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The MLT board decided to listen to its attorney’s advice. They approved a bonus of $2,922 in accordance with a winter enplanements metric stipulated in the bonus schedule of Urdi’s contract, and planned to put the other $8,765 in Urdi’s next contract as a signing bonus.

Thus, what could be considered a case of embezzlement was officially and cleanly skirted.

Only one problem: MLT has already given Urdi these illegal bonuses in past years. “It has been done before,” board member John Morris said at MLT’s January 10 meeting. “Several times.”

Exactly how much money has been given to Urdi during his 8-year tenure is unknown. The Sheet made a public records request of the non-profit to find out how much it had given Urdi in discretionary bonuses, and was told that MLT does not keep a breakdown.

HOW MANY FEET?
Storm slams Eastside
By Gorman & Benham

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I was gone last week on walkabout. Drove to visit friends in Ketchum, Idaho (including Brooke and Mike McKenna) before meeting up with friends in Deer Valley, Utah and then back home. I hadn’t been back to Ketchum (home of Sun Valley Ski Area) in almost 15 years. Had never visited Deer Valley.

A Sun Valley ski season pass costs $2,450, so my friends Kelly and Richard Feldman are typical in how they cobble their ski seasons together. They bought 2018/2019 Mountain Collective passes for $509 each. That gave them two days each at Sun Valley. Additional days cost 50% of retail, or approximately $90.

They had visited Jackson Hole the weekend before (also getting two complimentary days each on the Mountain Collective).

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**LETTERS**

Raise the Roof. It’s cold.

Dear Mammoth,

I believe we should have a roof over the (Mammoth Ice) rink. For example the snow per year up there is approximately 3 feet for the last 45 years. That’s a lot of time off of the ice for our team, which means our team gets less time for other practices. Also our practice this week was stopped because of the blizzard that is coming.

With a roof we will be able to stand out so much more people can come. Which means more money for the rink.

The hockey team is good, but I believe we could be better if we had a roof. We could practice more which means we get more time on the ice. We could try harder than we used to. I am the goalie of the team, and I can tell you from experience my jersey from sweat has frozen to my chest protector. It also is cold. When we did the Caulder classic it was snowing so bad that we had people using snow shovels to get the snow off the ice.

I believe we should have a roof over the rink for the next generation of hockey players.

Overall we should have a roof over our heads at the rink. We could benefit with all of the reasons stated above and yes I know it costs money but I believe we can do it.

Birch Ray

Bishop

Will there be an open bar?

Dear Editor:

As a layman, it’s my understanding that journalists only wish to report the news - not be included in the news themselves. However, I believe exceptions should be made in cases when the exemplary and truly unexpected are conducted by the very journalists themselves.

While visiting Mammoth Lakes to organize our wedding at the mountain, I had accidentally left my backpack chock full of electronics and important documents that were only stored on the devices themselves. Having called the local coffee shop and the Village’s lost-and-found to no avail, I had all but accepted defeat and the growing dread of attempting to recoup what had been lost.

Then on an average day several weeks later, I received an unexpected hand-written letter in the mail (like a real letter from the actual post office) from Ted Carleton indicating that he was in possession of my backpack. Upon first glance, I thought it was a ransom note as the script was perfectly cursive written on yellow legal paper torn from a ringed binder.

After contacting the number written in the note I learned the situation was quite the opposite: not only had Ted sent multiple letters trying to find a valid mailing address for myself, he was also kind enough to mail some of the wedding invites that I had in my backpack that had not mailed back yet.

After arranging a pickup date that worked around the crazy snowstorms and speaking with his wonderful colleague June Simpkins who was also extremely willing and eager to help, I was reunited with everything.

You’re both absolutely invited to our wedding on March 31st.

John Russell
Stateline, Nev.

ONLY THE GOOD DIE YOUNG

Mammoth Film Festival kicked off its second year with the world premiere of Jean Claude Van Damme’s new movie, “We Die Young.” Mr. Van Damme, however, was a no-show on the red carpet outside Minaret Cinemas. This did not appear to daunt the rest of the cast, taking a selfie above. The Film Festival (not to be confused with the Mammoth Lakes Film Festival which takes place Memorial Day weekend) runs through this weekend.

Birch Ray

Bishop
Lone Pine principal introduced at Chamber mixer last week

By Maddux

At last week’s Lone Pine Chamber of Commerce mixer, Joe Garza, was introduced as the new Lone Pine High School principal. Garza said that his official start date was August 2, 2018.

When Garza applied as the principal at LP High, he said, “I wasn’t really looking, and it was coincidence. I got to see what God wants for me…I was teaching younger teachers in the profession.” Lone Pine reminds Garza of Arizona. “I love it here, because my Arizona roots are similar to this size. I came full circle and I’m back in a small town,” he said.

Garza hopes to engage the community within the little entities, such as the Chamber of Commerce, businesses, church, hospital. Garza not only wants to educate, but “teach our kids how to serve the community and not forget the elders,” he said. He went on to say that on one particular Saturday, he had high schoolers window washing for the elderly.

“They got to feel what I feel, that motivation to serve. So, that’s something to bring to the kids here—not just washing windows, but I want them to adopt a Senior,” he said.

Even though there is an age difference, Garza said, “They’re at both ends of the spectrum, but they still do have a lot of commonality, and the most important thing is this community. We need to teach each other how to serve and get them addicted to that feeling, of ‘Man that felt great!’” he said. At his previous school, Garza taught high schoolers the importance of outreach.

Garza was previously a teacher in charge for 5 years, which he said is like a vice principal.

Joe Garza also wants to develop a cell-phone policy at the high school, but “I want input from everybody, students as well as teachers, parents, business, Chamber…I want to know what they think. I just have a feeling, we are sending our kids unprepared to the real world, where they’re so addicted to their cell phone. I think we’re doing them a disservice. I’m not saying we totally need to get rid of them on-campus, but we still do have a lot of commonality, and the most important thing is this community. We need to teach each other how to serve and get them addicted to that feeling, of ‘Man that felt great!’” he said. At the Nest, we “give them a little sample of what college could be, because I want them to be inspired to go and do those things,” he said. High school seniors are not the only ones in the group, but “one Senior, three Juniors, maybe three Sophomores, and two Freshman,” Garza said. At the same time, the Eagle’s Nest does not interfere with sport activities, he said.

The reading program is a little different, and “it’s still a reading program, but it’s a different type and now we’re doing more of analyzing, we’re talking off each other, so we want to get more to a collaboration group,” he said.

When he first came to Lone Pine, he said that he intended to start working at the elementary school for half a day and the other half a day at the high school. “In practice, we had some holes and had to readjust it,” he said.

Joe Garza is currently from Rialto, California. His daughter currently attends a school that is based upon university preparatory. She was accepted to Humboldt University and San Francisco State, he said. Garza said that he is not going anywhere.

“If I get run out of town, I’m not going anywhere...my word is my word and I’m committed to this community,” he said. “My faith and serving God’s will, not mine. My faith is a big part of who I am today,” Garza said.
GROWTH DOWN, BUT MONO BUDGET HEALTHY

Yet not enough contingency available to fund department requests

By Benham

Mono County has submitted its mid-year budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. The Fiscal Year does not line-up with the Gregorian Calendar’s year—the fiscal year starts July 1.

Mono County Finance Director Janet Dutcher presented the mid-year budget to the Board of Supervisors on Wednesday.

The report lists a deficit of funding for non-general fund departments. That deficit exists because the non-General Fund departments are funded through grants and those grants haven’t been processed yet. Right now, the county is using what it has leftover from the general fund, called carryover balance, to fund those departments until the grant funds arrive.

Six county departments requested contingency funds totaling $688,000. The county’s General Fund has a contingency balance of $595,137. The Assessor’s department requested $58,000 to hire and train an Auditor-Appraiser staff member. The County Administrative Office Requested $50,000, which according to the report was for “unanticipated professional services related to personnel matters.” County Counsel requested $5,000 to cover legal expenses related to the sale of the Davisson House in Mammoth Lakes. Mono Office of Education requested $167,878, the Paramedics office requested $150,000 and the Sheriff’s office requested $167,878, the Paramedics office requested $150,000 and the Sheriff’s office requested $167,878.

Finance Director Dutcher advised the board not to grant the contingency requests because the General Fund’s contingency balance is smaller than request totals. The board voted 5-0 to reject funding the requests. The departments will have to dip into their own budgets to fund these requests. If they use their savings to fund their contingencies, then they can return to the board and request general fund monies.

$122,606 of the total requested funds were for staff positions: one in the Assessor’s office and two in the Sheriff’s office. County Administrative Officer Leslie Chapman explained, it isn’t “prudent” to fund ongoing budget line items with one time contingency funds. Those, she said, should be accounted for in next year’s budget.

CAO Chapman thinks the contingency should be saved in case the economy tanks. If the board funded the requests, the county would not have any money left for emergency for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Regarding paying the contingencies, the report says, “This means we would have to rely on Economic Stabilization funds unless the emergency rose to the level required by the Government Code to qualify for using General Reserves.”

The county’s revenue growth is down, but its rate of spending is increasing. Spending increased 2.5% since last year. Property taxes, the county’s largest revenue source, increased by .025%. Finance Director Dutcher called that growth a wash. Delinquency collection rate decreased. She said continual negative growth rates create recessions.

In addition, the budget was missing the figure for in the Transfers and Contributions figure. $4,220,000 had been budgeted over two years for transfers and contributions. The county spent $1,095,000 for spending this year, if the county is to come in under budget.

“We just got a little behind on reporting,” Finance Director Dutcher said.

As you read the following paragraphs imagine Kai Ryssdal reading the numbers at the end of his Marketplace radio show. Smooth and fast.

Since last year, Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) revenue decreased $71,000, a 4.6% decrease from last year. Revenue from county services decreased $305,000, a 19% reduction. “Other revenues” were down $431,000, or 30%. Sales tax revenue increased $19,000, a 6% gain from last year.

Overall, revenues decreased $463,000, a 2.5% loss. But for its 2 year budget, the county is still $408,000 under budget. Expenditures were also under budget to the tune of $6,628,000. Last year the county expended $10,383,000 from its General Fund. This year its spent $16,661,000. That’s a 14% decrease. Salaries and benefits account for approximately one half of the expenditure budget. Over the past two years the county has spent $22,951,000 on salaries and benefits, $3,885,000 under budget.

The county paid $6,221,000 in salaries over the past year, a 2% increase from 2018. Overtime pay increased 15%, largely due to an understaffed jail and sheriff’s offices. The jail paid out $155,000 to employees a 40% increase from 2018. The sheriff’s office paid out $211,000 in overtime, the most of any department, but that amount was 1% lower than 2018 because they’ve hired two public safety officers last year.

Line items of note for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 to date. Under the budget category of Public Safety and Protection, “Terrorism” has brought in $55,000 in revenue and cost the county $89,836, bringing in $5,264. Bioterrorism brought in $469,110 and cost $316,582, adding $152,128 to the county account.

The Sheet asked Finance Director Dutcher what the line item consists of and how terrorism can bring in revenue. (Terrorism: It’s more than a threat. It’s a business.) Dutcher did not return my call. Perhaps she is being held hostage. But would this create underfunding in the finance department?

The county has accrued $157,150 in revenue from geothermal activities on county land.

The county generated $523,738, providing social services. Overall, the budget is healthy. The county purposely over budgets to account for unforeseen costs or revenue losses.

“We aren’t talking about brown outs, lay-offs, or furloughs,” Supervisor Fred Stump said.

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**Tri-Valley gets EMS**

The southern part of Mono County, encompassing Benton, the Benton Tribal Reservation, Hammil Valley, Chalfant has received $200,000 for emergency medical service (EMS) from Mono County. The area is designated as the White Mountain Fire Protection District (WMFPD). The district is 187 square miles and has a population of 1,100. The purpose of the new district is to create a volunteer first responder group that will provide 24 hour, 7 day per week service, reducing response times to 20 minutes for 90% of calls.

Supervisor Fred Stump brought the issue before the board. His district includes the Tri-Valley area of southern Mono County. In 2017, the White Mountain Fire District certified 13 people with as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT).

Dave Doonan Fire Chief of the White Mountain Fire Protection District, sent a letter to the Supervisor Stump, updating Stump on White Mountain Fire District’s work in 2018. “This certainly gave us more options, but we were still dependent on ‘luck’ to have personnel available to make a call in time. We knew we would need assistance, mostly financial, which led us to pursuing a partnership with Mono County in addressing the future of EMS in the Tri-Valley,” he explained.

Before the 2017 hirings, calls were transferred to Symons Ambulance based out of Bishop.

The program reduced response times, 92% of calls were responded to in less than 15 minutes.

But the district lacked reliable personnel. It needed money to create a sustainable volunteer base and that is what it is getting in this deal with the county.

Since July 1, 2018, the WMFPD has responded to 20 patient contacts (translation: call for emergency service). WMFPD sent personnel the patient on 17 of those calls. Out of the seventeen responses only three required transport by out-of-county Symmons Ambulance.

--- Benham

**Civilty Months**

The Mono County Board of Supervisors proclaimed February and “all succeeding months, "Revive Civility months". The proclamation is a rebuttal to the federal government’s shutdown.

“Whereas, our country, including members of Congress and the President, are engaged in constant conflict frequently resorting to insults and personal attacks, and demonstrating little ability or willingness to compromise...”

The proclamation defines civil discourse as “the free and respectful exchange of ideas in a way that respects and affirms all persons.”

It claims that civility “reduces stress, rudeness, and lack of respect for open exchange of ideas...”

Civility, it seems, creates comfort and comfort allows all parties to freely express themselves.

The proclamation also states that “civility improves our physical and mental well-being...”

Supervisor Bob Gardner read the proclamation into for the record and wouldn’t you know, the rest of the meeting was civil.

--- Benham

**January Breaks Record**

Though official Transient Occupancy Tax (room tax revenue) numbers for January are not yet finalized, John Urdi of Mammoth Lakes Tourism said Wednesday that the month is on pace to break the record for highest month of TOT ever. “It could be a $3 million month,” Urdi said.

After December, 2018 broke the record for the best December on record, this fiscal year’s TOT numbers are on pace to be the annual record of $18.1 million from 2016-17.

This year’s budget anticipated TOT tax revenue at approximately $15 million. Urdi said that this year would likely be above $18 million and could even be in excess of $19 million.

--- Gorman

**Slide on Lake Mary**

A small avalanche swept onto Lake Mammoth on Tuesday preventing a bus on the orange line from passing. Representatives from the Mountain were able to get to the slide and clear the road.

--- Gorman

**New Dock on Twin Lakes**

Dieter Fiebiger of the Mammoth Lakes Lions Club asked that Mammoth’s Town Council assist the club with an application for a new “boat landing facility” on Twin Lakes.

The new facility will consist of thirty foot docks on the lake that can be used for fishing or docking boats, according to Fiebiger.

The project could be fully funded through a grant from the state parks and recreation department.

Mayor Cleland Hoff was supportive of the new facility, and Trails Coordinator Joel Rathje will take the lead on submitting the application.

--- Gorman

**Disc Golf Course Approved**

Mammoth Lakes Town Council approved $25,000 at its February meeting for the required expenses of building a new disc golf course at Shady Rest park. The expenses include course design by the Professional Disc Golf Association [PDGA], environmental and archaeological surveying of the land, and the purchasing of equipment for the course.

Trails Coordinator Joel Rathje has said that the town could break ground on this new facility as early as this spring.

--- Gorman

**Avalanche Buries Skier**

Per Mammoth Mountain’s Communications Manager Lauren Burke: “At approximately 1:40 p.m. on Feb 6, a male skier was standing atop a cornice in the Dragon’s Back area near Cloud Nine Express. The cornice broke below him and triggered a slide that ran approximately 800 feet into the upper Rico Bowl.

The slide came to a stop near the Cloud Nine traverse and partially buried a female skier who was able to extricate herself. A Mammoth patrol on duty in the area was not initially aware of the avalanche and the skier was able to travel approximately half way down the slide before coming to a stop.

Ski patrol were immediately on scene and completed a RECCO search, 2 beacon searches and a dog search with no results. Multiple witness reports stated there were no additional skiers in the area and there are currently no reports of additional injuries. The area was closed for the remainder of the day while a full investigation was conducted. The injured patrol was transported to Mammoth Hospital and subsequently released after a full assessment of his injuries.”

--- Gorman

**ML Budget Update**

Mammoth Lakes Finance Director Rob Patterson briefed the Mammoth Town Council on changes to the budget that have come up in the second quarter of this fiscal year. He broke the changes down into two categories; General Fund, and Gas Tax changes.

$148,000 in unexpected revenues in the General Fund came in the form of increased Educational Revenue Augmentation Funds [ERAF], cannabis taxes, and building permits.

The ERAF is a tax that the state created that moved local property taxes to the state so that it could meet minimum funding requirements for education. It was a revenue of $58,000 for the town this quarter because the state took more than it needed. The Town anticipated that the state would return $10,000 of excess ERAF and instead it returned $68,000, causing the $58,000 change.

The cannabis tax had only budgeted for one taxable cannabis entity at the beginning of this year, and anticipated $40,000 in revenue. Now that multiple cannabis distributors and retailers are coming online in the town the tax revenue is already at $71,000 for the year and growing.

This tax has not been earmarked for any specific use, and Patterson asked the council whether they would consider specifying the use for these funds for a specific need. The council did not make a decision on that policy during its meeting.

More building permits were applied for than expected and even more are anticipated in the spring, leaving the town with $56,000 in excess revenue from that source.

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of discretionary versus contractual bonuses. The non-profit said that it would have to reverse engineer the amount of the discretionary bonuses by looking at Urdi’s total bonuses, finding out which metrics in his contract were achieved, and subtracting the contractual bonuses from the total. Urdi said that he would get that information to The Sheet by next week.

If the Attorney General’s publication of the Attorney General’s document or which Sanford was uncertain, then the MLT board would be personally liable for returning any funds it has illegally given to Urdi in the past. Sanford said that MLT has been consistent in its giving, that could amount to about a $70,000 cost to board members. (Urdi has been Executive Director for eight years. 8 multiplied by $8,765 equals $70,120.) Sanford made clear that he was not certain that the opinion he gave to MLT was accurate. He said that he was unable to verify the legal authority of the Attorney General’s document. The cases that this document cites do not have the same wording used by the Attorney General’s office.

Though he didn’t find the legal backing for its document, Sanford stressed that the Attorney General’s office handles the investigation of this kind of case, and it has punitive powers. In other words, the Attorney General is judge, jury, and executioner for cases of misappropriation of charitable funds, so its document should be heeded.

Urdi’s contract has not been updated since 2008. The contract ran out last June, and since the MLT board did not create a new contract the previous one auto-renewed.

Since then, the board has been working on writing a new contract for Urdi, specifically one with more relevant bonus metrics.

Urdi’s current base salary is $194,800 annually. He can receive bonuses for any of three milestones met: 1) increases in Transient Occupancy Tax [TOT] year-over-year 2) increases in enplanements in the summer and winter 3) In an external revenue (non-tax) year-over-year. The board of MLT has drafted new metrics that it believes are more important measures of Urdi’s performance. It used these metrics to calculate the $8,765 that it planned to give as a discretionary bonus.

The board has not been able to finalize this new contract, but it hopes to do so soon. MLT passed a motion, requesting Sanford look into whether a new contract could retroactively cover Urdi for all of fiscal year 2018-2019, beginning in July, 2018.

Not only has Urdi’s contract not been updated, but MLT has not initiated a new contract with the Town of Mammoth Lakes. The contract between the town and the non-profit ended last June, and MLT, which receives $8 million in tax revenue from the town, has simply been operating on good faith for the last 6 months.

If Sanford’s opinion is correct, and it is found that the MLT board has been negligent in doling out charitable funds, they could be investigated by the Attorney General.

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The gas tax changes came in the form of $139,130 in revenue for reimbursement for snow removal.

Holler’s Dollars
Mammoth Town Council voted 4-1 to raise Town Manager Dan Holler’s salary by $29,933.60 to $189,932.64 annually. This number is just base salary and does not include the value of benefits, retirement package, or bonuses. The sole no vote on the council came from Bill Sauser, who believes that Holler does not need any more money to live comfortably in Mammoth.

“I am more blue collar than white collar,” Sauser said. “I don’t see the need for another 5%.”

Sauser said he is happy with the work that Holler has done.

“I don’t think we’ve ever had a town manager that pours himself into the job as much as Dan, but I think that $180,000 a year is enough.”

Sauser said that he voted no on Holler’s raise last year as well.

5% is the maximum amount that Holler’s contract allows his salary to be raised each year. He requested the 5% raise from council.

Council members Lynda Salcido and Kirk Appa cited comparable salaries as justification for the raise.

“He’s salary is in the low 50% of managers in California,” Spapp said. Salcido said that Holler’s salary of nearly $200,000 is “not inappropriate,” when compared to other managers’ salaries.

-Gorman

Wood Site Suit Status
Mammoth Lakes Tourism’s [MLT] pending litigation with Sam’s Wood Site owner Dirk Winter was postponed last month when Judge Gerry Mohun recused himself from the case (for more, see “Winter Of Our Discontent” from Jan. 19 issue). Now a “status conference” has been scheduled for February 21st to find out who the judge will be to replace Mohun. After a judge has been assigned, the schedule for the case will depend on the judge’s schedule and court availability, according to MLT lawyer Tim Sanford.

MLT Board Turnover
Mammoth Lakes Tourism [MLT] may be in search of a new board member. Paul Rudder’s tenure on the board will be up come June, and if he choses not to return to the board then MLT will look for a replacement.

The board said that it would begin advertising in search of a new member at the end of February with an application deadline set for April 1. It then plans to interview applicants until the end of April and have a replacement chosen before Rudder’s term runs out.

Rudder holds an At-Large seat. The only stipulation for his holder is that he/ she currently hold a business license in town.”

Brent Truax’s term as the representative from the ML Chamber of Commerce on the board will also end in June. Jeremy Goico will replace him.

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Clockwise from above: Madeleine Burke skiing home from work on a Canyon Boulevard sidewalk. Francis and Neil Osterwalder. Linda Podbiorski, Rose Emry, Cesar Fernandez snowshoed to Starbucks. Evan and Kay-Dee Gustafson with daughter Mila on sled.

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**LOCAL NEWS**

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Public House Taproom opens in Mammoth
By Gorman

The Public House Taproom opened quietly on Saturday, February 2 in the Mammoth Premium Outlets on Main Street.

The owner, Lienne Anderten-Smith, had not planned to open the bar on Saturday. Originally she wanted to open in July 2018, but "Murphy's law was in full force during buildout," she said. The opening was pushed to September, then November, then January, and when a town inspector finally gave Aderten-Smith the 'all-clear' on February 1, she opened up the next day. No pomp. No ribbon cutting. Just beer.

"Then it was all hands on deck," said Public House manager Delia Dykes. Dykes came from Denver to help run the Public House at the request of her "best good friend since three" Lienne Anderten-Smith. Anderten-Smith owns the Public House. She has also been "beertending" at June Lake Brewing [JLB] for the last 4 years.

"She [Anderten-Smith] said, 'If I open a bar will you run it?' " Dykes said. "Now we have a bar."

Anderten-Smith said that she wanted to open a tap room because, "After breweries kept popping up, we figured there should be a tap room to showcase beers from the area."

Half of the wall space is made up of floor-to-ceiling windows. The other half is drywall. On the drywall hang sparse, vintage-style pictures of horses racing steeplechase and mustachioed men. Exposed ventilation pipes and steel girders dress out the ceiling. The style is industrial with some kitsch, though, not enough kitsch for Dykes.

"I need more frames on the walls for people to dust," she joked. 42 of Public House’s 50 taps are currently in use. They have 39 different beers, one cider, one white wine and one red. Dykes said that the Public House will emphasize local brews. "We currently have two from Mountain Rambler, three from JLB, and three from Mammoth Brewing," Dykes said.

"We have at least 10 IPAs on tap, but we try to keep a spectrum of styles."

Three television screens list the current tap options. They are broken up into categories such as "Lighter Fare," "Sours And Friends," and "Our Favorite Weirdo."

The mascot of the bar is the "Bucci Cat," (pronounced like "Gucci") a dapper looking silhouette of a cat with a mustache and a monocle. The name came from Anderten-Smith’s child. "Her three-year-old just started calling people ‘bucci cats,’ and nobody knew where it came from," Dykes said.

For food, the Public House serves savory pies from an L.A. company called Fork-in Pies. The pies come in beef, chicken, or vegetable curry and are delicious, though small for the $11 price tag. You can also purchase a soft pretzel with mustard for $4. Dykes said that the bar hopes to expand its food options soon by adding sides for the pies and house-made cheese for the pretzels.

Dykes also said that the bar hopes to expand its entertainment options. Along with the Nintendo, the bar has a projector mounted to the ceiling. "We don’t want to be a sports bar, but we can put the big games on the projector... I want to play old horror movies on it," Dykes said.

The Public House is also considering hosting live music, open mic poetry, and "Publican interpretive art," according to Anderten-Smith. Dykes said she wants to get trivia and board games going in the bar as well.

"There is free wifi. There are chargers everywhere. We want to make it a space where people want to hang out."
SHEET SURVEY

Because MMSA gave first tracks on Wednesday to people who donated to the Mammoth Mountain Community Foundation...

The Sheet asked people on the street: How much would you pay/donate for first tracks on a powder day?

“Nothing ... we work for the mountain ... and we’re broke.”
- Marni Brice & Megan Oergel, Mammoth Lakes

“I wouldn’t pay anything. I wouldn’t donate to get something. I’d donate out of the goodness of my heart.”
- Patrick McNicholas, Mammoth Lakes

“I’d donate $100 to the Mammoth Mountain Community Foundation.”
- Kerry Taylor, Mammoth Lakes

“10 bucks.”
- Dustin Coats, Mammoth Lakes

“I wouldn’t because I can do it for free in the backcountry and it’s more rewarding.”
- Natalie Stimpson, Mammoth Lakes

“If I knew about it I would have paid the price of a lift ticket ... and I have an Ikon Pass.”
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OBITUARY

JIM TATUM 1958-2019

James “Jim” Tatum, age 60, passed away on January 27, 2019. He was surrounded by family at his home in Bishop as he concluded his courageous battle with cancer.

Jim, a lifetime Bishop resident, was an incredible husband, father, brother, and community contributor. His love of the local community was evident in all of his professional and personal endeavors where he always went above and beyond to do for others.

His accomplishments were numerous across his career: as a rancher, in his 20-year tenure as the CEO of the Tri-County Fairgrounds, as the Inyo County Deputy Public Works Director, and most recently as the Bishop City Administrator. His generous and make-it-happen spirit could also be seen in his roles as a Bishop Little League and Bishop Union High School Baseball Coach, a member of the local school board, and the beloved “tractor man” at the California High School Rodeo State Finals and other fair arena events. He was also known for his witty and playful sense of humor, optimistic attitude, and that unmistakable whistle while he walked. His impact on the community will be enduring, but his presence will be sorely missed.

Jim’s loving family will continue to carry forward his memory, values, and commitment to community. They include his wife, Donna Tatum; daughter and son-in-law Kelsie Tatum Martinez and Jaime Martinez; son and future daughter-in-law Keith Tatum and Sara Galligher; brother and sister-in-law Von and Jayne Tatum; brother Lee Tatum; his family in-love, Polly, Larry, and Robert Renfro and Linda Holcomb; and many nieces and nephews. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Don and Betty Tatum of Bishop.

A Celebration of Life will be held for Jim on Sunday, February 10th at 1 p.m. at the Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you consider donating in Jim’s memory to either the Bishop Union High School Jim Tatum Memorial Scholarship (301 North Fowler Street, Bishop, CA 93514) or the Friends of the Tri-County Fair Jim Tatum Memorial Fund (PO Box 667, Bishop, CA 93515).

The Sheet published articles on Ta- tum’s illness and subsequent retirement in 2018.

Here are some excerpts:

From a statement Tatum gave in August on his retirement:

“Nearly four years ago I was given the opportunity to become the Administr- ator of the City of Bishop. I knew that it was my dream job, but what I never could have imagined was just how much this city team and our work to- gether would come to mean to me... As you all know, I was diagnosed with brain cancer in January... My family and I have been overwhelmed by your kind-ness, well wishes, and prayers. I can’t imagine having to face this trial without this community’s support... Four years has not felt like nearly long enough; I’m not ready to be done yet.”

From an article on his retirement party in October:

He was almost universally liked and respected by many, known for his calm approach to issues, and his dry sense of humor.

Police Chief Ted Stec said, “I was proud to periodically brag to my peers that I felt very lucky to have a city administrator who was good to work with, pro-police, and had a dry sense of humor as well!”

Bishop Council Member Laura Smith said, “Jim Tatum is a deeply committed man with a profound work ethic. During his twenty years at the Tri-County Fairgrounds he greatly improved the fairgrounds themselves, the fair event, and many of the other events that take place at the fairgrounds. In the four years that Jim spent at the helm of the City of Bishop, he accomplished more than most people could do in twice that time!”

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

If you would rather complete the survey on paper, please let us know and we will make sure you receive one. For questions, please contact Sarah Rea by phone at 760.924.4114 or email sarah.rea@mammothhospital.com.

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January 28 to February 1, Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra hosted its 13th annual Operation Mountain Freedom, giving wounded, injured, and ill service members and veterans an opportunity to alpine ski, nordic ski, snowboard, and sled.

### Calendar of Events

**BARS & MUSIC**

**Happy Hour**
Austria Hof. 4-7 p.m. Sunday–Thursday and 4-6 p.m. Friday & Saturday. See ad, p. 4.

**The Liberty Sports Bar and Grill**
Mondays, Monday’s @ 9 p.m. Taco Tuesday 20th homemade tacos for $6. Wine Wednesday is 1/2 off the entire list all day, happy hour wine from 3 p.m. - close) See ad, p. 9.

**Outlaw Saloon Happy Hour**
Mon–Fri., Happy Hour from 4-6 p.m.

**Morrison’s Happy Hour**
Daily. 5-7 p.m. The Mogul Happy Hour Sun–Thurs. from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the bar with food and drink specials.

**Mammoth Rock ‘N’ Bowl**
Mon. DJ 9:00 p.m. Bowling & Beats, Thurs. DJ 10 p.m. Latin Night, Saturday DJ 9 p.m.

**Petra’s Bistro & Wine Bar**
Daily, 5-7 p.m. $5-10 menu items and drink specials. See ad, p. 10.

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

**Roberto’s Happy Hour**
4:6-7 p.m. daily. Sunday: open at 10 a.m. for football.

**Ski Afternoons**
Fri. - Sun. 4-5:30 p.m. Dining at 5pm, daily. "No Reservations, just come on in" See ad, p. 5.

**T-Bar Social Club**

**Giovanni’s Happy Hour**
daily 4-6 p.m. Large pizza and a pitcher of beer gets you free wings. See ad on this page.

**Shelter Distilling Happy Hour**
3-5 p.m. daily: half off all drinks. Free Spirit tasting flight 2-3 p.m. daily. See ad, p. 13.

**Bleu Daily Happy Hour**
5-6 p.m. $5 Beer, Wine and Small Plates.

**The Warming Hot Restaurant**

**Devils Creek Distillery**
tasting room plays Rafters.

**T-Bar Social Club**
Apres plays T-Bar Social Club.

**T-Bar Social Club**

**Sunday, February 10th**

**O Sole Trio**

**Tuesday, February 12th**

**Team trivia at Mammoth Brewing Co.**
Time: 7 p.m. Free. Prize: a growler and tap from the T-Bar Social Club.

**Storyteller’s Open Mic hosted by June Lake Historical Society.**

**Wednesday, February 13th**

**Locals night at Rafters**
every Wednesday. $2 drafts. DJs.

**Thursday, February 14th**

**Andrew Webber Blues Band plays Rafter’s.**
Time: 10 p.m. Free.

**February 15-16th**

**Beach Bar Apres, music by DJ WLDCT.**
Featuring a champagne zipline and giveaways from Red Bull and Huski.

**— Gondola open late to return to —**

**Location: Canyon Lodge.**

**Time: 1-6 p.m.**

**Friday, February 15th**

**GrooveSession plays T-Bar Social Club.**
Genre: jam band. Time: 9 p.m. Tix: $7 @ balancedrocksaloon.com or at door.

**February 8-10th**

**Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre’s “Suite Surrender” continues.**
Times: Friday and Saturday @ 7 p.m., Sunday matinee @ 4 p.m. Location: Edison Theatre atre 100 College Parkway, Mammoth. Tix: edisontheatre.org or at the door. Cost: $20/adult, $10/child, $15/senior or student.

**Mammoth Film Festival.**
Location: The Village at Mammoth and Minaret Cinemas. More info: see sidebar column next page.

**Saturday, February 9th**

**International Feast Fundraiser**
hosted by the Bishop Sunrise Rotary. Time: 12 p.m. Location: Tri-County Fairgrounds, Bishop. Info: Tom Hardy 760.920.0109, thardy66@gmail.com

**Home Street Middle School presents Spark.**
A play directed by Danielle Kuhl. Location: Home Street Middle School Multi-Purpose Room, 201 Home Street, Bishop. Showtimes: 12 p.m. and 3 p.m. Admission: $2 at door. Inyo Sage to Summit Mountain Running Series 5k. All proceeds benefit Inyo County Search & Rescue. Registration: 8 a.m. 10% suggested donation. Info: sagetosummit.com
**Sierra Club Outings**

On Sunday, February 10, the Sierra Club will ski in the Lakes Basin. Meet at the Union Bank parking lot at 9 a.m. The group will ski to Horseshoe Lake, then to Lake George (lunch spot), down to and around Lake Mary on the ice and back down to the car. Info and RSVP: Brigitte Berman; jungberman@mac.com, 760.924.2140

All events are free. Dogs are welcome but bring a leash. Bring a lunch, water, sunscreen, and dress in layers.

**Mammoth Film Festival**

The second Mammoth Film Festival continues through the February 11th at the Village and will include five days of films, events, a red carpet, and world premieres. There will be a Film Summit, an intensive hands-on program led by celebrity and film and television industry leaders.

This year, also be MammothOn, a convention hall that will house booths and activities for companies looking to showcase their products.

The festival opens Thursday with the world premiere of Jean Claude Van Damme’s new film *We Die Young*. *Airplane Mode*, a comedy featuring YouTube Logan Paul, will premiere at the festival.

Ticket options are $100 for a pass to all films for three days excluding premiers, $160 for all films excluding premiers plus opening and closing night Gala events, or $300 for all films and events. Info: mammothfilmfestival.org

**Online Book Club**

The Mammoth Lakes Online Book Club will have discussions on its Facebook page February 11-13. This month’s book, as chosen by Sarah Jessica Parker of Sex and The City fame, is *Heartland* by Sarah Smarsh. It is a memoir of “Working hard and being broke in the richest country on Earth.” Participate in discussions by asking questions or answering the moderator’s questions online. The Mammoth Lakes Library has several copies of the book to check out.

**S O L E T R I O**

The classical trio S O L E T R I O will be performing at Bishop Union High School on February 10th at 3 p.m. This New York-based group consists of a soprano vocalist, a baritone vocalist, and a violin/piano player. Their show at BUHS is titled “Bravisimo Broadway.” It invites the audience to “Sing along with classic tunes from magical Broadway shows.”

The show is sponsored by Bishop Community Concerts Association. Tickets cost $25 and are available at the door. Info: http://www.bishopopca.org

**Asana Lab**

Three days of yoga practice with Alexandria Crow at Yoga Lab in Mammoth Lakes from Friday, February 15 to Sunday, February 17.

On Friday, there will be a practice session from 6-8 p.m., which includes a 15 minute introduction to yoga’s topic and concepts, then a 90 minute physical practice, followed by a 15 minute explanation and Q&A.

There will be a practice session with the same format on Saturday from 1-3 p.m. and another on Sunday from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.


**OHV grant workshop**

**B I S H O P.** Calif. - The Inyo National Forest and the Bureau of Land Management Bishop Field Office will hold an open house on Wednesday, Feb. 13, to gather public ideas for ongoing high-way vehicle grant funds.

The informal open house will run from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Forest Service/BLM office, 351 Pacu Lane, Bishop.

The agencies plan to request grant funds from the State of California Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division (OHMRD) to enhance and manage motorized recreation in the area. Interested citizens are invited to drop in at any time during the open house and provide ideas for projects and opportunities that could be incorporated into the grants. Representatives from the two agencies will be available to answer questions about the grant process and to receive input for developing the grants.

Preliminary grant applications will be submitted to the OHMRD Division by March 4. The public will be able to comment on the preliminary applications from March 5 to May 6. Final applications must be submitted by June 7. More information about the state grant process and requirements, visit the OHMRD Division website at www.ohv.parks.ca.gov.

For additional information, please call BLM Natural Resources Specialist Sara Manley at (760) 872-5000 or email BLM_CA_Web_Bi@blm.gov or call Inyo National Forest District Recreation Staff Officer Tony Papa at (760) 873-2561 or email him at tpapa@fs.fed.us.

**Bird Fest**

The Fifth Annual Owens Lake Bird Festival will not be held, but over 30+ outings at the 2019 Owens Lake Bird Festival are something for everyone.

Learn more about the outings, schedule, and more at OLBF.org. Early registration for Friends of the Inyo members opens at 6 a.m. on Friday, February 22. Registration for non-members opens on Friday, Febru-ary 22.
Help Wanted

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

- Bilingual HR Personnel M/B $ DOE
- Construction Timer M/B $14 to $16
- Housekeepers & Housemen M $15 to $17
- Construction General Laborer M/B $15 to $20
- Snow Shovelers M/W $10 to $15

MCWD - Maintenance, M/W $18.41 to $22.35
Class A/B Driver (Regional) M $19 to $28
Master/Journeyman Carpenter M/B $32+ DOE

Call 760.924.0523 or 760.873.8599
See our full job list online
www.SierraEmployment.com

Mammoth Rock & Bowl/Mammoth Rock Braiserie has the following positions available: full time: working Weekends, Server, Bar, Bartender, Braiserie Hostess. Contact Stephan 760.709.0559, or Ann Ward ext. 221.

Mammoth Taxi is accepting resumes for experienced drivers with great customer service and clean driving records. We are also looking for office help for the night. Must have great organizational skills and customer service background. Please inquire with Scottie at 760-914-7433. www.mammoth-taxi.com.

Austria Hot Lodge is seeking full time and part time housekeepers. Day shifts available, must be available to work weekends. Starting sal. at $15.00 per hour. Apply in person at 924 Canyon Blvd or call 760-934-2764

Assignment Coordinator needed at La Residenza 4 and 5 condos in Mammoth. 2 days a week maybe more. Work includes: lawn care, pool house cleaning, snow removal on walkways. Pick up application at entry to pool/spa/sauna. Azimuth St. between Sierras and Meridian. Call 760.934.4980 for details/to submit application.

The Chalet at Swall Meadows is hiring Kitchen Team members and early morning Cold Press Juice Operators. We're looking for hard-working individuals with a passion for good food & healthy living. Benefits include great wages and a fun and energetic work environment. Apply in person or online at www.thechaletmammoth.com/jobs

Reservation Agent - part time: must be available for the weekends each week; am and pm shifts available. Salary $15.00 per hour. Email inquiries to reservations@ski.com

Smokeryad is hiring for all positions. If you can cut, polish, and send inquiries to info@smokeryad.com.

Mammoth Shell now hiring Cashier/Stock Team Member. Seeking friendly, mature, & reliable applicants, flexible hours, apply in person at 3011 Main St. Mammoth.

For Sale

For Sale In June Lake: Hotel business property + land, just over 1/2 acre. Located 500’ from water’s edge, across the street from the June Lake next to June Lake Marina. Includes approved building plans for a new owners residence with full views of June Lake. Call Dick Lopez, Lodging Brokers Network (707) 483-8134 www.lodgingbrokersnetwork.com

Help Wanted

Alpenholz Lodge is accepting applications for winter employment. We are looking for full and part time team members for year round and seasonal positions. Applicants must be able to work weekends and holidays. Day, evening and night shifts are available. Please apply in person at 6080 Minaret Rd, Mammoth.

Mammoth/Bishop Domino’s Hiring! Come work in a fun, last paced environment! We are looking for Pizza Makers, Shift Managers, and Drivers! Hours are typically from 6pm to 1am closing and depending on the position. This is a high-energy environment and we need strong, energetic, reliable, coachable, who can multitask, and who can handle pressure. When the RUSH comes, we need employees who are prepared to serve the customers in the best and most efficient way. All applicants must be able to pass a background check. And Drivers must have a good Motor Vehicle Record with three or less tickets in the last 3 years. Apply in store at 1339 Rocking W Dr. In the Bishop Plaza. same building as Ritchie’s, or at 1394 Meridian across from Vons. We are the newest restaurant in town and everybody is hungry! If you think you can handle the excitement, WE WANT YOU! Mammoth Spa Creations has FT position for spa maintenance, offering vacation accrual, benefits and paid holidays. Experience preferred. Some heavy lifting, a clean background and DMV is required. Call 760.924.3001 or stop by the store at 1401 Tavern Rd. in Mammoth.

Stellar Brew is hiring! Kitchen staff, baristas, and a baker are needed. Be an integral part of the community while working with an energetic crew of awesome individuals. Pay competitive, many benefits. Hiring for all positions. If you love coffee and hard work as much as we do. Please apply either in-store in Do-It Center or online at stellarbrew.com. Bring resume. 501 Old Mammoth Rd. Info: clepre@disabledsportseasternsierra.org. www.elixirsuperfood.com

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Senior Planner

$77,737 - $104,176

Senior Planner Housing Coordinator

$77,737 - $104,176

More information and applications available at a competitive benefits package. For more information and to apply, visit www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov or contact Cassandra Mana at 760.965.3804.

Drummer Wanted

Putting together a killer blues & funk band. Maybe you haven’t played in a while and have been thinking about getting back into it. Here ya go. Get those chops back. Call Mike. 760-920-8271

How much do you need your sheet? Get it 24/7 at www.TheSheetNews.com

STORM continued from page 1

On Tuesday, CalFire issued an E3 designation for all roads in Mammoth, requiring all vehicles to have chains without exception. Also on Tuesday, Eastern Sierra Trans- its renewed its offer to help people get home until 10 a.m. because they had to plow their lot to get the buses out. The Town of Mammoth Lakes, MUSD, and Mammoth Lakes Police Department used the high school’s Multi-Purpose Room as a warming hut on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

A warming center was set up at the Mammoth High School Gymnasium and received a few visitors. Two women who were traveling north but had to stop due to the 35 degree closure used the facility, among others.

Mammoth Yosemite Airport closed Monday and Tuesday, cancelling commercial and private Administrations. Sarah Roberts, Public Information Officer for the Mono County Sheriff’s Office, said that besides an avalanche alert, nothing had happened. Roberts said Cal Fire minimal, there wasn’t much to report. It was mostly, “Here and there, people getting stuck and unstick,” Roberts said.

He said, Highway 395 being closed between Mammoth and Bishop on Tuesday probably helped.

At its February 6 meeting The Mammoth Lakes Town Council ratified the declaration of a state of Emergency made by Town Manager Dan Holler on February 3. Holler called for the state of emergency because the blizzard has put Mammoth Lakes, “Beyond our resources,” he said.

By declaring a state of emergency the town opens itself up to funding from the U.S. Small Business Administration Disaster Declaration for Individual Assistance, and from the California Disaster Assistance Act. It also allows the town to contract resources more efficiently with the rest of the county, according to Holler.

Holler listed reasons why Mammoth needed the state of emergency. Accumulation on roofs has resulted in threats to the structural integrity of buildings including the Mammoth Hospital, the fire department needing to call in for snow removal services around hydrants, small avalanches on roads, and the need for warming shelters for visitors and residents.

Once a state of emergency was called the hospital was able to get people from Cal Fire to help shovel snow off the roof of the building. Mammoth Hospital CFO Melanie Van Winkle said that the help from CalFire was crucial, as everyone at the hospital was having to pitch in shoveling.

She also said that emergency room visits at the hospital were down during the storm.

“The snow is less emergencies because less people are out playing,” Van Winkle said.

She also said that the hospital was having trouble getting a full staff in during the storm.

“The core nurses and staff and physicians are here,” Van Winkle said, “But we can’t get everyone here.”
Notice Inviting Bids

PROJECT NO. CAP19-001

The Town of Mammoth Lakes (Town) will receive sealed bids for the work shown on the plans entitled MUNICIPAL WAYFINDING PROJECT

In the Town of Mammoth Lakes for the Town of Mammoth Lakes, California. Bids will be received at the Office of the Town Clerk, 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite R, Mammoth Lakes, California 93546, until 3:00PM Monday, February 25, 2019 at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Proposal forms and Contract Documents for this work are included in the specifications.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: This Project will provide directional guidance to various public and private destinations, including parks, recreation areas, transportation facilities, and includes a hierarchy of signage components (street name signs, vehicle signage, pedestrian signage, and parking signage) to effectively guide visitors to their destinations.

The engineer’s estimate for this project is between $8,000 and $10,000. Bids must be submitted in compliance with all applicable Labor Code provisions and the City of Mammoth Lakes resolutions regarding compliance with all applicable Labor Code provisions. Bids shall be the Bidder’s sole responsibility to evaluate subcontractors, of any tier, shall maintain active registration with the Department of Industrial Relations to perform public works contracted for by the Town of Mammoth Lakes. Bids shall demonstrate the Bidder’s qualifications by having a minimum of 5 years’ experience in public works contracted for by the Town of Mammoth Lakes. Bids shall include the cost of complying with all labor Code provisions and any necessary building permits.

The successful bidder shall comply with all applicable Labor Code provisions and any necessary building permits. The successful bidder shall demonstrate its qualifications by having a minimum of 5 years’ experience in public works contracted for by the Town of Mammoth Lakes. Bids shall include the cost of complying with all labor Code provisions and any necessary building permits. The successful bidder shall demonstrate its qualifications by having a minimum of 5 years’ experience in public works contracted for by the Town of Mammoth Lakes. Bids shall include the cost of complying with all labor Code provisions and any necessary building permits.

ON THE DAY OF MARCH 25, 2019, AT 9:00AM, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL, MAMMOTH LAKES, CALIFORNIA.

The Director of Industrial Relations has determined that the general prevailing rate of per diem wages in the locality in which this work is to be performed is $23.25 per day. The Town of Mammoth Lakes will act as the Gatekeeper to this project. The successful bidder will be required to demonstrate its qualifications by having a minimum of 5 years’ experience in public works contracted for by the Town of Mammoth Lakes. Bids shall include the cost of complying with all labor Code provisions and any necessary building permits.

This Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. The successful bidder shall be the Bidder’s sole responsibility to evaluate subcontractors, of any tier, shall maintain active registration with the Department of Industrial Relations for the duration of the Project.

Compliance Requirements: The Bidder shall ensure that all work is in compliance with all applicable labor and equal opportunity laws, rules, and regulations. The successful bidder will be required to demonstrate that the Bidder has thoroughly examined the plans, specifications, and contract conditions. The Bidder shall provide a copy of the Labor Law Poster on the day of award.

NONREFUNDABLE FEE as listed below:

- Printed Plans: $100.00
- Printed Plans and Specifications: $150.00
- Printed Plans, Specifications, and Preis & Specifications: $200.00

The Town of Mammoth Lakes will hold public hearings for the consideration of its annual budget (FY 2019-2020) and to solicit comments and input on the development of the 2019-2020 fiscal year legislative priorities. The public hearing shall be held at the regular meeting of the Town Council to be held at 7:00PM on Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite R, Mammoth Lakes, California 93546.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes has thoroughly examined the plans, specifications, and contract conditions. The Bidder shall provide a copy of the Labor Law Poster on the day of award.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement

The following Person Is Doing Business As:

Fish Mammoth

James Elks
1801 Old Mammoth Road, P.O. Box 425
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 21, 2018. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on December 7, 2018.

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The Mono County Board of Education will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 14, 2019, at 10:00AM in the Board of Education Conference Room located at 1451 South Main Street, Mammoth Lakes, California. The purpose of the hearing is to consider approving an application for a Certificate of Establishment of a Fictitious Business Name. The Certificate will authorize the use of the name "Mammoth Lakes Public Schools, Town of Mammoth Lakes, California, Board Policy 6141.81, "Indianapolis Police and Fire

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the MAMMOTH LAKES TOWN COUNCIL will hold a PUBLIC HEAR- ING on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. and continuing until finished, at the Town Council Chambers, Town Office, 437 Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, California, to consider the adoption of the 2019-2021 biennial budget. The Town Council will receive presentations concerning the biennial budget. Pursuant to Government Code Section 67050(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice as written correspondence submitted to the Town of Mammoth Lakes at, or prior to, the public hearing. For additional information, please contact Stuart Brown, Parks and Recreation Director, by tele- phone at (760) 934-9600 or email stuartbrown@ townofmammothlakes.ca.gov. The proposed resolution will be reviewed by the Town Council, located at 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite R, and on the website of Mammoth Lakes web site at www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

TO THE SHEET

February 9, 2019

TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, CALIFORNIA

Jamie Grey, TOWN CLERK

Dated: February 4, 2019

TS #2019-0015

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR BIDS

GREAT BASIN UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

REVIEW OF 2019-2020 DISTRICT AND SB 270 BUDGETS AND ORDERS

The Governing Board of the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District is scheduled to hold a public hearing for the purpose of reviewing the District's annual budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year and the District Health and Safety Code Section 42316 fee order for the period from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, and to consider public comment with an opportunity to comment on the proposed budgets.

The District has prepared a summary of its proposed total annual budget levels for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, including a schedule of fees to be imposed in order to effectuate Section 42316. The budget will be discussed at the public hearing in the same meeting during which this public hearing will be held.  The District will consider adoption of the budgets at its next regularly scheduled meeting following the public hearing.

The public hearing will be conducted at a regular meeting of the District Governing Board to be held at 7:00PM on Thursday, March 7, 2019, at the Town of Mammoth Lakes Council Chambers, 437 Old Mammoth Road (Suite 2) Mammoth Lakes, California 93546. The public hearing on the District’s total annual budgets is set for 7:00PM.

Written comments are invited and should be addressed to Phillip L. Kiddio, Air Pollution Control Officer, Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District, 157 Short Street, Bishop, California 93515. Written comments received by close of business on Thursday, February 7, 2019 will be included in the staff report sent to the Governing Board for their consideration during the public hearing. For further information, please contact Robert E. McDermott, Clerk, Terri Defaven at (760) 872-8211.

TS #2019-0013

Public Quasi -Public zoning district; (2) create a service use classification in Table 17.32.100 for wellness and rehabilitation facilities to: (1) add a new 2018 or 2019 model 4 or 6 Seat Gas 4WD Utility Vehicle Task Force (VTF), BIDP

TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, CALIFORNIA

Bunday’s eerie charm is what made him an unlikely hero of his era. Kleiner Rubin, have stood by it, saying that Bundy’s deed was a laudable act of justice. Rather, the Governing Board will base its decision on the merits of the case, not the informality or irregularity in a bid. The Town of Mammoth Lakes will held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 7, 2019, at 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite R, and on the Town website at http://www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us/

JUDICIAL DETERMINATION: Exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).
Aquarius: Please follow these golden rules to make the most out of this promising year of your life. According to your country’s mouth doesn’t count as a workout. Remember that whenever you’re feeling a little down, Clouds thinks you’re awesome! And never forget that people are like Oreos: the best part is on the inside and it’s fun to strip off the layers.

Pisces: A three-year-old boy in North Carolina recently got lost in the woods for two days. When he was finally rescued and asked how he survived the frigid temperatures, he said a bear helped him. Please use this as an inspiration to do three things: be more in touch with your spiritual side, your inner spirit animal (which is your favorite fish species) and to cuddle more.

Aries: In case you’re in need of a life coach, Clouds would like to apply for the position. Here is an example of the type of coaching you’ll receive:A) “You can do anything!” B) “There are no setbacks as setbacks in life, they’re really just set ups.” C) “You look great naked and should sleep naked more often.” D) “Don’t be a dickhead.”

Taurus: You may be surprised to hear that Idaho, New Mexico and Vermont lead the nation when it comes to wine drinking per capita. You may also find it surprising that your opposite sign is Scorpio, especially since you may find it surprising that your opposite sign is Scorpio, especially since you may find it surprising that your opposite sign is Scorpio, especially since you may find it surprising that your opposite sign is Scorpio, especially since you may find it surprising that your opposite sign is Scorpio, especially since you may find it surprising that your opposite sign is Scorpio, especially since you may find it surprising that your opposite sign is Scorpio, especially since you may find it surprising that your opposite sign is Scorpio, especially since you may find it surprising that your opposite sign is Scorpio, especially since you may find it surprising that your opposite sign is Scorpio, especially since you may find it surprising that your opposite sign is Scorpio, especially since you may find it surprising that your opposite sign is Scorpio, especially since you may find it surprising that your opposite sign is Scorpio, especially since you may find it surprising that your opposite sign is Scorpio, especially since you may find it surprising that your opposite sign is Scorpio, especially since you may find it surprising that your opposite sign is Scorpio, especially since you may find it surprising that your opposite sign is Scorpio, especially since you may find it surprising that your opposite sign is Scorpio, especially since you may find it surprising that your opposite sign is Scorpio, especially since you may find it surprising that your opposite sign is Scorpio, especially since you may find it surprising that your opposite sign is Scorpio, especially since you may find it surprising that your opposite sign is Scorpio, especially since you may find it surprising that your opposite sign is Scorpio, especially since you may find it surprising that your opposite sign is Scorpio, especially since you may find it surprising that your opposite sign is Scorpio, especially since you may find it surprising that your opposite sign is Scorpio, especially since you may find it surprising that your opposite sign is Scorpio, especially since you may find it surprising that your opposite sign is Scorpio, especially since you may find it surprising that your opposite sign is Scorpio, especially since you may find it surprising that your opposite sign is Scorpio, especially since you may find it surprising that your opposite sign is Scorpio, especially since you may find it surprising that your opposite sign is Scorpio, especially since you may find it surprising that your opposite sign is Scorpio, especially since you may find it surprising that your opposite sign is Scorpio, especially since you may find it surprising that your opposite sign is Scorpio, especially since you may find it surprising that your opposite sign is Scorpio, especially since you may find it surprising that your opposite sign is Scorpio, especially since you may find it surprising that your opposite sign is Scorpio, especially since you may find it surprising that your opposite sign is Scorpio, especially since you may find it surprising that your opposite sign is Scorpio, especially since you may find it surprising that your opposite sign is Scorpio, especially since you may find it surprising that...
SUITE SHOW
Ensemble cast plays for laughs in Rep Theatre’s “Suite Surrender”

By Lunch

How would one characterize the latest production from Shira Dubrovner and Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre? It’s an old school Saturday morning cartoon for adults.

The set-up: Two renowned singing divas (played expertly by real-life divas Lisa Gill and Juliana Olinka-Jones) arrive at a posh hotel to perform at a fundraiser.

The two divas are bitter rivals and are well-known to absolutely despise each other.

The hotel’s General Manager, played by Stephen Gill, books each diva at opposite ends of the hotel. Problem solved, right?

Wrong. Both divas believe they should have the nicest suite in the hotel.

The first to arrive heads up to the suite and disappears into one bedroom.

The second diva to arrive enters the same suite, and not alerted to the first diva’s arrival, takes the second bedroom.

From there, doors begin flying open and shut (as well as dogs and bellhops) as the hapless General Manager tries to keep the divas from discovering each other while he desperately grasps for a solution.

Wednesday’s final dress rehearsal came after nearly a week off due to snowstorms. Despite the amount of time off, cast and crew all look ready, particularly Tim Casey, who is back in his element. Casey, who plays one of the bellhops, is a terrific, physical comedian.

Gill and Olinka-Jones nail their parts.

And Rhonda Duggan and Victoria Farber acquit themselves well in their local stage debuts.

The show runs a fast-paced ninety minutes. There is one intermission.

The show runs for the next three weekends at Mammoth’s Edison Theatre (100 College Parkway). Thursday-Saturday showtimes are at 7 p.m. with Sunday matinees at 4 p.m.

The Cast
Matthew Chaconas ........ Francis
Tim Casey ....................... Otis
Stephen Gill .................... Mr. Dunlap
Rhonda Duggan .............. Mrs. Osgood
Victoria Farber ............... Dora Del Rio
Juliana Olinka-Jones ...... Claudia
Sam Taylor ...................... Mr. Pippet
Lisa Gill ........................ Athena
Airen Neely Chaconas ... Murphey

If you liked MLRT’s madcap 2012 production of “Lend Me A Tenor,” you’ll like “Suite Surrender” – fittingly, the posters for both shows are identical.

MLFD 2019 FIRE ACADEMY

Mammoth Lakes Fire Department is recruiting for its 2019 Fire Academy. If you are interested in an opportunity to serve the community with one of the finest groups in the Eastern Sierras, please come talk to us.

Orientation and Dinner:
February 14th or 21st, 2019  6:15 p.m.
Fire Station #1, 3150 Main Street

Benefits
• Opportunity to Serve Your Community
• Part-Time Paid and Paid-Per-Call Positions Upon Completion of Academy
• Join a Department with a Long Standing History of Camaraderie and Ability
• Learn the Skills of an All-Risk Firefighter

Requirements
• Minimum of 1 Year Residency in Mammoth Lakes, CA
• Must be at least 18 Years Old
• Pass a Background Check, Physical Ability Check, Oral Interview
• Other Requirements Per Application

For More information and Applications
Go to: www.mlfd.ca.gov
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