YEAR IN REVIEW
PACKING HEAT (MISER)

2018 was a weird year, and I think that sentiment is fairly universal. Or maybe it wasn’t weird so much as … whiny. Rudolph’s Whiny New Year. Whining about Ikon pass prices. Whining about media bias - and of course, the whiners may have a point. I’m biased against whiners. Whining about Mueller. Whining about Trump.

But we may as well reference another Rankin/Bass stop animation classic, because that’s the other half of the 2018 equation: The Year Without a Santa Claus.

That’s the one where Heat Miser and Snow Miser bicker over whether to allow each other one day in each other’s territory - so Snow Miser would be allowed to make it snow in Southtown while Heat Miser’s given free rein to warm up the North Pole.

Mother Nature eventually brokers the compromise.

But as Neil Young sang (almost fifty years ago!), Mother Nature’s on the run -well, at this point, she’s doubled over from exhaustion - Heat Miser sees no reason to compromise, and he’s being cheered on by an army of sycophants who love the color red.

Things are out of balance.

This is evidenced, at least to me, at least locally, by what people become politically active and vocal about.

For example, there are few eyebrows raised over how public money is spent. It seems like the only watchdogs we have in this regard are Sharon Clark and Sandy Hogan, two sweet, feisty old ladies.

Am I allowed to call them old ladies, or is that ageist? Sexist? Clearly, cultural policing is a lot more important than, you know, fiscal prudence.

The better question: Who the heck is going to mind the store when they’re no longer here?

But I don’t want to lose track of this vague point I’m chasing, which is what I increasingly do these days because I am no spring chicken either. Point is, we contemplate vast multi-millions to be spent on public housing and recreational amenities and marketing campaigns. Big, important decisions.

And there is scant public participation and our elected officials have pretty much created a fourth branch of government to fill the void.

Meanwhile, folks who seem nonplussed by indirect swipes at their wallets sure get irritated by the direct hits they can quantify.

Like losing a senior discount.

I think we received a record number of letters regarding the singular topic of Alterra not offering a senior pass discount. Seniors certainly know how to lobby. And they must really be hoping the Millennials never catch on.

From the March 10 editorial ...

Now it’s time to piss off a whole segment of you.

Message to aging Baby Boomers - enough.

Senior citizens need to stop bitching about the new ski pass pricing and that there is no longer a dedicated senior pass at Mammoth.

Particularly the well-heeled seniors who own second homes here.

When I saw the letter in this week’s paper which suggests that the resort should charge a guy less money because he also brings his kids and grand-kids here on vacation ...

Am I the only one who sees a disconnect here?

Another gentleman claimed that seniors are being “thrown under the bus.”

I didn’t realize that $200 equated to being thrown under a bus.

Starting a few decades ago, they started the push to roll back estate taxes, and have steadily increased the limit ever since, just in case some of their parents are still holding on.

They have an increased standard deduction from the IRS.

They enjoy free medical care.

They attended college when it was free, or at least virtually free.

They ‘ve had Barack and Donnie and Ben and Janet juicing the stock market.

My family’s health insurance premium (for a Bronze plan) went up $500 this year. Per month.

Now that’s a real bus. Not just the Volkswagen Microbus Alterra’s using on its seniors.

A lot of the seniors visiting and/or living here have more money than any of us other generations. Never mind that they have a helluva lot more free time, too.

The over-65s enjoy maximum pension benefits, benefits that are now being rolled back for future generations because the system is well on its way to insolvency.

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They also get 20% off at Denny’s.

But while we’re on the subject of the various folks I’ve annoyed in 2018, let’s skip to the August 18 and 25 letters submitted by Holly Dudley and Valerie Mendenhall-Cohen. They were upset about, of all things, an e-bike article which appeared in the Sheet Summer Guide.

Hi Jack Lunch/Eastern Sierra Summer Guide,

Really with the E-Bike article - New Adventures at Mammoth? In case you missed the Pinarello advertising scandal, there was a massive backlash from the female cycling community about marketing e-bikes for women who just want to keep up with their husbands and boyfriends. Ultimately they pulled the whole campaign. According to your article, the new allowance for e-bikes on Mammoth Mountain was largely due to Casey McCoy finally being able to ride uphill with his wife. Eye roll.

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Alterra Mountain Company announced the appointment of Rusty Gregory as Chief Executive Officer on Wednesday, February 7, Gregory, the former longtime CEO of Mammoth Resorts, is an investor in the company and has been a member of the Board of Directors since the company’s inception in August, 2017. The newly formed company consists of 12 resorts with a total of approximately 23,000 employees.

“Since the formation of Alterra Mountain Company, Rusty has served as a Senior Strategic Advisor and has been instrumental in creating its vision and direction. He has played a crucial role in the creation and collaboration of the Ikon Pass,” said Eric Resnick, Chief Executive Officer of KSL Capital Partners. “He is a clear leader in the industry and a natural fit to lead Alterra Mountain Company into the future.”

The Sheet spoke to Gregory on Thursday morning. And couldn’t resist making a comparison of Gregory’s ascension at Alterra to that of Dick Cheney in 2000 (Cheney led the vice-presidential search committee for then-Republican nominee George W. Bush and subsequently became the committee’s choice).

“Well, Dick Cheney’s a little to the right of me politically,” laughed Gregory. “And in Mr. Cheney’s case, he chose himself. My partners chose me.”

Gregory’s experience with meshing four ski areas (Mammoth, June, Big Bear, Snow Summit) under the banner of one company, Mammoth Resorts, would seemingly make him a logical choice to do the same on a larger scale.

“That’s the theory,” he said. Sheet: You becoming CEO of Alterra … does that make Mammoth more likely to see significant investment, because of your local ties, or less likely, because you are intimately familiar with how difficult it is to get anything done around here?

Gregory: If I do my job right, investment priority is based upon what makes the most sense, not upon emotional attachment … in Mammoth, we need to work together to get out of our own way. Alterra

2018 was an Iconic year. But boy, we all learned that you mess with senior discounts at your own peril!

They Said It:

“I was homeless in Mammoth Lakes and it was not the worst time in my life.”

-Mammoth Mayor Cleland Hoff

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

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power continues to find ways to divert drops of water on the Eastside to fill the water bottles and pools of its city’s denizens.

The latest attempt to shut off water to rancher lessees in Long Valley prompted Mono County Supervisors to send a letter to the leaders of the City of Los Angeles asking them to reconsider the plan. Leases were introduced to ranchers at the end of March which did not include water allotments. This means ranchers will have to rely on rain for irrigation and keeping pasturelands healthy. The area is prime breeding ground for the Bi-state sage grouse that was nearly listed as an Endangered Species in 2015, but was saved from listing due in part to the concerted efforts of private and public stakeholders who have protected its habitat, i.e., Long Valley.

Supervisor Fred Stump wondered aloud if L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti really wants to be known as the mayor who destroyed the Bi-state sage grouse. Garcetti replied on May 1 stating that the DWP will research the possible environmental impacts of the proposal over the next six months, during which time ranchers will receive water comparable to 2016 allotments.

Rancher Mark Lacey said that amounts to 4,000 to 5,000 acre-feet for the entire valley. In a normal runoff year, the valley would receive about 30,000 acre-feet. Without water, ranchers say their production will be reduced by 70 to 95 percent and the wetlands the ranchers manage will dry up.

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The Year in Crime

Shooting on Hillside

An apparent conflict between a tenant and landlord escalated into gun violence Wednesday morning in Mammoth Lakes, leaving one man dead and one man in critical condition.

The incident occurred at 343 Hillside Drive.

The property owner, Malcolm Jolley, 60, died of gunshot wounds inflicted by a .45 caliber handgun.

The tenant, Samuel C. Gilman, 34, was transported to Reno on Wednesday, having suffered a gunshot wound to the stomach. District Attorney Tim Kendall said Gilman had been placed in a medically-induced coma but is expected to live.

According to Kendall, Gilman had been living at the residence for less than a week.

Big Pine Saddle Club attacks

In the wee morning hours of July 3, it was discovered that nine horses had been savagely attacked earlier the same evening at the Big Pine Saddle Club. One horse had its neck slit requiring dozens of stitches and was also stabbed, and three other horses also required stitches. Three of the horses were transported for medical attention, and six were treated at the scene.

One small horse was hit between the ears with a hammer according to Inyo County Sheriff Major Crime Sgt. Shane Scott.

Sheds were ransacked, and a saddle was stolen. The saddle was found Tuesday on County Road.

The case remained unsolved throughout the summer, and remains unsolved, despite a reward for information leading to an arrest reached nearly $20,000.

Then, another act of violence/vandalism occurred in November.

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.

The year in “subject matter experts”

Blame the consultants

By the end of this year, Town Staff had taken to referring to outside consultants as “subject matter experts,” apparently because the term consultant is tainted.

But back when we called them consultants, they did their best to minimize the fallout from Alasks Airlines pulling out of the Mammoth market.

The initial press releases issued by Alaska Airlines and Mammoth Lakes Tourism were striking in their differences.

Although later The Sheet learned that what it had received was not an official press release but an intranet (internal) corporate communication. It sounds sexier than it is. No mention of a grassy knoll.

The most notable difference was in that Mammoth Lakes Tourism tried to blame the service cut on a nationwide pilot shortage.

Alaska spokesperson Bobbie Egan reacted by saying, “I have no idea where they got that.”

The quote about the pilot shortage in MLT’s release came from air service consultant Kent Myers.

MLT later issued an amended release which blamed the service cut on Alaska’s decision to retire the Q400 aircraft.

They Said It:

“It has all the architectural flair of an I-Beam.”

-Greg Eckert on Mammoth’s Main St. sidewalk project

“I can assure you the case is the number one priority for investigators.”

-Inyo Sheriff Jeff Hollowell on the Saddle Club investigation

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The year in United

Air Apparent

When Alaska Airlines pulled out of Mammoth in May, announcing it would no longer fly to Mammoth from L.A. and San Diego, former Mammoth Mayor Michael Raimondo declared it “fantasy” that another airline would pick up the slack.

Why would another major airline take a chance on a market that a competitor gave up on for underperforming? he asked rhetorically.

Well, it looks like it took all of 33 days for the fantasy to come true. Mammoth Lakes Tourism (MLT) and Mammoth Mountain announced at the MLT Board meeting Tuesday that United Airlines has committed to flying the Mammoth-LAX route beginning December 1. Alaska’s commercial service to Mammoth ends on November 30.

/From The Sheet July 7/

The year in stipends

The Sheet v. White-Out

In February, The Sheet reported on the Mono County Office of Education handing out administrative bonuses for work related to Charter Schools the district operated in Southern California.

The Sheet was given documents with the stipend amounts and names of who got how much, with those names covered in White-Out. This reporter (Bodine) used his years of journalistic experience to figure out the redacted details—by holding up the paper to a light.

According to those documents, Adler has received $24,500 in stipends since 2012-2013 school year. Since 2012-2013, several other administrators have also received stipends, including Chief Business Officer Caty Ecklund ($26,000), Chief Technology Officer George “Joe” Chicago ($10,410), Assistant to the Superintendent Jan Carr ($2,500), and Director of Information Technology Jody Ecklund ($10,410).

/From The Sheet February 10/

The Big Payback

Mono County Superintendent of Schools Stacey Adler is going to voluntarily pay back the $24,500 in stipends she has awarded herself since 2012 for work she performed for a San Diego charter school.

In a special meeting held on February 23 in Bridgeport, Mono County Board of Education Trustees voted 4-0, with Trustee Sue Bouska absent, to require Adler to pay back her stipend.

According to the motion, Adler has received $33,500 in stipends since the 2013-2014 school year. Since 2012-2013, several other administrators have also received stipends, including Chief Business Officer Caty Ecklund ($26,000), Chief Technology Officer George “Joe” Chicago ($10,410), Assistant to the Superintendent Jan Carr ($2,500), and Director of Information Technology Jody Ecklund ($10,410).

/From The Sheet March 3/

Dr. Adler narrowly defeated Asst. Superintendent Jennifer Huh to win reelection in June. Ms. Huh, a whistleblower in Stipendentent-gate, did not have her contract renewed at the end of June.

The year in Winter

Wood Site listed

Sam’s Wood Site owner Dirk Winter has listed the property, long used for staple Mammoth summer events such as Bluesapalooza, the Labor Day Arts Festival and Shakespeare in the Woods, for sale.

The $5.9 million. Winter purchased the property for $3.95 million in April, 2017.

As former property owner Dennis Hartman wrote in a letter which appeared in last week’s Sheet, he and partner Sam Walker reduced their sales price last year because they wished to accommodate Mr. Winter’s plans to preserve the site as an events venue.

At the time, Mr. Winter said his plan was to produce an annual Christmas Market at the site, similar to the event he produces each year in Cambria.

Mr. Winter told The Sheet two weeks ago that the Cambria Christmas Market grosses more than $3 million annually.

Alas, Mammoth Christmas Market plans have been nixed in both 2017 and 2018.

And in an August 2 e-mail (one of several e-mails obtained by The Sheet via a public records request) sent by Winter to Town Manager Dan Holler (among others), Winter writes, “We have determined that this site cannot be economically utilized as an event site. We are actively investigating other development or sales options ...”

Some believe that Winter has acted in poor faith and violated the terms of his agreement with Mammoth Lakes Tourism (which handed him $300,000 toward site improvements as part of the initial deal).

Section II.A.1 of the Wood Site Agreement between Winter’s company (WML) and MLT states, “WML agrees to provide the sum of $300,000 to WML [Winter]. The sum shall be used by WML to fund all or part of the improvements at the Woods pursuant to this Agreement and for no other purpose.”

But the $300,000 may have been used for another purpose - the down payment.

As Dennis Hartman said in his refreshingly blunt manner Wednesday, “The $300,000 went right into Sam Walker’s and Dennis Hartman’s pockets ... and I should know.”

Winter, in an August 7 e-mail to Community Development Director Sandra Moherly, suggests otherwise. “With a sale or development options the unspent funds will be returned to MLT with interest.”

However, locally-based commercial real estate consultant Kevin Green clearly doesn’t believe the funds are unspent. “He is full of crap,” wrote Green in an email to MLT’s Executive Director John Urdi and Board Chair Scott McGuire. “And the math on the acquisition says he has misappropriated the $300K.”

/From The Sheet Sept. 8/

Mammoth Lakes Tourism filed suit in Mono County Superior Court on Oct. 25 alleging fraud against Winter. The Sheet later did an investigative piece where it interviewed Oakland-based Attorney Dan Siegel, who successfully sued Winter for $766,000 on behalf of two clients who alleged they were sexually harassed while working at a Winter-owned property in Cambria in the early 2000s.

As Siegel said, “He [Winter] comes across as a folksy, plaid-shirt wearing guy who drives a pickup truck ... but there’s only one other time in my fifty-year legal career where I’ve come across someone as deceptive as Dirk Winter. I’m surprised a public entity would do business with him.”

/From The Sheet November 24/

The year in MUF

MUF Dive

At the Wednesday, April 18 Mammoth Town Council meeting, Public Works Director Grady Dutton had said at one point, in an aside, that he was optimistic the proposed Multi-Use Facility project might draw up to five bidders.

At the actual bid opening on April 25, there were only two bidders: Spiess Construction of Santa Maria and AMG Construction of Santa Clarita.

Spiess’s base bid: $19.8 million. AMG’s base bid: $18.8 million.

The project, which at one point Town Staff said would cost $9.5 million, carried a $12 million estimated price tag as recently as six months ago.

As one Mammoth Lakes Recreation Commissioner lamented, on condition of anonymity, “Dutton [Grady] started this whole thing saying it wouldn’t cost more than a million to relocate the rink.”

/From The Sheet April 28/

Wreck Zone

On Wednesday, December 5, Mammoth Lakes Town Council renamed the Multi-Use Facility the “Rec Zone.”

These are the three alternatives currently on the table for a revised project: a $13 million rink and roof, a $10 million smaller project, and, the coup de grace, a roof over the original rink.

/From The Sheet December 8/ see HEADLINES, page 27
Hiker Wants Ride to Car
... a helicopter ride, that is

By Bodine

A hiker used his personal satellite location device to call for help on the Mount Whitney Trail on June 14. When a California Highway Patrol helicopter showed up soon after, the hiker got cold feet and declared he could walk out on his own.

He had stated that he wanted a ride to his car.

According to a Facebook post from the California Highway Patrol - Inland Division Air Operations, a hiker high on the Mount Whitney Trail at an elevation of more than 12,000-feet, activated his In-Reach emergency locator, a satellite messaging device, on Thursday, June 14 at about 4:45 p.m.

The hiker reported he had become lost and did not have overnight gear. He said he was cold and had no food or water. He had managed to reach Trail Camp, about six miles from the trailhead, but claimed an injured knee prevented him from descending any further.

The Inland Division deployed its H-82 helicopter equipped for a high-altitude rescue, from Apple Valley in response to the call, "only to be met by a hiker who wanted a ride to his vehicle."

The post states that the hiker didn’t want to be transported to a hospital or to the airport where medical services waited for him. He refused rescue and a ride in the helicopter because it wouldn’t land at his car.

The post was intended to highlight positive aspects of law enforcement, says Sergeant Wayne Cutting, Aerial Supervisor. It was also intended as a public service announcement that hikers should be prepared when traveling in the backcountry by bringing warm clothes, food, and ready for an unplanned night in the open, he said.

It was not posted as an invitation to bash on the hiker, but Cutting said the post has taken on a life of its own. Typical responses to the post are that the hiker should be charged for the costs of the helicopter and labor.

Every Year in Review issue, The Sheet “celebrates,” or rather “roasts,” the dubious accomplishments of a person or persons who bungle their way into small-town notoriety. This year, The Sheet makes the perennial list.

GRIMM TALES

By Bodine

Former Inyo County Court Executive Officer Tammy Grimm has been charged with six felony counts related to forgery and falsifying documents in an alleged attempt to frame Superior Court Judge Brian Lamb.

On Thursday, July 12, San Francisco District Attorney George Gascón charged the 42-year old Grimm with two felonies each for offering false evidence, forgery, and filing false documents with a public office. She posted $5,000 bail.

The charges were filed in San Francisco County, the presiding county for the Commission on Judicial Performance (CJP), that handles judicial misconduct complaints.

The arrest and charges are the result of an investigation by special agents with the Bureau of Investigation of the California Department of Justice.

Grimm was appointed to a three-year term on the Judicial Council’s Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness in July 2014. It could not be determined what month she filed the complaints to the CJP.

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What will 2019 bring to the Mammoth real estate market? To best look at what may happen in 2019 we need to look back at what happened in 2018, which was an unusual year for Mammoth real estate. Some of the highlights include the brisk activity during last year’s holiday period through the winter and into spring, the strong activity in both the commercial market and the true luxury segment of single family homes, and the continuing activity in the condo segment attracting buyers looking to develop and operate nightly rental properties.

The strong sales activity of last winter was a historic anomaly. It may be the sign of a new trend. The winter of 2019 will tell. In the more recent past the heated selling periods have been the fall (the “anticipation of winter”) and the spring while visiting families were here for extended periods of time. Some of that has changed due to the Internet and the advent of MLS Internet Data Exchange (IDX). I can assure you there are lots of people who watch the Mammoth real estate inventory religiously. They might be owners already, but many are looking for that “perfect” property. And many are frustrated.

But the winter-oriented buyers are a strong real estate cohort, and obviously they are here because of snow. And they become interested in real estate and want to purchase. So winter may become the prime selling season again. It was that way in the 1970’s.

The movement in commercial real estate was also an anomaly. Part of it was due to the simple availability of desirable properties. Part of it was improving local economics and investors looking for Mammoth opportunities. Commercial vacancies are down. All-in-all the commercial corridors of Mammoth are as healthy as they have been in many years.

The sales of $1M+ homes and condos was also impressive. And it lasted through the entire year. There were several sales that exceeded $2M. And there are high-end custom homes being built in plenty of locations around town. Potential buyers driving through nooks-and-crannies of the Mammoth neighborhoods see good signs everywhere. There are very few distressed properties.

The “Airbnb Effect” continues to drive condo sales and improve values. Especially condos that are in “turn-key” condition — ones that are basically ready, or easily made ready, for nightly rental. Other buyers are looking for prime condos needing remodeling so they can create their own special nightly rental property. This is a significant trend in the Mammoth real estate marketplace. Many are discovering the small business opportunity, the flexibility of usage, and tax benefits of owning such a property.

This segment of the market will remain fluid into 2019. As values nudge upward the return on investment can decline. But for now the rental demand is strong and Mammoth is short on transient rental beds. Interestingly, both owners and renters are becoming more reluctant to utilize Airbnb as they realize the ever increasing fees being charged by Airbnb (which intends to go public in 2019). The nightly rental models are likely to change again.

The biggest thing for Mammoth real estate in 2019 may be YotelPad. What? The Yotel hotel brand is increasingly popular. They are centered in many metropolitan areas especially near international airports. But their brand is spreading. The YotelPad is the condo hotel version. The brand features minimalist type hotel rooms but with larger and more interactive social and gathering spaces. The concept is supposedly targeted at younger generations but it may be a societal trend.

The line for Mammoth real estate is a level of marketing and hyperbole not seen since the Intrawest days. Ironically, the YotelPad developers are basically the old Intrawest group. So they know Mammoth and they know what they are doing. They built all the condo hotel units in Mammoth 10-15 years ago. And they know all about “the transfer of enthusiasm.” The project site is the old Dempsey corner at Main and Minaret (Nevados). Their exhibit and sales office is right there and will see major traffic all winter. I encourage people to check it out. Maybe get a coffee beforehand.

In the past this transfer of enthusiasm transferred to the balance of the real estate market. The timing is good. The optics of development brings confidence to the market. The product has strong appeal to younger generations and international types. But I wouldn’t rule out the transfer of enthusiasm either.
Rising interest rates may seriously affect first-time homebuyer markets but have less impact on second home/

impact on second home/

—Oster
As of December 2018, the median price for a Single-Family Home in Mammoth Lakes was $939,500. This figure was up 21% over the median price observed for 2017.

The average time a single-family home sat on the market was 180 days and the median price was derived using a total of 75 home sales year to date. The total number of single-family home sales is pacing down 9% over 2017.

Condominiums reflected a median price of $400,000 which is a 14% increase over 2017. The average time a condominium sat on the market was 89 days and the data were comprised using 324 sales year to date. The total number of sales is pacing down 16% over 2017.

Some observations in the trends:

- The median price for a single-family home has surpassed the all-time peak median price observed in mid-2006 ($900,000) by 4%.
- The median condominium price is still 28% below the peak median price observed in 2006 ($560,000).

Median Single-family home prices increased only 7% in 2017 and then 21% in 2018, while condominiums saw increases of 27% in 2017 and a lower figure of 14% in 2018.

With median prices rising, the issue of more affordably priced housing becomes an increasing concern, but the age-old question in Mammoth Lakes is how our community achieves housing that is affordable for the local workforce.

I’d like to weigh in on the Development Fee article in the Sheet dated December 15, 2018 where the Mammoth Lakes Town Council delayed a vote to increase development fees. Some of the fee hikes proposed were as much as 40% fee for single family home construction and 250% for lodging fees.

If there is one thing we have learned from the past in Mammoth Lakes, increasing development fees will not achieve the goal of building more affordably priced housing. What increased development fees will insure is that many in our local workforce will soon be out of work when construction stops and the circulation of money in town begins to wane. Current construction is, at a minimum, increasing the housing supply and offsetting housing demands.

Fees for local workforce housing have already been addressed through Measure A and paid for through Transient Occupancy Taxes (TOT). Funds originally designated for said housing were temporarily shifted to Mammoth Lakes Tourism (MLT) to stimulate the economy when the Town was faced with bankruptcy. What was temporary seems to have become permanent. Since the initial shift in funding, MLT has achieved additional funding to the tune of roughly $5,000,000+. This has come through the formation of Tourism Business Assessment District (TBID). This is in addition to the nearly $2,000,000 to $3,000,000 in funding being provided through Measure A.

Perhaps instead of making a decision that will stymie a successful economy in Mammoth Lakes, the Town Council should turn to the Measure A and shift funds being used for a bloated marketing department over to needed housing. Bonding a $2,000,000 annuity over a 10-year period could create $20 million-plus for housing today. The Town could consider purchasing existing property as well as developing new housing on the Shady Rest Tract, currently zoned for workforce housing.

The resulting impacts of fees on development and lodging will not be new housing; the impacts will result in a decline in new TOT generation.

People need to remember that TOT is the lifeblood of Mammoth Lakes. Mammoth Lakes does not receive the same revenue streams from property taxes, as many other municipalities. New impact fees will only impact our economy negatively.

Matthew Lehman is a local real estate broker and a former Mayor of Mammoth Lakes.
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Genny Smith (b. 1922): Local naturalist, historian, activist and author of guidebooks including “Deepest Valley.” Genny Smith died in March. Genny wasn’t a big woman, but she halted an entire road from being built. Arguably, her most notable achievement was stopping the construction of a trans-Sierra highway, which would have cut through the heart of the mountains from Reds Meadow to the westside via Minaret Road. Upon learning about the project in 1958, she began writing letters and gathering a team of like-minded activists to start what would become a 27-year battle to thwart the State’s efforts to build the road.

Larry Johnston (b. 1950): Former Mono County Supervisor Larry Johnston died in March from cancer. He was 67. Friend Karl Teller said Larry wouldn’t intentionally play devil’s advocate, but that he fought for what was right. “Sometimes it sounded like what he was saying was coming out of left field, but he saw things differently. Like he was seeing a color that wasn’t there.

Augie Hess (b. 1914): Augie Hess was born at Mono Mills in 1914, and lived his early years at Rush Creek. “It was a really nice place—A big meadow with horses and cows,” Hess remembered. “I didn’t know any other language but the Paiute as I was growing up.”

He grew up in Lee Vining, which his father helped to found. He ski raced against Dave McCoy, was a plane mechanic in World War II, and worked as a mechanic in his service station in Lee Vining. He golffed 3 times per week even at 100 years old.

He literally died the same day they played the annual Augie Hess tournay this year at Bishop Country Club. “The guy upstairs really helped me out. I never had no trouble at all with sickness,” Hess concluded. “I got along with everybody. And that’s about it.”

Patricia Gardner (b. 1952): Former Bishop City Councilwoman, mother and grandmother Patricia Gardner died in April. Fellow City Council member Laura Smith said Pat was truly devoted to the things closest to her heart. “It was all about her kids and grandkids. We never spent a lot of time together because she was always with her family.” Pat was known for keeping a cool head and that made her a great moderator, said Smith. She was one of those rare people that could be reasoned with over a disagreement, though she was no pushover. “If Pat didn’t agree with you, she’d let you know.”

Jay Cole (b. 1940): Cole founded the Lakes Basin Review in 1970 and was it’s editor during the paper’s 20 year run. He died of a bacterial infection in his heart in March. He used to come into The Mogul, said the Mammoth Channel’s Dan McConnell, “and he’d be in there with his wife, a martini in one hand, cigarette in the other, and he’d get to talking and the ashes would get so long they’d fall off by themselves.”

Lee Vorobyoff (b. 1941): Vorobyoff moved to June Lake in 1975 with her two daughters, to marry her husband Igor. She worked as an assistant/secretary to Mono County Sheriff Martin Strelneck, and later as director of the Mono County division of state-run Community Connection for Child Care. She enjoyed making art.
IN MEMORY
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Randy Witters (b. 1936): As a forester for the US Forest Service, Witters implemented the purchase of almost all the private land in the Lakes Basin, derail- ing a planned housing development. Also, he implemented the Santini-Burton Land Acquisition Program passed by the U.S. Congress to preserve Lake Tahoe’s clear waters and the Tahoe Basin’s wild character.

During his tenure, his team acquired more than 2,000 tracts of land. His proudest achievement, however, occurred when he was assigned to the Shasta-Trinity National Forest. His study and report regarding the 385,000-acre Salmon Trinity Alps Primitive area resulted in a recommendation to add 153,000 acres and create the new, Trinity Alps Wilderness, the 2nd largest classified Wilderness area in California.

Elliott Thompson (b. 1932): Long-time Mammoth resident and co-founder of the Mammoth Lakes Jazz Jubilee, Thompson died in May. He was 85.

Thompson and [Ken] Coulter would often travel up to Mammoth Mountain Inn to sit in with Doug Randall, who played the piano up there in the lobby. Sometimes they’d also invade Roger’s (Nevados before it became Nevados) to “play tunes after we’d been tuned,” laughed Ken.

Bill MacBride (b. 1955): MacBride was a local realtor for many years. At heart, he was an outdoorsman, and loved to hike, bike, rock climb, trail run. Coming across Bill and his dog Butch on a 6- or 8-mile scampar was a familiar sight to Mammoth locals.

There were other scampars many didn’t even know about; ascents of both Aconcagua in Argentina and McKinley in Alaska.

Gail Frampton (b. 1927): Frampton moved to Mammoth as a Vice President of Dempsey Construction Co. But, enterprise was not the only factor that drew Gail to the Eastern Sierra. From a young age he was passionate about nature and the mountains, taking every opportunity to ski, climb, hike and bike in the California wilderness. During the early years he would frequently load up the entire family in the station wagon and drive to Mammoth, Sun Valley, Aspen, the family crammed in like sardines. His passion for nature was contagious and inspirational to those around him.

Cora Williams (b. 1933): Cora was the co-owner of Joseph’s Bi-Rite in Bishop and Lone Pine. Her son Marty said his parents worked too much. But they also had fun.

Dale [Pittman, Cora’s son-in-law] said the family would always get together for dinner on Saturday nights, but as Monte, Cora’s husband, and Cora got older, the family would leave earlier and earlier, to let them get some rest. The joke was that Cora and Monte were taking advantage of that time alone.

Jon Alan Peterson (b. 1952): Peterson was an accomplished bird hunter, marksman, Alaskan bush pilot and fisherman. He lived in Bishop and worked in Death Valley as a district ranger, then as a criminal investigator, and finally a firearms instructor before retiring in 2005. He went to Burning Man every year until his death. One year he wore a Burqa and nothing else.

They Said It:
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-Jeff Posey

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  – Angela Capko
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Bill Taylor (b. 1952): Bill helped Mammoth Lakes to incorporate and served as one of its first city planners for 23 years, including several stints as the Community Development Director. He served on the Mammoth Lakes Housing Board. He stopped in Mammoth on his way to San Francisco in 1974 to visit a climbing friend, got a job tuning skis at Kittredge Sports, and never left. Jim Stimson recalled Taylor’s resourcefulness, as he and his wife Sherry’s second child Davis was born in the car on the top of Sherwin Grade. After Bill delivered the child, he and his wife tied the umbilical cord off with a shoelace.

Bonnie Zwart (b. 1925): Zwart was a mother, grandmother, volunteer and one of the founders of the Mammoth Hospital Auxiliary in 1993 was awarded Town of Mammoth Lakes Woman of the Year.

Bruce Dishion (b. 1948): Former Bishop policeman and elected official, Bruce Dishion died in January. He was a consummate outdoorsman. Dana Crom recalled a weekend when Bruce and her father Frank Crom went hunting. They needed to get up early and weren’t early birds, so Frank asked Bruce to bring an alarm clock. Once at the campsite, Bruce dutifully pulled out a Sesame Street Big Bird alarm clock. Bruce told a befuddled Frank that it was the only clock he could find with batteries.

Gary Bacon (b. 1962): Bacon died in January from complications from the flu. Gary Bacon was a ski coach and instructor at Mammoth Mountain. He was also the announcer for Mammoth Motocross races.

Jim Birdwell (b. 1944): Jim Birdwell died in Palm Desert in February from complications from hepatitis C. He was 73.

“My mom suspects he could have contracted that from any number of his adventures,” wrote Jim’s son Layton on a GoFundMe campaign in January. “But more likely than not it came from the tattoo he received from headhunters during his cross-navigation of Borneo back in the ’80s when I was a kid.”

Birdwell was part of a group of elite climbers in Yosemite during the 70s known as “the stoned masters.” They were known for dropping acid and climbing. He gained fame when he and fellow climbers Billy Westbay and John Long climbed The Nose on Yosemite’s El Capitan (2,900 feet) in 15 hours (with five packs of cigarettes).

Gary Paolino (b. 1947) Gary Paolino began his Mammoth life in the Main Lodge cafeteria—as a counter server, then a manager. He eventually worked evenings in the Canyon repair shop. He also worked as a probation camp counselor and in the summers as a house painter, crane operator, framer, and golf course manager. He and Christel designed and built their home in Mammoth. On summer and autumn days he was often spotted on his roller-blades, making skiing-like turns down College Parkway and mountain biking through Shady Rest and other Mammoth trails.

Eric Stovesand (b. 1950): Stovesand was a pastor in Southern California and Nevada before moving to Church on the Mountain in Crowley Lake in 1994, where he pastored for 18 years.

Warren Miller (b. 1924): A self-taught filmmaker who pioneered the ski film industry, Miller died on January 24 at his home on Orcas Island. Miller financed his first film, “Deep and Light,” which was shot at Square Valley, with investments from four friends of $100 each.

In the end he made more than 500 films. He was close friends with Mammoth’s founder Dave McCoy.

Frederick Howley (b. 1931): Howley was a dedicated parishioner at St. Joseph’s Roman Catholic Church and loved to “solve all the world’s problems” over breakfast with his buddies at the Good Life Cafe. His kindness, optimism, quick wit and sage advice will be deeply missed by those who had the privilege of sharing time with him.

THE YEAR IN SURVEYS

On Thursday, January 11, KSL-Aspen announced that its 12-mountain conglomerate will be called “Alterra Mountain Company,” a mashup of “altitude” and the Latin “terra,” meaning “earth.”

The Sheet asked people on the street: What do you think “Alterra” is?

“A new designer medicine they sell on TV. Like a happy pill.”
- Brian Anderson, Mammoth Lakes

“Discontinue use of Alterra if you experience any of the following side effects...”
- Rocky Morelli, Mammoth Lakes

“A new designer breed of dog?”
- Matt Davison, Mammoth Lakes

“Everyone knows Alterra is a weird crunchy hippie music festival held in the Pacific Northwest.”
- Lauren Clemence, Mammoth Lakes

“I just figured it was Greek for ‘$12 beer.’”
- Jenny Senior, Mammoth Lakes

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Remote Professionals: Mammoth’s “Remote Professionals Workshops” are the brainchild of Branko Kral, a 29-year-old who runs his own analytics company and who is enthusiastic about the way that Mammoth, which is now a gigabit community connected to Digital 395, can be at the forefront of a remote professionals revolution. “We don’t have ladders for people here,” says [Scott] McGuire, a locally-based entrepreneur. “I have three kids. I hope they want to stay here, but if they don’t want to work for the County, the hospital, or the school district, they have no hope but slinging beers for the mountain.” He says there is, of course, also a very small niche for entrepreneurs, “but that’s not for everyone.”

McGuire thinks maybe people don’t have to “trade their passion for a paycheck,” and that there may be a place for rural dwellers to enter the global market. “We had a period where the migration to cities was so pronounced, and now, rural dwellers to enter the global market. “People abuse the rights that we give to shelter distilling.com

It’s not always pretty doing business in a tourist town, but, luckily, the Eastern Sierra attracts those with entrepreneurial spirit and grit. Here are a few of the trends, people and establishments which have marked 2018.

It’s A Dog-Eat-Inside World: Animals are not allowed inside restaurants. Period. That is according to the California Retail Food Code, but, as with every rule, there is an exception.

The Americans with Disabilities Act does not allow businesses to discriminate against the disabled, which means that service dogs, “individually trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability,” must be admitted into any establishment where the animal does not “fundamentally alter” the nature of the business.

The ADA supersedes the health code, so animals are allowed in restaurants if they are trained to perform a service. In order to protect the rights of the disabled, a service dog does not need to wear any identifying clothing, nor does the disabled person need to carry proof that their dog is a service animal.

The only thing that a business owner can do is ask, “Is that a service animal?”

But people don’t always follow or respect the rules

Skadi Head Chef Ian Algeroen: “People abuse the rights that we give to those who need them.”

Local businesses invest in own housing stock: In the face of a difficult rental housing market, many local businesses in Mammoth Lakes are taking employee housing into their own hands. Colin Fernie of Black Tie Ski Rentals partnered with Shields and Kathy Richardson of the Side Door Cafe to purchase a triplex that currently houses nine employees from the two businesses.

Silver Chesak, co-owner of Footloose Sports, said that Footloose owns a trailer for housing employees on a short term basis.

Michael Ledesma, a partner in Gomez’s and Base Camp Cafe, fell into the employee housing business somewhat by accident. He was renting a condo to a service dog does not need to wear any identifying clothing, nor does the disabled person need to carry proof that their dog is a service animal.

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They Said It:

“I do hope he wins just so he gets to discover how far logic and rationality will actually take him.”

-Lunch on newly elected Bishop Councilman Stephen Muchovetz

MMSA spends: Mammoth Mountain has been spending some money this summer. Which means that by this winter, that historic schlep up the stairs at Canyon Lodge with kids and equipment hanging off you in all directions will be replaced by an escalator ride. This is the first salvo in a two-year, $25 million Canyon Lodge facelift. Other projects of note nearing completion include the Via Ferrata off Roger’s Ridge and the Top-to-bottom, two stage zip line, which will take you from the summit to the base of the gondola.

In addition to the big things, one thing about Mammoth CEO Mark Brownlie is that he’s a sticker for the small details - he pointed out the new garbage cans at McCoy Station, razzed Vice President of Mountain Operations Clifford Mann about a door jamb propped open with duct tape and a bungee cord that needed fixing, and when we boarded the gondola, immediately pointed out that all the plexiglass on all 82 gondola cars is scheduled for replacement.

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The Year in openings & closings

Bongo Froyo: Ray Duncan opened Mammoth’s first-ever frozen yogurt joint: Bongo Froyo. (February)

Owens Valley Distilling: Owens Valley Distilling opened on South Main Street in Bishop in April.

Inaugural Mammoth Yoga Festival: The festival took place June 14-17 and included paddleboard yoga on Twin Lakes and sound baths, whatever the hell a sound bath is.

Bank of America out: The Bishop branch closed in September.

Green Mammoth: In early August, the state granted Green Mammoth, which had previously been only a medical marijuana dispensary, a recreational cannabis license.

Cobwebs closes: Cobwebs Antiques located in Bishop closed in July. Owner Cathy Yribarren said she doesn’t have time to run the store and help her husband run the Yribarren Ranch.

Range and River closes: After 13 years, owner Diane Doonan is closing Range and River Books. She can no longer effectively and efficiently devote her attention to the bookstore and the Yribarren Ranch. (July)

First Chair: The red trailer in the Footloose parking lot is home to First Chair Foods, Dan Molnar’s grab-and-go breakfast and lunch spot. They sell a breakfast burrito and sandwiches. (August)

Mega-Bux: The largest Starbucks in California by square footage opened on September 28. The new location has a fireplace, vaulted ceilings, and a room adorned with Dave McCoy pictures and quotes.

Uncle Jimmy’s BBQ: Owners Mike Norris and Chuck Siler settled their restaurant in the little building on the corner of Main and Laurel Mountain Rd. (September)

Ascent: Ascent (Mammoth Lakes Wellness re-booted) will reopen as medical and recreational dispensary early next year. Ascent will model itself after the make-up chain Sephora. (October)

Little Trendsetters: A pop up store selling overstocked and out of season clothing in Little Cottonwood Plaza in Bishop. (November)

“One of the major failures of government is that we penalize the many for the sins of a few.”
- Mono County Supervisor Bob Gardner during a discussion about banning booze in community centers

“Without that [forward progress of Mammoth’s airport terminal expansion, I’m not even going to look for financing [for Old Mammoth Place].”
-Jim Demetriades

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Tuesday, January 8:

Locals Never too early to look out on the horizon in anticipation of the Locals New Year's Eve party @ Rafters.
Multiple DJs. Starts 9:30 p.m.

TOWN STUFF

Friday, December 28-29:
Bishop Christmas Classic basketball tournament. Friday games 12:30-7:30 p.m.
Saturday games 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Location: BUHS gymnasium. 301 North Main St. Next to Rick's

Saturday, December 29:
Bucky (June Min. mascot) hosts a bonfire.
Cookies, hot chocolate and dancing. Time: 2-3 p.m.
Location: June Mountain Chalet.

Wells Fargo Advisor Financial Network, LLC, Mammoth, CA.

Tickets online at edisontheatre.org for $20/adult, $18/senior and student, $10/child. At door for $22. Showtimes: Thurs.-Sat. 7 p.m., Sun. 4 p.m. Location: 100 College Pkwy, Mammoth.

### Alabama Discount

The Bureau of Land Management Bishop Field Office is reducing the nightly camping fee at the Tuttle Creek Campground from $8 per night to $5 per night starting Friday, December 21. The campground fee will return to the standard $8 per night rate in April 2019.

“Tuttle Creek Campground provides a great base camp for visitors looking to hike, climb, explore and sightsee in and around the Alabama Hills Recreation and Scenic Area,” says BLM Bishop Field Manager Steve Nelson.

The Tuttle Creek Campground is located about four- and one-half miles west of Lone Pine in the southern portion of the Alabama Hills. The campground includes 83 recreational vehicle and tent sites that boast impressive views of Mt. Whitney, Lone Pine Peak and Mt. Williamson in the Sierra Nevada to the west. The campground also provides easy access to Movie Flat and other popular destinations.

Campground amenities include trash collection, vault toilets, picnic tables, fire rings and lantern holders. No water is available during the winter. One group site and two horse corrals are available with reservations.

More info: https://www.blm.gov/visit/search-details/15191/1 or contact the Bishop Field Office at 760-872-5000.

### Unbound Series Races

Unbound Series Slalom and Giant Slalom take place on Saturday December 29.

There are men’s and women’s division’s for each event. Age categories from 7 and under to 65 and over. All competitors must register in advance online at usasoc.org. There will be no onsite registration. All competitors must have a lift ticket or season pass. Discounted lift tickets can be purchased on site before each event.

Collect bibs from 7:30-8:30 a.m. the day of competition at the Mammoth Mountain Ski and Snowboard Team headquarters next to Broadway Express (Chair 1). Info: Ben Wisner, 760.934.2571 x3144 or bwisner@mammothsors.com.

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### NYE lineup

The following represents a list of options to consider for New Year’s Eve. Reserve now or regret later.

- **Morrisons**: $75 four-course prix-fixe menu. $35 for kids under 12. Reservations required. 760.934.7427/Morrisonsrestaurantandbar.com.
- **Rafellers**: The jam band “Grass” plays 10 p.m. til 1:30 a.m. Tix: $25. Info/reservations: thesierranevadasort.com
- **Red Lantern**: Celebrate “speakeasy-style” with various pricing options. $100 ticket includes unlimited well drinks. $150 ticket includes table service and your first top shelf bottle. $200 ticket includes all-you-can-eat dinner and unlimited well drinks. Info/reservations: thesierranevadasort.com
- **Black Velvet Coffee**: Dark & Sexy 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Tix: $35. One free drink. DJ Rick Knunke, beer pong, champagne toast, swag from sponsors. Tix available online @ www.blackvelvetcoffee.com
- **Shelter Distilling**: Drink specials, free spirit toast at midnight, no cover! Smokeyard: DJ Vibe and no cover! Liberty: No cover, no nonsense. Drink specials all night.
- **Austria Hof**: Live music, bar tables by reservation, regular dinner menu plus special additions. 760.934.2764
- **Lakanuki**: New Year’s Eve late night party. $70/person. Includes first drink, champagne toast, party favors, DJ. Call 760.709.6756 for reservations.
- **53 Kitchen & Cocktails**: Party 9:30 p.m.-1:45 a.m. features a DJ and champagne toast. Reservations required. Call 760.934.0707.
- **Campo Mammoth**: Outdoor Party starts 6 p.m. Champagne toast, party favors, DJ. Call 760.648.7774.
- **Mammoth Brewing**: Price ranges between $45 and $80. Upstairs: DJ Art Form of the San Diego Padres. Includes champagne toast, Snack Bar from The Eatery, 5 drink tix. Downstairs: Champagne toast, Snack Bar from The Eatery, 4 drink tix. Info: 760.934.7141.
- **Mammoth Tavern**: 3 seatings for a 3 course chef’s menu. $100 for last seating w/champagne, party favors. Info: 760.934.3902

### AT THE MOVIES

**Aquaman (PG-13)**: DC Comic’s Aquaman/Arthur Curry (Jason Momoa) struggles for Atlantis’s throne. Featuring Nicole Kidman and a lot of CGI.

**Mary Poppins Returns (PG)**: The British super-nanny is back. Starring Emily Blunt For movie times, call 760.934.3131 or visit mammothlakesmovies.com.

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**TOWN STUFF**

### December 29-31 Cygnus Conference

UCSC conference. Friday: Ski GS @ 10 a.m. Snowboard GS @ 1 p.m. on Andy’s Double Gold. Saturday: Ski Slalom @ 10 a.m. on Andy’s Double Gold. Slopestyle @ noon on Forest Trail. Sunday: ski/boarder cross @ 10 a.m. More info: sccsc.com/schedule.

### January 2-4 Winter Kids Climbing Camps by Sierra Mountain Guides in Bishop

Mornings at Sage to Summit Climbing gym follow by a day climbing in the after noon. For ages 5-12. Option to choose individual days or register for all three! Info: sierraclimbingguides.com/760.648.1122

### January 3-6 Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre’s production of “Barefoot in the Park” continues at Edison Theatre in Mammoth, 100 College Pkwy. Showtimes Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday matinee at 4 p.m. Tix: $20/$18/$10 or $22 at the door. Info: 760.934.6592

### Friday, January 4 Lee Vining Hosts Mammoth Basketball Girls at 5:30 p.m. Boys at 6:30 p.m. Location: Lee Vining gym

### Sunday, January 6 Sierra Club Outing

Snowshoe along the restored Blue Diamond Route. 3 miles round trip. Meet in Union Bank parking lot at 10 a.m. More info: rihnhg@skidmore.edu or 760.709.5050.

### Monday, January 7 Owens Valley Radio Observatory Tours. Time: 1-2 p.m. Location: Owens Valley Radio Observatory. More info: Dr. Mark Hodges 750.938.2675.

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**Whitewall Restaurant & Lounge**

Party starts 10 p.m. Champagne toast and an open bar. Childcare available for Westin guests. Reservations required. Call 760.934.0460.

**T-Bar Social Club**

In June Lake: Rock and Roll all night with the band Priss. Tix: $25/advance/$30 at the door. Call 760.648.7774.

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**Assistant Clerk**

$42,029 - $59,978 + competitive benefits package

Application deadline: Jan 7

For more information and to apply, visit www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov, or contact Cassandra Mance at (760) 965-3604

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**Crossing Guard**

$18.62 - $21.55/hour

Reliable work during the school season!

Application deadline: Jan 7
Sierra Employment Services, Inc. is hiring for the following positions:

**Hotel Front Desk M $14 to $15**
Housekeeper & Housemen M $15 to $17
Construction General Laborer M/B $15 to $20

Admin Assistant & AP/M $20
Quickbooks Bookkeeper M $20 to $22
Snow Shovelers Class A/B Driver (Hazmat) M $32 to $35

**SIERRA EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

Admin Assistant & IT Admin M $32-46

Call 760.924.0521 or 760.873.8599
See our full list job online: www.SierraEmployment.com

**Mammuth Rock & Bowl**
Mammuth Rock Brasserie has the following positions available:
Bowing Desk Employees, Server, Bar Tender, Brasserie Hostesses. Contact Stephan 760.709.0555, or Ann Wooton 760.914.7433.

Help Wanted

**Bistro Domine’s Hiring**

Located in a fast-paced environment! We are looking for Pizza Makers, Shift Managers, and Drivers! Hours are typically from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. We are looking for full and part-time team members for year-round seasonal positions. Applicants must be able to work weekends and holidays. Day, evening, and night shifts are available. Applicants should apply in person to 6800 Minaret Rd, Mammoth.

**Mammuth/Bishop Domine’s**

Hosting a career in a fast-paced environment! We are looking for Pizza Makers, Shift Managers, and Drivers! Hours are typically from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. We are looking for full and part-time team members for year-round seasonal positions. Applicants must be able to work weekends and holidays. Day, evening, and night shifts are available. Applicants should apply in person to 6800 Minaret Rd, Mammoth.

Help Wanted

**Red Sky Hotel/2nd & Main**

Assistant Manager needed to La Residence 4 and 5 condos in Mammoth.

A 2 days maybe week more work includes: landscaping, pool/spa care, snow blowing/ removal on walkways. Pick up application at 2nd & Main or on line. Apply online at email: steve.dempsey@ Disabledsportseasternsierra.org. Bring resume. 501 Old Mammoth Rd. Info: 760.872.1000 ext 11

**Bongo Froyo Mammoth**

Hiring for a busy environment. Experience a plus, but not required. Previous serving customers, cash register duty, cleaning, stocking, and being friendly. Previous experience is a plus. We are looking for hard-working individuals with a passion for a good atmosphere and attitude. Please call 760.914.0962 or email: bongofroyo@gmail.com RE: Job Position.

**Snow Shovelers**

We are looking for workers who can shovel snow. All winter employment. We are looking for hardworking individuals with a passion for a good atmosphere and attitude. Please call 760.914.0962 or email: bongofroyo@gmail.com RE: Job Position. **For Sale**

**For Sale in June Lake: Well established 16 unit hotel business property.** Land zoned MFR-H, just under ½ acre. Located north of town, close to the “Red Line.” Available for winter employment. We are looking for hardworking individuals with a passion for a good atmosphere and attitude. Please call 760.914.0962 or email: bongofroyo@gmail.com RE: Job Position.

**For Sale in June Lake:** Rental, Retail, Repair, Boot, Demo, Retail. Apply online or in-store. **Summit Chateau**

Smokeyard is hiring for Kitchen Team members and early morning Cold Press smoothie/food prep crew. We are looking for hard-working individuals with a passion for good food and a healthy lifestyle. Benefits include great wages and a fun and energetic work environment. Apply in person or online at www.smokeyard.com.

**For Sale**

Resources in one place, easy to use. We are accepting applications for full and part-time positions. Applicants should be passionate, humble, quick and detail-oriented. Call/text lan 760.914.0692 or email: info@restaurant.com. skadi.restaurant.**Subway of Mammoth**

is looking for talented, energetic team members to join our team. We are accepting applications for FT/PT Sandwich Artists and Management positions. Apply in-store or at www.subway.com.

**For Sale in Mammoth:**

**Mammoth Wealth Management** is a local affiliate of Wells Fargo Advisors Financial Network and is looking for a Client Service Associate. Responsibilities will include but not be limited to tracking, new client engagement, client follow up, data entry, inventory, interacting with custodian broker/dealers, outside money managers, mutual funds, insurance and annuity companies.

Your skills should include, handling sensitive and confidential information with maximum discretion, excellent communication skills, ATTENTION TO DETAIL, proficiency in Windows-based programs, organization, prioritize and manage multiple tasks, excellent written and verbal communication skills, professional attitude and demeanor, work independently with minimal direction, exercise good judgment/decision making when necessary, anticipate problems and possess a “can do” attitude with the aptitude to provide “solution.” Competitive pay with benefits package.

If interested please contact Eric Wasserman at eric.wasserman@wfafinet.com or call (760) 924-2600

**For Sale in Mammoth:**

**Mammoth Hospital is Hiring!**

Benefits: Year-Round Stability - Professional Environment
We are currently hiring positions including:

For Rent

Seasonal Rental: Beautiful “Chateau Blanc” 3 bed/2 bath remodel very close to town and the “Red Line.” Flexible on the start and end dates, but must be a minimum “5 month” lease. Rent is $2800 per month and utilities are tenants’ responsibility. Please call Pam Mumot, Agent at, 330-386-4463 for more details.

For Sale

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person Is Doing Business As:

Mono County Friends of the Library/
Lee Vining Chapter
Lee Vining Library
5170 Hwy 395, P.O. Box 58
Lee Vining, CA 93544
TS #2018-0228

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed here.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on December 14, 2018, File Number 18-211. 

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person Is Doing Business As:

Dry Cleaners
Super Clean
P.O. Box 2442, 120 Old Mammoth Rd.
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
TS #2018-0227

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed here.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on December 12, 2018, File Number 18-194.

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person Is Doing Business As:

Mammoth Lakes Town Council
220 Sierra Mono Road #12
Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546
TS #2018-0226

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed here.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on December 11, 2018, File Number 18-193.

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person Is Doing Business As:

Clean Queens
Tracie L. White
242 Sierra Mono Road
P.O. Box 2414
Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed here.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on December 11, 2018, File Number 18-200.

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person Is Doing Business As:

Elite Sports and Therapy Consulting, Inc.
Elite Sports and Therapy Consulting, Inc.
1208 Majestic Pines Dr., P.O. Box 5068
Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546
TS #2018-0225

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed here.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on December 10, 2018, File Number 18-199.

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person Is Doing Business As:

Moxey Girl
Jeanette Boyd Pyne
170 West Main St., 129 Sierra Blvd.
Mammoth Lakes Ca. 93546

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed here.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on November 5, 2018, File Number 18-190.

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person Is Doing Business As:

California Rehabilitation Project Initiative
Julian Marx
767 Sierra Springs Dr.
Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546
TS #2018-0224

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed here.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on November 30, 2018, File Number 18-184.

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person Is Doing Business As:

Super Clean
Alejandra Sarahi Lemus Soviano
220 Sierra Mono Road
Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546
TS #2018-0223

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed here.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on October 30, 2018, File Number 18-171.

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person Is Doing Business As:

Functional Medicine Healing Center
Jennie Walker MD Inc.
P.O. Box 2485, 120 Old Mammoth Rd.
Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546
TS #2018-0222

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed here.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on September 12, 2018, File Number 18-225/12, 12/29, 1/5, 1/12.

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person Is Doing Business As:

TS #2018-0221

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 17, 2018.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on November 5, 2018, File Number 18-185/2-18, 12/29, 1/5, 1/12.

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person Is Doing Business As:

TS #2018-0220

This business is conducted by a 501(c)(3). The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 17, 2018.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on July 17, 2018.

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person Is Doing Business As:

TS #2018-0219

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on November 20, 2018.

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person Is Doing Business As:

TS #2018-0218

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on November 14, 2018.

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person Is Doing Business As:

TS #2018-0217

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on November 4, 2018.

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person Is Doing Business As:

TS #2018-0216

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on October 12, 2018.

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person Is Doing Business As:

TS #2018-0215

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on October 12, 2018.

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person Is Doing Business As:

TS #2018-0214

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on September 29, 2018.

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person Is Doing Business As:

TS #2018-0213

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on September 15, 2018.

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person Is Doing Business As:

TS #2018-0212

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on September 12, 2018.

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person Is Doing Business As:

TS #2018-0211

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on September 12, 2018.

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person Is Doing Business As:

TS #2018-0210

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on September 12, 2018.

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person Is Doing Business As:

TS #2018-0209

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on September 12, 2018.

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person Is Doing Business As:

TS #2018-0208

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on September 12, 2018.
Profiled here are just a few of the many folks who caught our fancy in 2018.

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

Dr. John Wehausen: In 1999, when their numbers dropped below 100 animals, Dr. Wehausen wrote the petition that got the Sierra Bighorn on the endangered species list. Around the same time he became a molecular geneticist. Using a makeshift DNA lab in Bishop, Dr. Wehausen’s efforts have yielded results. Since getting the Sierra Bighorn on the endangered species list, 14 different populations have emerged in the Sierra. The number of sheep is now up to around 650.

Mel Joseph: At an age when many worry about falling while walking down a sidewalk, Mel R. Joseph, 71, of the Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Tribe, is still working the rodeo circuit year-round. The Nevada-born Joseph has been winning Indian National Finals Rodeo championships for more than 40 years, riding horses and roping calves in a sport that is one of the most dangerous in the world.

One of his prized possessions is a photo of him with his daughter, Brenda Rowlan, both on horseback in the arena and waving simultaneously, a huge grin on Brenda’s face. She shares his love of rodeo and is a champion in her own right. His son, Mel O. Joseph, who is the current Environmental Director for the Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Tribe, chose to pursue a career in science over rodeo, a decision his father readily accepted.

Agnes Vianzon: Vianzon founded the Eastern Sierra Conservation Corps in the summer of 2016. Since last year, ESCC’s programming has doubled. Before setting off on her own, Vianzon worked for the California Conservation Corps (CCC). She refers to it as ‘the C’s.’ And before working with the C’s, she bartended at McCoy Station in the winters and found part-time work during summers. She grew up in San Fernando Valley and graduated from high school in Simi Valley.

**Phil Pister:** Phil Pister will be the proud recipient of the Mono Lake Committee’s 11th annual Andrea Mead Lawrence Award, named after the late environmentalist, politician and Olympic gold medalist.

Pister, 89, has been a longtime environmental champion, both as a fishery biologist for the California Department of Fish and Game (now known as the Department of Fish and Wildlife) and as an avid scientist who, in 1969, saved the near-extinct Owens pupfish.

Since then, Pister has published numerous studies and academic papers, and continues to fight for species big and small. Pister says he’s worked to aid “literally hundreds” of species, including the pupfish and golden trout.

I’m not really nervous. I’m sure I will be. "Devon found himself a future top-level passion on the Mammoth Ice Rink and never left the rink. " Devon found her not, and ever since then I’ve pretty much given hockey a try."

"I had never really played hockey before, but I was like yeah, sure, why not, and ever since then I’ve pretty much never left the rink." Devon found her passion on the Mammoth Ice Rink and Posey found himself a future top-level goalie.

That was until Jeff Posey, co-director of Mammoth Youth Hockey (MYH), saw Devon in Vons wearing an LA Kings hat and asked if she wanted to come out and give hockey a try.

Her dream is to play college hockey. “D-I would be great but at the moment I’m shooting for D-III.”

Leo Pisculli: A promising young psychiatrist straight out of medical school has an attractive career choice available on the Eastside if he or she wants it. The new doctor can take over Dr. Leo Pisculli’s practice in Bishop. Pisculli is literally giving away his office space, patients, contacts, the whole pharmaceutical enchilada, to whoever wants it.

He said humbly that it’s time for him to retire after 58 years as a psychiatrist and nearly 30 years in the Owens Valley.

Paul McFarland: Former director of Friends of the Inyo and a Lee Vining-based Naturalist

Paul continues to explore nature close to home whenever he gets a chance at gaining and sharing knowledge about the plants and animals and the ways they interact with each other. During this interview, he paused several times to identify a butterfly that had landed nearby, or share an interesting fact about the trees (trees with shorter needles make a higher-pitched sound when the wind blows through them). “Everywhere you look is a story waiting to be read. That was really eye-opening as a kid and that’s the conversation I’ve wanted to be involved in since,” he told me.

In and around Lee Vining, you’ll see Paul at work in the Mono Market, fishing with his kids, or simply exploring the wonders of the Eastern Sierra. Everybody comes to see the “giant symphony orchestra” that is the Sierra Nevada mountain range. “But if you go east, there’s a thousand little jazz bands, and they’re all jamming,” he says.

Bill Dailey: Lt. Dailey was named 2018 Wildlife Officer of the Year by the California Rifle and Pistol Assn. He 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, TrouFest at the Hot Creek Hatchery and the Mt. 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.
If you’re looking for love in all the wrong places, that means you’re probably reading The Sheet personals. Here’s a sampling of the year’s best.

In search of ... lost dog. If found, please return to 707 Main St. I won’t be the only one looking for you. Also, I heard the bunnies are just less interesting.

I heard you ... holding a stein at Oktoberfest. I held my stein for hours afterwards just thinking about it.

I saw your ... baseball team just lost the World Series. According to our bet, something you may wish to skip.

I see ... the last opportunity to register for the opener, but would settle for any old irrigation ditch. I’d have you motorboating your shelf?

I will not Machado anyone for a bed, I don’t do your Manny?

I saw you ... broke the internet just like Simon’s “Barefoot in the Park.” Maybe we can reenact a scene from my latest script: “Bareback in the Parking Lot.”

I heard you ... got cast in this summer’s “Barefoot in the Park.” Maybe I can be your Hu(g)e Jackson?

Found it! In my pants!

I saw you ... playing Cleveland Sunday, why not give me your Hug(e) Jackson?

I hope to see you ... at a performance of Macbeth. I held my stein for hours afterwards just thinking about it.

I hope to see you ... at the Chocolate Art Walk, because I’d love to massage your Milky Way with my Butterfingers.

I heard you ... are returning to the Haunted Swamp this weekend. If so, let’s meet atop that same hay bale.

I hope to see you ... at the Chocolate Art Walk in Bishop this weekend. While Kavanaugh calls it a Devil’s Triangle, I’ve always preferred Three Musketeers.

In search of ... someone to watch the World Series. According to our bet, doesn’t that mean you’ve got to Machado on my Manny?

In search of ... a place to live. While I will not Machado anyone for a bed, I might Jackie a Bradley for a couch.

In search of ... a place to drive. While I will not Machado anyone for a bed, I might Jackie a Bradley for a couch.

I hope to see you ... at the Tails and Trails Festival, because I know your stinky butt is going to be a big hit.

I saw you ... holding a stein at Oktoberfest. I held my stein for hours afterwards just thinking about it.

In search of ... hot chick to join my Devil’s Triangle. We meet at the Ralph Club on Thursdays. Must be into bootying.

I hope to see you ... at the Chocolate Art Walk, because I’d love to massage your Milky Way with my Butterfingers.

I heard you ... are returning to the Haunted Swamp this weekend. If so, let’s meet atop that same hay bale.

I hope to see you ... at the Chocolate Art Walk in Bishop this weekend. While Kavanaugh calls it a Devil’s Triangle, I’ve always preferred Three Musketeers.

I hope to see you ... at Cinco de Drinko. If you promise to be easy, I’ll promise to be surprised.

In search of ... a May fling without a Mayday to follow. Crazy need not apply.

I heard you ... had Justify in the Kentucky Derby. That figures. Didn’t every public employee have Justify?

I hope to see you ... at the Rock ‘n Rye festival. This week, swing by for a meat burrito.

I saw you ... dropping your kids off at school. If you’d like to drop anything else this week, swing by for a meat burrito.

I hope to see you ... at the Devil Demolition Derby this weekend. Because I’m hoping to plow into your backside and lift you half over the fence. And I don’t mind if a crowd watches.

I hope to see you ... for the first Sunday of the NFL season. If you’ll be my Jimmy G, I’ll be your aging porn star.

I will not Machado anyone for a bed, I don’t do your Manny?

In search of ... $250,000 because I’m having a snow “emergency.” Me and my 46 best friends all want to ski/snowboard this winter without having to work. Hmm. Maybe we should ask Council for it, because each dollar we spend locally will create an economic multiplier effect! This is a sound business proposition!

I hope to see you ... on my blower all winter. May it snow every day twice a day until April!

I hope to see you ... at Mammoth Lakes Reg’s upcoming production of Neil Simon’s “Barefoot in the Park.” Maybe at intermission we’ll get inspired and we can reenact a scene from my latest script: “Bareback in the Parking Lot.”

In search of ... the Elf on the Shelf? Found it! In my pants!

I saw you ... broke the internet just like Ralph. I warned you about surfing porn. I see ... Friday is Pearl Necklace Day. Excuse me. Pearl Harbor Day. Nevermind.

I hope to see you ... before Christmas for a little role play. How about I play the elf who motorboats your shelf?

I hope to see you ... at Liberty on Sunday. How can I top that last personal?

I hope to see you ... at Mammoth Lakes Film Festival for the “Love, Gilda” sound bath with. Clothing optional.

I hope to see you ... at the candidate forums. In search of ... someone to take a short skirt.

I saw you ... were turning off the fumes with Midnight Snack at the Trains Festival, because I know your stinky butt is going to be a big hit.

I saw you ... drinking and riding are what this week, swing by for a meat burrito.

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The year in retirements

Heller Goodbye
After three decades in Mammoth, Mary and Thom Heller are bidding farewell to the Eastern Sierra.
Mary, a longtime Nurse Practitioner at Mammoth Hospital, retired in January.
Thom Heller’s last day as Mammoth’s Fire Marshal will be May 21.
The couple, which has married 39 years and raised two children here, is moving to Victor, Idaho.
Their immediate plans after Thom’s last day? Rafting in Cataract Canyon in Canyonlands National Park. Then a camping trip to Sequoia/Kings Canyon in July.
As Thom explained, based upon their work schedules, they could never quite make enough time for Sequoia/Kings Canyon because it was so hard to get to if you only had 3-4 days.

Kevin Carunchio
Inyo County Administrator Kevin Carunchio, who has worked for the County since 2005 and has served as Administrator since December, 2007, announced his resignation this week.
Carunchio, 50, told The Sheet he will have nothing but fond memories of his tenure as CAO. “It was not an easy decision,” he said.
It was a decision that came as a complete surprise to the members of the Inyo County Board of Supervisors contacted by The Sheet.
Later, The Sheet reported there had been disgruntlement among County staffers, particularly elected officials who had grown weary of Carunchio’s in-your-face management style.

Jim Tatum
From a statement from Bishop City Administrator Jim Tatum: “Nearly four years ago I was given the opportunity to become the Administrator of the City of Bishop. I knew that it was my dream job, but what I never could have imagined then was just how much the City team and our work together would come to mean to me.” Tatum was forced to retire early due to health considerations.

Hon. Stan Eller
Mono County Superior Court Judge Honorable Stan Eller retired at the end of the year. He will be replaced by the incoming Gerald Mohan.
Eller is pictured below with his wife Lea Ann who retired as Mammoth High School’s Librarian in June.

They Said It:
“I think the bean counters are smoking too much grass.”
- Herman Roethel on MMSA ditching senior ski passes

The year in the Parcel
Renaming the Renaming
Mammoth Lakes Town Council began the process of “pre-development” at its regular meeting Wednesday, September 19, for an envisioned affordable housing project at the 25-acre Shady Rest Parcel (since renamed “The Parcel”).
Mayor Cleland Hoff suggested the name “Sage Manor.” She did not mention whether or not the project would include a Batshit Cave.
Local resident Sharon Clark suggested “Bare Haven,” although this seems to make little sense as Mammoth does not enjoy a climate conducive to supporting a nudist colony. Okay, maybe she wished to spell it “Bear.”

The year in Ikon
IKON Pass unveiled
On Thursday, January 25, Alterra Mountain Company announced that it will offer one pass with access to 23 ski resorts across North America for the 2018-2019 ski season.

No Mammoth pass?
Alterra Mountain Company distributed an email to season pass holders on Thursday, February 22, announcing that the Ikon Pass will start at $599 for the 2018-2019 season.
However, that price only covers the Ikon Base Pass, which provides five days of access to Mammoth Mountain. The Ikon Pass, the only pass available as an unlimited season pass to Mammoth, will cost $899. There will be no lower-cost option for a Mammoth-only pass. The company also did away with senior discounts.

Alterra walks it back
Bowing to pressure from irate pass holders, Alterra Mountain Company announced on March 1 that unlimited skiing (with holiday black out dates) at Mammoth Mountain will be included in the 2018-2019 Ikon Base Pass for $599.

SHOOTER DRILL
During an active shooter training at Mammoth Middle School on Wednesday, August 1, Doug Hornbeck of the MLPD, John Marchant of the CHP, and MLPD Sgt. Jack Loera just happen to strike a familiar pose...
Congratulations to Hornbeck, who retired this December.
SNOW SMART WAYS YOU CAN MAKE WINTER A SAFER SEASON

BE SNOW SMART BY OBSERVING A FEW SIMPLE RULES:

CHILD SAFETY while snow removal operations are under way:
- Keep children indoors.
- Children should not play in yards, build snow forts or dig caves near the road.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY
- Don’t watch snow removal operations from the edge of the road.
- Don’t walk in-front of snow removal equipment.

BACK OFF
- While driving, stay at least 50 feet behind snow removal equipment.
- Passing of a snowplow on the road should be done with extreme caution.
  All Town Snow Removal Equipment Can Be Identified By The Town Logo Displayed On The Vehicle.

SLOW DOWN
- When chain control conditions are in effect, the maximum speed limit is 25 mph.
- Black ice frequently forms in shady areas and at night on roads.

LIGHT IT UP
- Leave the exterior lighting of your home on at night during winter storms.
- Identify the entrance to your driveway with reflective poles.

SNOW STORAGE
- Do not place cleared snow in the roadway.
- All snow must be stored on your property.

PROTECT YOUR VEHICLE
- It is a violation to park on any roadway from November 1 through April 30.
- Park all vehicles/trailers away from roads and inside the orange snow stakes.
- Identify your vehicles/trailers location with poles for snow removal operators.

PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY
- In order to reduce stress on a structure, clear snow off your roof regularly.
  It is recommended that homeowners contract a local snow removal company.
- Removing at least the top 1/2 to 2/3 of roof snow pack is very beneficial.
- In general, most roof structures in Town can tolerate up to four feet of snow.
- Be aware of shedding snow & ice at building entry ways where ice dams will form over time, and will end up breaking loose from the roof and falling.
  These areas are serious life-safety hazards and should be monitored, and if possible kept clear/removed at all times.
- Large propane/gas tanks, along with the supply yard pipe where the gas pipe enters a structure and the meter is located, should also be kept clear of all snow and ice.

FOR CURRENT CHAIN-CONTROL RESTRICTIONS:
Call (800)427-ROAD •
Listen to KMMT 106.5 •
Listen to ALT 92.5 •
Look for chain control signs • throughout town

The penalty for failure to observe the posted chain controls may include a citation and a severe fine. Remember to always carry chains and use them when required to do so.
Visit www.dot.ca.gov/cgi-bin/roads.cgi or scan this QR CODE >

R-1 Chains are required on all vehicles under 6,000 pounds except those equipped with snow tires on the drive wheels.

R-2 Chains are required on all vehicles except four-wheel drives equipped with snow tires on all four wheels.

R-3 Chains are required on all vehicles without exception.