**LEI’D AT ELEVATION**

**SWEET HOME ALABAMA**

Alabama Hills designated a National Scenic Area

By James

The Alabama Hills, located just west of Lone Pine, was designated a National Scenic Area on March 12.

A signing ceremony at the White House was attended by Leslie Chapman, an assistant CAO since 2017, who attended the ceremony.

In a phone interview, Chapman said she is heading to Inyo County to work as Assistant CAO.

Inyo County Supervisor Matt King said, “I’m excited to have her back in Inyo and looking forward to working with her.”

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*In a press release from his office, Matt King said he attended the ceremony at the White House.

The new law is named in honor of John Dingell, the nation’s longest-serving Congress member, who died last month.

The Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act overwhelmingly passed in the Senate and House last month.

In a press release from his office, Rep. Paul Cook (R-Apple Valley), reported that he had attended the signing ceremony at the White House.

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**ONE TRAIL TO RULE THEM ALL**

Loop designed around the perimeter of Mammoth

By Gorman

A new soft-surface loop has been proposed around the perimeter of Mammoth Lakes, Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access GIS (Geographic Information Systems) Manager Andrew Mulford has spent the last four years trying to connect disparate trails around Mammoth in an attempt to make a single 50 mile loop encompassing the town.

The way that Mulford envisions the loop, it will be almost entirely single track trails or dirt road and could be completed by spring 2021.

Mulford explained his project to Mammoth Lakes Recreation at its Tuesday meeting.

80% of this route is already built and connected. The largest unbuilt portion is an 11 mile stretch through Solitude Canyon.

Mulford spent last summer designing the ideal center line for a part of the loop through Solitude Canyon, taking into account gradient, views, and directness. Now that the trail has been designed, the Forrest Service must do an environmental review on the land.

Mulford said that the most likely issue to kill this trail would be heritage sites found during archeological review.

Mulford is hopeful that this won’t be an issue.

“It’s high and dry. There is no water and people weren’t spending a lot of time up there,” he said.

Mulford also said an environmental review was already completed in the ‘80s when investors were considering a ski resort on the Sherwin Range, which could help inform the current review process.

If this section is found unusable by the Forest Service, the loop could be connected via Old Mammoth Road.

Scott McGuire, who sits on the Mammoth Recreation board and chairs the Mammoth Lakes Tourism board, was excited about the opportunities that this loop offers.

“The benefits are three-fold,” he said. “We can utilize the natural resources and trails to benefit the people who live here. It is an attraction for people to come to town to run or mountain bike a 50 mile loop that begins and ends in town, and there is the possibility to host events without having to get a special use permit.”

Mulford specifically kept this in mind.

**WHO’S YOUR HERO?**

Cassie Sharpe won women’s halfpipe at the Toyota Grand Prix and the overall FIS title last weekend.

**MHS SKIS TO GLORY**

Prix and the overall FIS title last weekend.

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FROM THE PARAPET

I write this from a nondescript Starbucks in San Diego, and you can see that my writing has already deteriorated.

By definition, a Starbucks is nondescript, so I am wasting both words and time right out of the gate. Bear with me. Little sleep last night. And a piece of advice: Never book at the Town and Country in San Diego. I got in at 12:50 a.m. Took about 40 minutes to check in. One desk clerk for a loooooong line.

My daughter competed today in the San Diego County Spelling Bee, by virtue of winning her school (which has 1,000 students) Bee. She was one of 103 contestants.

By contrast, when she competed in Mono County, there were only 12 finalists, six of whom appeared like they had been forced to do it. She lost on her second word - parapet. Blame me for that. If we’d kept parakeets and I’d referred to them as parapets, maybe she would have spelled it correctly.

I told her she needs to read some Tolkien.

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In regard to Ward Jones’s letter which appears on page four.

Yes, Mammoth Mountain does not pay TBID on season pass sales. It does, however, pay more than the $1.3 million suggested in last week’s story.

$1.3 million is the estimated number paid in lift tickets and ski school sales. It also pays TBID on its restaurant and lodging operations.

All in, Mammoth Lakes Tourism Executive Director John Urdi says the Mountain (even though he couldn’t quote the exact number) pays about $2 million in TBID annually, down about $500,000 from its former bill (when season passes were included).

On an estimated percentage basis, Mammoth Mountain’s TBID payout is approximately 44%, more than its pro-rated 40% vote share (the maximum vote share a single entity can have in a TBID).

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I received more feedback on last week’s editorial than on any story I’ve

“Facere officium tuum.” -Bill Belichick

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written in years.

Some choice remarks:

“Nice article on MLT, TBID. To me it seems you just described our liberal democrat town government and council. New taxes, spend it till it’s gone with debatable, ever-increasing support costs, with little public awareness.

You admit you want “everything” and on the surface would seem to have the makings of a nice little Democrat socialist except for a minor character flaw. You seem to pay attention to what things cost and where the money comes from. Sometimes I think you’re a conservative who’s not sure about coming out.”

“Really thought the article on TBID was spot on. Hopefully some (more) people will wake up.”

“Does the current Sheet put a bullshit on your back? So well done. Lots of digging.”

Lunch reply: “Fortunately, no one in town can shoot straight … how’s that for a double entendre?”

“I am baffled that the MLT Board doesn’t understand that investments in infrastructure and amenities would move us way ahead. And build much needed goodwill.”

Lunch reply: “Sadly, I’ve given up on being baffled because my expectations are so low. Honestly, it’s not MLT that necessarily has to change. Council has the power to remove the cookie jar.”

“Wanted to tell you that I loved your page two this week. It’s not anti-mar-

ting Death Valley National Park visitation to be pretty interesting. Visitation more than doubled between 2009 and 2018.

During the same period, Yosemite National Park visitation is up perhaps 10% on average, though there was a crazy, ridiculous spike in 2016 that was approximately 25% above the trend line.

And a late item that didn’t make this week’s calendar … BINGO - - - Not Your Grandma’s Bingo - - - returns to The Brewery on Wednesday, March 20th. Doors open at 5 pm; first game is at 6.

Volunteer Eastern Sierra (VES) will donate proceeds for an EMERGENCY ROOF RAISER at the Hayden Cabin. It’s falling apart and our town’s only museum is in jeopardy. Come for the crazy FUN - - - cash PRIZES and good stuff - - - and to support the Mammoth Museum at the Hayden Cabin!!

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Support for Morris

Dear Editor,

Thank you for your article about John Morris being terminated as the MHS head volleyball coach. The article mentioned that the author, Tim Gorman, could not find parents willing to “go on the record about their experience with Morris as coach.” Well, we are! Allie is currently a senior at MHS – she played Husky volleyball all 4 years, 3 of those playing directly for John on Varsity.

We just wanted to say that we thought he ran a really great program and are so sad to see he was fired so abruptly. We are grateful that Allie played for him for her whole high school career.

The way this happened has been very secretive. Many of the girls on the team were not even aware that a meeting with Dr. Powell occurred. We think it is odd that the many players who were happy with the program and with John were not invited to participate in the meeting. To our knowledge, MHS Administration made no effort to follow up with other team members: past, present or hopefuls. Allie was a co-captain and has never been asked to speak with anyone at MHS about her experience with John. We would be able to support the decision of the administration if every player on the team was allowed to give feedback and then the decision was made. We can tell you that this did not happen.

We find it cowardly that there are players/parents that were willing to go directly to Dr. Powell to get John fired, but they were not willing to include the entire team in the process ... or admit who was involved ... and/or go on the record with you.

We believe this is such a loss to MHS’s athletic program and a discredit to John, who dedicated thousands of hours to the program over the years. Thank you, John Morris - all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and unappreciated.

Kristy, Robert & Allie Williams
Mammoth Lakes

Avoiding TBID

Dear Editor,

Bravo, Jack, Bravo.

With great interest I read your recent thoughts on Mammoth Mountain Ski Area (MMSA) and its failure to pay its share of TBID. Rusty Gregory was the major player in the formation of TBID and I find it ironic that MMSA is not compliant.

MMSA and Rusty’s sleight of hand move to no longer pay TBID on season pass sales is deceitful. MMSA may have deluded town council and others involved that since they moved their operations to Denver they no longer counted season passes and lift ticket sales in Mammoth. This is plain wrong. There is a large amount of money coming out of Mammoth and LA that is in reality attributed to MMSA. It is hard for me to believe that just because Alterra is headquartered in Denver that the 38 resorts in the Ikon pass collective don’t have some sort of accounting to apportion the revenue from the season pass sales to each ski area.

Shall I band together with my peer group of motel operators, create a reservation center, banking, and head office operation in Nevada so we don’t have to pay TOT and TBID too? The Town of Mammoth Lakes should go back to the previous amount paid by MMSA and have MMSA pay that amount plus inflation each and every year.

How important is this? The approximately rumored $1 million not being paid by MMSA is now being paid by the Town of Mammoth Lakes (the taxpayers) Alterra Mountain Company is thought to be worth $4 or $5 billion dollars. We as a town only have a $20 million budget and are expected to pick up their $1 million bill? Nope! I don’t think it’s any secret that Alterra plans to do an IPO (equivalent to a stock issue) sometime soon. What is $1 million worth to the bottom line on an IPO? Around 10x to 12x in stock value, or $10 million to $12 million. If MMSA doesn’t want to pay the Town of Mammoth Lakes its TBID obligation, is the Town in line to ask for stock from the IPO?

Ward Jones
Holiday Haus
LOCAL NEWS

GIMME SHELTER

PIT Count results are in and Solid Waste Task Force makes recommendation
By Benham

The Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care (CoC) conducted a Point in Time (PIT) count on January 24 and the results are in. The count for the last three years increased 65% from last year. There were 72 unsheltered homeless people and only one sheltered. The number of unsheltered people in the county has increased 65% from last year.

In Mono County, there were 72 unsheltered homeless people and only one sheltered. The number of unsheltered people in the county has increased 65% from last year.

In 2018, there were 47 unsheltered homeless people and only one sheltered. In 2017, there was one unsheltered and no sheltered.

In Mono County, the majority were on the Mammoth Scenic Loop, near the geothermal plant and on Sherwin Creek Road by the propane tanks. The rest were scattered around the town’s parking lot. Two in the new Starbucks parking lot. One in Minaret Mall parking lot. One in the library parking lot and one in the Mono County Social Services Office. There were two children and no couch surfers.

In Inyo County, there were 125 unsheltered and 16 sheltered. There were nine homeless children and four couch surfers. The most popular location in Bishop was the high school, the Chalk Bluffs, and the Vons and Knart parking lots.

In Alpine County, there have been zero homeless people recorded in the PIT count for the last three years. The increasing numbers could be caused due to an actual increase in people or, as Larry Emerson, Executive Director of IMACA put it, because of the increased number of volunteers.

The PIT count determines how much money the CoC gets from two federal programs: California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESSH) and Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). CESSH funds a housing choice voucher that pays the difference between what a tenant can afford and the market price of the housing. HEAP funds can be used for emergency housing vouchers. IMACA will use part of the grant for hotel/motel vouchers. HEAP can also fund rapid rehousing and emergency shelter construction. The programs are funded by United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Supervisor Bob Gardner wondered if the CoC would consider doing another count in the summer to collect more data and garner a fuller understanding of the problem’s scope.

IMACA executive director Larry Emerson took that idea to the Wednesday’s CoC board meeting. The CoC board rejected the idea on the basis that it doesn’t have the financial or human resources to justify a count that wouldn’t lead to funding.

New trash stash

With the Benton Crossing Landfill closing in 2023, the county needs to figure out another way to dispose of waste. It created the Solid Waste Task Force, a group of government and non-government organizations with stake in the county’s Solid Waste program, to create solutions.

On Tuesday, Justin Nalder, Mono County Solid Waste Superintendent and member of the task force, presented the group’s findings to the Board of Supervisors. The task force gave the board two choices; develop a Request for Proposals (RFP) that allows waste disposal companies to bid on selective services or develop a RFP for all services.

The task force recommends that agreements be for 20 years and that facilities waste hauling, wood hauling, long-haul processing, and transfer station operation be combined into one RFP.

Closure of the Benton Crossing Land Fill leaves Pumice Valley Landfill, on the southwest side of Mono Lake, as the county’s largest landfill. The county owns Pumice Valley. To accommodate more waste, the capacity of its current services will need to be expanded. New services will have to be added.

The task force recommends the following:

- The operation of all transfer stations, including Pumice Valley Landfill (if possible), be included on the same RFP. One operator for all. Also it suggests that transfer station capacity expand.

- Solid waste will have to be moved outside of the county.

- Curbside recycling for the entire county.

- The franchise agreements with the two waste collection companies, Mammoth Disposal and D&S Waste, should continue.

- The Town of Mammoth Lakes maintain its franchise agreement with Mammoth Disposal and that Mammoth Disposal increase the capacity of its transfer station in the business park.

The board told staff to do a cost analysis for a situation in which the county would provide all waste services. The county can use that analysis as a baseline for other offers. Even if it is cheaper, the county have the staff to take on the job.

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By Gorman

MLT approves temporary contract

The Mammoth Lakes Tourism (MLT) board approved a retroactive contract between the Town of Mammoth Lakes and MLT for the 2018-19 fiscal year. The tourism non-profit had been operating since July 2018 without a valid contract, and had been receiving its $8+ million budget through a good faith agreement with the town.

This contract is only valid through the end of June 2019 when the two parties will have to sign another agreement for next fiscal year.

At MLT’s Tuesday meeting, Chairman Scott McGuire said that the board could use this contract as a foundation going into April and May to create a longer term contract with the town.

Board member Paul Rudder said “There are things in this contract both small and large that need the attention of the board and need further negotiation with the town council.”

Rudder said that these issues were not enough to hold the contract up for this year, but he looks forward to the time that the two parties now have to improve the contract.

Rudder said in an interview after the meeting that he has two principle issues with the current contract. The first has to do with what MLT is calling a Destination Management Plan. MLT, at the direction of the town, hopes to create a cohesive marketing plan for the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

Rudder said that this requires a great deal of communication between MLT and the Town and could cost a good deal of money, but it is not mentioned in the current contract.

The second issue has to do with the “Joint Bucket” of reserve funds that is shared by MLT and the Town.

Excess TOT gets spread into different joint buckets that are shared by the town and its non-profits (Mammoth Lakes Tourism, Recreation, Housing, etc.).

Rudder said that initially, “There was an understanding that it [MLT’s joint bucket] would go to Tourism purposes.”

Now, Rudder says, that understanding has changed.

“The Town Manager Holler is telling us that all spending considerations are up to Town Council and we are advisory,” Rudder said.

“When we started, we decided that we would be jointly responsible for the spending. Now it’s not so joint anymore.”

“It is not making us feel warm and fuzzy,” he said.

Double decker Burgers

Burgers restaurant across from The Village on Minaret Road received approval from the Planning and Economic Development Commission to expand its footprint and add a second floor.

The expansion will add 3,400 square feet to the currently 2,300 square foot restaurant. The second floor will have a bar and an additional dining room.

The owner of Burgers, Ed Hurley, said that he is not sure of the timeline for the renovation. He hopes to stay open during construction.

King sized bed tax revenue

The official Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) revenue for the month of January has come in at $3,000,074. This is the first ever month of TOT revenue over $3 million, and 12.9% above the previous monthly record of $2,656,310 from January 2017.

The year to date TOT is $3,263,401 ahead of the budget, and the excess is likely to continue growing. The Town Council will have to decide on how to spend this massive surplus.

Urdi gets pay bump

The Mammoth Lakes Tourism (MLT) board voted to approve a 3% retroactive increase in Executive Director John Urdi’s salary for fiscal year 2018-19 pending approval from its attorney. 3% represents a $5,843 raise for Urdi, bringing his annual base salary from $194,766 to $200,609. Though MLT is a private Non-Governmental Organization, Urdi’s salary comes from tax revenue, making him the highest paid public employee in Mammoth Lakes.

This raise still awaits a judgment from MLT attorney Tim Sanford on whether the board can award retroactive raises.

MLT chairman, Scott McGuire, summed up the two issues that Sanford is currently deciding on: “There are two questions. One is can the new contract for the Executive Director be retroactive, which I understand we are still waiting on. The other question that came up was that the contact was written at a fixed amount, and that contract didn’t have the ability for the board to offer salary increases.”

The tax man cometh

Mono County can now more accurately enforce Business Personal Property Taxes for short term rentals. As the Town of Mammoth Lakes has increased its efforts to collect Transient Occupancy Taxes from the owners of rental units, it has collected a more accurate list of units being rented in the area. Now that list has been passed to Mono County.

Barry Beck of the County Assessor’s Office said that 1,000 new business property statements were issued last year and 1,300 this year to the rental owners. These statements ask owners to report the value of the property in their units so that this value can be taxed as business property. The Personal Business Property Tax has been in effect since 1976, according to Beck. It is only the improved enforcement that is new.

Get the sled out

Based upon reports from rangers and visitors, the Inyo National Forest is reminding snowmobilers to respect off-limit areas of the forest that are closed to snowmobiles.

Forest Service rangers are patrolling closed areas for illegal snowmobile activity. These areas include designated Wilderness and Research Natural Areas, Mammoth Lakes Basin, Devils Postpile National Monument, McGee Mountain, Obsidian Dome cross-country ski trails, Shady Rest cross-country ski trails.

Riding in a Wilderness or a winter motorized closure is a Federal and State offense carrying fines up to $5,000 and/ or six months in jail, in addition to possible seizure of the snowmobiles used in the commission of the crime.

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In a press release, The Alabama Hills Stewardship Group (AHSG), along with dozens of area stakeholders and the community of Lone Pine, wrote that they, "are celebrating its passage, which has created the first ever "Alabama Hills National Scenic Area!"

"All the years of community input helped improve and strengthen both our stewardship efforts and this important legislation; as well as our coalition of support," said Kevin Mazzu, board member of the Alabama Hills Stewardship Group (AHSG). "The heavy lifting was done early in the process; with several final enhancements – based on stakeholder feedback – helping the legislation reach the perfect balance between conservation and access.

The Inyo County Board of Supervisors supported the legislation and voted unanimously to endorse it, travelling repeatedly to Washington D.C. to lobby for its passage.

Matt Kingsley, 5th District Inyo County Supervisor, whose district includes the Alabama Hills, said, "We are excited to see the cooperation and hard work of local stakeholders finally coming to fruition.

The Act states: “The purpose of the National Scenic Area is to conserve, protect, and enhance for the benefit, use, and enjoyment of present and future generations the nationally significant scenic, cultural, geological, educational, biological, historical, recreational, cinematographic, and scientific resources”...

With current recreational activities in the Alabama Hills allowed to continue: "including hiking, mountain biking, rock climbing, sightseeing, horseback riding, hunting, fishing, and appropriate authorized and controlled vehicle use.

Friends of the Inyo (FOI) worked closely with AHSG. Mike Prather, a founding member of AHSG and current secretary for FOI, wrote the initial legislation before handing it off to federal legislators. Most of his initial draft made it into the final legislation.

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Community Development Department and Alicia Vennos is the Director of Economic Development and Film Commissioner.

Chapman said she is burnt out. She was managing fourteen departments at Mono County. She’ll be managing about four in Inyo.

At Tuesday’s Mono County board meeting, the supervisors unanimously praised Chapman.

Supervisor John Peters said, “She’s never disappointed. She’s always been there for not just me, but for the board, for her staff, for the county as a whole. Our whole organization our county is a much better place to work in, to live in, to recreate in because of people like Leslie.”

In a phone call with The Sheet, Supervisor Bob Gardiner said, “She’s done a great job and we’ll miss her a lot.”

Like the Supervisors, the staff members who The Sheet reached for comment, unanimously praised Chapman and were sad to see her leave.

Mono County Finance Director Janet Dutcher, who among other things sits next to Chapman at board meetings, said that she was, “very sad to see her go.”

Dutcher praised her compassion and financial expertise.

Mono County Human Resources Director Dave Butters said, “I’ve had nothing but good experiences with Leslie.” He also noted Chapman’s compassion.

Jay Sloane, Mono County Risk Manager, who has worked with Chapman for the past three years, said that she was a supportive boss with a “very sharp analytical mind.”

Since October of last year, when Tony Dublino left his position as assistant CAO to become Director of Public Works, Chapman hasn’t had an assistant. The county contracted with Kevin Carunchio, Inyo County’s former CAO, for specific projects: the Madera-Mono border adjustment and construction of the new county office building. His work is categorized as that of an assistant CAO but he’s more of a consulting assistant CAO.

Will Carunchio take the position? He doesn’t plan on it. He said he wants to keep spending time with his kids and consult when the opportunity presents itself.

The Board plans to direct staff to start recruiting next week.

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There will be the development of a comprehensive plan over the next three years for the long-term management of the National Scenic Area developed by the Bureau of Land Management in consultation, "with appropriate state, tribal, and local governmental entities, and members of the public.”

The bill is the result of a collaborative 10-year process led by the Alabama Hills Stewardship Group. It included input from over 30 stakeholder and 40 different user groups. Feedback was received from local government, conservation, chambers of commerce, cattle ranchers, rock climbers and ATV riders.

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proposed trail out of designated wilderness areas where a special use permit would be required for event hosting.

McGuire said that this loop could host an ultramarathon of the same caliber as the Hardrock 100 Mile Endurance Race in Silverton, Colorado, or the Western States 100 in Auburn, California, though likely not as big.

“I don’t know if we’ll ever have 10,000 people (coming to town to race),” McGuire said. “But the idea of things that benefit the public that also benefit tourism and are not limited to the ski resort are exciting.”

The proposed route has sections that do not allow bikes, specifically the Dragon’s Back Trail and Mammoth Mountain Hiking Trail. Mulford said that a 50-mile mountain bike route could be created if those trails are replaced by Manzanita or Paper Route on the frontside of the mountain, though the rider would need a ticket to ride Mammoth Mountain Bike Trails to make that work.

Mulford said that if the Forest Service can complete its environmental review in summer 2019, then the town can start building the trails and putting up signage in spring 2020. With enough hands on deck the new route could be completed in a season.

Here is the route that Mulford described:

Beginning on Highway 203 and heading clockwise, a hiker would head south on Mammoth Creek Road and cross Mammoth Creek on a trail bridge connecting her to Sherwin Creek Road. She would follow Sherwin Creek Road to town and then take the Mammoth Rock Trail for a mile into the Sherwins. There she will hit a proposed intersection with the Solitude Canyon Trail (which has not been built yet), head west through Solitude Canyon, into the Telev Bowls, and through old growth forest climbing up to the Sherwin Ridge, just south of The Perch. She winds her way down the back side of the Sherwins to tie into Heart Lake Trail at Mammoth Consolidated Mine, and takes the Coldwater-George Trail to Lake George.

From there the hiker either takes the road to the Mammoth Pass Trail, or, if possible, Mulford would like to build an extension of the Lake George path that would take the hiker onto a proposed trail from Lake Mamie to Horseshoe Lake and onto the Mammoth Pass Trail all via soft surfaces.

The Mammoth Pass Trail takes the hiker up towards McCloud and onto the Mammoth Mountain Pass Trail. From there, she takes Dragon’s Back Hiking Trail to the back of the summit of Mammoth Mountain, where it turns into Mammoth Mountain Hiking Trail. She follows that past main lodge to Minaret Vista. That takes her onto the Mountain View Trail and eventually intersects with Forest Service roads.

These Forest Service roads head past Crater Flat, onto the Knolls Loop, then northeast of Shady Rest Park and back to Highway 203 via dirt roads, or one day, Mulford hopes, single track trail.
Family Dollar will soon open and occupy the vacant JCPenney building on South Main Street in Bishop.

Justin Stitt, Vice President of JM Stitt Construction from Corona, California, said that remodeling of the building began on January 14th and should be completed around April 19th. A grand opening is expected for the beginning of May.

Stitt estimated the remodel cost at approximately $750,000 with the cost shared between the building owner, Jimone Berookhim, and Family Dollar. Of the $750,000, about two-thirds went to “shell” work and one-third towards tenant improvements.

The remodel consists of exterior facade upgrades, a new roof, and exterior path of travel from the Main Street sidewalk to the rear parking lot between existing buildings.

“The interior upgrades include new structural grade beam... and new interior buildout to accommodate the Family Dollar footprint,” Stitt said.

According to the title documents, between August-September of 2018, the old JCPenney building was sold to Jimone Berookhim from previous owner Joe Markham of Desert Field, LLC. The purchase price was $850,000.

Kayleigh M. Painter of Dollar Tree’s Investor and Media Relations department said Family Dollar decided on Bishop following a rigorous site selection process that included an analysis of local market demographics.

However, as Family Dollar opens a location here, it is closing many locations around the country.

The Sheet asked Painter about the nearly 400 Family Dollar stores that will be closing nationwide.

Painter replied that “Fiscal Year 2019 Family Dollar real estate initiatives include 1,000 store renovations, 200 rebrands (Family Dollar stores becoming Dollar Trees) and closing as many as 390 Family Dollar stores... We also plan to open 550 new stores (350 Dollar Tree and 200 Family Dollar). The Bishop store is one of the 200 new Family Dollar locations scheduled to open in fiscal 2019.”

PR & Community Relations Manager of Family Dollar Stores, Heather Briganti, confirmed that the company is leasing the space.

Executive Director of the Bishop Chamber of Commerce, Tawni Thomson, said the Chamber has not been in contact with “anyone from the company yet,” she said, before adding, “I think it’s good that a new retailer will fill the vacant building. I’ve heard many people regularly shop in dollar stores when they are out of the area, so hopefully this Bishop store will capture some of that leakage that will benefit our city with increased sales tax revenue. If people are already shopping at dollar stores in Reno, Carson City, Lancaster or Los Angeles, having one in Bishop will certainly be more convenient for them as well,” Thomson said.

Jimone Berookhim has also purchased the old Value Sports building with the idea of attracting a new tenant such as a Big 5 Sporting Goods or Auto Zone.

Berookhim said he currently owns two buildings in Bishop, “one under the name Bishop 18, LLC and the other one Bishop 26, LLC based on my lucky numbers. They are both commercial real estate companies,” Berookhim said.
By the end of the trip, he was serious about it. But the ad stuck in Hane’s head. He called Rubio and they joked about buying the theater on March 8 selling tickets among other things.

D’Place is based in San Diego. Rubio is President of D’Place. Hane is the General Manager and part owner of D’Place’s Mary Pickford Theater, a fourteen screen mega-theater in Cathedral City.

In 1988, Rubio took his first job at a theater, selling tickets and popcorn and cleaning. Before founding D’Place, Rubio was Executive Vice President of a chain called UltraStar Cinemas, with theaters in San Diego and Arizona. He left Ultra-Star in 2016 to start D’Place.

Hane started as an usher at a Cinemark Theater in Victorville, CA in the mid ’90s. He learned concessions, then how to run the box office. He became a supervisor. He learned projection and how to run the box office. He became a general manager for UltraStar Cinemas in Riverside, CA. A one-big-screen theater.

Rubio said, “When you come off that mountain, there’s three things you want: you want pizza, you want a beer, you want entertainment. We’re going to be able to provide all three.”

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They don’t plan to touch the bones of the theater. Expect the same lay out. The remodel will include a “kitchen element” but not a “full kitchen,” enough to serve pizza.

The old seats will be replaced by reclining chairs. The recliners take up more space than the current chairs, cutting the capacity of the theaters in half. When a customer buys a ticket they will reserve their seat. Hane said that it won’t always be reserved seating. They’ll initiate reserved seating for more popular screenings.

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Their vision: “Try to create movie-going experiences rather than just operate theaters.”

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SPORTS

**MONTANEZ WINS IN SAN DIEGO**

Nico Montanez of the Mammoth Track Club was the first to cross the finish line in Petco Park at the San Diego Half Marathon on Sunday, March 10. Montanez won in a course record of 64 minutes 52 seconds (4:56 mile pace). Other Mammoth Track Club athletes in the race included Reid Buchanan who came in second in 67:31, and Margo Malone who came in third in the women's race with a time of 1 hour 19 minutes and 49 seconds.

Montanez and Malone are gearing up to race the Zurich Marathon on April 28.

**HUSKIES WIN PRE-SEASON TOURNEY**

This past weekend the Mammoth High School Varsity Baseball Team won the Serpent El Capitan Classic in Hawthorne, Nevada. They defeated Mineral County High School 6-5 in the final game. Storm Patrie and Tommy TeSlaa made the All-Tournament Team.


**MHS TAKES STATE TITLE**

The Mammoth High School Husky Varsity Ski and Snowboard Team became California/Nevada State Champions for the fourth year in a row. At the California Nevada Interscholastic Ski and Snowboard Federation Championships held at Mt. Shasta, CA on March 4-7, over 300 athletes competed from 27 different high schools.

Wet weather conditions persisted over the 4 days of racing. Competitors raced in giant slalom and slalom events for both snowboarding and skiing.

The team is coached by Director Connie Moyer, Jimmy Morning, Emma Romo and Justin Lind.

Mammoth’s Nick Hildebrand earning a 5th in the snowboard GS and 7th in the combined overall and Andrew Gray earning a 10th place medal in snowboard slalom.

In the skiing events, Mammoth High School’s Kendall Lach dominated with a 1st place in the giant slalom (beating all but one man) and 2nd in the slalom giving her the tie for first place overall standings.

Other women who earned medals were Keely Podosin, 6th in the slalom and 8th overall; and Hallie Clute with an 8th in the slalom.

Mammoth High School men skiers locked-up the title for the team with Aidan LeFrancois placing 1st in the slalom, 2nd in the GS, which tied him for the combined overall title. Mammoth’s Iain Ferguson place 3rd in the GS, 6th in the Slalom, which gave him a 3rd place combined overall standing. Benny Wolfe earned a 10th place medal in the GS.

Kendall Lach (photo by Bruce Lutz)

GS, 4th place in the slalom to give him a fourth place combined overall standing. Sean Walker was awarded the 5th place medal in the GS.

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**BARS & MUSIC**

**Happy Hour**
- **Austria Hof**: 4-7 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and 4-6 p.m. Friday & Saturday. See ad p. 11.
- **The Liberty Sports Bar and Grill**: Sliders Mondays, specials Friday @ 9 p.m. Taco Tuesday, 3 homemade tacos for $8. 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**: Mon-Thurs., 5-6 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 & Bears, Thurs. DJ 10. p.m. Latin Night. Saturday DJ 9 p.m.
- **Petras’ Bistro & Wine Bar**: Daily, 5-6 p.m. $5-10 menu items and drink specials. See ad, p. 4.
- **Clocktower Cellar**: Happy Hour: 4-7 p.m. daily. $5 dollar menu items, drink specials. Sundays: open at 10 a.m. for football. See ad, p. 3.
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- **Famous Slocums Happy Hour**: Mon.-Fri. 4-6 p.m.; Sat-Sun. 4:30-6:30 p.m. Dining at 6 p.m. daily. "No Reservations, just come on in" See ad, p. 5.
- **T-Bar Social Club in June Lake**: Entertainment virtually every night. More info: www.tbarsocialclub.com
- **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. 18.
- **Bleu Daily Happy Hour**: 5-6 p.m. $5 Beer, Wine and Small Plates.
- **Devils Creek Distillery**: Room hours. 2:30-5:30 p.m. every day. Location: Industrial Park (off of Keough’s Hot Springs Road #17B), 236 Commerce Dr. Info: 760.793.7131.
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- **Black Market III**: Plays Liberty Bar. Time: 9 p.m. Free.
- **Beach Bar Apres**: Music by DJ WLDCT. Featuring a championship zipline and giveaways from Huski. Village Gondola open till 6 to return to The Village. Location: @ Canyon Lodge. Time: 3-6 p.m.
- **Sparks at Rafters with DJ RodneyO**: Tix: $10 @ edisontheatre.org. See ad, p. 3.
- **Soul Time**: 9 p.m. Tix: $10/person at Social Club in June Lake. Genre: Blues. Time: 9 p.m.
- **More info**: See sidebar column next page.

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**Sage to Summit/Inyo SAR 5K**: Registration: 8:00 a.m. Race at 9 a.m. Suggested donation. Location: Millpond Recreation Area.

**Wildcare Eastern Sierra Volunteer Orientation**: Time: 1-3 p.m. Location: Wildcare Center, 800 Keogh’s Hot Springs Road #17B, Bishop. Reservations: 760.872.1487. Mountain Culture Month continues w/ a talk from Doug Robinson. Title: Alchemy of Motion. Time: 7 p.m. Location: Edison Theatre, 100 College Pkwy, Mammoth. Tix: $10 @ edisontheatre.org. More info: see sidebar column next page.

**TOWN STUFF**

**Friday, March 15**
- **Inyo County Community Reads 2019 kickoff event**: Time: 5-7:30 p.m. Location: Tri-County Fairgrounds, Heritage Arts Bldg. Community dinner, used book exchange, prizes, bookmark design contest. Tix/info: 760.873.8014 or get ‘em at the door.

**MAC Artist Reception**
- **Latka’s**: @ 9 p.m. Irish fare and drink specials all day. See ad p. 9.
- **St. Pat’s at Rafters with DJ RodneyO**: Time: 10 p.m.

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**Summer Recreation Expo**

Mark your calendars for the annual Summer Recreation Expo on Tuesday, March 26 from 5-7 p.m at the Mammoth High School Gym.

The expo provides a one-stop-shop for everything recreation and is your opportunity to plan your summer of adventure by interacting, learning, or registering for the many diverse summer recreation programs offered by the Parks and Recreation Department along with the plethora of activities, events, leagues, trails and recreation products offered in our community.

“We are committed to connecting with each and every community member to provide enhanced, innovative and age-appropriate programs that promote our signature ‘lifestyle’ experiences. I highly encourage you to join us on March 26 - summer is right around the corner!” stated Stuart Brown, Parks and Recreation Director.

The Summer Recreation Expo is a FREE event and all attendees will be entered in a drawing to win some great raffle prizes throughout the night, including one family VIP early registration for Mammoth Lakes Parks and Recreation Department summer camps!

More than 40 recreation providers will have representation at the expo.

**Mountain Culture Series**

An inspirational speaker series hosted by the Mammoth Lakes Repera-tory Theatre. Price: $10 per show.

March 16th (Sat) Doug Robinson book signing and presentation - The Alchemy of Action - Slideshow, discussion, and book signing, with legendary California guide and climber Doug Robinson, the “father of clean climbing”.

March 20th (Wed) – Ryan Tetz: On My Own Power – Records on Californ-Ia 14ers. Ryan Tetz, long time East-side resident and medical professional, is an accomplished endurance athlete, mountain guide, and climber.

**Altrusa High Tea**

On Saturday, March 23. This year’s theme: Mardi Gras. Venue: Bishop’s United Methodist Church. Time: 11 a.m. Tix: $45 and available at Spell binder Books. A selection of tea and three course luncheon to accompany teas.

A silent auction and raffle to win one of themed gift baskets. A selection of hats to borrow for the day donated by Ginny Rude.

The proceeds for this event support community and community service projects in Inyo and Mono Coun-ties which have included: Cerro Coso Library, Bishop Middle School Library, the GED program at the Conservation Camp, Teacher Scholarship awards, Books and Barn Animals Jamboree, Story Telling, Readers Theater, Santa in the Park, and more.

Info: Gail Swain 760.920.7497. Time: 11 a.m.

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**Movies Playing This Week**

- **CAPTAIN MARVEL** (PG-13) 2:15
- **PENNYWISE** (R) 2:15
- **SAINTS** (PG) 2:15
- **MONSOON** (PG-13) 2:15

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**Hourly wage:** $14.50

**Benefits:** Full time, health, 401K, 3 weeks paid vacation, paid holidays, 10 days paid sick.

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**Stellar Brew is hiring!**

**Position:** Kitchen Staff

**Hourly wage:** Starting at $16.35/HR. with health, 401(k) benefits and paid holidays. Experience preferred. Some heavy lifting, a clean background and clean DMV is required. Call 760.924.3091 or stop by the store at 1401 Tavern Rd. in Mammoth. **Elixir Superfood & Juice is hiring!**

**Position:** Kitchen Staff

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**Position:** Headgrower

**Hourly wage:** Starting at $14.50/HR. with holiday pay and 401K. The Full Day Headgrower will run the full day shifts. Experience preferred. Some heavy lifting, a clean background and clean DMV is required. Call 760.924.3091 or stop by the store at 1401 Tavern Rd. in Mammoth.

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**Subway of Mammoth is looking for talented and motivated people to join our team! We are accepting applications for: Full Time and Part Time Sandwich Artists and Management positions. Apply in store or at www.subway.com.**

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**Side East Bake Shop is currently hiring a baker Apprentice(s) for immediate training and wholesale work. Accepting line cook and chef inquiries as well. We hope you enjoy quality baked goods, scratch baking/ cooking and hard work as much as we do. Call 760.914.3069. Email resume: eastside-bakeshop@gmail.com.**

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**Full Time Hospitality Position**

Seeking responsible, reliable personnel for busy rental management company. Excellent phone/customer service skills, attention to detail required. Previous reservation or administration experience preferred. Full-time: 32-40 hours per week, year-round starting immediately. Competitive pay and package. Please email resumes to sarah@sierramammoth.com.

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**Mammoth Rock & Bowl/Mammoth Rock Brewhouse is hiring!**

**Position:** Full and Part-Time Positions: Cashier, Food/Pizza, Bartender, Host/Hostess, Manager - Competitive Hourly wage and tips and job references.

**Experience required. Submit resume w/phone number and application for interview to lcornwell@convictlake.com.**

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**Second Chance Thrift Shop is seeking寻求:**

**Position:** Shop Manager

**Hourly wage:** $16.35/HR. with health, 401(k) and other benefits.

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Notice Inviting Bids

Pursuant to Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, all subcontractors, the hours of labor and the debarment of contractors and execution of the Contract, the employment of apprentices, successful bidder at the job site. The successful bidder will be the sole judge as to the qualifications of each bidder.

The contractor shall have a valid Class B or C Contractor license and a current Business Tax Certificate and shall comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations. The work shall be performed in good working order, experience, and ability to perform work. The Town will be the sole judge as to the qualifications of each bidder.

The Director of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of per diem wages in the locality in which the work will be done as being $14.89 per hour for each craft or type of worker needed to perform the Contract which will be awarded to the successful bidder, copies of which are available at the Town Clerk's office at 21 Stall St., Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546.

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**Pisces:** Your alter ego super hero is Captain Marvel, because you can get along and make deep connections with anyone, and because it can take you a while to fully get control and understand yourself, but once you do—watch out universe! A) "I'm not who you think I am." B) "I'm not gonna fight your war. I'm gonna end it." C) "I'm kind of done with you telling me what I can't do."

**Taurus:** Your alter ego super hero is Joker, because you have a strong need to keep the team, or the family together. Therefore, you may connect with some of these lines. A-deen) "The truth is a matter of circumstance. It's not all things to all people all the time. And neither am I." Dva) "Regimes fall every day. I tend not to weep over that. I'm Russian." Tree) "Just because it's the path of least resistance doesn't mean it's the wrong path."

**Leo:** Your alter ego super hero is Thor, which is pretty much what anyone who knows Leos will tell you. It's because you, too, tend to be larger than life, bright as a star and can be reckless and let your temper get you into sticky situations. That's why you can relate with these Thor lines. A) "You people are so petty... and tiny." B) "Yes, well that's a very, very interesting theory. I have a simpler one: You're all not worthy." C) "But me... I choose to run towards my problems and not from them... because that's what heroes do."

**Virgo:** Your alter ego super hero is the Hulk—a mild mannered, cute genius who has a hidden side of rage that can be used to inspire you towards success... or to smash things. Arrr)

**Gemini:** Your alter ego super hero is Ant-Man, because you can bend and form yourself into any shape you need, while never losing your core. That's why your words of wisdom will come from the incredibly creative Stan Lee, the father of all these super figures.

**Scorpio:** Your alter ego super hero is Deadpool, because you can be a smart ass on any—and every—occasion, but still care deeply and want to help people, so long as they don't cut into your free time too much. So enjoy the Aquarian-style lines. Uno) "I want to die a natural death at the age of 102—like the city of Detroit." Dos) "Looks are everything! Ever heard Dave Beckham speak?" E) "Sorry, I use humor to deflect my insecurities. Plus, I'm hilarious, so don't hate."

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FLEETING FAME IS NOTHING NEW

By Casselman

Those who study history know that much of the distinctive political and cultural phenomena of today had their origins in an often-forgotten past. The early 19th century was notable for invention of all kinds as the Industrial Revolution took hold in Europe and the U.S. and reshaped and reformed human civilization. The invention of steam engines for ships and the locomotive almost overnight expanded mass mobility and transportation. The invention of photography, the telegraph, motion pictures, typewriter and the telephone made “mass” communications possible for the first time.

It was inevitable that extraordinary personalities would emerge as inventors, entrepreneurs and innovators in such an environment, and they did. Some are vaguely remembered today, such as Thomas Edison and Alexander Graham Bell, but most are forgotten. I recently wrote about Peter Cooper as an example of this historic memory loss.

One of the most remarkable characters of the 19th century in the U.S. is now mostly remembered in the symbolic American figure known as “Uncle Sam” for which he was the model at the height of his fame in the early 1870s. Dan Rice had been born Daniel McLaren in New York City in 1823. After a series of entertainment jobs, he created the first American circus. He is now considered not only the father of the American circus, but also of vaudeville, a format he pioneered. Prior to the Civil War, he was probably the most well-known person in the country. He is generally considered the physical model for the iconic figure of Uncle Sam.

Mark Twain and Walt Whitman were among his biggest fans. By 1867, he was so famous, he ran for president. Dan Rice was the first U.S. pop culture megastar.

In many ways, he invented modern American public relations. An inveterate self-promoter, his public persona reached deeply into early American life. He popularized “French cuffs” in the U.S. He originated several idiomatic phrases which are still in use, including “one horse show,” and the political term “getting on the bandwagon” (the latter from his invitation to 1848 presidential candidate Zachary Taylor to appear on one of his circus wagons). Rice eventually became involved in politics, announcing his candidacies for U.S. congress, senate, and president — although he withdrew from each of these races before the voting began.

The end of his story, sadly, is similar to many of those who have achieved great fame and celebrity a century later. By the late 1870s, changes in the traveling circus, led by Barnum and others, caused a decline in Rice’s fortune and popularity. He had to close his circus. He died in New Jersey in 1900, virtually penniless and forgotten.

Perhaps Dan Rice is the first cautionary tale of modern American public relations, an industry he did so much to create, but his story of brilliant talent, innovation, singular celebrity, and ultimate decline remains one of the extraordinary and most American narratives in our history. It should not be forgotten.
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