**ولي محيط**

Local Game Warden Lt. Bill Dailey honored by California Rifle and Pistol Assn.

**التنقيط**

Mono County is one step closer to realizing its dream of a shiny, new office building.

Mono County Supervisors authorized the issuance of $24 million in tax-exempt COPs (Certificates of Participation) at its regular meeting Tuesday.

Finance Director Janet Dutcher said she met with officials from Standard and Poor’s last week, and that the rating process was expected to culminate yesterday (Friday, Nov. 16).

The County hopes for a AA credit rating.

After several years of discussion and planning and the ultimate rejection of a lease extension at the Sierra Center Mall, the County has decided to build a new, 33,000-square foot, pre-fabricated office building to house all south county departments and services.

The building will be located at the McFlex Parcel adjacent to the Courthouse and Mammoth Lakes Police Dept.

The facility will have parking for 110 vehicles. And Dutcher said the building is anticipated to have a 40-year life span.

A design-build contract has already been awarded to Roebblen Contracting of El Pop-Up in Bishop

**استماع القطة للكلب**

Lt. Bill Dailey flanked by, from left: Fish and Wildlife Commissioners Dan Anthony, Sue Burak, Gary Jones, CRPA’s Roy Griffith, Commissioner Don Morton ... and then on the other side of Dailey, Captain Daniel Stevenson, Commissioner Jeff Parker, and Commission Chair Gaye Mueller.

**تغطية رسالة**

Lt. Bill Dailey has gone above and beyond the normal duties of a Wildlife Officer by engaging his squad in Public Outreach Programs and Events. His squad has annually participated in numerous events helping children, including the Tri-County Fair, Mule Days, the Kids Fishing Festival in Mammoth Lakes, TroutFest at the Hot Creek Hatchery and the Whitney Kids Fishing Festival. He has been instrumental in bringing the Game Warden Recruitment Trailer to the Eastern Sierra where children can talk with Game Wardens, learn what they do, as well as see the variety of fish and wildlife that abounds here. Since 2011, his squad has taught 46 Hunter Education classes, teaching not only firearm safety but the importance of wildlife management and the mission of the CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife.

In February of 2011 Lt. Dailey reported to his new district and became Inyo and Mono Counties Wildlife Officer. He recognized that there was a distinct disconnect between the Department and its constituents due to the lack of public outreach. The area’s wildlife and fisheries appeared to have declined.

During several meetings, Lt. Dailey and his squad discussed what was needed in the district to protect the State’s resources and to ensure them for future generations for all recreational users. The squad actively brainstormed goals and objectives that would bridge those disconnects and ensure the protection of the State’s resources in Inyo and Mono Counties.

In Lt. Dailey’s 19 year career with the CDFW, his accomplishments have been matched by a scant few. His leadership has resulted in performance far beyond the Department’s expectations every year after year, recognized both by their chain of command and their community constituents.

It’s for these reasons the California Rifle and Pistol Association has chosen to recognize Lt Bill Dailey as their 2018 Wildlife Officer of the year.
Dorado Hills for an amount not to exceed $20.5 million.

The reason the County is asking for $24 million in bonds is due to a few factors.

1. The County doesn’t wish to start paying interest on the new building while it is still paying to rent space. So it will pay “capitalized interest” in the amount of $1 million to bridge the gap during the construction phase.

2. There’s a nice commission when it comes to selling municipal bonds.

Construction is expected to start April, 2019 and be completed March, 2020. The County expects to pay $1.3 million per year in interest from 2020 through 2048.

As Finance Director Dutcher has stated previously, the County currently pays $1.3 million a year in rent for Mammoth office space. The all-in cost of the new building is estimated at $38.7 million over the next 30 years.

For the sake of comparison to its initial forecast, the County had to scale back a wee bit to make the project pencil. As The Sheet reported in 2016, project consultant Todd Lankenau believed a 43,000-square foot building would satisfy the County’s needs.

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This is merely an issue of being influenced by “location capacity” in that the group all got to know each other at the same place - college. It’s hard to imagine Park City cracking my top-25, ever. This is a one-off. Corporate strategy has zero to do with how this trip came about. I didn’t go research Ikon locations and toss a bunch of names in a hat and see which one I drew.

And yet ... you can bet your ass there will be some number crunchers at Alterra HQ trying to decipher my behavior from a few pass swipes. And you can also bet Park City’s Tourism Director is gonna chalk my visit up to some incredible marketing campaign.

What I’ve been reading. Neal Gabler’s 2006 biography of Walt Disney. Reason is simple. I’m a transplant from New Hampshire and I think on some level I believe native Californians to be an exotic species.

Both my daughters are native Californians. And great mysteries. I guess I equate Disney, even though he was a Missourian, with having a keen, fantastic influence on the California state of mind. So if I understand Disney, maybe I’ll come to have a greater understanding of my neighbors (and daughters).

I’ll give you a full report when I’m finished. I am inspired by the fact that Disney was once labeled the second dumbest student in an elementary school class. That he was dreamy and lacked focus.

More dreams. Less deadlines.
SUPES CHOOSE HOUSING OVER CASH
Little McLovin for Mammoth local McMartin

By Lunch

For a dilapidated, unoccupied eyesore, the County-owned property at 71 Davison Street drew plenty of interest at Tuesday’s Mono County Board of Supervisors meeting held in Bridgeport.

Supervisors were conducting a public sale of the property with the vast majority of the proceeds targeted for Mono County’s Behavioral Health department. Just one hitch. Looks like the County prefers housing units over hard cash.

Overall, there were five bids submitted for the property, which hasn’t been occupied since 2011. Two bids were at market rate. Three bids were defined as “affordable housing.”

One of the affordable housing bidders, Silver State Investors, noted that its bid was the only one of three affordable bids which consisted of 100% affordable housing.

The other bids apparently had market rate components. Supervisors had parallel tracks to consider during their deliberation.

1.) Determine the best market rate bid, and then ...

2.) Determine whether it wished to pursue the highest bid or a lesser bid that guaranteed some measure of workforce housing.

Of the two market-rate bidders who submitted bids prior to the meeting, Willow Brook, a real estate development firm, submitted the highest bid of $161,500.

Mammoth local Ron McMartin’s bid was right behind at $158,800.

But what was interesting is that anyone was able to trigger a bidding war by bidding 5% more than the highest received bid at the meeting itself.

Each successive bid then had to be $1,000 higher.

McMartin started it off by upping his bid to $171,000.

Willow Brook was not present, but another random bidder was. He and McMartin went back and forth for about five minutes until McMartin wore him out with a winning bid of $185,000.

Now it was up to McMartin to convince the Supervisors why they should take his bid versus the three affordable bids, which came in at $1,000, $29,000 and $32,000.

Ostensibly these bids were lower because the builders would be constrained in their target sales prices for affordable buyers.

McMartin said he decided to go the non-affordable route simply because he figured it would mean less red tape, and he wouldn’t be beholden to nervous, NIMBY neighbors or nettlesome Town staffers.

He said he had canvassed the neighborhood and discovered that neighbors were less than sanguine about a project which could possibly affect their property values.

Supervisor Jennifer Halferty’s body language shook with visible displeasure at the sentiment.

She said if this was indeed the neighbors’ reaction, she found it “troubling.”

Buyers making 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) still make at least $55,000 per year as a family. Those are not value-sucking numbers.

Halferty argued for taking an affordable bid just because the cost to build an affordable unit is approx. $175,000.

McMartin’s money, deployed elsewhere, gives the County one unit of housing whereas an affordable housing developer can create as many as five units on the parcel.

Her fellow Supervisors were in unanimous agreement.

McMartin gamely tried to reason with the politics. It wasn’t as if he were going to build million dollar condos for the uber wealthy. He also wished to build locals housing, though not quite at the price points dictated by state rules and regulations.

He also warned that there may be some downsides to building strict affordable housing in the neighborhood, particularly as it relates to parking.

Affordable housing can generally skirt parking codes, but McMartin warned that whether someone lives in an affordable unit or not, everybody’s got to get to work.

The County rejected McMartin’s bid in favor of exploring the three affordable bids presented and staff will come back with a recommendation over the next few weeks as to which bidder to select.
TALE OF THE TAIL

By James

Last week, one of the eleven horses involved in the brutal July 3 slashing incident at the Big Pine Saddle Club, which received widespread local attention and outrage, was found by its owner with about two-thirds of its tail missing. It had been cut off overnight.

While it is not unknown for a horse to have its tail chewed off by another horse, this clearly seemed a case of someone—a person—cutting off the horse’s tail. The question is: “Why?”

The Sheet left a voicemail a few days ago for the president of the Saddle Club, Shelly Smoothery, to ask for more information, but did not receive a response.

And while a few club members admitted to hearing about the incident, few wanted to talk on the record, citing concerns over more negative publicity for the club.

It is unclear whether this incident was reported to the Inyo County Sheriff’s Department and/or whether it is being investigated.

As to the horse (pictured above right), the corral in which it shares with another horse sits alongside Baker Creek Road, which runs alongside the Saddle Club property. It is, unfortunately, would be too easy to slip onto the property.

Horsehair theft has become common over the past several years. It often includes cutting both the mane and tail of a horse. There is an incentive. On-line horsehair lists for an average price ranging between $25 to as high as $75 a pound depending on color and quality. Horsehair can be bought in a variety of colors such as black, brown, white, blond and silver grey, as well as an assortment of dyed colors.

Various explanations were offered by club members as to why someone would enter a corral in the dead of night to cut off a horse’s tail.

One long-time member said it has happened several times before over the years. Reasons cited range from horsehair being used in some Native-American regalia outfits—although no one was pointing fingers—to use as tail extensions on show horses.

Horsehair is also traditionally used in string bows for violin, viola, cello and bass, although there have been no rogue, criminal string bands reported in the Big Pine area...well, at least not yet.

In a phone interview with The Sheet, Inyo County Sheriff Jeff Hollowell noted that he has often seen products made from horse hair sold at truck stops and other places, such as belts, hats, bracelets, necklaces and key chains. Bracelets and necklaces that sell for as little as $10 can be a very lucrative business, especially when stolen horsehair is used to make them.

If the incident is reported, Hollowell said that the department will start an investigation.

Saddle Club Treasurer Yvette Hannen-Rossi told The Sheet that approximately $8,500 was raised locally and through the online GoFundMe.com fundraising website this past summer. It will be used to improve lighting and security at the facility. Electrical poles are already being placed around the facility, and once electrical service becomes available, the club plans to move quickly forward on installing security lighting and security surveillance cameras.

If this latest incident at the saddle club proves nothing else, it is that some people will still go to great lengths for a little tail.
LOCAL BRIEFS

Horse case cold

Several months have passed since the throat of several horses were cut and a pickup was set on fire on the night of July 3 at the Big Pine Saddle Club.

Inyo County Sheriff Jeff Hollowell told The Sheet this week that there is nothing new to report concerning the investigation.

“We haven’t received any credible new information. The leads that have been coming in have been thoroughly investigated. As for the lab/DNA results, the items we sent to the lab for evidence collection didn’t reveal any DNA.

We are following up on any information received, but have no solid leads,” Hollowell concluded.

The promise of an $18,000 reward has not loosened any lips. -Maddux

Giving thanks to Joe

On Tuesday evening, the Bishop City Council met, but with a muted atmosphere. The tone was likely due to the imminent departure of Joe Pecsi, who lost in a reelection bid to newcomer Stephen Muchovej.

During the evening, several Councilmembers and other employees for the City of Bishop thanked Pecsi for serving members and other employees for the years that he worked with Pecsi, and said, “I would just like to say you impressed me on how highly effective you are. You set high expectations and are really committed to serving the community. And I wish you the best, thank you!”

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WATER SUPERHEROES

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Angel Giving Tree 2018

The Angel Giving Tree ensures that low-income children receive gifts for Christmas. You can be part of this important project by selecting a child’s name at Vons from the Angel Giving Tree.

Mammoth Fun Shop is offering a 30% discount for any gifts purchased for children on the tree and left there for distribution in addition to a 10% discount on other purchases made that day.

You can bring your gifts to the Mammoth Fun Shop across from Fire Station 1 by Wednesday, December 12.

Volunteers are needed for gift sorting and distribution from December 13-15. Call Carolyn to help with this event or if you have questions, 760.924.8712 or 760.914.0245.

Huskies run ends

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The Huskies and Conquistadors battled back and forth for the first two sets with El Camino Real taking the first set 25-23 and Mammoth taking the second 26-24.

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LOCAL NEWS

LETTERS

Dear Fire Chief Frank Frievault representing the MLFD and HR Director Cassandra Mance representing the Town of Mammoth Lakes:

Thank you for being patient with me while I am recovering from the shock of my husband Alex Ramos’ passing. It is difficult to find the words to describe how grateful my daughter and I are for your support and for organizing such an honorable and beautiful memorial for my husband.

Hollowell concluded.

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Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre’s (MLRT) Artistic Director Shira Dubrovner announced this week that she is importing a one-man adaptation of the Dickens holiday classic “A Christmas Carol,” to kick off the Christmas season at the Elks Lodge in Bishop for one weekend only – Thursday, November 29 to Saturday, December 1 at 7:00 pm and Sunday December 2 at 4:00 pm.

The play is adapted and performed by Los Angeles actor, writer, director Gus Krieger (MLRT’s Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery) and is directed by Drina Durazo – a frequent contributor to MLRT productions (Every Christmas Story Ever Told (And Then Some), All the Great Books Abridged, Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery, and more). In Krieger’s adaptation, one actor plays all the roles of this holiday classic, providing fun for the entire family. “I’m very excited to bring this show ‘to the local communities,’ stated Dubrovner. “Gus and Drina are a powerful combination of talent and there’s no story better to set the stage for the holiday season than Charles Dickens’ A Christmas Carol.”

The Los Angeles-based Krieger is the Associate Artistic Director of LA’s Porters of Hellsgate Theatre Company, and with them has played such roles as Shakespeare’s Richard III, Shylock, and King John.

“Like so many throughout the years, Charles Dickens’ A Christmas Carol captured my imagination at an early age,” stated Krieger. “A tale about one’s capacity for change (and, incidentally, the first use of time travel in popular fiction!), it’s a heartening, evergreen example of Goodness with a capital G, regardless of one’s own circumstance. “As the powers working upon Scrooge do so largely from within,” Krieger continued, “it seemed a perfect story for a one-person adaptation. The inner and outer forces influencing this man could be dramatized in such a way that we see his fractured self, conflicted, at war, pulled about the stage quite literally.”

Director Durazo has been visiting the Eastern Sierra to direct plays since 2013. Past credits at the Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theater include: as director- Every Christmas Story Ever Told (And Then Some), All the Great Books Abridged, Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery, and most recently ‘The Ultimate Christmas Show (Abridged); as Designer- 39 Steps (directed by Shira Dubrovner).

For more information and/or tickets visit MammothLakesRepertoryTheatre.org.

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STICK TO POSTCARDS

By Gorman

Slock up on stamps while they’re cheap because on January 29th of 2019 the price of a one ounce letter stamp is going to jump.

Stamp prices will increase from 50 cents to 55 cents per stamp, the largest single increase in stamp prices in USPS (United States Postal Service) history.

The price increase comes at a critical time for the USPS. The government-owned business has been operating at a loss for the last 12 years. For the fiscal year ending in September 2018, the Post Office posted an operating loss of $3.9 billion.

The USPS has also defaulted on its obligation to prepay $6.9 billion to the government this year in pensions and health benefits for retirees. It is the only government agency required to prepay its pensions, an obligation which its leadership deems unfair, and it has defaulted on this payment every year since 2012. The Chief Financial Officer of the USPS, Joseph Corbett, explained the burden of such pre-payment obligations.

"Making the pre-funding payments in full or in part would have left the Postal Service with insufficient liquidity to ensure the continued achievement of our mission," he was quoted as saying in the Postal Service’s Fiscal Year-End Report.

Last April, by Executive Order President Trump enlisted a task force with the Postal Service and make recommendations on how the business can end its streak of operating losses. The force, led by the Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, has already made its rec-

ommendations to the White House. The five cent price hike is likely one of its recommendations, but it’s currently unknown since the task force’s recommendations are being kept a secret from the public until the dust has settled from the midterm elections.

It is unclear why. The Office of The President also unveiled a massive restructuring plan in June called “Delivering Government Solutions In The 21st Century.” It included plans to privatize the Postal Service for privatization.

The USPS has been considered a social service under the purview of the federal government ever since Benjamin Franklin was named the first Postmaster General in 1775. Privatization could allow the Postal Service to lower its cost structure, but many fear that by acting as a profit-maximizing entity rather than a social service, the USPS will disproportionately neglect the lowest rung of the socio-economic ladder. The President’s plan cited the, “universal service obligation that is understood to require mail carriers to visit over 150 million addresses six days per week,” as one of the challenges that could be removed if the agency were privatized.

Whoever described this “obligation” obviously never lived in Mammoth Lakes.

If the Postal Service were to discard this obligation then the first group to lose their delivery service would likely be the rural poor, those in locations where it is ever costly to have a post office than it’s worth. For a President who views aggressive tax preparation as an act of citizenship, the idea of postage as a social right may be too confusing. Many people voted for the ratings machine, DJT, because they wanted him to run the government like a business. "Now they may get their wish. If it turns out they regret their decision they can just vote him out of office next ... oh wait.

Other changes to the stamp pricing system include an increase to the price of all flat rate boxes and envelopes by between 6% and 10% depending on the box, and an decrease in price-per-ounce in excess of 1 oz for first class letters from 21 cents to 15 cents. The price of a postcard stamp will remain 35 cents.
Public utilities PG&E and Southern California Edison admit that their equipment has been the cause of many of the wildfires that have ravaged California over the last decade, and SCE said that its equipment was at least partially responsible for starting the Thomas fire that burned 280,000 acres in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties.

In a report updated on Tuesday, SCE said that it has shut off power to 50 homes in Moorpark, a town in Ventura County, and to 35 homes in Chatsworth, a neighborhood in Los Angeles.

50,000 other customers across Southern California have been notified that they might experience a preemptive blackout.

Before this week SCE had only preemptively shut off power to 50 homes in Moorpark, a town in Ventura County, and to 35 homes in Chatsworth, a neighborhood in Los Angeles.

The ongoing investigations into the Camp and Woolsey Fires in Northern and Southern California respectively have both yielded evidence that the utilities could be to blame for starting the blazes.

SCE reported that a 16kv circuit at the Chatsworth substation relayed at 2:22 P.M. last Thursday, November 8. CalFire has concluded that the Woolsey fire started at 2:24 P.M. on Thursday on the same streets where the Chatsworth substation is located.

A similar report in the north has seemingly pointed towards PG&E in starting the Camp Fire, which is now the deadliest fire in California History, having killed between 42-48 people depending upon reports as of Thursday.

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The reason for these dramatic drops, and also for the preemptive blackouts, is that utilities face strict liability for starting fires in California. This means that consumers can recoup damages from the utilities that started the fires even if the utilities are not found to have been negligent.

Both PG&E and SCE warned that they might cut power off preemptively in the areas where the fires began, but neither cut power off until after the blazes started.

SCE protocol for preemptive shutoffs begins 7 days in advance of predicted extreme weather. If the National Weather Service reports a Red Flag Alert, meaning that warm temperatures, low humidity, and high winds make fire danger more likely, the utility will warn its customers that a shutoff is possible.

The utility will then begin modeling the potential weather using its own team of meteorologists. Field workers from the utility will go around the Red Flag areas to see if vegetation poses a risk of contacting power lines or other hardware.

The utility will continue to warn customers of potential shutoffs, but will only turn power off if, “there is an imminent danger of objects such as tree limbs, palm fronds or other vegetation blowing into power lines.”

SCE is also attempting to prevent fire by replacing 600 miles of power lines with insulated wire and installing fire-resistant power poles.

Locally...

Southern California Edison’s Cal Rossi addressed the Mono County Board of Supervisors Tuesday.

His purpose, it seems, was to gently remind the public that growing liability for forest fires may cause SCE to alter its service protocol somewhat.

Translation: Weather events may cause SCE to proceed cautiously and initiate more power shutoffs than the public may have experienced in the past.

As Supervisor Fred Stump pointed out, this can be a little dicey in a region like ours, where there are concerns about warmth, pipes potentially freezing, and a lack of power putting folks at risk who may rely on supplemental medical devices.

A Swall Meadows resident opined that utilities should be undergrounded, thus making weather events less dangerous.

The flip side: It’s pretty darn expensive to underground utilities. Further, undergrounded utilities are a lot more difficult to get at and maintain than those aboveground, so power outages can actually be longer when you’re fixing an underground system.

The Swall Meadows resident said plainly, “If I’m running SCE, I’d turn off that power switch real fast... there’s no incentive for SCE not to turn off power.”

Unfortunately, it’s often difficult to have it both ways in a culture where blame must be assigned.

Dear Santa... how about bringing some generators for Christmas?
THE FUTURE OF RETAIL?
“Little Trendsetters” pops up in Bishop’s Cottonwood Plaza

By Maddux

Since J.C. Penney closed its doors last year, Bishop’s retail shelves remain a bit thinner than usual, Kmart, The Toggery and various camp/outdoor retail stores notwithstanding.

When I walked into Little Trendsetters Pop-Up store last Saturday evening, co-owner Anne Denman said it had been a good day at the store.

Denman, representing several partners, opened her doors at the beginning of this month. Collectively, they are taking advantage of overstock opportunity. “It’s just something you kind of jump on when it happens,” Denman said. Thus far, business has been steady. Denman says she has “a lot of people coming in to look and get an idea, so they come back. [Also] I think it is going to depend on the purpose that people have when they come in. A lot of people are coming in just to see who we are, and then they spread the word. It’s just the second week, so I expect it will pick up the more people hear about it.” Typically, a Pop-Up store is “something that comes and goes with inventory, some people use it to test out a brand or test out a style, and some do it as we are doing it with overstock type merchandise to sell at a discount.

Or it might be that they can find a small space like this, so the rent is not expensive and it’s more driven to get rid of stock that hasn’t been sold in the season. In malls, they are typically there for months. The idea here is that the brand itself will go, and then a new one will come. Our Pop-Up is the popping-up of different brands!” Denman said.

The Pop-Up itself is “sponsoring the brand Trendsetters or [actually] Little Trendsetters, and they had an overstock [of clothing] and we had a connection with the owner of that brand. So, we brought it here, and it was an empty little corner and it worked out,” Denman said.

The overstock of clothing is from a location in the Southern California area. According to Denman, Little Trendsetter is 100% web “so they don’t have a store front, so it is a first one for them.” The majority of clothing that is currently featured at the Pop-Up store are mainly for “little girls ages 6 months-7 years old, though we do have some adult mommy and me, robes and some dresses” Denman said.

At a later point, the Pop-Up store will feature other types of clothing brands and “when Trendsetter [sells out] we are going to try to bring some other overstock type [of] items to Bishop, but quality,” she said. According to Denman, the clothes found at the Bishop Pop-Up store location is “off-season, but off-season brings you savings, and that’s the idea,” Denman said.

An expansion of the Pop-Up will be dependent on sales. The current hours of the Pop-Up store in the Cottonwood Plaza in Bishop are: Thurs.-Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sun. 12-6 p.m. The adjustment of the hours is based upon the “times when people are able to shop,” Denman said.
BERNICE
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Bernice sleeps in an alcove in her horse trailer while touring. She has insulated, carpeted, wallpapered, and lit her little alcove. Now it is her home.

No one will make you question the notion of ‘home’ more than Bernice Ende. During a reading from her book, she told of a ride through a blizzard along one of the interstates that bisect the country. She read that she must have looked homeless to the warm drivers passing by, and she felt sorry for herself.

“Looked homeless,” that’s what she said.

Here is a woman who sleeps on the ground every night. Who has no money. Who must forage for nettles, wild asparagus, rose hips, and huckleberries, sometimes stealing if necessary just to survive. She has relied on the kindness of others for food, water and shelter from the storm for 14 years.

“Looked homeless?” It seems clear as day that she is homeless, but she doesn’t see it that way.

She owns a cabin in northwest Montana, but, “that is not my home,” she said.

Early on in her long riding career, (A long ride is any ride on horse back over 1,000 miles, as defined by the Long Riders Guild), when she would sleep outside without a tent, she craved the warm confines of an inviting stranger’s home, but, “that is not my home,” she said.

Home, for Bernice Ende, is on the heightened plane of awareness of life offered by the imminence of death, which long riding provides. It is not geographically confined. She finds home on the Mexican border, in the caves of Perch Merle, where French neanderthals painted the ancestors of Ende’s own mounts, and in abandoned barns across America. With her gun at her side, she finds home where the flick of a horse’s ear spells rattlesnakes and bears and moose that hiss and growl warnings of approaching death. Her home is uncertainty.

“Long Riding is uncertainty,” she said. Ende goes each day uncertain of whether she will eat, whether her knock on a strange door will yield open arms or admonitions of, “where’s your husband,” “Where are your kids,” “if you want water then go home.”

Ende has the energy of a cricket. She is frenetic, restless, electric, and warm. Like a cricket, her life is lived through a series of sublime, weightless leaps. The cricket jumps, and having jumped, loses all certainty. It tethers itself to the hope that at the end of this flight there will be a place to land. In this heavenly moment, Ende finds her home.

Contrary to what one might expect, her long bouts of solitude have made her impatient. She does not live by a watch. Days and nights creep by in their petty pace with barely an acknowledgement from her. One might think that so much seclusion would make a person asocial, but she is almost perfectly open. She connects with people immediately. She is unabashedly herself and expects the same in return.

“Just be out alone for days, and you just can’t shut me up,” she said. “I talk, talk, talk, eat, eat, eat.” To her, walls are silly things. Within moments of entering the library she began rummaging through the employee pantry in the back of the building, searching for tea or cookies or anything worth having; She treats strangers the same way she treats pantries. The whole world seems to her wrapped up, waiting to have its swathings torn off to reveal the colors inside. In there, too, she finds her home.

“Food and shelter have been extended to me by people I don’t agree with philosophically,” She said.

“When you ride into town the way I do, It’s a smile maker, a door opener… There is so much goodness in the world. I am a testament to that.”

Bernice Ende with her trusted dog Claire and horse Essie Pearl

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Aleta Friend London was born to Elmer and Florence Friend on the first day of spring in 1945 and passed on November 7th due to sudden onset respiratory failure.

She leaves behind her family in Ojai including son Robert Kittredge (Charlotte), sister Anne Thacher (Tony), nephew George Thacher (Marcia), niece Emily Ayala (Tony). She was an outstanding great-aunt to Matthew, Andrew, Mariana, Oliver and Celeste. In Bishop she leaves stepson Craig London (Carmen) and her friends from the Rock Creek Pack Station. She fiercely loved her family and friends, always remarking how lucky we are to have one another.

Aleta’s early years were spent in Ojai where her father was a prominent citrus rancher. Growing up Aleta worked for the family ranch, running the irrigation, packing tangerines and wanting to have a horse instead of a tractor. She had fond memories of being schooled by Monica Ros through the 5th grade where she learned her love for reading and writing and made lifelong friends. Aleta attended San Antonio School and graduated from Happy Valley (now Besant Hill) School in 1963 and then attended U.C. Davis.

Aleta married Bob Kittredge in 1965 and moved to Florida where her son Robert was born. When her marriage to Bob ended, Aleta returned to Davis to finish her degree in English and subsequently returned to Ojai to work for the family business and raise her son.

In the late ’70s, while vacationing in the Eastern Sierra, she met the love of her life, Herbert London, who owned and ran Rock Creek Pack Station. Herb and Aleta were married in 1984 and for many years, split their time between Ojai and Bishop, hauling furred and feathered friends between their two homes. Known as ‘Aleta’ to those in Bishop, she and Herb enjoyed many adventures: pack trips, day rides, an extensive trip to Australia and picnics in the High Sierra and beyond.

Aleta would always state “I don’t work for Rock Creek”, yet for decades Aleta was always there for Herb and Rock Creek Pack Station. She was a great hand; taking day rides, helping with spot trips, driving guests and organizing the food service. Aleta touched many lives at the pack station and all are richer for having known her.

Aleta had many horses and mules during her life and was especially proud of her mule Joe who was trained to be a world champion green working mule. Aleta loved animals and would characterize people by how they treated both wild and domestic creatures around them. Some of Aleta’s happiest times were with her horses, riding in the mountains or desert or simply taking her dogs on walks.

After Herb passed in 2011, Aleta moved full time to Bishop. When not helping the pack station, she enjoyed volunteer work helping kids to learn to read, working on projects with the Hospital Auxiliary, assisting Master Gardeners’ activities and helping with Mule Days activities for youth.

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Aleta would not want anyone to be moan her sudden passing. Her wishes would surely be for folks to get outside and enjoy a beautiful place, a picnic somewhere pretty or a quiet moment with a pet. In lieu of flowers she would prefer that you plant something, scatter flowers she would love and a meal would be a beverage, the conversation or a fierce game of Scrabble.

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A gathering to remember Aleta is planned for December 8th, noon, at Friend’s Stable and Orchard, 3468 Grand Ave, Ojai. For further information call 760-937-0958 or email to info@rockcreekpackstation.com.

MMSA’s Opener

MMSA opened last Saturday, November 10. Communications Director Lauren Burke said there was a strong turnout for the delayed open, great weather and a positive vibe. Expect two more trails to open this weekend as well as five terrain park features.

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HOW TO TALK ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE (AND NOT RUIN TURKEY DINNER)

Court holds Court at MBC lecture series

David Court gave a lecture on Wednesday night, something he does a lot as a professor of Geography at Santa Barbara City College, only this time his audience was at the Mammoth Brewing Company and was probably much more sober than he’s used to.

Court, who also works at the Earth Research Institute in UC Santa Barbara and as a guide with Dave Miller’s International Alpine Guides in the summers, gave a presentation entitled “How To Talk About Climate Change and Not Ruin Turkey Dinner.”

During the conversational lecture, Court debunked climate myths, offered facts that his audience could cite in conversation, and ran through some social psychology techniques that may make it easier to change your stubborn Uncle Bob’s mind at the Thanksgiving table.

**Myth #1:** The Science is Not Settled

“If it’s cold outside, how can there be global warming?” your Uncle Bob might ask.

“It’s like Colbert said,” Court joked, “I just ate, therefore there is no world hunger.”

Court described climate as a personality and weather as a mood. Your grandpa might have a lovely personality, but when the Packers are losing he’s in a foul mood. So, too, does a cold day not preclude a warming climate.

It was this early on in the lecture that Court kicked the piece of paper he had been holding and said, “F*%k the science.”

“An exit strategy. ‘I have diarrhea’ usually works.”

Court then acknowledged that there is also a surprising amount of political consensus.

“The Department of Defense takes this very seriously.” He showed a quote from former Defense Secretary James Mattis saying that climate change is going to affect places where we currently have active duty troops.

**Myth #2:** So what if the planet gets warmer? I like it warm.

“If your Uncle Bob says he likes it a little warmer, Court said try to humor Bob and think of what benefits might come from climate change. It will be easier to explore the arctic. Crops will grow farther north, Russia will certainly have more usable land. Some even say there will be fewer winter deaths, but that doesn’t really make sense. That’s about it.

The ill-effects are slightly scarier and more numerous. There will be drought and famine, like there was recently in Syria, which will exacerbate migration crises. Rising seas will reduce beaches, and reduced habitat will kill many species of animals. Less of the planet will be habitable for humans.

**Myth #3:** Why listen to predictions when they are always wrong about the weather?

Like the “cold outside” argument, this is another example of the false equivalence between climate and weather. Scientists have the data to track climate on a geological timescale. Using tree rings, ice cores, remote sensing satellites and ocean buoys, scientists have been able to collect massive amounts of data, and it turns out that they have been fairly good at tracking and predicting the changing climate. We know that the atmospheric concentrations of CO2 has surpassed 400 parts per million for the first time in the several million years because scientists have been able to measure it.

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Court closed by offering a Cold War as a lesson in collaboration. Americans of all ideologies came together against a terrifying opponent. It led to the space race, more investment in science, and Bobby Fischer. Now, instead of nuclear war, we must come together in defense, and protecting traditional values, let him know that climate change portends immigration crises, military threats, a less kind planet for our children and economic unrest.

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In case you fail in your attempt at conversation, Court said, always have an exit strategy. “I have diarrhea” usually works.

For more climate change awareness, check out Court’s website at www.court.com.
“I SUCK AND SHOULD BE FIRED”

By Hartley

The season rolls on. And finally ... I won’t have to hear about Le’Veon Bell anymore. They’re going to fire him at 15 minutes. No more will he or won’t he. No more cryptic tweets. No more pics of him jet-skiing in Miami. Enough already, I don’t know how that idiot thinks he is getting anywhere doing what he is doing. If he wants to prove he hates the system, he did that. But he was stuck before the holdout and is stuck after the holdout and in a way, that’s the whole point. It makes up for the money he lost, he needs to make $42 million over the next 2 years. Does he really think a team is going to pay his pot-smoking, squat-offyearless ass $21 million a year for two years?

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Rams laying 3.5 to the Chiefs at home in L.A. They were supposed to play it in Mexico City, but apparently it takes more than a year’s notice to prepare a field for that. The Chiefs plus the points. The Rams have been playing well but they seem to be regressing to the mean a bit. And WR Cooper Kupp is out for the year. Cardinals laying 5 to the Raiders. Jon Gruden has dismantled the Raiders. Fans are holding out hope that he has a plan. He doesn’t. Other than his guarantee the playing contract. That’s the best plan of all. Take the Raiders plus the points. The Cards couldn’t lay anything even if you spotted ‘em 20 at a brothel.

Cardinals laying 7 to the Broncos. Take the Broncos plus the points. The Chargers laying 8.5 to the Raiders. How far have the Eagles fallen to be that big of a dog as a Super Bowl champion? Wow. Someone asks the Eagles if they are having fun now. The coach a few weeks ago said they were going to start having fun again. Yeah, fun getting whipped? He said ......we are the underdog again. How’s that working out? Now that neither of those basic junior high philosophies hold, you think ......we are the underdog again........

Dallas is light years away from relevancy, and headed the wrong way. Dallas “suck” is not a frat house sobo can carry a team. Jason Garrett cannot coach, and he has been on the job longer than any Cowboy coach in history other than Tom Landry. The GM/Owner Public Relations Rep/Team Spokesman/ Marketing Director Jerry Jones wants so badly to prove the team can win with burns around him so he gets all the credit that ... they don’t win.

They have to decide whether or not to pay Dak franchise QB money. And they are going to screw this up. I wouldn’t pay him. Offer him reduced money. But don’t pay him. Don’t get trapped into thinking “market value.” Let him find that on the streets with another team.

Another QB who bears the stamp of eternal mediocrity: Mitchell Trubisky. The Bears coaching staff has done a good job working around Trubisky but he just has that can’t play face. Sounds shallow, I know, but when you look at his face, you think .... he doesn’t look like an NFL QB. You know what he really looks like? I GET YOUR CAR READY. BOSS. I’LL PAY FOR THE G bytes of cell phone data you need to do that. I’ll even pay for your cable bill, too. And that’s the least I can do for you. I’ll even fix your computer and get you a new game and even put in a new hard drive and even... Oh, wait. I’ll just do it for you.

Meanwhile, the Vikings are seeing how the Washingtonians gave up on Kirk Cousins. Cousins is great when it doesn’t matter. He is the person who is fun and having a good time when things are going well, but as soon as there is some conflict he turns around and walks away while others take care of business. He is the boss who walks away while one of his employees is getting blasted by an angry customer.

One more telling Le’Veon Bell anecdote. As soon as it was announced he wasn’t coming back, his former teammates looted his locker - took his team gear, his cleats, even held up a set to give away.

So the players are rich and they stew to raiding another player’s FREE CRAP because ... they can. Having money doesn’t change a dumbass or a cheap bastard. That’s Mike Tomlin Steeler culture for you.

Automatically pissed off

Okay, I’ve been out to eat a couple of times this week and something is really pissing me off. I know, that’s a shocker. Since when did the threshold to add automatic tips to a bill get reduced from a party of 8 to a party of 5? I get the 8 people thing - that’s a decent sized group. But the fact that at two different restaurants they charged a mandatory fee at more than 5 people is quite frankly bullshit. 5 people isn’t a party; it’s a family. And your tip shouldn’t be automatic there. You should have to work for it.

I am going to put that to the test that the very FIRST time I get bad service and a mandatory charge on five people.

Now, the following has happened twice, where the service wa so poor that I didn’t tip at all. At one restaurant, when they asked why, I said I shouldn’t have to leave the table to (a) go pay my own bill and b.) fill my own water glass because the server is too lazy or incompetent to get the job done.

I mean, doesn’t TIP mean “To Insure Promptness?” At the very least, bring me water and make sure I don’t have to beg you for it.

But at a lot of places they sort of put it out there that if the food is good enough, you’re obligated to subsidize the rest of the dog-and-pony show.

In my mind, I will eat the food and pay for the food but I ain’t tipping you for awful service. The entire cost $15 ... you get $15. You want a tip? Go to work. You want better pay? Here is a tip. GIVE BET-TER SERVICE.

I don’t need you to kiss my ass but if I have to chase you for water ... you ain’t getting a money tip. And if you think for a minute I will feel sorry giving you the check back with a ZERO on it and look you in the eye, you are mistaken.

Five people providing a guaranteed payout regardless of the server’s job performance? That is absurd. Think about paying an automatic 18% for having the unmitigated gall to expect a server at a restaurant will bring you water, bring you food, have a decent demeanor and and ask you if your meal was okay. I mean, really roll that around in your muglet and tell me who is crazy, me or them?
Thanksgiving is a wonderful time to spend with family. It can also get weird. The Sheet wondered: Can you describe a unique Thanksgiving experience?

“Growing up my family would go to the Grand Canyon for Thanksgiving. We would hike down and stay in the cabins for a couple days, then hike back up on Thanksgiving day and have dinner on the south rim.”
- Sean O’Rourke

“We were eating and we thought the whole family was there, but my dad was missing. He came back and was like, ‘Where’s the food?’ It’s so many people, you forget.”
- Betty Martinez

“My Brother was running a Thanksgiving 5k. He was running into the finish line and somebody’s dog ran through the shoot and basically tackled him.”
- Jaxon Hoey

“It was the first time my aunt cooked a turkey and she left all the giblets in, the heart, the liver, everything. That doesn’t do good things for the turkey.”
- Dave Easterby

“I ate at Denny’s for five years of Thanksgiving while I was going to hockey tournaments.”
- Sean Jackson

“We were sitting at the table for Thanksgiving and it was getting kinda awkward. My dad had left my mom recently before this. Anyway, the table broke and the whole meal ended up on my dad. So it was kind of a karma thing. Somebody bumped the table once and it broke. It mighta been me.”
- Joe Parrino

“My mom’s brother’s dog ate the turkey.”
- Grace Barnett.
BARS & MUSIC

Happy Hour / The Liberty Sports Bar and Grill
Slider Mondays, Open Mic Plus Stick around for the 30th anniversary screening of Warren Miller’s classic, “The Blizzarding of AAHHH’s” starting 4 p.m.
D.J. Mash Up spins at the Village at Mammoth. 5:30-3:30 p.m. Beth Jenkins (Outlaw Country) plays the T-Bar Social Club in June Lake. Time: 9 p.m. $10 advance/$15 door. Info/tix: www.tbarsocialclub.com.


Saturday, November 17 / lone Pine Holiday Art and Crafts Fair. 12-5 p.m. Lone Pine Smokehouse Banquet Room. The Bureau of Land Management Bishop Field Office, Alabama Hills Stewardship Group and Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association co-host two-hour, guided hike about the film, geology and natural history of the Alabama Hills. Time: 10 a.m. Place: Tour will leave from the Eastern Sierra Inter-agency Visitor Center at the intersection of U.S. Route 395 and State Route 136 in Lone Pine. Title: "The Alabama Hills under our Feet." Take a stroll through an ancient landscape, and hear geologi-cal and cultural tales on a short walk through granite corridors and mounds nestled in the Sierra Nevada foothills. Eastern Sierra Basketweavers Gathering. Time: 8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. The Bishop Paiute Tribe and the Owens Valley Paiute-Shoshone Cultural Center have teamed up with the California Indian Basketweavers Association to host a local gathering. The day will include hands-on workshops, discussions and a time to socialize. Location: Barlow Gym. Info: 760.873.8844.

Sunday, November 18 / Inyo Associates meet this month in Bishop at Back Alley Bowl. Social hour starts 5:30 p.m. RSVP to Bishop Chamber at 760.783.8405. Cost: $20.
Mamma Mia auditions

Playhouse 395’s 2019 spring musical will be Mamma Mia! This musical theater sensation, set on the fictional Greek Island of Kalokairini, will feature pop score musical sounds of ABBA and has been a favorite of audiences around the globe since it debuted in London in 1999.

The Directors and Producers of Mamma Mia! are inviting all interested people to come out and audition on November 27, 28 or 29. Auditions are being held at the First United Methodist Church, next to Bishop High School, beginning at 6 p.m. each night.

Those interested in auditioning are asked to visit the Playhouse website, playhouse395.com, and click on the link to sign up for a time slot for your audition. There is also information on the website about the various lead characters and the chorus, as well as information about which songs you should prepare to sing at your audition.

Mamma Mia! will be fully cast by the end of November, rehearsals will begin in earnest in January. The play will be performed April 26-28; May 3-5; and May 10-11.

For more info: 760-873-8095 or 760-920-9100.

Free firewood!

The Town of Mammoth Lakes has donated harvested wood from the Shady Rest Parcel in Mammoth Lakes and has asked IMACA to identify low income families in need of firewood.

This program is a volunteer/community program and is not affiliated with the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, operated by IMACA.

Applicants will be required to complete a Town of Mammoth Lakes “Volunteer Waiver Form” and agree to hold harmless Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action, Inc.

Applicants will need to arrange to pick up and transport the firewood at a designated time, if approved.

Wood is cut in 16” rounds.

In order to apply for the firewood, please do the following:

1. Go to the IMACA website, www.imaca.net and complete the application:
   Town of Mammoth Lakes, NON-LIHEAP Wood Application

2. When the application is complete, please email to info@imaca.net or hand deliver to: 625 Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546 or 137 East South Street, Bishop, CA 93514

3. Once your application has been received, it will be processed and you will be notified if it meets the eligibility criteria

4. Please be sure to leave a good contact number or email address. You will be notified of the distribution location, date and pick up time via phone or email. Please do not call Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action, Inc., or the Town of Mammoth Lakes for status updates. You will not be contacted if you applied for the program.

Town Stuff

Tuesday, November 20/
Mono County Board of Supervisors meets. 9 a.m. Bridgeport Courthouse. Inyo Supes meet. 10 a.m. Board Chambers. 224 N. Edwards in Independence.

Wednesday, November 21/
Mammoth Lakes Town Council meets. 6 p.m. Suite 6, Minaret Mall.

Thursday, November 22/
4th annual Mammoth Lakes Turkey Trot. Registration 8-9 a.m. at Mammoth Creek Park. 2 mile-run on out-and-back course starts 9 a.m. with post-race Hot Chocolate social to follow. See ad p. 19.

Friday, November 23/
Town of Mammoth Lakes/Village at Mammoth Tree Lighting Ceremony in the Village. 4-5:30 p.m. Sautaville, photos with Santa and Woody and entertainment by The Sextones.

The Mammoth Ice Rink will open today (weather dependent). Join us for a free night of skating and skate rentals following the Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony in the Village.

November 24-25/
Cardinal Village’s 4th annual Christmas Festival kicks off at the resort, located east of Bishop off of Highway 188. Just head towards signs for Lake Sabrina. 10 a.m. ‘til 6 p.m. Crafts, gift store, Christmas trees, Santa, et al.

Sunday, November 25/
Join the BLM for a hike through Alabama Hills’ film history, where more than 400 movies and countless commercials have been filmed. The walk will cover an area known as “Movie Flats,” which includes locations from memorable films such as Gunga Din, Tremors and Django Unchained. Hike begins at 10 a.m. and leaves from the Eastern Sierra Interagency Visitor Center at the

AT THE MOVIES

Minaret Cinemas

Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald (PG-13): This Queen and Freddy Mercury biopic will rock you.

(Through Nov. 20) Bohemian Rhapsody (PG-13): It’s The Nutcracker by Disney, featuring Helen Mirren, Keira Knightly and Morgan Freeman.

(Starting Nov. 21) Ralph Breaks the Internet (PG): He’s that young pianist playing Liszt’s Hungarian Rhapsody No. 10.

For more times, call 760.934.3131 or visit mammothlakesmovies.com.
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Aries: Today is the perfect time to over come something that is holding you back in life. That thing is your lack of thankfulness for your gifts. Pisces like you have mad skills, but you’re too shy to share them. That’s why your new mission is to show your skills you love them by showing them off more often, especially those skills that require special underwear.

If you’re not feeling very thankful right now, Clouds would like to help you turn that frown upside down. So don’t be a dink-head and put some effort into appreciating things like your own smile, warm sunshine on your skin and cuddling wearing only socks. It will also help to remember that when one door burns up, another door always alights.

Aquarius: Here is a list of reasons you should be happy. (If you don’t like it then feel free to shove it up #5.) #1: You are blessed. #2: You can read. #3: You’re about to have a great holiday season. #4: You love accomplishing things and you’re almost done reading this list #5: At your core you’re a delightfully wild, free and crazy tukhus.

Virgo: As an Earth Sign, you are very stable, loyal, practical, capable and materialistic. These are all traits to be thankful for, as your friends and family are undoubtedly thankful to have you and your traits in their lives. Hopefully, you’ll realize and be thankful for how the rest of us feel about you. If you don’t ‘won’t or can’t, well then you’re just being a party pooper-head.

Gemini: Someday you’ll be older than you are right now and today will just be a memory. If the future and more experienced you could come back and talk to the current you what would you say? Probably something along the lines of "Relax. Enjoy the moments more. Keep chasing after your dream. Be a good friend. Read books. Eat more donuts. Put money on Golden State." Cancer: To make the most out of this time to give thanks, your good luck yoga pose is the tree. A one-legged standing pose, Vrksasana is all about working on your balance and your core and your peace of mind. It will also help to be more like a tree in general—stand tall and proud, remember your roots, drink lots of water, be happy with your natural beauty and try to enjoy the view.

Leo: The best way to handle change is to view it for the blessing it is, no matter how it comes about. After all, sometimes we have to be forced to let go of who we are to become who we can and want to be. That’s why you should embrace a more hopeful, silly and heartfelt attitude. Fellow Leo, comedian Steven Wright, should help get you in the mood. "My theory of evolution is that Darwin was adopted."

Libra: There’s a pretty good chance that you could use some time to unwind and recharge. That’s why it’s important that you show your thanks as another holiday season begins by finding ways to relax. That may mean washing down your turkey or tofurry with some Wild Turkey or simply adopting this motto: "Sometimes I don’t feel like seizing the day, I’d rather poke it with a stick instead."

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