth Resorts to push for Bishop as a permanent regional solution.

But Bishop’s the future.

Good news is that United Airlines, according to Mammoth Resorts Senior Vice-President Eric Clark, is on board not only for a Bishop future, but for a Mammoth present.

And to back it up, United gave the go-ahead late Thursday to announce daily nonstop air service between Denver and Mammoth Lakes for winter 2018-2019.

Mammoth has tried once before to establish a Denver route, but that was on a once/week Saturday basis for ten Saturdays per year over two years.

The belief is that the new Ikon Pass offered by Alterra Resorts will draw a bevy of customers who are keen on exploring the new company’s many resort options.

And Denver is a key connecting point.

Eric Clark said in an air service meeting Wednesday that Mammoth Resorts risks an extra million in potential airline subsidy by going to Denver on a daily basis.

But the risk is calculated and there’s some data to support Mammoth’s belief there will be a surge in demand.

As Mammoth Resorts Marketing Director Tom Johnston said, 10,000 incremental (new) Ikon passholders bought the pass and used it in Mammoth during April and May of this year. And that was with little air connectivity.

He said Mammoth saw significant visitation during those months from Northern California, Seattle, Salt Lake City and Dallas.

The added Denver flight does not affect Mammoth Lakes Tourism’s airline subsidy cap for winter service, which is $1.5 million.

MLT Board member and outgoing Town Councilman Colin Fernie said that he visited Denver recently, and a lot of the talk among his friends and on the street is Ikon (Alterra) versus Epic (Vail).

“The general feeling is that the passes are equivalent,” said Fernie, who added that the Epic pass is experiencing some pushback because of the hellacious traffic on I-70 leading from Denver to its mountain resorts.

Mammoth Lakes Tourism Executive Director John Urdi and air service consultants Kent Myers and Bill Tomcich were on hand to talk about air service for 2018-2019 on Wednesday, in Suite Z at Minaret Mall.

The meeting was officially an MLT special board meeting

With United Airlines filling the hole in service to L.A. that was created by Alaska Airlines pulling out of the area in May, it appears Mammoth will only experience about a 4% reduction in available seats for FY 2018-2019.

Much of that is due to United’s CRJ-700 aircraft having only 70 seats as opposed to Alaska Airlines’ Q-400, which featured 76 seats.

Last year, Mammoth had about 32,000 available seats during the winter season, broken down as follows:

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The Burbank, Oakland and Orange County routes would use the JetSuite X charter service.

There is also a hope of adding Carlsbad via a new commercial carrier, California Pacific Airline.

Despite all the optimism, there are of course lingering deficiencies with Mammoth Airport, mostly in regard to weather.

Cindy Eppolito, a 2nd homeowner who has children on the Mammoth Mountain ski team, said she was happy to see Alaska Airlines go. She described the reliability of Alaska’s service as “horrible.”

Unfortunately, Consultant Kent Myers could not assure her that United was going to be any better. In fact, because the CRJ-700 aircraft does not have advanced RNP technology, the landing rate will be a few points worse than Alaska’s.

Eppolito, however, said she now uses the charter service JetSuite X because charters are allowed to land in Bishop if weather prevents getting to Mammoth.

Scheduled commercial airlines do not have that luxury.

The Denver-Mammoth flights should be loaded and available for booking within a few weeks.

SSR PULLS THE PLUG
By Benham

SSR Mining pulled its application for exploratory mining on Conglomerate Mesa near Death Valley. Dale Bumpers—former Arkansas senator and staunch opponent of 1872 Mining Law—Dale Bumpers once said, “To paraphrase an old song, the mining companies get the gold and the taxpayers get the shaft.”

For now, the song has changed key. Wendy Schneider, Director of Friends of the Inyo (FOI), said that on June 26, BLM informed (FOI) that it’s request for reconsideration of mining approvals was denied, but only because SSR had withdrawn its mining proposal.

(At press time, Matthew Langford, SSR legal counsel had not returned The Sheet’s call.)

Two days later, the BLM told FOI it would stay its denial of the request for review, to allow the claimholders 60 days to look for buyers. Schneider didn’t understand how or why the BLM came up with the period of 60 days. As far as she knows, it is not federal or state law to allow a claimholder 60 days to shop a claim. “Very unusual,” she said.

On July 11, Friends of the Inyo and the Sierra Club Range of Light issued a press release stating opposition to the BLM’s decision to allow two months of free shipping. Kathy Bancroft, Lone Pine Paiute Shoshone Tribal Historic Preservation Officer offered her perspective.

“Conglomerate Mesa is our ancestral homeland. We will oppose any company that tries to take over this project. Exploration is the first step to destructive industrial-scale open pit mining. We remain united as a community in stopping any effort to damage this significant cultural area.”

Lynn Boulton, Chair of the Sierra Club’s Range of Light Group, said, “Our most valuable ‘gold’ is not in the ground — it is the healthy environment and stunning natural scenery that fuel our local economy, our outdoor recreation opportunities, and our overall quality of life in the Eastern Sierra.”

Jora Fogg, Friends of the Inyo Policy Director echoed the opposition. “No matter which mining company comes our way, let it be known — our groups will never stop fighting until the mesa gets the permanent protection it so richly deserves.”

The miner might change, but the song remains the same.
PACKED LODGE TALKS EMPTY STOREFRONTS
Bishop comes together to discuss how to fill all the empty commercial real estate

By Benham

On Wednesday evening, July 11, the City of Bishop held a workshop to address vacant storefronts in the downtown area. Clouds collected over Bishop and the White Mountains. Business owners, workers, and concerned citizens gathered in the Elks Lodge. They sat at round tables. In the center of each table was a pile of Legos and City of Bishop logo pens. The Legos were never used and their purpose was never explained. The Legos were tossed around:

A woman suggested bringing back Solvang, CA was cited as a model town “pop.”

Mayor Karen Schwartz gave a short introduction. Elaine Kabala, of the Bishop Planning & Economic Development Department, followed with a presentation about the current condition of downtown Bishop, previous government outreach as well as proposed community strategies to solve the vacancy problem and revitalize downtown. Previously, the city held workshops on February 3, 2016, and May 3, 2017. Kabala reminded the participants to be respectful and listen to one another. A list of eight rules was posted on the wall behind her. “1. Come with a positive attitude.”

One of the first people she called on, said the workshop would be useless unless Bishop finds a way to give money to local businesses. Although he determined the workshop ‘useless,’ he stayed until the end.

Currently, Kabala said there are 20 vacant buildings downtown. Nine are advertised for rent or sale. Eleven aren’t. There’s over 100,000 square feet of vacant space—the largest being the former Kmart and JC Penney buildings on Main Street.

A memo published by the city in 2017, and circulated at the meeting, lays out three strategies to improve downtown: ‘1. Revitalize downtown Bishop to achieve its full potential,’ ‘2. Expand the diversity of housing options for a range of ages and incomes,’ and ‘3. Strengthen Local Economy.’ Those gathered were tasked with coming up with concrete ideas to give legs to those general themes. Vacant buildings were only a part, albeit a large part, of the problem.

Here are some of the ideas that were tossed around:

Kabala mentioned the possibility of imposing a fee on vacant square footage, which would disincentivize landlords to leave buildings dormant.

Landlords should offer diverse lease options, a man in the back proposed. For example, they could offer seasonal leases to seasonal businesses, also known as pop up shops.

A few bemoaned the state’s high rent condition of downtown Bishop, as proposed community strategies to address the problem. Vacant buildings create.

Not one fight over Legos erupted at Wednesday’s vacancy workshop.

One of the first things every attendee wanted to do was start a mentorship program. Kabala mentioned the possibility of implementing a pre-emptive break-up.

Rule 6 of the meeting: “Stay on the topic being discussed.”

Back to the vacancies. A real estate broker said she did not like the white and brown paper in the windows of the vacant buildings. It doesn’t look good. Vallejo, California has a program in which artists can rent window space in vacant buildings to display their craft. It’s called the Art Windows Project and applicants receive a $250 stipend to set up a window. In Carpernteria, the city displays pictures of the town in vacant storefronts. These are short term fixes, but limit the eyesore vacancies create.

Vacant buildings can’t be used for residential or mixed use purposes unless the city rezones them and to do that it would have to pass an ordinance. There was some hesitation at the meeting, evidenced by the pro/con graph about rezoning downtown. The community is concerned that downtown can’t accommodate the cars housing would bring nor the supposed increased traffic. There is already a lot of traffic.

According to the 2017 memo, 6 million vehicles drive through downtown annually. CalTrans controls the sidewalks and the streets. “The only way these policies get implemented is through community engagement,” Kabala said.

After the workshop ended, and people filed out into a deluge, Kabala reflected that the turnout surprised her. She said there had been good turnout at the previous workshops, so she was surprised that she was surprised.

“How do you take that energy and turn it into results that are tangible?”

Kabala will pool the data from the workshop and present it to city council on August 9.
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UP IN SMOKE
Mono County relaxes ban on flavored tobacco products
By Trefry

At this Tuesday’s Mono County Board of Supervisors meeting, County ordinances banning some flavored tobacco products literally went up in smoke, due to opposition from business owners in Northern Mono County.

After an hour and a half of arguing, public comments and contentious discussion, the board voted 4-1 to reconsider the previous ordinance that established that ban. On April 17 of this year, the County passed Ordinance 18-03, which was a fairly comprehensive regulation of smoking zones and tobacco in unincorporated areas. As well as banning the sale of flavored e-cigarettes such as Juul, 18-03 also banned all flavored tobacco products, such as menthol cigarettes, flavored cigars, and flavored chew/snuff. These products were banned because they seem designed to appeal to kids, and we’re creating a new generation of tobacco addicts, according to studies.

However, flavored products are also popular among adult smokers, and are still freely available in most places. In fact, since County code in this case doesn’t apply in the Town of Mammoth Lakes, it was still legal to purchase these same products at the Mammoth Smoke Shop during the ban. A common theme heard at the meeting was that there is simply too much regulatory inconsistency between governmental entities for the ban to be truly effective.

The proposed new ordinance revision essentially walks back parts of the old one, once again making it illegal to sell menthol cigarettes, flavored cigars, and chew. It also comes with a “sunset clause” of October 31, 2019. So the Board will have to revisit this issue by then.

The reason this issue was back in front of the Board again this week is because business owners, particularly in northern Mono County, were strongly opposed to the ban once it went into effect. These residents, some of whom spoke in front of the Board on Tuesday, were concerned about people simply crossing the border to areas where flavored tobacco is legal, to buy the same products while depriving local businesses of customers.

“Fishermen are appalled that they can’t buy what they choose to buy [at my store],” said Debbie Bush, owner of the Walker General Store. “I ask that you consider how this is affecting visitors to our county, that we work so hard to get.”

Supervisor John Peters, who represents Northern Mono County and is the supervisor who requested the changes to the ordinance, agreed with Bush. “Government has a role, and we have the ability to step back and re-evaluate our role,” he said, referring to the “unintended consequences” that the ban had on businesses.

On the other side, there’s increasing concern about how harmful flavored tobacco products are to teens – who, although they cannot legally smoke, seem to be the target audience when companies develop these products. According to Lois Klein, Mammoth Unified School District Superintendent, use of flavored tobacco has increased and become a problem at Mammoth Schools. Klein told the Sheet that flavored tobacco’s colorful packaging and flavors not only appeal to kids by masking the harsh taste of tobacco, but also mislead adults into thinking e-cigs and Swisher Sweets aren’t harmful to their children.

Supervisor Bob Gardner in particular was very opposed to the sale of all flavored tobacco products. “If we save one life by maintaining this ban, don’t you think it’s worth it?” he asked rhetorically after quoting alarming statistics from a study about tobacco use among youth.

This radical difference in ideas set the stage for the next hour-and-a-half of the meeting, which became a passionate debate about economic effects versus health effects.

In the months before the first ordinance (18-03) was passed, the Mono County Health Department did outreach to business owners to educate them about a ban on flavored tobacco and see where the community stood. However, one of the accusations made at the Board meeting was that the outreach was insufficient and/or incorrectly done. Whether or not this is the case, some businesses that sell tobacco were still angry and dismayed about the ban.

The outreach “didn’t ask [business owners] the hard question of ‘we’re gonna ban this, how do you feel about that?’” said Supervisor Peters. Consequently, business owners were unprepared for the impact of the ban.

Nancy Mahannah, Director of the Department of Public Health, explained the outreach consisted of talking to business owners about how they would feel about the ban, and giving them a packet of information on the proposed ordinance. According to the April 17 press release from Mahannah’s office, 10 out of 11 businesses that sold tobacco in the unincorporated county said that a ban on flavored products “would not be a burden.” These results are from before Ordinance 18-03 was passed.

When it finally came up for a vote, the ordinance passed with Supervisor Fred Stump voting against. Although Gardner vocally opposed changing the current ordinance, he voted to amend it anyway because, had he voted against, he would not be able to bring a motion to reconsider it in the future.

Whereas Peters was eager to re-legalize these products to help businesses while the County figures out an economically better solution, Gardner and others were more hesitant to do that.

If the ordinance was passed without any clauses that require revisiting, “There [would be] no incentive to come back to any of this tomorrow,” Gardner said. Peters retorted, “Sure there is.” This went on for a couple rounds until the supervisors agreed to create a sunset clause creating that incentive. By the time the sunset clause activates on October 31, 2019, supervisors hope to be able to completely ban flavored tobacco while giving businesses time to adjust.

The rest of Ordinance 18-03 still stands, such as making it illegal to smoke in public parks and dining areas. “Whether we adopt the revised ordinance that’s before us today, or keep the ordinance that’s in place, it’s a huge win to finally have... the same kind of common-sense regulations that you see in the rest of the state,” said Supervisor Corfess.

A flavored tobacco products display presented by Health Director Nancy Mahannah

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**FAIR-LY CHALLENGING**

**By Bodine**

A black cloud still hangs over the Bishop Tri-County Fairgrounds, created by a string of embezzling by CEOs and poor management. The main event, the Tri-County Fair, has not been at its best and fairgrounds better held Monday, July 9. The public has complained about how the fair has been run, when given the chance, so the Fairgrounds Board of Directors and management welcomed the Fairgrounds Board of Directors and management welcomed the public to provide their input. There wasn't a board meeting for three months following the 2017 fair; a fair was fired two weeks before the 2018 fair started.

The 30 attendees broke up into three different groups to discuss, one, the fairgrounds, the physical property, two, the event, the Tri-County Fair, and three, the organization/management of the fairgrounds.

The groups made lists of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT) to the three items. The lists would be compiled and consolidated for the new Chief Executive Officer of the fairgrounds.

The search for a new CEO is ongoing. The Sheet sat in on a full session of each item. The Fairgrounds and its strengths was first. The property is large, the infrastructure is good, said Tammy Allen. Shea Vick added that the grounds are accessible to the community, meaning it is centrally located.

The dated facility is hardly accessible to all; there are few handicapped walkways or ramps. The list of weaknesses filled up quick. “This is what everybody’s been waiting for,” said Matt Johnston.

The kitchens are not up to code said Michele Dauphina. Callie Peek, Program Representative for 4H started the list of opportunities and suggested making advertising do the work. The Fairgrounds could hold a contest for local landscaping companies to keep the grounds up, for example, and the winner would win an ad space year-round.

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William Thomson Taylor 1952-2018

On Sunday, July 8, William Taylor died from complications related to leukemia. He was 65 years old.

Born and raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to parents Herb & Edie Taylor, Bill received a degree in anthropology from Amherst College in 1974 and traveled west toward a job in San Francisco after graduation. He stopped in Mammoth to visit a climbing friend, took a job as a ski-tuner at Kirttredge Sports, and never left.

An avid outdoorsman, Bill climbed in Tuolumne Meadows at the end of the golden era of Yosemite climbing. He hiked and backpacked countless trails and routes in the Sierra Nevada and Eastern Sierra and spent winters downhill and cross-country skiing.

In the 1970s Bill worked as an archaeologist for the US Forest Service, a job he loved. He helped Mammoth incorporate and worked as one of its first town planners for 23 years, retiring in 2006. Bill was instrumental in the creation of the air quality ordinance, the Mammoth Creek easement along Old Mammoth Road, and the bike path. Retirement didn’t slow Bill down—he served on the board of Mammoth Lakes Trails & Public Access and Mammoth Lakes Housing, continued his active Rotary participation, and worked as a consultant on projects around town.

He met Sherilyn Drake when she worked at Schar’s Bakery—they married and raised their sons Nathan and Davis, who are both graduates of Mammoth High School (2000 and 2004). Bill & Sherry instilled a deep love for the Eastern Sierra in their sons, taking them hiking, backpacking, skiing, and climbing throughout their childhoods. Once their kids were grown he and Sherry continued camping throughout the West and recently took up birding.

Bill’s great intellect, love of the outdoors, and sense of civic responsibility were matched by a warm heart and a genuine interest in people. He brought collaboration and respect to every meeting he attended, letter he wrote, and community effort in which he participated. Even those who disagreed with Bill admired his integrity and courtesy. He will be very much missed by his countless Mammoth and Eastside friends, and family on the East and West Coasts.

Bill is survived by his wife Sherry, son Nathan and wife Elin Ljung, son Davis and partner Mikkel Leslie, brother Richard Taylor and wife Phyllis, and brother Robert Taylor, as well as cousins, nephews, nieces, and in-laws. A memorial service is being planned for the fall.

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SO MUCH FOR ARTISTIC EXPRESSION
Eastern Sierra Unified School District paints over murals in testament to the beauty of drab yellow

By Trefry

Two Lee Vining buildings maintained by the Eastern Sierra Unified School District just got a whole lot more boring. The Lee Vining Library and the Lee Vining After School Program building were both previously adorned with colorful murals, painted by staff and students and featuring the school’s mascot (tigers). A few weeks ago, district maintenance staff painted over these two murals; the buildings are now a pale yellow color (we’ll let you be the judge as to whether that’s an improvement). Despite the fact that the paint was peeling and the buildings had to be repainted, students are still sad.

“Painting over the murals is disintegrating the beauty and uniqueness of Lee Vining,” said Alden Seiberling, who is going into 7th grade at Lee Vining Elementary School. Claire DesBaillets, an incoming junior, understood that the building had to be repainted but is still disappointed.

“I drove into town one day, and the murals were just gone. It was a complete surprise,” she told the Sheet. “It feels like a piece of Lee Vining history is gone.” School officials were notified right before the end of the school year that the murals would be painted over, but students were never told.

“Nor are there any plans to paint new murals. So for the foreseeable future (at least until the end of next year) the library and after-school program buildings will remain yellow.” Jeanne Sassin, now principal of Lee Vining Schools, was an elementary school teacher for many years and watched the painting of these murals more than a decade ago.

“It’s great we had the opportunity to put these murals on public buildings. The only thing I can think of is to do something new every few years,” she said. “I would be super receptive to doing new murals.” Sarah Taylor, who is the art, drama, and English teacher at Lee Vining High School, says she would be interested in having her art class paint new murals if the project went forward as students hope. However, Taylor says she only teaches art every four years, and since there was an art class the year before last, it might be a few years before there’s an opportunity for murals to be painted as part of a class.

These murals were more than just murals. They were a testament to the beauty and uniqueness of Lee Vining, and their loss is a blow to the community. School officials should consider replacing the murals in the near future to keep the beauty and uniqueness of Lee Vining alive.

“I came along/Wrote a song for you/And all the things you do/And it was called ‘Yellow.’” The band Coldplay, for one, applauds the new paint job.
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pretty pictures – they were Lee Vin-
ing time capsules. They featured the
names of the students who helped
paint them, many of whom are now
adults and still live in Lee Vining. If
you look closely, you’ll see another
bit of school history: Kate Mosher,
the art teacher at the time, quit
before the mural on the after school
program building was finished, so
the serpent’s neck is missing. In fact,
below those murals were even older
ones, going back perhaps 20 or
more years. The question is: Will the
tradition continue, or will the library
and after school program build-
ings be doomed to a bland, yellow
conformity?
WEATHER HOT, FISHING HOTTER

Last Saturday, July 7, was a very hot day with temperatures soaring close to 100 degrees! But as any true angler will tell you, “Any day is a good day to go fishing.” Dozens of anglers showed that to be true with many traveling several hundred miles to participate in the 2nd Annual Big Pine Trout Derby co-sponsored by the Big Pine American Legion Glacier Post 457 and the County of Inyo through its Community Grants Program.

Dozens of local businesses in Bishop and Big Pine donated door prizes and cash prizes were offered for largest fish and largest limit by weight.

Danny Paulson won First Prize for catching the largest fish of the day at 2.06 lbs. and the Biggest Limit (by weight). Having a very good day, he won both $200-cash prizes. Paulson said he caught his fish in Lee Vining using pink and white mouse tail. It turns out that many other anglers reported the same success with mouse tails.

Tyler, age 10, and McKenzie, age 12, of Tehachapi, Calif., had a nice big string of trout. Their proud dad, CHP officer Bryan Lombardi, said that this was their “second Big Pine derby outing, and we love it here in Big Pine!” They had success fishing Big Pine Creek around Glacier Lodge using a combination of salmon eggs, mouse tails, Rapalas, and power bait.

Curtis Gonzales was one of the luckiest anglers in the trout derby having won the $600 Blind Bogie, which weighed 8-ounces.

The American Legion hopes for increasing success as they sponsor future trout derbies. They deliberately chose the first Saturday in July, which is a free fishing day. The next free fishing day will be the first Saturday in September.

LIONS INSTALL TWIN LAKES DOCK

Mammoth Lakes Lions Club members Greg Newbry, Jeff Mitchell, Pete Bernasconi, Bob Wheeler and Dieter Fiebiger installed the Lions fishing dock at Twin Lakes on Thursday. “Dieter’s dock” needed some extra repairs this year so the installation was later than usual but the dock is ready to go for this weekend!
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Eastern Sierra creates local chapter of Electric Auto Association

On Wednesday, Raejean Fellows, President of the Electric Auto Association (EAA), gave a talk about electric cars in the Mammoth Lakes Library. The EAA is a non-profit that works to increase and "accelerate" electric vehicle use.

Nine people sat at a table in the backroom of the library. Don Condon is the president of the newly organized local EAA chapter.

Fellows was excited to tell the room that, "Mammoth is the perfect place for electric vehicles." 'In town' driving doesn't burn a lot of miles because everything is close together.

Then there are the financial incentives. SCE rate payers only pay twelve cents an hour to charge an electric car from their home between 10 p.m. and 8 a.m. Annually, a driver in Mammoth pays $514 in energy costs for an electric car. A gas car's energy costs are $2,223.

Besides the savings, the driver doesn't have to go to the gas station anymore. SCE offers a $450 Clean Fuel Rebate to customers who drive an electric car. The rebate is funded by the states Low Carbon Fuel Standard program. To be eligible for the rebate the car must be certified as a Plug-in Electric Vehicle (PEV). There are two types of PEV: a Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV) and a Plug-in Hybrid Vehicle (PHV). Hybrids like the Toyota Prius and Chevy Volt aren't categorized as electric vehicles by the state or the EAA—but they do qualify for other benefits. Lists of eligible vehicles can be found at drive-clean.ca.gov.

How much can rebates and tax credits save a driver? A new 2018 Chevy Bolt EV goes for $37,495 MSRP. After a Clean Vehicle Rebate of $2,500, a federal tax credit of $7,500, and the $450 SCE rebate, it costs $27,045.

The idea that Mammoth is the perfect place to drive an electric vehicle slowed when the discussion moved to the subject of charging. Fellows outlined three levels of charging. The slowest is the 120V, household outlet, charge that gives a vehicle 5 miles per hour of charge. There is a 240V charge, a dryer's voltage, that gives a vehicle 10-45 miles per hour of charge. Then there is the supercharge or the Direct Current charge, which is the only practical option for people driving long distances. A supercharger charges 80% of a battery's capacity in thirty minutes or less. It is slower than filling up at the gas station, but faster than spending the night halfway to somewhere.

A map of publicly available chargers created by Open Charge Map (a non-profit that connects electric vehicle users to charge station data) is empty between Mammoth and California City—a distance of 163 miles. Heading north, the next non-Tesla charging station is 119 miles away in Gardnerville.

That doesn't mean an electric car driver can't charge between Mammoth and those places. Remember, electric vehicles can plug into 120V outlets—the normal home and business kind. In the electric car industry, there is Tesla and everything else. Tesla's Model S gets 335 miles per charge. The 2019 Chevy Bolt EV gets 238 miles per charge, offering the longest range off the non-Tesla stock.

The drive from downtown Los Angeles to the post office on Main Street is 300 miles. A non-Tesla driver would have to charge along the way. A Tesla driver wouldn't, but just in case, there are Tesla supercharger stations in Mojave, Inyokern, Lone Pine, and Mammoth. Tesla chargers only work for Tesla vehicles and there aren't adapters for other cars to plug-in at Tesla charging stations.

Non-Tesla electric vehicle drivers, do not lose hope. Earlier this year, SCE received $343 million from state regulators to build 48,000 charging stations across its territory part of a $760.1 million commitment to constructing new charging networks. Gov. Jerry Brown approved a $2.5 billion plan to expand EV charging and hydrogen cell fueling stations. "As part of the state's goal of getting 5 million electric cars on the road by 2030." (Bloomberg, June 2018)

For now, however, Tesla drivers can rock down to electric avenue, leaving the rest of the electric fleet in the dark. "You gotta believe in Elon, you gotta believe," Condon said.

Elen, please, let there be light.
Prepare for a summer of helicopters over June Lake
By Miczulski

On Monday, July 9 Southern California Edison (SCE) hosted a Project Scoping Meeting for their planned upcoming project on the Rush Creek hydroelectric system. SCE owns and operates three dams in this system which are located 14 miles south of Mono Lake. The Rush Creek hydroelectric system is made up of the Agnew Lake Dam, Gem Lake Dam and Rush Meadows Dam on Waugh Lake.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) requires that SCE be able to control water levels in these lakes so that in the event of above average water accumulation or seismic activity, the public will be protected. Seismic activity is a concern because of the dams’ proximity to the Silver Lake Fault, which runs along Highway 158; and the Hartley Spring Fault, which is 5 miles east, running roughly parallel to the Silver Lake Fault.

The project in question is focused around the Rush Meadows Dam. This concrete dam was built in 1925 and is 50 feet high and 463 feet wide. SCE intends to retrofit the dam by removing a 22-foot high by 12-foot wide notch at one end of the dam that is intended keep water levels in Waugh Lake safe for downstream residents in case of an earthquake. This modification will allow SCE to comply with FERC regulations.

Chief Dam Safety Engineer, Nick von Gersdorff explained, “That dam has had its reservoir restricted due to seismic concerns.”

An SCE spokesperson explained the overview of the project. “We’re going to make a modification to the dam’s spillway. That will allow water to come out if it gets to that point. That’s in a nutshell, it’s a safety project.”

Residents living near these lakes and around June Lake, might remember SCE’s project last summer which involved industrial pumps being brought to Agnew Lake to control water levels. The project produced frustration for local communities due to the SCE’s regular use of disruptively loud helicopters.

This year’s project on Rush Meadows Dam will also be using helicopters; however, SCE is trying to mitigate their use by setting up a base camp near the dam for construction personnel. This camp will allow crews to be flown in weekly instead of daily.

SCE’s Agnew Lake project also saw Sikorsky S-64 Skycrane heavy-lift helicopters being used nearly every day. By contrast, the Rush Meadow Dam project will use this helicopter sparingly. It’ll be used at the beginning to get heavy equipment in, and at the end to get the equipment out.

There will still be smaller helicopters used nearly every day for material and equipment transportation.

Stephanie Fincher, the Environmental Safety representative for the project noted, “There are a lot of hurdles on this one. We had to get federal and state approvals for various aspects of the project. It’s in the wilderness so the Wilderness Act compliance aspect is very rigorous as well. We are using the least amount of mechanized tools required and we’re using mules for some of the project’s transport.”

The Forest Service has approved the use of an excavator for the project, which is in the Ansel Adams Wilderness. The Wilderness Act prohibits the use of motorized equipment and mechanized transport in wilderness areas. Only the Chief of the Forest Service has the authority to approve the use of an excavator in a designated wilderness.

Diana Pietrasanta of the Inyo National Forest explained the exception, “If you look at the minimum requirements analysis we prepared, it would take SCE two or three years to complete the project if no excavator was used. It’s more damage to wilderness character (solitude, naturalness, primitive recreation) over time if no excavator were used, than just getting the project done quickly in one season.”

SCE began mobilizing construction crews out to Rush Meadows Dam on July 10th to establish their camp and base of operations for the weekly construction crew. Beginning on July 16th they will be mobilizing construction equipment to June Mounting parking lot, where helicopters will bring the equipment to the construction site at Waugh Lake. The project is scheduled to be complete by the end of October 2018.

Helicopter flights will start at 7 a.m. and continue through dusk most days. Weekend flights will try to stop by 2 p.m.

For more information contact Government Relations Manager Cal Rossi at 559.331.4555.

**LOCAL BRIEFS**

**Check your bills**

Counterfeit bills, $20s and $100s have been circulating around the Bishop area, according to a press release from the Bishop Police Department. The bills look authentic with the exception of red printed writing on the back and cover of the bill. Law enforcement is asking anyone who receives or comes into possession of the bills to contact law enforcement at 760.878.0383.

**Mustang Mesa Structure Fire**

On the morning of Tuesday, July 10, the Bishop Fire Department was dispatched to the Mustang Mesa area for a structure fire. Bishop Fire and CAL FIRE units arrived near simultaneously and began fire attack on a fully involved manufactured home where the roof had already collapsed into the structure.

Firefighters protected a flame impinged propane tank, a detached garage, and nearby vegetation. They were able to keep the fire to the building of origin, but unfortunately the home was a total loss. A long response time, advanced fire conditions, exploding ammunition, and excessive heat challenged the firefighting effort.

One civilian was transported to Northern Inyo Hospital in a private vehicle and there were no firefighter injuries.

**Georges Fire**

As of Thursday, July 12, the lightning-caused Georges Fire was at 2.883 acres and is 42 percent contained. The fire is in Unified Command with SoCal Team 3, a Type 2 incident management team (assigned to the Inyo National Forest), and CAL FIRE. The fire started the afternoon of July 8, 2018.

With a moderation in fire behavior, the evacuation has been lifted for the Whitney Portal area, including campgrounds, residents, and the Whitney Portal Store. The Whitney Portal Road was opened under the authority of the Inyo County Sheriff. The area was closed for the public’s safety due to the fire. The Eastern Sierra Visitor Center and the Wilderness Permit Office will return to normal business hours today.
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calendar of events

BARS & MUSIC

Happy Hour/
The Liberty Sports Bar and Grill.
Pursuit of Happiness Hour: 3-6 p.m., Mondays and Thursdays, $1 off draft beers, $2 off wine, $4 well drinks, $2 off specialty drinks. $5 Flatbread.
Info: see ad, p. 15.
Outlaw Saloon Happy Hour,
Monday: All Night Happy Hour; 4-11, Tues-Fri 4-6 p.m.; Tuesday: $2.50 Tacos 4-9 pm; 6-9 p.m. Wing Wednesday 50% off all wings.
Thursday: Burger & Beer special 6-9 p.m. See ad, p. 9.
Morrison’s Happy Hour Daily
5-6 p.m., Monday-Thurs.
Mammoth Rock ‘N Bowl
Monday: $4 games start at 9 p.m.
Tuesday: $2 street tacos, $2 games and $2 shots. Wednesday: $10 large cheese or single topping pizza and 2 for 1 bowling. Thursday: Ladies Night, bowl 2 free games, shoes included. Friday and Saturday: Cosmic Bowling 9 p.m. Saturday Sunday: Kids bowl free from 4-7 p.m.
Petra’s Bistro & Wine Bar
Happy hour 5-7 p.m. daily. $5-10 menu items and drink specials. Info: see ad, p. 14.
Clocktower Cellar
Happy Hour 4:30-7 p.m. daily. $5 dollar menu items, drink specials. Info: see ad, p. 14.
East Side Bake Shop
Open Thursday-Monday. Live Music and dinner every Saturday. Info: see ad, p. 5.
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 3/3.9. Info: see ad, p. 9.
Samaru
Mon.-Thurs. 4 p.m.-close, 20% off all alcohol in bar. Karaoke Night every Fri. & Sat. starting June 29, 9-11:30 p.m. Info: see ad, p. 8.
Whitebark 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 Sundays 4-5:30 p.m. Info: see ad, p. 5.
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.
Smokyard weekend Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. in the bar only. Side Door Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. Giovann’s Happy Hour daily 4-6 p.m. Large pizza and a pitcher of beer gets you free wings.
Lakanuki Happy Hour daily 3-6 p.m., $4.50 margaritas, Mai Tais. Happy Hour drink specials 10 p.m.-close.
Black Velvet Coffee’s Happy Hour, from 4-6 p.m. every day.
Shelter Distilling (Village at Mammoth) free tasting hour 3-4 p.m.
Saturday, July 14/
Party on the Mountain at June featuring live music by the Sundowners. Time: 3-8 p.m. Location: June Mountain Ski Area. Info: 608.503.3690. Adult tickets $20, Youth & Senior tickets $15, no charge for children under 12. More info see ad, p. 3.
Derik Olson serenades during the dinner hour @ East Side Bake Shop starting 6 p.m. More Info: See ad, p. 7.

BARS & MUSIC

Sunday, July 15/
Bodie 601 plays The Mobil Mart in Lee Vining. 4-7 p.m.

Saturday, July 14/

Members of Good Livin’ play East Side Bake Shop in McGee. 1-3 p.m.

Monday, July 16/
Bishop City Band plays Bishop City Park Gazebo. 8 p.m. Free.

Wednesday, July 18/
Happy hour jazz on Liberty’s patio with Eddy Evans. Starts 4 p.m.

Thursday, July 19/

Everyday Outlaws plays The Mobil Mart in Lee Vining. 6-9 p.m.

Bodie 601 plays Liberty Sports Bar & Grill. 9 p.m.


Friday, July 20/
Gold Standard plays 53 Kitchen & Cocktails. 9-11 p.m.

TOWN STUFF

July 13-14/ 8th annual Mammoth Food and Wine Experience. Wine Walk: The Village. Friday, 5-8 p.m. Grand Tasting: Sierra Nevada. Saturday, 7-10 p.m. Location: MammothFoodandWine.org.

July 13-15/ Ginnie Shelter Carnival, a fundraiser benefiting Wild Iris. Time: noon-10 p.m. both days. Location: Minaret Village Shopping Center parking lot.

Saturday, July 14/ Trail Days Maintenance at the Coldwater Trailheads. Time: 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Meet at: Coldwater Trailheads above Coldwater Campground. Info: traildays@mltpa.org or see ad p. 9.

Eastern Sierra Tri-County Fair Junior Livestock Show, Auction at 6 p.m. Location: Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop. Friends of the Inyo Interpretive program. The Outdoors and the Creative Process. Meet at: Bishop Pass Trailhead at South Lake. Time: 10 a.m. Info: 760.430.8050.

Bishop Paiute Tribe COSA Bird Walk. Time: 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Meet at BLM/Forest Service Building on W. Line St., Bishop.

Doubles Tennis Social at Snowcreek. Wednesday 50% off all wings. $2.50 Tacos 4-9pm; 6-9pm. Wing Wednesday 50% off all wings. Thursday: Burger & Beer special 6-9pm. See ad, p. 9.

Sunday, July 15/ Eastern Sierra Book Festival. Time: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Location: Hayden Cabin, in Mammoth. Free. Event features local Eastern Sierra authors, lectures, readings, music & food. Hang out with your fellow intellectuals and learn more about publishing your work!

Sierra Club Hike in Hall Research Natural Area. Meet 8:45 a.m. at Union Bank parking lot in Mammoth, or Ranger Station on Tioga Road. Info: Ann, 760.934.9721, annleithliter@gmail.com.
Meet at 6 p.m. for eight programs, as well as two evening concerts. Schuldt and Rebecca Hang bring the world premiere of their piano quintet. The Festival takes place July 19-28. Brian Wilson, Dave Berlin, and Other Ones with the Classic West will headline the VTA Stomp. The performance runs for two weeks of August 18-19. Volunteers are invited to help with running the event. There is another work weekend August 18-19. The Mammoth Lakes Band Shell will be the first of its kind in California. The Woods are located at 5699 E. Main St., Lone Pine. Info: 760.783.6500. The 23rd Annual beer and blues festival returns August 2-5. There will be four days of music on two stages, weekend beer tasting of over 60 breweries serving 150 craft beers and ciders. This year’s lineup features Taj Mahal & Keb’ Mo’, Eric Gales, ZZ Ward, Ozomati, Reverend Peyton’s Big Damn Band, Daniele Nicole and more. The Minaret Stage will host High Country Acoustic blues until 11:30. Purchase advance tickets at the Mammoth Brewing Co. tasting room and receive a free hat. Info: Festival Hotline, 888.902.7397. The Sierra Classic Theatre presents Macbeth, directed by Susan Dalian. The performance runs for two weekends: August 9-12 and 16-19. The Woods are located at 5699 Minaret Rd., Mammoth. Pinicking is encouraged. Beer, wine and hot drinks for sale. Bring a low back chair or use the chairs provided. $15 suggested donation. Info: sierraclassictheatre.org. Long time local and wonderful neighbor Bill Taylor passed away on July 8, 2018 after a long illness during which he needed frequent transfusions. We would like to replenish the blood bank in his memory to help the next person who needs life saving blood. Please consider donating on Thursday, July 19th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Mammoth Lakes Fire Station #1. Call for an appointment 800.896.4484, or go online at www.BloodHero.com (sponsor code: SNOW) or just show up on the 19th. Bill’s family thanks you.

Party on the Mountain

On Saturday, July 14, take a scenic ride up June Mountain’s iconic J1 chairlift for a party with views of Mono Lake. The afternoon will feature BBQ, a beer tasting from local breweries, and live music from The Sundowners. The party goes from 3-8 p.m. Tickets are available for purchase online at 2:30. Adult tickets are $20, youth & senior tickets are $15 and children 12 and under are free. Info: 888.586.3686.

Fall Soccer Registration

Bishop AYSO Registration is still open for fall soccer, registration fee is $45 for 3 years old and $90 for 4 years old and up.

Players will start to be waitlisted if registered after 7/23. Waitlisted players will be placed on a team if there is space to add more players based on the number of players. Register at BishopAYSO.org

Mammoth Reggae Festival

Come to the Village July 20 and 21 for reggae, drinks and food. Friday’s line-up includes VTA, Psydecar, Roots of Mine, and The Expendables. On Saturday, hear DJ Rodney O, Kyle Ward, Ozomati, Reverend Peyton’s Big Damn Band, Daniele Nicole and more. The Minaret Stage will host High Country Acoustic blues until 11:30. Purchase advance tickets at the Mammoth Brewing Co. tasting room and receive a free hat. Info: Festival Hotline, 888.902.7397.

Shakespeare in the Woods


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TOWN STUFF

Sunday, July 15 (cont.)

Monday, July 16/
Stars over Mono, stargazing and stories lead by the National Park Service. Time: 8:30-10 p.m. Location: Mono Lake South Tufa, Lee Vining. Info: Mono Lake Committee, 760.647.6595. Junior Golf Tournament. Time: 3 p.m. start. Location: Bishop Country Club, 760.873.5828. $10/player. Mammoth Community Foundation Bike Ride. Meet at Footloose Sports at 4:30 p.m. Plan to ride for at least 1.5 hours.

Tuesday, July 17/
Mono County Board of Supervisors meets. Time: 9 a.m. Location: Suite Z, Minaret Mall in Mammoth. Sierra Club Talk. Subject: Geology of the Bodie Mining District. Speaker: Brigitte Berman. Time: 6:45 p.m. Location: Mammoth Lakes Community Center, 1000 Forest Trail.

Wednesday, July 18/
Mammoth Lakes Town Council meets. Time: 6 p.m. Location: Suite Z, Minaret Mall.

Thursday, July 19/

AT THE MOVIES

Minaret Cinemas

Skyscraper (PG-13): The Rock saves his family from a skyscraper fire. It’s like the Towering Inferno, but without O.J.

The Ant Man and the Wasp (PG-13): If you can get past Paul Rudd as a superhero, this movie is for you!

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

Statement Of Abandonment

Of Use of Fictitious Business Name

Deckmasters of the High Sierra

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Frederick G. Diem

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Uwens River Trail Project

On July 21 and 22, help Friends of the Inyo build a boater’s paradise along a six-mile stretch of the Lower Owens River outside of Lone Pine. The project will add ADA-accessible put-in and take-out points where all people can float, fish, and swim. The Water Trail will be the first of its kind in California. There is another work weekend August 16-19. Volunteers RSVP to Julia at julia@friendsofheinyo.org. Info: 760.783.6500.

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Pursuant to Public Contract Code section 22300, the successful bidder may substitute certain securities for funds withheld by the Town to ensure performance under the Contract.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes will receive sealed bids through 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 2, 2018, at 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite R, Mammoth Lakes, California 93546 until 4:00PM on Thursday, August 2, 2018, at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

Notice Inviting Bids cont.

TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, CALIFORNIA

Jamie Gray, TOWN CLERK

DATED: 7/18/18

TS #2018-0113

Notice of Sale of Surplus Equipment

Notice is HEREBY GIVEN that the County of Mono, through the Mono County Planning and Development Office, does not have the use or need for the following property:

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Public Notices

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TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, CA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
NOTICE INVITING BIDS
CONTRACT NO. 09-38230
PROJECT NO. CAP 15-002
The Town of Mammoth Lakes will receive sealed bids for the work shown on the plans entitled
CONSTRUCTION ON STATE HIGHWAY IN MONO COUNTY IN MAMMOTH LAKES AT LAKE MARY ROAD
In the Town of Mammoth Lakes for
The Town of Mammoth Lakes, California
Bids will be received at the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Mammoth Lakes located at:
437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite R
Mammoth Lakes, California 93546
until 4:00PM on Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at which time
they will be publicly opened and read.

Proposal forms and Contract Documents for this work are included in the specifications.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: This Project is located in
Mammoth Lakes on State Route 203 from 0.08 north
of the intersection of Lake Mary Road to the intersection
of Lake Mary Road. The project improvements
include construction of a sidewalk from 0.08 north
of the intersection of Lake Mary Road to the intersection
of Lake Mary Road, reconstruction on one retaining
wall, and the installation of drainage and lighting im-
provements. The engineers estimate for this project
is $690,000. The work includes full compliance with
all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

The work shall be completed within the time set forth
in the Contract.

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at
the conference room at the Town Offices on 2:00PM
at July 25, 2018, located at 437 Old Mammoth Road,
Suite R, Mammoth Lakes, California 93546.

The contractor shall have a valid Class A Contractor
License, a Driver’s License, and a current Business
Tax Certificate and shall maintain all required li-
ensures that the bidder will enter into the proposed
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Technical questions should be directed to Haislip
California Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.120.

Oral clarifications are non-binding and any
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retention of 5% will be withheld from payment until
after the work is complete.

TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, CALIFORNIA
JONATHAN WARD, TOWN CLERK
DATED: JUL 13, 2018
TS2018-0134

Mammoth Hospital Offering Free
Childbirthing Classes Starting July 18th

Comienzo el 18 de Julio Mammoth Hospital
Oferción Clases de Preparación Al Parto

En colaboración con First 5 del Condado de Mono

Clases bilingües en colaboración con First 5 del Condado de Mono

- Desarrolle la confianza en su cuerpo para dar a luz.
- Aprenda de nuestros profesionales, junto con otras parejas.
- Hable con sus médicos acerca de las opciones para el alivio
  del dolor y de la preparación para el parto, incluyendo
  masaje, relajación, técnicas de respiración y medicamentos.

Los temas incluirán:

7/18/18 Nutrición y conceptos básicos de obstetricia
7/25/18 Parto natural
8/1/18 Visita al centro de nacimiento
8/8/18 Anestesia
8/15/18 Amamantamiento
8/22/18 Pediatría y postparto obstétrico

Para obtener más información acerca de las clases y cómo inscribirse, comuníquese con el número 760.924.4044

www.mammothhospital.com

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person is Doing Business As: First Chair

First Chair Foods
P.O. Box 866, 3043 Main Street
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

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File Number 18-110
2018-0121 (6/30, 7/7, 7/14, 7/21)

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person is Doing Business As: SLC of Georgia LLC

SLC of Georgia LLC
325 Old Mammoth Road, P.O. Box 244
Mentone, Ca, 92359

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File Number 18-117
2018-0130 (7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28)

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person is Doing Business As: The Warming Hut LLC

The Warming Hut LLC, A Colo. LLC
343 Old Mammoth Road, P.O. Box 8433
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

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2018-0136 (7/14, 7/21, 7/28, 8/4)

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Bi-Lingual Classes in Partnership with First 5 Mono County

- Build confidence in your body’s ability to give birth.
- Learn from our professionals alongside other couples.
- Discuss pain relief and birthing topics with our providers including massage, relaxation, breathing techniques, and medications.

Topics Include:

- 7/18/18 Nutrition & OB Basics
- 7/25/18 Natural Childbirth
- 8/1/18 Birthing Center Tour Q & A
- 8/8/18 Anesthesia
- 8/15/18 Breastfeeding
- 8/22/18 Pediatrics and OB Postpartum

Classes held weekly on

Wednesday starting at 6:00pm

for one hour each session.

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- 7/25/18 Natural Childbirth
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HORRSOCOPES
By Clouds McCloud

Cancer: This a good month for you to go in any rivers you can. That's because the Stars are reporting that this should be the start of a calm and more relaxing summer, which should set the tone for a smoother and more enjoyable next ride around the sun for you. Therefore, your birthday advice is to listen to more Eagles, "Cause I've got a peaceful, easy feeling."

Leo: Despite chaos going on around you, this should be a good and relatively stress-free stretch of life for you. That's why it's important that you use your Leo powers to inspire others as often as you can. A sense of humor helps, so try this line, "They say good things take time, which is why I'm always late."

Virgo: This is a bit of a rocky month for you and many signs.Luckily, you are known for your ability to not only handle rough roads, but to actually enjoy them. That's why your new alter ego is a Monster Truck driver. Here are few ideas for names from actual Monster Trucks. Grave Digger, Iron Outlaw, Ramminator and Fluffy Libra: It may be easy for you to get frustrated at the pace of some things in your life right now. To help, Clouds would like to offer you some suggestions for relaxation when you're starting to get cranky: Go for a hike. Drink to minor excess with suggestions for relaxation when Clouds would like to offer you some things in your life right now. To help, get frustrated at the pace of some things in your life right now. To help, your advice will come from another roadie music. Clouds always like to listen to a little Bob Seger while on the road: "Gotta keep rollin', got to keep ridin', keep searching 'til I find what's right."

Capricorn: There comes a time in life when you have to choose. Sometimes the choice is as simple as what flavor ice cream to put atop your cone. Other times it can be as tough as deciding where to call home. But rest assured, if you can keep your word and act with a kind heart, things are certain to turn out well, at least no worse than a noisy fart.

Aries: Since this will be a month to get in any rivers you can. That's why the Stars are reporting that this should be the start of a calm and more relaxing summer, which should set the tone for a smoother and more enjoyable next ride around the sun for you. Therefore, your birthday advice is to listen to more Eagles, "Cause I've got a peaceful, easy feeling."

Taurus: This much we know is true: Your lucky day is Lingerie-day. In Chile, people make fun of friends to their faces, and say nice things about them behind their backs. If you like bowling, then you know it's best to let the pins fall where they may. When things are going well you and Dr. Dre have his line in common, "I get plenty of ass so call me an 'astro-naut'."

Gemini: To help you appreciate life, remember that even someone as cool as Anthony Bourdain obviously had his down times, too. Please enjoy a course of quotes from the late chef. Appetizer) "I don't have to agree with you to like or respect you." Salad: "I'm not afraid to look like an idiot." Entree: "The journey is part of the experience — an expression of the seriousness of one's intent. One doesn't take the A train to Mecca." Dessert: "Barbecue may not be the road to world peace, but it's a start."
WHERE THERE'S SMOKE . . .

By Bobbi T

The East Willow Alpine Club (EWAC), founded by a local climbing guide who lived on East Willow Street in Bishop, the late-William Earl “Smoke” Blanchard in the 1970s, met on Tuesday in Bishop. No one knows when the last meeting of the club was held, or why the club stopped meeting.

“Many people ask if the club is small and local. I do not know the answer,” Blanchard wrote in his 1984 memoir, Walking Up and Down the World. He describes how he was able to wrangle his international trips for Mountain Travels. His forays into the big mountains and what he called “picnic and pilgrimage” were just as coveted and meaningful as his forays into the big mountains and his international trips for Mountain Travels.

He died in a car accident in 1989. It was as a truck driver that Blanchard earned his nickname, Smoke. He first came to town in the 1940s and worked seasonally for Turner Propane and guided and ran Mountaineering Guide Service, later named by the new owner, Allen Steck, as the Palisade School of Mountaineering above Big Pine.

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