FRUITFUL PARTNERSHIP
Runner, filmmaker make a life in Mammoth
By Gorman

It’s almost too much.
Too much drive, talent and accomplishment out of one couple: Alexi Pappas and Jeremy Teicher.

Alexi, the poet, actor, and professional distance runner, married the Jeremy, the award-winning filmmaker, in June of this year. Since they met at Dartmouth College in 2009, while Jeremy was a senior and Alexi a sophomore, they have viewed their career as a single organism with many sides: athletic, cinematic, and literary.

In 2017 they relocated to Mammoth Lakes from Eugene, Oregon for the next step in their career(s).

“Here’s what I love about Mammoth,” Jeremy said, “it feels so conducive to being really focused. I could be at a meeting in LA tomorrow…and for Alexi, it’s the best spot in the world for marathon training.”

On Sunday, Alexi will toe the line at the Chicago Marathon. It will be the first marathon of the already illustrious athletic arm of her and Jeremy’s career. Alexi represented Greece at the 2016 Rio Olympics in the 10,000 meters.

She feels that the guidance she has received from Mammoth Track Club coach Andrew Kastor, along with her training in the place where the legends of American marathoning preceded her, has prepared her for the step up in distance.

“The greats, Deena, Meb, Ryan, all did the most damage when they lived here. I wanna run on those same roads,” Alexi said. “When you’re in a race and you trained in the same place as those people, you feel more powerful.”

Alexi’s training has been solid leading up to Chicago. She has the stuff to threaten the Greek national record of 2:33:40, but the marathon is an unpredictable event.

After Chicago, Alexi and Jeremy will take their long-awaited honeymoon to Italy. While Alexi trains, Jeremy undertakes the work of an independent filmmaker.

“There’s a number of different projects happening at any given time on the film side of our career,” he said. “I’m a writer and a director, so what this means is that I’m often simultaneously at some stage of writing a new project, and then either editing or preparing to go into production on something else, and then also like every independent filmmaker you’re doing [the freelance work that pays the bills].”

Jeremy’s has released two feature films, Tall as the Baobab Tree, and TrackTown. On both of these, Alexi was a co-writer, and on the latter see COUPLE, page 13

THE FULL MONTY

Monty Williams at last week’s Pabananumina Powwow in Bishop. For full coverage, see p. 8

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OH FOR 15
MLR falling way short of fundraising expectations
By Gorman

$2,000,000 in three years.

That was the fundraising goal the Mammoth Lakes Recreation Board of Directors set when it hired Executive Director Matt McClain in July, 2017.

15 months have passed, and the NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) hasn’t raised a single cent, and Mammoth Lakes Town Council is wondering whether MLR should get out of the fundraising game altogether.

McClain was hired at a starting salary of $130,000 per year because he was believed to be an expert at raising funds for non-profits. His only proven expertise in this arena (at least locally) is selling himself.

“There has been too much emphasis on defining MLR’s role in the Mammoth Lakes community and not enough on determining how much can be raised,” a council member said. “We need to establish a realistic goal and then either exceed it or change our strategy.”

By Gorman

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GOODNIGHT MOON(YES)

The September 17 issue of Barron's Magazine featured a story on the Les Moonves sexual harassment scandal/debacle at CBS by Ben Walsh titled, “Where Was the CBS Board?”

It's a fairly damning piece, particularly because the CBS Board of Directors may let Moonves walk with a rich compensation package rumored in the $100 million range.

As Walsh writes, “The biggest responsibility directors have is the hiring and firing of CEOs, and when the CBS Board gave Moonves - at the time the Executive Chairman - his contract, they apparently did not know that at least a dozen women had credible complaints of sexual assault or harassment against him. And for at least the past nine months, they have had a chance to build a case to allow them to fire Moonves for cause and zero out his compensation. That they haven't done so illustrates how fractured andbeckless a body they are.”

But the story had a larger message - about the nature of Boards and the nature of experienced executives who have a particular talent for keeping their supposed bosses and overseers in the dark.

More Walsh: “Why didn't they [the CBS Board] know more and know sooner? One answer is Moones himself. 'Mr. Moones did not reach the heights of the television industry without knowing how to navigate the terrain and guard his turf,' the reporter John Koblin noted in the New York Times. In fact, the CBS Directors were at a specific disadvantage in finding out what was really going on at the company they oversaw.”

Why? Walsh maintains it's because the CEO is often the only manager who sits on the Board of Directors. So that CEO pretty much serves as the only conduit of information between Directors and the rest of the organization.

"What board members must do," contends Walsh, "is go around the CEO for information, developing strong relationships with other executives and even managers down the line."

"Equally as important, board members have to be able to understand what to ask for and how to keep demanding it until management supports and even managers down the line.”

At the Mammoth Recreation Commission meeting Tuesday, staffers Stu Brown and Haislip Hayes presented an update regarding the Multi-Use Facility (MUF) project.

They believe the Town needs to redouble its efforts to sell the project to the community. “The Commission believes that the project is not well understood,” they write, and “A significant and compelling opportunity exists to change this negative and misinformed rhetoric by embarking on a strategic, integrated and expedited public outreach campaign.”

Staff and Commissioners believe that the sales pitch for the MUF should be the MU (Multi-Use).

Myself, if you want to sell me on this project, I’m not going to be won over by the pasta salad. Sell me the steak. Sell me the ice!

If you want to sell me on this project, I’m not going to be won over by the pasta salad.

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In a loosely related event, I sat in briefly for the MLT Board meeting on Wednesday. The agenda item that most intrigued me was the Mering Carson contract - Mammoth Lakes Tourism spends $2.7 million annually on its primary advertising agency.

One of the merits of Mering Carson, explained MLT Executive Director John Urdi, is that it possesses bulk buying power. As an example, he said a display ad that Outside Magazine might charge MLT $10,000 for directly, Mering Carson can negotiate that price down to $7,500.

First of all, I don't buy that. No self-respecting organization should need to bring Big Brother Mering Carson to the playground if it wishes to negotiate reasonable four-square rules. You should be able to do that yourself. That is not a justification to spend $2.7 million.

It just seemed ... lazy.

Which brings me to a point I've made more than once. MLT is so flush with cash that it just doesn't seem like the cash is allocated with maximum efficiency. A natural tendency when one's cup runneth over or when my wife finds herself alone in a thrift store with a credit card.

Take some away for Stu's rink. It’s a legit TIBID expense (tourism-related infrastructure). Just don't make the check out to Stu directly. That didn't pan out the last time.

Funniest thing that happened at Council this week. Councilman John Wentworth said that during his Councilmember Report, he would be speaking on behalf of Mammoth Voices - a local political advocacy/awareness group.

I didn't realize that Mr. Wentworth was a member of Mammoth Voices.
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Dear Editor:

Your newspaper was kind enough to report on the last Mammoth Lakes Tourism Board meeting, which we appreciate. I think, however, I may have inadvertently created some confusion which was reflected in your article concerning my questioning of Brent Truax. This was about an Executive Committee meeting a year ago, in which an approval was made by Brent Truax. This was about a contribution the resort made to the Mammoth Half-Marathon. I was concerned for two reasons; one that Brent was on the Executive Committee when the contribution was made, and two, that Brent’s employer, Sierra Nevada Resort, had a contract with the Half-Marathon at the time, which represented a conflict. Even more so, I was worried that the approval of the contribution was done by the Executive Committee without any real policies and procedures for such a decision to be made by that group.

My goal was to support Fellow Board Member Sean Turner’s request for a fresh look at our procedures for the Executive Committee and how financial contributions are made by MLT. MLT needs to make certain that the way we do things is subject to proper policies that comply with the Brown Act and ensure transparency for the public. Because I chose to discuss that during a general review of the issues concerning Brent, it may have appeared that I wanted to criticize Brent, but that was not really the objective. At no time did I “maintain” that Brent voted on the issue, as your article concluded. I merely asked our manager, John Urdi, if that was the case. John indicated it was not. I did, as you reported, point out that since Brent is on the Executive Committee, the Brown Act would bar that group from voting on a contribution for the Half-Marathon even if Brent recused himself.

I did so not to disparage Brent, but to make it clear that complying with the Brown Act is critical for our organization even though the Act is poorly drawn and a real sonofagun to adhere to. We must comply with the Brown Act because, although we are a private non-governmental organization, (NGO), we are spending public monies! That means we need to jump through all the hoops, touch all the bases and be totally transparent about what we do. In the past, MLT has operated a bit more informally than we do now. But the past is the past, and we have to live up to the responsibilities that the law imposes on us today. Where public money is concerned, this is not goal or an aspiration, it is an absolute requirement.

Of course, complying with the Brown Act is difficult; if you were to ask three lawyers about it, you would get at least four opinions! But that’s no excuse to have poor or unclear procedures under any circumstances. When dealing with public money, we not only have to avoid conflicts of interest at all costs, we must avoid even the appearance of conflict. Our basic obligation to the public is to handle its money in a way that creates no concerns or issues with its propriety. Anyone in the public may disagree with the choices we make or the actions we take, but there must not be room to argue with the legal correctness of how those choices were made. As one Board member pointed out, we do this as a public service, we don’t get paid for it, and it’s a giant headache to cross every T and dot every I. He’s right, but we simply don’t have a choice in the matter. It has to be done this way. That’s the burden you accept when your organization receives public money.

So my goal in bringing the matter up and being a pest about it was not to further criticize Brent, (arguably he’s been criticized enough lately), but rather to point out that our procedures need work. We have to do better. And, have no doubt, we will.

Paul Rudder
Mammoth Lakes
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as a fundraising entity,” Town Councilman John Wentworth said. 
As part of MLR’s scope of services contract, there is an expectation that the organization will secure a minimum of $100,000 per year in operational funding by July 2020. 
“I’m not convinced that creating an expectation that MLR needs to raise its operational budget is smart,” said Wentworth. 
Mayor Pro Tem Bill Sauser also had questions about MLR’s mission. “The community needs to make the decision, should MLR be a fundraising entity that helps build capital projects?” 
The doubts around MLR’s role as a fundraiser stem from the suspended Multi-Use Facility project. MLR made the MUF the centerpiece of its $2,000,000 fundraising campaign. The town ended up not moving forward with the project because the bids for construction were too expensive. 
MLR and the Town had a back and forth over the course of project development on how MLR could help fundraise. Both parties felt that the expectations were not clearly defined. “It was a failure on both sides,” Sauser said. “MLR failed by not articulating exactly what it needed to move forward, and the Town failed by not giving MLR the product it needed to move forward.” 
John Wentworth believes that the Multi-Use Facility non-start should be a learning experience for both parties. “We’re at a critical point where we need to take stock,” he said. “We need to sit down together and set a very specific protocol for the point in development that MLR needs a project to be at to go out and raise money for it.” 
Mammoth Lakes Recreation receives its operating budget of $192,000 per fiscal year from the town’s Measure R budget. This money cannot be used to support fundraising, so the town provided MLR an additional one-time contribution of $225,000 to be used for fundraising efforts. That funding came from the Measure U budget. 
Sauser said the town needs to analyze its return on investment. “No businessman expects his investment to break even in the first three years, they had to learn to crawl, and then walk, and now we need them to learn to jog.”
MLR Board member Colin Fernie said that the $2,000,000 fundraising target was aspirational. “If this stuff needs to be pushed back a year, or pushed back five years, I don’t think anybody is under the false assumption that if MLR can’t achieve this that we’re gonna disband the organization.”
Perhaps disbandment is harsh, but if MLR finds that it can’t fundraise then it ought to focus its energy elsewhere. “Recreation pays our bills,” Sauser said. “I want our NGOs to be successful because I believe that it is a model that can work.”
“Should MLR be a fundraising entity that helps build capital projects?”
-Bill Sauser

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TATUMS HOST RETIREMENT PARTY
Longtime civil servant celebrated by friends, colleagues
By James

Last Sunday, family, friends and colleagues attended a retirement party held for Bishop City Administrator Jim Tatum, seated in the accompanying photo.

Tatum was the long-time CEO of the Tri-County Fairgrounds and was known as someone who tirelessly worked to make it successful. He was also active with the Bishop Unified School District and, four years ago, realized his dream job, to become Bishop City Manager.

Earlier this year in July, Tatum announced that he has brain cancer and would be retiring at the end of the year. It was an announcement met with disbelief and more than a little sadness. Tatum loved the City of Bishop and Inyo County, and often spoke of his childhood and life here in the Eastern Sierra. He was almost universally liked and respected by many, known for his calm approach to issues and his dry sense of humor.

Speaking before a group of several dozen supporters and admirers of Tatum, former Bishop City Manager and current Inyo Supervisor Rick Pucci noted that he and Tatum shared much in common. “We’ve had a fairly unique connection. His love for Bishop, his approach. We immediately felt a good connection. His love for Bishop, his job, and his family were obvious. We were terribly saddened to learn earlier this year of his brain tumor and subsequent retirement.” He went on to say, “While working for the city, my relationship with Jim evolved … and I was proud to periodically brag to my peers that I felt very lucky to have a city administrator who was good to work with, pro-police, and had a dry sense of humor as well!”

Council member Laura Smith told The Sheet, that, “Jim Tatum is a deeply committed man with a profound work ethic. During his 20 years at the Tri-County Fair he greatly improved the grounds themselves, the Fair event, and many of the other events that take place at the fairgrounds. In the four years Jim spent at the helm of the city of Bishop he accomplished more than most people could do in twice that time! Importantly, Jim taught me diplomacy. In fact, I call him a Master of Diplomacy.

Council member Jim Ellis noted that Tatum was an amazing City Administrator, showing him that “we can make a difference in the lives of the citizens. “He…had this ability to find answers instead of excuses to issues, and to think outside of the normal government operating system.

The City’s current mayor, Karen Schwartz, wrote that “It was a privilege working with Jim as a new member on the city council. Jim was so motivated to get things done and eagerly welcomed my ideas. We shared an enthusiasm and drive for the future possibilities of Bishop. Jim is an effective leader … a visionary and the City of Bishop is better off because of him and his legacy will endure for years to come.”

As Tatum’s right hand at City Hall, City Clerk, Robin Pickens, summed up her experience with Tatum in a simple way that reflected what many others thought of him, “It has been a pleasure working with Jim. He is a hard-working man and always ready to get things done!”

The City of Bishop will greatly miss Tatum’s steady hand at City Hall.

Jim Tatum flanked by, from left, son Keith, wife Donna, daughter Kelsie and Inyo County Supervisor Rick Pucci.
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PABANAMANINA POWWOW HOSTS TRIBAL MEMBERS FROM 16 STATES

By Maddux

The beat of drums, fresh cooked frybread, and Native kids playing in regalia were some of the sounds, smells, and sights at this year's 2018 Bishop Pabanamanina Pow Wow. The 30th annual event, held September 28-30, featured the 2018 Indian Days Parade Lineup, crowning of Native royalty, Indian handgames, drum contests, a Tiyabie Run/Walk, inter-tribal dancing, and an Indian Day food contest with a community dinner afterwards.

One of the events to start off the Indian Day celebration in Bishop is the parade, which begins behind the Paiute Palace casino and ends at the Barlow Lane gym. Bishop Paiute Tribe resident (Paiute-Shoshone) Stevie Watterson and her daughter Svelen Martine sat along Diaz Lane as the parade passed by. Watterson said that "having the parade, symbolizes that we are still here, and we are one," she said. California Indian Day and the parade "kind of reminds everyone that no matter what type of tribe we are, we are able to get together," Watterson said.

Before the grand entry on Friday afternoon, spectators from various states and tribes gathered under canopies in camping chairs with extended family and friends to watch the beginning of the inter-tribal dancing. Bishop resident Frederick Thompson, 74, is full-blooded Shoshone and is a member of the Timbisha Shoshone tribe. As a Native veteran, he served in the United States Army in Vietnam from 1967-1968. Thompson said, "since I came home in 1968, I [would] go to powwows all over the United States. I [also] believe in the old way—Native American way," he said. Thompson said that when he was younger he "used to dance at one time and I learned how to do all that dancing up in Wyoming...[and I have been to a lot of places since]," he said. After returning from Vietnam, Thompson said he attended college for welding and later worked on skyscrapers in San Francisco, Chicago and various other places in the U.S.

Post-grand entry on a hot Saturday afternoon, I met with Northern traditional style dancer, Monty Williams (Shoshone) from Fallon, Nevada who said he has been coming to the California Indian Days gathering for "at least 10-15 years."

The Bishop powwow/gathering is "more community-based, and they take care of their dancers, and the community is [really] involved," said Williams. "It is good they share it with those that attend are "like a family—extended family thing," he said. Williams said that "an individual can contribute a song either in their own language or not [and] each singer has the option is they make the song" he said.

Native American Day in California was declared by Governor Ronald Reagan in 1968, with a "resolution calling for a holiday called American Indian Day, to be held the Fourth Friday in September. In 1998, the California Assembly passed AB 1953, which made Native American Day an official state holiday, observed annually on the fourth Friday in September. It honors Native American cultures and contributions to their respective states and the United States."

As this year's even concluded, the group of volunteers: co-chairs Wanada Summers and Joan Huff of the Bishop Paiute Tribe Powwow Committee and members, Tanya Mitchell, Toni Huff, Joanne Hanson and contributing volunteer members, Kaleena Stone, Hannah Frankson and Alison Piper, were already developing plans and fundraising for the 2019 powwow Summers said.
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I mean, surely you can’t speak for an organization unless you have some sort of membership affiliation.

Now I happened to be sitting at the back of the room where they keep that “Citizens of the Year” plaque - the brainchild of Shields Richardson to recognize the great do-gooders of the local community.

At one point, Richardson opined that the outgoing Mayor should choose the Citizen of the Year for that year.

In 2018, Mayor Wentworth used his selection for ... Mammoth Voices. By the transitive property, on some small level, does this mean Mr. Wentworth nominated himself as Citizen of the Year last year?

I received the following letter and accompanying photograph from an enterprising young sportswriter named Dale Gilbert.

Bishop has an ice hockey team in the Los Angeles Kings High School Hockey League (lakeleague.com). It is composed of 8 teams located primarily north of metropolitan Los Angeles and as far east as Goleta and Bakersfield. The Broncos home ice is in Valencia, CA, a 4-1/2 hour drive from Bishop. They play a home game on Friday night, and a second sometime Saturday. They play every other week, beginning late in September through the first of March. Bishop has an ice hockey team in the Los Angeles Kings High School Hockey League, that now have over 50 high schools participating. It is the fastest growing sport in California. I understand that Bishop changed leagues because of closer home ice.

-Dale

Fastest growing sport in California. Make sure to get that in the talking points.

From Maddux’s desk ... Cartago resident and Co-Owner of Eastern Sierra Adventure, Jon Turner attended Wednesday night’s “Inyo County Dark Skies Workshop” at Statham Hall in Lone Pine. Turner said he wanted to “show support as a business owner and learn of opposing views and learn why people might not want [dark sky regulations].”

Turner said that each season his shop will see a variety of people visiting the Eastern Sierra, such as guided photography, arts, and astronomy groups. Turner said that more important, “we see families coming out of the cities to experience skies full of stars [and] those visitors stay in local lodging they eat in our eateries, they buy extra layers for warmth, [and] they refuel their cars—all of this revenue and it costs the county nothing to provide [the amenity],” he said.

Turner also said that “promoting our night skies just gives us one more thing to promote to help the economy of this valley,” he said. Turner said that he hopes “all future developments will be held to standard to promote dark skies” he said.

Approximately, 20 plus residents of Lone Pine and the surrounding areas attended Wednesday night’s meeting. The next public forum will be held in Bishop City Council chambers on October 10.

Finally, a late note from old friend Ken Harrison, who’s promoting his comedy show (in conjunction with the Lone Pine Film Fest) this Friday night.

Lone Pine locals and Film Festival visitors are invited to laugh with the “Curmudgeon in a Cowboy Hat” The Mt. Whitney Restaurant will host Mr. Harrison, a regular at the Film Festival, and well known locally for the Comedy Traffic Schools he used to do. Harrison says he works clean, so the show is family friendly, appropriate for ages 12 and up.

Showtime is 9 p.m. Tickets are $5 at the door. The restaurant is located at 227 South Main St. Seating is limited. Dessert and beer or wine service will be available.

- Dale

Bishop Hockey on its home ice ... in Valencia
MHS SWEEPS HOME INVITATIONAL
Boys hand D.C. first league loss in 26 years; Harper wins Girls race

By Gorman/Kittle

The Mammoth boys and girls cross country teams swept the Mammoth Invitational in Shady Rest Park on Thursday.

The Huskies took down a field of 6 teams with a score of 27 points. Included in the field was perennial league powerhouse Desert Christian.

DC had not lost a meet to a team in the Desert Mountain league in 26 years, according to Desert Christian coach Andy Visokey.

Mammoth's top four finishers were Guy LaBorde (2nd), Ian Ferguson (3rd), Jake Schroder (5th), Aidan LeFrancois (8th). LaBorde's time of 18:06 was about thirty seconds behind the leader.

The MHS girls dominated the field with a score of 23 points. Jordyn Harper of MHS took the individual title in a time of 20:00.

Other top Girls' finishers were Lizetta Dardenne-Ankringa, Emma Dardenne-Ankringa, Rhona McChesney and Robin Romagnino who finished 4th-7th respectively.

MHS XC Teams also competed at the Woodbridge Classic held in Norco on Sept. 14.

The 38th Annual Woodbridge Classic at the Silver Lakes Sports Complex is for Division 4 and 5 athletes.

The Girls Varsity team finished 13th out of 33 teams on the 3 mile course, and the Boys Varsity team finished 14th out of 38 teams.

Top Mammoth finishers were Jordyn Harper 19th, Rhona McChesney 65th with a PR of 20:11, Lizetta Dardenne-Ankringa 98th, and Emma Dardenne-Ankringa 99th.

Medaling for the Boys Varsity were Guy LaBorde 51st with a PR of 16:42, Iain Ferguson 86th with a PR of 17:03.

Finishing out the Boys Varsity, all with Personal Records were: Jacob Schroder 17:14, Ryan Furness 17:29, Cardiff Smith 17:29, Tyler Goodwin 17:47, and Lucas Strazzere 18:49.
NEW YEAR, SAME RESULTS FOR MHS VOLLEYBALL

MHS Girls Volleyball is currently undefeated in Desert Mountain League play. Both JV and Varsity teams sport 3-0 league records and the team is working towards a 3rd straight DML title.

The Girls travel to Lone Pine today for a DML match against the Eagles, then travel south for a couple of tough non-league matches this weekend against Santa Clarita Christian and Faith Baptist. Both these teams are ranked near the top of the CIF Southern Section Division 8 and represent great pre-playoff tests.

Mammoth’s final regular season matches are at home against Mojave on Oct 10 and Desert Christian on Oct 11. Playoffs begin Oct 18.

-Coach John Morris

Ella Thompson put this one away last Saturday in Mammoth’s home sweep of Lone Pine
JUNE LAKE AUTUMN BEER FEST

Introducing ...Mr. and Mrs. Katie and Bo Ng celebrate their big day, with a cold beer!

Jon Coats, June Lake with Daniel and Julie Marrero of Glendora, Calif, who come up every year for a couple of beers.

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Kathleen and Paul Rudder hosted the Hot Havana Nights fundraiser last Saturday at their new Polo Events Center. It was a benefit for the Mono Arts Council and Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theater. There were cocktails by Devils Creek Distillery, food by The Rolling Chef, and of course, salsa. Clockwise from left: Isabelle Pampillo (Instructor), Kris Gentry, Gwendoline Bojorques and Juan L. Alvarado, Adrianna Henriquez, and Loring Craig.

At the same time, Jeremy has begun writing the script for their next feature film, and he and Alexi have gotten a television show optioned by a major network. Jeremy was contractually obligated to not reveal any details about the new show.

Alexi has been contracted by Random House to publish a book of essays, which Jeremy is helping to edit. Jeremy feels that Mammoth Lakes is the perfect place to pursue a film career. "I've already convinced my friends from L.A. to stay and work in Mammoth," Jeremy said.

Jeremy does his work at The Fort, a co-working space in the Sierra Center Mall. "There are entrepreneurs of all ages. It makes a big difference to be around that energy."

"There's also a cool factor," he said. "When you're wrapping up a meeting with an agent at the CAA building and you say 'I'm heading back to Mammoth,' it's cool."

Alexi loves the community in Mammoth. Early on in their experience here, she and Jeremy parked their car at the Meadow Loop Trailhead. A family called the Wrights came out of their house when they saw the Dartmouth Sticker on Jeremy's Jeep.

"They were half a generation above us at Dartmouth," Alexi said. "They've become our family. They've helped us understand more about living in Mammoth, but also just made us feel like we are truly home here."

The 2020 Olympics is the next tent pole for their career. "Creative projects go in cycles," Jeremy said. They hope to finish Alexi's book, the new film, and the TV show before the 2020 Olympics. "Our primary goal in Tokyo is just to be there with our families and support Alexi."

Short takes from Jeremy and Lexi

Local Meal: The bone marrow at the Mammoth Tavern, and a whiskey.
Meal At Home: Sausages from Bleu Secret Spot: The Fort has an office at the base of Mammoth Mountain that Jeremy says effectively doubles as a locker room
Party: Pontoon boat on Lake Mary

Local Business: Mammoth Business Essentials and the Post Office, "I use their services often," said Jeremy
BARS & MUSIC

Happy Hour / The Liberty Sports Bar and Grill
Slider Mondays. Open Mic Plus returns! Monday’s @ 9pm
Taco Tuesday. 3 homemade tacos for $6.
Bread Wednesday is 1/2 off the entire list all day long (live jazz on the patio from 4-7 and happy hour wine from 3-10) See ad. p. 2.

Outlaw Saloon Happy Hour
Monday: All Night Happy Hour (4 p.m. - close), Tues-Friday. Happy Hour from 4-6 p.m. Tuesday: $2.50 Tacos 4-9 p.m; Wing Wednesday 50% off all wings 6-9 p.m. Thursday: Burger & Beer special 6-9 p.m. See ad. p. 9.

Morrison’s Happy Hour Daily 5-7 p.m.
Mammoth Rock ‘N’ Bowl Monday: $4 games @ 9 p.m. Tuesday: $2 street tacos, $2 games and $2 shoes Wednesday: $10 large cheese or single topping pizza and 2 for 1 bowling. Thursday: Ladies Night, ladies bowl 2 free games, plus shoes, Friday and Saturday: Cosmic Bowling 9 p.m. Saturday-Sunday: Kids bowl free 4-7 p.m. See ad. p. 13.

Petra’s Bistro & Wine Bar
Happy Hour: 5-7 p.m. daily. $5-10 menu items and drink specials. See ad. p. 11.

Clocktower Cellar Happy Hour: 4:30-7 p.m. daily. $5 dollar menu items, drink specials. Sunday: open at 10 a.m. for football. See ad. p. 28.

Roberto’s Happy Hour: 4-6 p.m. daily. Sunday: open at 10 a.m. for football. Samurai Mon.-Thurs. 4-6 p.m. - close, 20% off all alcohol in bar. Karaoke Night every Fri. & Sat. 5-8 p.m.

Whitebark Restaurant Bar & Lounge Unwind with daily drinks and food specials 4-6 p.m.

Mammoth’s famous Slocums Happy Hour Mon-Fri 4-6 p.m.; Saturdays, 4-5:30 p.m. See ad. p. 15.

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 daily 3-6 p.m.
Giovanni’s Happy Hour daily 4-6 p.m.
Large pizza and a pitcher of beer gets you free wings.

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

Black Velvet Coffee Happy Hour daily 4-6 p.m.

Shelter Distilling (Village at Mammoth) free tasting hour 3-4 p.m.

Sunday, October 7/ Outlaw Saloon, Roberto’s Cafe, Clocktower Cellar and Liberty Bar all open early for NFL football.

Monday, Oct. 8/ Open until night has returned to Liberty Bar. 9 p.m.

Manic Mondays at John’s Pizza. Happy hour wine 4 p.m. to close.

TOWN STUFF

October 5-7/ Fall Colors Cruise and Car Show at the Tri-County Fairgrounds. Pre-1974 vehicles. Main Street Cruise Friday night in Bishop. Fun begins Friday afternoon with early registration in Vons/Kmart parking lot. More info: see sidebar column next page.

Lone Pine Film Festival Home base: Museum of Western Film History. Screenings, tours, Q & As, etc. This years festival will celebrate, among other subjects, the contributions of William Fox and the Fox Film Corporation with guest author Vanda Krefft. Tickets/Info: lonepinefilmfestival.org or 760.876.9103.

Friday, October 5/ First Friday (of the month) Market. Crafts, produce, music. Time: 6-9 p.m. Location: Academy St., Bishop. Info: 760.937.2942.

MHS Football hosts its final regular season game vs. Trona at Gault-McClure. Time: 7 p.m.

Saturday, October 6/ Diamond Masquerade Ball. Time: 5:30-9 p.m. Location: The Bistro at Snowcreek. More info: see sidebar column next page.

Choo-Choo Swap Meet @ the Tri-County Fairgrounds. Approx. 100 vendors, Antiques, vintage clothing, one-of-a-kind treasures and more. Gates open 8:30 am. Admission $5 for adults under 12 free. Proceeds benefit the Laws Railroad Museum.

Altrusa Art Sale featuring artist Bill Goodman. Join the ladies of Altrusa International as they host artists from Inyo and Mono Counties. Reception and Chamber Mixer will take place at Tallman Building—Tri-County Fairgrounds on the evening of October 5. The Art Sale hours on Oct. 6 are from 9-4 p.m. Info: Trish @ 760.872.4066.

Mammoth Lakes Film Festival continuous film screenings, tours, Q & As, etc. This year marks their first year of monthly screenings.

Manzanar Fishing Club screening and tour @ Manzanar National Historic Site 9 miles south of Independence off Hwy. 395 with special guests Cory Shiozaki and Richard Inamura. Film at 11 a.m. followed by a guided driving and walking tour to key sites in Manzanar’s fishing history. Information at www.mammothrocknbowl.com

Halloween Wine Spooktacular to benefit Bishop schools. Time: 4:30-7 p.m. Location: “Haunted” School Farm at the intersection of Sunland and Line. Cost: $50, which includes wine and hors d’oeuvres. Info: Trish @ 760.872.4066.


Sunday, October 7/ Volunteer Eastern Sierra hosts its second NOT YOUR GRANDMA’S BINGO. Location: The Brewery in Mammoth Lakes. Sign in 4:30; first bingo game 5:30 ish. The last event was nearly sold out. You DO NOT want to miss the FUN. Proceeds allow VES to give to organizations in the Eastern Sierra.

Bishop Community Concert Association presents its first concert of their 2018-19 season: the String Quake Trio. With a penchant for improvisation and unexpected meters, String Quake has a wide ranging repertoire featuring the electric harp, cello and percussion. Time: 3 p.m. Location: Bishop Union High School. Tickets and season memberships will be available at the door.

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Crowley Lake Trail Run

... Takes place this Sunday, October 7th. Registration begins at 7:15 at the Crowley Lake Marina. The schedule: 5k/10k/8:30; Kids Run 9:15; Awards: Raffle 9:45. Race Fees: 5k/10k $40 Kids 1K $25 INCLUSIONS: Race entry, post-race snacks and (1) ticket to raffle drawing (for 5k/10 runners)

AWARDS: Overall 5k and 10k men's and women's first place finishers. First and second place awards in each age division category for both men and women in the 5k and 10k races. Participation awards in the Kids 1k categories. https://runsignup.com/RACE/CA/MAMMOTHLAKES/CROWLEYLAKEKETRAILRUN www.CROWLEYLAKETRAILRUN.COM

You can also register in person at Footloose Sports CONTACT: Isabel Connolly. Race Director. 760-935-1089

Diamond Masquerade Ball

The Rotary Club of Mammoth Lakes is celebrating Jack Copeland with masquerade ball on Saturday, October 6 from 5:30-9 p.m. The event takes place at The Bistro at Snowcreek Athletic Club. Bring a mask and dancing shoes. $65 per adult. Event proceeds fund college scholarships for eligible Mammoth High School students. Info: Rich. mammothrotaryevents@gmail.com

Fall Colors Car Show

From Friday, October 5 through Sunday, October 7 the Tri-County Fairgrounds host the Fall Colors Cruise and Car Show, sponsored by Owens Valley Cruise. On offer: cars, music, Albrusa’s Fine Art Show, an Arts & Crafts Fair, and a poker run, and a Lions Club pancake breakfast.
The car show is open to 1974 and older classic, street rods, customs, trucks, and special interest vehicles. Early registration begins Friday, October 5 at 4 p.m. at the Vons/KMart Parking Lot on North Main St. The Show & Shine begins at 8 a.m. Saturday. A Main Street Parade will follow. The poker run happens on Sunday morning. More info: owensvalley-cruisersinc.com or 760.873.3588.

Wine Spooktacular

The Foundation for Excellence to support Bishop schools will host the 2nd annual Wine Spooktacular on October 5 from 4:30–7 p.m. on the “Haunted” School Farm. Enjoy an evening of wine tasting and hors d’oeuvres. The Foundation is proud to host this event on the school farm (located at Sunland and Line St) and create a enjoyable evening while raising funds to enhance the BUHS Education.

Corey and Joe Buffington and crew of students and parents will be co-

TOWN STUFF

Sunday, October 7 (cont.) / Annual Blessing of All Animals. Location: St. Timothy’s Anglican Church. Time: 9 a.m. Outside service on front lawn. 700 Hobson St. in Bishop. All invited to bring animals (large and small).

Chalifant Big Trees Octoberfest. 11 a.m. ‘til 3 p.m. 393 Hunter Ave. in Chalifant. More info, see ad p. 7

Crowley Lake Trail Run. Registration begins 7:15 a.m. at Crowley Lake Marina. Info: See sidebar column at left.

Tuesday, October 9 / Mono County Board of Supervisors meets. Time: 9 a.m. Location: Mono County Courthouse, Bridgeport.

Inyo County Board of Supervisors meets. Open session starts: 10 a.m. Location: County Administrative Center, Independence.

Wednesday, October 10 / Mountain Culture Speaker Series @ Mammoth Brewing Company. Tonight’s speaker: Dave Miller of International Alpine Guides. Topic: Touring and Ski Mountaineering across the European Alps. Time: 6 p.m. Mammoth Lakes Planning and Economic Development Commission meets. Time: 2 p.m. Location: Suite 2, Minaret Mall.

Today is International Walk to School Day! Have fun planning the route to school with your children and their friends!


Friday, October 12 / In Stride plays the Imagination Lab in Bishop. 7 p.m. Folk-Celtic duo. Donation suggested. Doors 6:30. Location: 621 West Line St., Suite #204.

October 13-14 / ICA COMMUNITY ART DAYS in Bishop and Lone Pine. Oct. 13 event @ Bishop City Park and Oct. 14 event @ County Park in Lone Pine! Time: 12-6 p.m. Activities include hands-on arts and crafts activities, workshops, live music, artist booths, and food vendors.

Saturday, October 13 / Paradise Fire Protection District annual rummage sale/bbq. Time: 8 a.m. ‘til 2 p.m. Location: Paradise Fire Protection District, 740 W. Main St., Bishop. 7 p.m. Folk-Celtic duo. More info: See ad p. 5

Monthly Bishop Paiute Tribe COSA Bird Walk and Census Dates. Time: 8:30-11:30 a.m. The Conservation Open Space Area (COSA) is being developed for wildlife and the community by the Bishop Paiute Tribe. We’ll be keeping species lists and observing behavior as well as identifying birds, for the purpose of creating bird lists for the site. These walks are for birders of ALL LEVELS, beginners included! Meet at the BLM/Forest Service Building on West Line St. in Bishop. Info: hillarybehrl@yahoo.com

Sunday, October 14 / Bishop Area Climbers Coalition/SHLM-sponsored Volcanic Tablelands Clean-Up. Time: 10 a.m. ‘til 3 p.m. Meet: Mountain Rambler Brewery

AT THE MOVIES

Minaret Cinemas

Smallfoot (PG): A Yeti becomes convinced that humans exist.

A Star is Born (R): Remake of the latest remake (this movie has been remade every generation), the 1976 Streisand/Kristofferson classic, this time starring Bradley Cooper and Lady Gaga.

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

Wines will be served Lohr, Anneke Schat’s Wine Cellar, Eastern Sierra Cellars along with beer from our local Mountain Rambler Brewery.

Attendance is limited to guests over the age of 21. Plan to purchase your tickets in advance. $50 tickets may be purchased from any Foundation For Excellence board member, Bishop Chamber or at www.ffebishop.com.

For more information, call Trish Schlichting 760-872-4066

BUSD candidate forum

The Rotary Club of Bishop Sun-rise will be hosting a public forum on Tuesday, October 16, for the upcoming BUSD School Board election. The forum will take place from 6-8PM at Cerro Coso Community College, Bishop campus, located at 4060 W. Line Street, Bishop.

This is your opportunity to meet the candidates, hear their perspectives on the challenges facing our school system, and how they intend to meet those challenges.

Candidates will be asked to discuss pre-selected set of questions in the first half of the program; after a brief intermission, the candidates will answer questions from the audience. Light refreshments will be available.

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Veteran Shuttle seeks Office Manager to run snow removal business this winter. There is a lot of experience needed. Call 760-873-4499.


Volunteer Opportunity

Mammoth Lakes Housing, Inc. supports workforce housing for a viable economy and sustainable community.

Mammoth Lakes Housing Board of Directors today MLH seeks new members to serve on the Board. The Board of Directors meets the 1st Monday of every month to work on local housing solutions. Current programs and projects include: Home Buyer Assistance Program, Affordable Rental Units, Adaptive Reuse of Commercial Property, and Assisting the Town implement the General Plan. For more information contact Patricia Robertson at (760) 934-3470 or patricia@mammothlakeshousing.org. Applications will be accepted through October 8, 2018.

Mammoth Lakes Housing, Inc. offers low income housing solutions for low income families. The habitat for humanity of mammoth lakes is accepting applications for 10 new homes.

For Sale

1. Seasonal Rental: 3 Bd & 2 bath at Snowcreek. Available from Nov 1 for through May 31, 2019. $3000.00 per month plus utilities.Pam 530-386-4462
2. Seasonal Rental: 3 bed/2bth at Chateau Blanc. Available from Nov 15, 2018 through April 15, 2019. $2800 per month, plus utilities. Pam 530-386-4462
3. 1 bed/1bath centrally located in town. Furnished, washer & dryer. Utilities to be paid by tenant. Rent is $1200 per month. Contact Pam Mowat-Agent for more details. 530-473-6967


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For Hire

**HOROSCOPES**

**By Clouds McCloud**

**Libra:** According to people who study such things, half of all Americans say they’ve felt lonely in the past six months. This just goes to show that even when you feel lonely, you’re not alone. Therefore, your birthday gift to yourself is to put more effort into making and spending time with friends. And every time you feel insecure about reaching out, just remember that there’s a 50% chance you’ll make the other person’s day, which is way better odds than Vegas (-1:10) will ever give you.

**Scorpio:** The nation has turned its attention to the courtroom recently as morals, memories and beer—lots and lots of beer—get debated. The bottom line in all this is that the past is never really gone, especially the parts that haven’t been mended or accounted for. To help you avoid any such hangover, stay positive, be forgiving to yourself and others and listen to some Coldplay: “When you’re reading this. Keep up keeping on. The other lucky part is that most of us don’t have to relive our teenage years on national television. The other lucky part is that most of us don’t become completely unglued when questioned. To help you come to terms with any errors of your past, try to accept them and not blame them on beer. Beer is having enough troubles already thanks to that damn gluten-free movement.

**Sagittarius:** Studies have shown that two to three glasses of wine per day can reduce your risk of giving a crap. In fact, Clouds was the main participant in this study and recommends you give it try, along with maintaining a healthy diet, getting regular exercise and shagging like a minx whenever possible.

**Capricorn:** How about you try this: Loving your life wherever it takes you—loving it when it’s good to you and even when it kicks your backside. It’ll probably help to listen to some Chris Stapleton. “I’m just a traveler on this earth. Sure as my heart’s behind the pocket of my shirt. I’ll just keep rolling till I’m in the dirt. Cause I’m a traveler, oh I’m a traveler.

**Aquarius:** Just in case you forgot, Clouds (and Billy Joel) love you just the way you are. Of course, we all have room for improvement, since that’s the big theme in life. To help you accept this theme, try loving yourself for who are, as well as accepting yourself for who you aren’t. If nothing else, you’re not illiterate, since you’re reading this. Keep up the good work.

**Pisces:** Sure, you can keep going through life only looking out for Number One, but sometimes you have to go Number Two, too. Therefore, as a psychologically in-tune Pisces your new mission is use your psychic powers for good. As for your powers for bad, try not to use them unless the whole group can join in.

**Aries:** They say that love is more than just keeping the fire burning. It might seem like the tough part is getting the partnership started. But then you have to worry about the kids. Cause I’m a traveler, oh I’m a traveler.

**Taurus:** This much we know is true: A) Marriage is really just an endless sleepover with your favorite weirdo. B) It’s always a good time to trust yourself. D) Being positive doesn’t mean you have to be happy all the time; it just means you can’t let the butt-munchers get you down. Q) There’s no time like the present, especially if it’s that naked hot tub time.

**Gemini:** The truth is, we all have a little Brett Kavanaugh in us. Luckily, most of us don’t have to relive our teenage years on national television. The other lucky part is that most of us don’t become completely unglued when questioned. To help you come to terms with any errors of your past, try to accept them and not blame them on beer. Beer is having enough troubles already thanks to that damn gluten-free movement.

**Cancer:** Clouds recently tried some Devils Creek Whiskey and is happy to report that it looks like the devil is finally up to something good. On this note, it looks like most Cancers are in need of some devilishly good times. Whiskey is always helpful, especially if it makes you frisky.

**Leo:** In case you’re feeling frustrated or under-appreciated right now, do whatever you need to do to cool off. You’ll help to remember that they’d treat you better if they knew who you are becoming. It will also help to stock up on Scooby Snacks and to realize that right before the tide would turn and something great would happen, Scooby would say, “Rut-Roow, Raggy!”

**Virgo:** The fall is a good time to focus on your physical health. Keeping your body healthy is, of course, a good way to keep your mind healthy, too. Therefore, please try to drink at least one or two gallons of water per day, as this will keep you so busy drinking and peeing you won’t have time to get caught up in anyone else’s drama.

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**PERSONALS**

I heard you… call yourself the “Dream Team.” That sounds about right, if you’re making a reference to the 1989 Michael Keaton film I saw you… were supposed to raise $2 million over three years. Stormy, may I introduce you to my friend Donald. In search of… hot chick to join my Devil’s Triangle. We meet at the Ralph Club on Thursdays. Must be into boofing.
COFFEE WITH COPS

McDonald's restaurants in Bishop and Lone Pine celebrated national Coffee with a Cop Day on Wednesday, by inviting the public to drop in and visit with a police officer from their community. For Inyo County, that meant having representatives from the California Highway Patrol, Bishop Police Department and the Inyo County Sheriff's Department.

-James Maddux

A LIFE OF SKIING

Nate Greenberg shares his stories at Brewery's speaker series

By Gorman

ate Greenberg shared a life of skiing with the crowd at this past Wednesday's Mountain Culture Speaker Series hosted by Mammoth Lakes Brewing.

The event, entitled "Skiing as a Journey," told the story of Greenberg's plastic, and did it all over to backcountry bum to avalanche expert through a slideshow of photographs he's captured from around the world.

Greenberg is employed full-time as Director of IT for the County of Mono, but his one true passion is skiing. He, along with Dan Mingori, literally wrote the book on backcountry skiing the Eastern Sierra. Backcountry Skiing California's Eastern Sierra will be released its third edition soon. Greenberg also founded the Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center in 2006 to "produce and disseminate information so that people can make good decisions in the backcountry."

His presentation was organized into three answers to the question, "Why skiing?"

The first answer: Travel. "Skiing is about getting you out of your bubble," Greenberg said, "it's about connecting with new places."

He told the stories of his most epic backcountry tours around the world. In Iceland, Greenberg and his friends camped under the midnight sun at the edge of the arctic circle. They kayaked right up to the base of world class lines, and toured through the backcountry nonstop during the sixteen hours of sunlight that broke up arctic storms. When the tide went out, they harvested mussels from the beds of fjords.

In Japan, Greenberg and his wife "skied the most amazing backcountry in the world, ate a five course meal at an Onsen, bathed in a hot spring, slept outside all over again the next day." During winter in Japan, Greenberg says, "it never stops snowing."

"They have Eastern Sierra peaks with Alaska Snow." He said that Japan is a bucket list item for any devout skier.

The second answer to "why skiing:" friendship.

"It's as much about big peaks as it is about getting out with friends," he said. Greeneurg loves the camaraderie of the Eastern Sierra Backcountry. He got visibly excited when reminiscing on a hike to the top of Split Mountain where he found three women from Tahoe already summited, ready to rip.

"There are few places in the world where you can wear flip flops in the desert, hike up to 14,000 ft, and ski down, 7,000 vertical feet back to your flip flops and a beer."

As an avalanche expert, though, Greenberg has lost some friends along the way. "If you spend enough time in the mountains, you will have experiences with avalanches."

"We've lost people, and it tears a community apart," he said.

The third answer: community stewardship.

The Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center is one of Greenberg's contributions to his community. The center has three avalanche forecasters on duty from December 1st to mid-April. "It's thankless work. They are doing it for all of us."

"The Eastern Sierra is one of the best places to learn backcountry," he said. "There's a stable snowpack and great mountains... the most important thing you can do is to help others to become better skiers."

Greenberg kept repeating that backcountry skiing is a team sport. "Learn to be a good partner. If you are good at backcountry, don't be a dick about it," he said.

He concluded his story by extrapolating this message beyond backcountry. "Be a good mentor, a good partner, take people under your wing, but also make this a place that we're all proud to be in," he said, "whether it's creating community housing or helping at an avalanche center."
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