**Pumped Up**

*Dams on Wheeler Ridge? Wait, What?*

*By Lunch*

On March 28, Premium Energy Holdings, based in Walnut, California, filed an application for a preliminary permit from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, which, it’s safe to say, has stunned Swall Meadows residents.

The permit would grant Premium Energy permission to further study the company’s proposed Owens Valley Pumped Storage Project.

The project contemplates the erection of three large dams on Wheeler Ridge above the community of Swall Meadows which would generate a projected 5,200 megawatts of hydroelectric power.

Here’s the vision:

*During the day, water would be pumped uphill, in pipes bored underground through the Swall community, using cheap solar power, to reservoirs created on Wheeler Ridge. At night, the water would be released, generating power during peak demand periods, when it is far more expensive.*

In short, electricity arbitrage.

The water would then be collected at a lower reservoir (either at Lower Rock Creek or Owens Gorge) and be reused again and again in a continuous feedback loop - a closed system.

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**Mammoth Acquisition**

*Mammoth Brewing reaches deal to buy Great Basin*

*By Lunch*

It might not qualify as David acquiring Goliath, but as Mammoth Brewing Company CEO Sean Turner says, he can think of no other example within the brewing industry of a smaller brewer buying a larger one.

On Monday, Mammoth Brewing Company announced its intent to acquire Great Basin Brewing Co. of Reno, Nevada.

The deal will be debt and equity financed. Terms were not disclosed.

Mammoth Brewing Company currently produces 5,000 barrels annually and employs 45. Great Basin produces 10,000 barrels annually and employs 110.

The key to the deal, however, may be in the barrels Great Basin is not producing.

As Turner explained, Great Basin has production capacity of 30,000 barrels at its Reno facility, while Mammoth Brewing has been struggling to keep up.

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**“Life Isn’t Fair ...**

*... But the fair is where you go to get cotton candy”*

*By Gorman*

With new management has come a new moniker. The Tri-County Fairgrounds are no longer that. Since Jen McGuire took over as CEO in December, the site has been renamed the “All-New Tri-County Fairgrounds and Event Center,” and McGuire hopes to change far more than just the name.

Her goal: “Get the place right-side-up again.”

The fairgrounds have been wrong-side-up for some time. According to McGuire, the financials have been in the red, the facilities have been in desperate need of repairs, and relationships with volunteers and the community have been broken.

A change must be made, and McGuire has already set steadfastly to work to make that change.

McGuire comes from the fair industry. She has worked at the Ventura County Fair, Santa Barbara County Fair, the Mid-State Fair, and the San Antonio Stock Show, and has held the roles of exhibitor, volunteer, staff person, and, as she said, “mom of volunteers.”

She eventually got into the sponsorship side of fairs, and that took her out of the industry. She was poached to work in agriculture advertising, and she worked in that industry for 15 years.

Now her kids are grown and she is financially comfortable, so she can do what she wants to do: work in the fair industry.

She looked for years for the right position at the right fair. The eastern Sierra had been close to her heart since youth.

Growing up in Ventura county, McGuire would come to Mule Days as a kid. Later she owned a condo in Mammoth Lakes and was an avid skier and hiker.

The Bishop job was the first that she applied for. She left her house in Ventura and moved up to Bishop in her RV.

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Pumped Storage is acknowledged as being far more efficient than storing energy in massive lithium-ion batteries.

According to a story which appeared last year in the New York Times, “Lazard, the financial advisory and asset management firm, has estimated that utility-scale lithium-ion batteries cost 26 cents a kilowatt hour, compared with 15 cents for a pumped-storage hydroelectric project.”

But is the proposed project even possible?

The Wheeler Crest area lies within the John Muir Wilderness boundary. Section 4 of the Wilderness Act of 1964 asserts, “there shall be no commercial enterprise and no permanent road within any wilderness area.”

However, Special Provisions Section 4(d) appears to authorize an exception. “The President may, within a specific area and in accordance with such regulations as he may deem desirable, authorize prospecting for water resources, the establishment and maintenance of reservoirs, water-conservation works, power projects, transmission lines, and other facilities needed in the public interest, including the road construction and maintenance essential to development and use thereof, upon his determination that such use or uses in the specific area will better serve the interests of the United States and the people thereof than will its denial.”

And as neighborhood resident Tom Hopkins said ruefully this week, “In the Trumpian era, anything can happen that we formerly thought was out-of-bounds.”

Premium Energy’s CEO Victor Rojas told The Sheet this week that his firm has already received a letter from a member of the local chapter of the Sierra Club opposing the project, though the Club itself has taken no formal position yet.

Rojas described his company as being composed of mostly retirees from LADWP (Los Angeles Dept. of Water and Power). He describes himself as “very pro-environment” and says he is flexible in regard to the particulars of the Owens Valley Project.

It’s not about a certain location, he says, noting that Premium Energy will also be filing applications for preliminary permits to study White Mountain locations as well.

“The idea is to have something in the mountains and something in the valley. We want to bring the project to the table and participate on the engineering side,” he said, partnering with utilities such as LADWP.

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LADWP is certainly interested in pumped storage. As the New York Times reported last July, LADWP has floated a similar project at the venerable Hoover Dam. Estimated price tag: $3 billion.

L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti was quoted in the article as saying, “I think we have to look at this as a once-in-a-century moment. So far it looks really possible. It looks sustainable. And it looks clean.”

When it comes to the Owens Valley Project, Swall Meadows resident Tom Hopkins uses different adjectives.

“In my view, the proposal is ludicrous and [constitutes] a gross violation of federal wilderness.”

**Solario arrested - Press Release**

On Monday afternoon, April 22, the Bishop Police Department served a search warrant in Mammoth Lakes at the residence of 30-year-old Eugenio Alejandre Solorio Jr.

Solorio is a school teacher at Bishop Elementary. Roughly 8-years prior he was a student teacher and basketball coach in Mammoth Lakes. The investigation began after a 10-year-old recently reported having been molested by Solorio about two-years ago in a Bishop Elementary school classroom.

Solorio was booked into the Inyo County Jail on the following charges: lewd acts with a minor, continuous sexual abuse, and sexual acts with a child under 10.

School officials have placed Solorio on leave pending the outcome of the criminal investigation, which is on-going.
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fter six years at the helm, Chris Powell will resign as Mammoth High School Principal at the end of this year.

Powell says that he is leaving for his family. "It’s hard to be the High School principal and do the things that I need to do for my family," Powell said.

Powell’s parents live on the east coast, and he has three kids. He said that he would like to spend more time with his parents, and Mammoth is too far from a major airport to make that happen.

“We’re looking to move to southeastem Idaho," Powell said. "We don’t want to go all the way back east, but we want to be near an airport.”

Proximity to extended family is not the only reason for Powell’s resignation. He said that the uncertain hours of his position have made it hard to spend time with his kids.

"I had to travel to do CIF (California Interscholastic Federation) things and travel to supervise our events," Powell said. "It got to be too many days when I had to be out very late ... It doesn’t fit my family needs.”

Powell is the only administrator at the High School. He said that this means he has to attend to minor administrative duties that take his attention away from more important things i.e. taking care of disciplinary issues means that he has less time to coach teachers.

Powell believes that the district could rectify this problem for future administrators.

“I would love to see the district hire a teacher on special assignment split between schools who can serve as a dean or administrator in training," Powell said. "This could lighten the load for his successor. Powell and his wife Jackie, who teaches at Mammoth Middle School, do not have jobs lined up in Idaho yet. They are both in the process of searching for education jobs in the area.

Superintendent Lois Klein said that Powell will be greatly missed. "He was an incredibly ethical administrator," Klein said.

The school district is currently accepting applications for a replacement. The interview process will begin in May and will involve a school staff, a student, parents, and the new superintendent replacing Klein.

Jennifer Wildman will be appointed as new superintendent at the May 2 meeting of the board of Mammoth Unified School District. The next principal will be Wildman’s first hire.

Press Release

The Mammoth Unified School District Board of Trustees would like to thank Superintendent Lois Klein for her superb leadership of our schools during the past six years. To our deepest regret, Ms. Klein recently announced her retirement. She is leading the District through June 30, 2019 and will be greatly missed.

The Board is pleased to invite all staff, students, parents, and community stakeholders to its regularly scheduled board meeting on May 2 at 6 p.m. in Mammoth High School’s Multi-Purpose Room for the appointing of our new District Superintendent, Jennifer Wildman. Ms. Wildman will begin leading the District on July 1, 2019.

Jennifer began her career in education in 1985 as a teacher’s aide. She then became a general and special education teacher, instructional coach, assistant principal, and principal in the Pajaro Valley Unified School District for 20 years. She moved on to become the Curriculum Director in Santa Cruz City Schools. For the past two years, she has been the Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services in Hollister School District. As Assistant Superintendent, she supports teachers and principals in all areas of curriculum and instruction, including professional development, student services, educational technology, special education assessment, migrant Education and services for English Learners. She has worked in a variety of school settings, including bilingual programs and instruction from preschool to adults.

Jennifer has a Masters in Special Education and multiple teaching credentials, including a Reading Specialist and Preschool Site Supervisor certificate. As a lifelong learner, she is currently a doctoral candidate in Organizational Leadership at Brandman University, part of the Chapman University system.

Jennifer is the mother of two amazing young artists: her son, Caleb, will be graduating from California Institute of the Arts with a degree in Lighting Design this May, and her daughter will graduate next year with a degree in Music Education from Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey.

Jennifer and her partner, Steph, are in the process of buying a house in Mammoth Lakes and plan to move here in mid-June.

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RAISES IN THE SUN

County workers receive unequal pay bumps
By Benham

Last week, Mono County’s Board of Supervisors approved salary raises for 19 “at will” positions.

For example, Information Technology (IT) Director Nate Greenberg received the largest raise by percentage, 31.4%. The county used a cost of living calculator called Sterling to inform their raises. His raise was 10.7% above a salary factoring in the cost of living increases: a “step increase” and cost of living.

He believes the raises create assurance and stability in senior staff positions.

Local 39 Union Representative Jerry Leslie Chapman’s and Dave Butters’s raises were made for “at will” employees only. At will employees are not part of the unions. It is up to the board to determine their salaries.

Greenberg is leading the county’s Digital 395 effort, strategic planning, and radio system overhaul.

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Greenberg’s contract reads, “The board may unilaterally increase Mr. Greenberg’s compensation in its discretion at any time while this Agreement is in effect.”

The union employees’ salaries are negotiated and set. They are not unilaterally decided by the board of supervisors.

Article 26 in the memorandum of understanding between Mono County and the unions addresses wages for union employees.

Base salaries can be only be changed through a negotiation and a new MOU. Otherwise, increases come from “promotions, reclassifications, and transfers.”

The MOU allows for two types of increases: a “step increase” and cost of living increase.

The step increase occurs annually at the anniversary of an employee’s signing a contract.

...each ‘step increase’ provided pursuant to this MOU shall be equivalent to two and one half percent (2.5%) of the employee’s base salary (a total of 10 steps, instead of 5, shall be available under this provision).” An employee can receive up to 10 years of 2.5% increases.

Atop the step increase is the cost of living bump which occurred over the past two years.

“Our January 1, 2017 and again on January 1, 2018, covered employees shall be provided with a 2% cost of living increase.”

The board of supervisors awarded salaries that went over the salaries that factored in cost of living in Mono County by varying degrees.

Supervisor Fred Stump said, “I’m concerned of course, that there’s going to be push back from union members.”

He believes the raises create assurance and stability in senior staff positions.

Local 39 Union Representative Jerry Frederick is unsure if the comparable counties that the survey used are comparable. For the compensation survey, the county used Amador, Calaveras, Colusa, Glenn, Inyo, Lake, Lassen, Marin, Nevada, Plumas, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, and Tuolumne.

Leslie Chapman’s and Dave Butters’s report gave the following reasoning, “Comparable counties were selected though analysis and filtering of a comprehensive set of statistics including budgetary expenditures, population, and employee workforce size.” Currently, Local 39 and the county are bargaining a new agreement.
MANZANAR PILGRIMAGE

The event celebrates its 50th anniversary
By Maddux

A 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 27, at least 3,000 people are expected to gather for the 50th Manzanar Pilgrimage at the Manzanar National Historic Site.

The theme for this year’s pilgrimage is the “50th Manzanar Pilgrimage: An Enduring Legacy For Civil Rights.” On Saturday evening, “participants will have the opportunity to learn about the experiences of those incarcerated in the camps,” through Manzanar at Dusk at the Lone Pine High School at 5 p.m.

The significance of this year’s pilgrimage is that, “it’s taking place in the midst of a very similar political and social climate. The language, the hysteria being whipped up about columns of enemy aliens or invaders who threaten our way of life is no different than what our parents and families heard in 1942, following Pearl Harbor,” Co-Chair of the Manzanar Committee, Bruce Embrey said.

“50 years is quite an accomplishment. It speaks to our commitment and our determination to make sure we, as a nation, learn from our past. Far too many people, including many in government, do not understand what really happened here at Manzanar or to the Japanese community during WWII,” Embrey added.

The pilgrimage serves to, “pay our respects and honor those on whose shoulders we stand, and to make sure our lives are better and the sacrifices they made to hold our government accountable for its actions are not forgotten. To make sure America lives up to its promise, lives up to its core ideals of democracy, liberty and justice for all.”

Two keynote speakers for this year’s 50th Manzanar Pilgrimage are Dale Minami and Karen Korematsu. According to the Manzanar Committee website, Dale Minami is a top personal injury lawyer in the San Francisco Bay Area. Karen Korematsu is the Founder and Executive Director of the Fred T. Korematsu Institute, a non-profit dedicated to civil rights.

According to Gann Matsuda, Communications and Social Media/Web Editor of the Manzanar Committee, the first Manzanar Pilgrimage took place in December 1969, where 150 people, “drove by car and bus on a pilgrimage to a dusty patch of desert in the Owens Valley, between Lone Pine and Independence.”

The majority of participants were students who had never been to Manzanar Pilgrimage, which was “organized by Sansel Warren Furutani, a Japanese American Citizens League student leader and Victor Shibata, a student at the University of California, Los Angeles, who were inspired by the Civil Rights and identity movements of the 1960s.”

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Another part of the city manager’s job is to be a personnel director, which involves testing, hiring, promoting and terminating of city employees, except for elected officials and the city attorney.

Jones said the Council wants to retain, “a role in the department head hiring process,” so the new contract should include language accordingly.

“The change is expected to take effect 30 days after the May 13 Bishop City Council meeting. Jones said it is less common to have a City Administrator. The reason for the change from Administrator to Manager is that it is, “the more common form of government in California and more efficient for the City,” he said.

The Council raised concerns. Councilmember Stephen Muchovje, who was present through teleconference, suggested that when a department head is being hired a member of the Council should be welcome to join in the process.

Councilmember Chris Costello suggested a modification in the hiring and firing process.

“I would like to still see Council have some measure of involvement with that,” he said.

Mayor Ellis said he is comfortable with the day to day operations of the City Manager, but he also had a concern over the hiring of department heads.

After brief discussion, Jones, in an attempt to mollify the council, said they could add language that states, “the City Manager shall consult and consider the opinion of the Council in those decisions.”

Jones said the administrator would delegate his authority to either the police chief or the public works director in the event of his absence.

The Council previously had a lot of input on choosing department heads, but that decision now lies with the City Manager.

Jones made a final plea for the proposed change. “I believe that for 95% of the cities that do it… it’s a system that works,” Jones said.

The Council approved the first reading of the proposed ordinance and changes will be made to it regarding City Council’s role in department head hiring.

FISHING TIPS FOR OPENERS

By James

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In her five months at the helm McGuire has attacked the challenges facing the Tri-County Fairgrounds.

Funding for fairs comes from the state, and funding is tight. McGuire said that she has cut expenses down tremendously. The fair now has three staff people, and much of the work has been done by volunteers.

McGuire also created a non-profit that will sell alcohol at events hosted at the fairgrounds. Previously, this job was contracted to a third party concessionaire. McGuire said that the revenue the fair generates by selling its own alcohol will be “huge.”

Another way that McGuire is saving money is by bootstrapping her facilities improvements.

There was a decrepit shed on the property that was once used as a carport, and then as storage at the time of McGuire’s arrival. McGuire had a vision to turn the space into, “something unique and rustic, a wine bar or beer garden sort of thing.” Using only donations and the labor of volunteers, the shed has been converted into exactly what McGuire described, a quaint, fun event space with unlimited potential. The outside has a fenced in bar area. The inside has decorations reflecting the local cattle ranchers, tribes, and community of the eastern Sierra.

The Inyo Associates held their monthly meeting there earlier this month.

“We took something that people were going to throw away and we recycled it,” she said.

In the two weeks since unveiling her rustic beer garden she has already received requests for use as a wedding venue.

The main stage of the fairground has also received a full facelift thanks to donations from Berger Solar Electric. It has a new sound system, lights, paint and a mixing room, all donated. McGuire didn’t show off the new speakers, but she said they sound great.

In order to make the fairgrounds more of a community center, McGuire is trying to diversify the events that take place there.

She is hosting a concert on Mother’s Day that will be free for moms, an open mic night, a youth concert series, and a Jimmy Buffett-themed party with trucked-in sand and margaritas, among other events. She wants to host multi-day festivals where people can camp on the grounds for the weekend.

She said that she opened up a new area of the fairgrounds to camping and has seen many climbers tent-camping on the grounds while they are in town.

“We’ve got 88 acres here that we can utilize, so I would like to utilize every aspect of it,” she said.

If McGuire can achieve her vision and turn the All-New Tri-County Fairgrounds and Event Center into the community center that it is meant to be, it will be a great benefit to the eastern Sierra, but it will not be easy.

“It’s an uphill climb,” she said, “but I’m a climber.”
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MAMMOTH WINS BIG

Mammoth Softball runs up the score in its first win

By Benham

Mammoth High School’s varsity softball team won its first game of the season on Tuesday.

The Huskies beat Trona, 31-5. The game ended after the top of the fifth inning by order of the ten-run mercy rule.

In the top of the first, Trona scored two on errant throws by Mammoth. Then starting pitcher Sasha Mueller settled in, and Tina Orrick caught a pop fly in foul territory to end the inning.

In the bottom of the first, Mueller led off with a walk. She stole second on a wild pitch. Trona’s Myleigh McCullar pitched. It was a mercy out. Orrick did the pitcher releases the ball.

Trona’s Silvia Segovia (10) led off the second. She drove in another run on a line drive that looked like her first, over the second basewoman into center field.

In her second at bat of the inning, Mueller swung and missed on two pitches. With a strike out looming, she let the next two pitches by and walked, loading the bases for the second time in the inning.

Then, three more runs.

Then, Orrick took the plate. She drove in another run on a line drive that looked like her first, over the second basewoman into center field.

The score was Mammoth 12, Trona 2. The inning looked interminable.

But Head Coach Dave Svishter told Junia to step off the bag at third before Trona’s Myleigh McCullar pitched. It is illegal to leave the bag before the pitcher releases the ball.

The umpire called her out, a purposeful out. A mercy out. Orrick did the same once she was at third and Bonich stepped off first to end the inning.

Top of the second, Trona’s Emma Smith hit a grounder and made it to third on an overthrow to first and an overthrow to second. She scored on the next play on a fielder’s choice. Was it going to be shootout? Was Trona Mammoth’s match?

Not today. Trona’s Anita Horta stole second, but overran the bag and Keely Podsin tagged her out. Mammoth shut’em down the rest of the inning.

In the bottom of the second, the first three Mammoth batters walked to load the bases. Podsin stole home on a wild pitch.

A walk re-loaded the bases. A balk scored another. Then another walk. And Orrick came to the plate with the bases juiced. Her bat beat another ball on a line to center. She took second. Two scored.

The score was 19-3.

Swisher signaled and three Mammoth players took purposeful early leads to end the second inning.

Trona’s Silvia Segovia (10) led off the third with her dug out chanting, “Get it Get it 1-0. Make it make it work. Make it make it work make it make it work.” She made it work with a triple. With no outs before Mammoth’s Mueller dove to catch a mishit liner. Segovia had started for home. Mueller rose and ran toward third. Segovia reversed for third. Mueller didn’t think she could beat Segovia to the bag, so she went for tag and caught Segovia at the shoulder sending her to the dirt. Double play complete.

Mammoth got out of the inning without letting up a run.

Trona changed pitchers in the third to no avail. The Huskies scored five, cementing the lead at 24-3.

Mammoth added 7 in the bottom of the fourth.
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SKI PATROL ALUMNI REUNITE

It ain’t like it used to be ... or is it?

By Benham

Dave McCoy founded Mammoth Mountain Ski Patrol in 1954. Patrollers came, stayed, and went for 63 years before the first reunion was held in May 2017.

Former patroller Ian Scott helped organize the first reunion. He wanted to get former patrollers together to tell stories to strengthen the history.

The reunion was a success and spurred the creation of the Mammoth Mountain Ski Patrol Alumni (MMSPA). MMSPA is hosting a fundraiser called “The Rat Pack Weekend,” May 3-5. The next reunion will be May 2020.


They love it. Scott still loves it and he’s retired. “People who haven’t patrolled in thirty to forty years still tell you it’s the best job you’ll ever have,” Scott said.

“I go ski with my dad and he still bends over to pick up rocks,” Williams said. “I might not pick up another mountain’s bamboo but I’m going to notice when it’s on the ground,” Donaghey said, referring to the sticks used to hold up portable fences.

“They agreed that this was their favorite place to ski and that the skiing was good. They’re biased. Blame the mountain.”

“Other places might get some more snow or whatever your definition of better snow. If it doesn’t snow at Jackson for two weeks the skiing is terrible. If it doesn’t snow here for two weeks, it’s still pretty good in between the wind buff and corn cycles,” Williams said.

Patrollers come from all over the US. There’s a rookie from Kansas, Daniel Bittel. Current Director Bobby Hoyt is from upstate New York.

Mammoth’s seasons are historically long and this one will be too. They are looking forward to the end: another season in the belt. Donaghey’s break doesn’t last long. “After a week out of boots I start getting the itch again.”

One of the original six patrollers at Mammoth, Dick Dolgren still feels the itch. He worked 32 years as a real estate

see ALUMNI, page 13
UP THE MOUNTAIN
Race up Mammoth Mountain not for the faint of heart

By Gorman

What makes the Ezakimak race unique?
First, “nobody can pronounce the name.” That’s according to race creator Bill Cockroft. It’s Kamikaze backwards. That is, both the spelling and the course are kamikaze backwards. The race runs straight up the Kamikaze Trail on Mammoth Mountain, finishing at the summit.

Second, and more importantly, it’s a beast. It is a race on snow, at altitude, running, biking, or skiing up 3,000 feet of elevation gain in 3.6 miles, at night. It will happen Saturday, April 27.

“I don’t care what kind of an athlete you are,” Cockroft said, “It will suck the wind out of anybody.”

Matt Guntert came in second in the bike division last year. He said that he approaches this race differently from almost any other race, because, “You are full throttle the whole way.” He hydrates earlier in the week but not as much the day of in order to cut some water weight. He eats earlier than usual and drinks his coffee earlier as well to avoid a full stomach. He wears the tightest Lycra he owns to prevent drag from the strong wind at the summit.

He believes that the race is won and lost between the start and the first turn, known as hay bail corner. The first big hill comes after the hay bail then the course flattens out around chair 14. The last quarter mile goes up Cornice Bowl. Guntert plans on going out hard to be the first to the hay bail, then riding steady up the hill, “picking up the wattage” on the flat bit, flying into the last hill and using his momentum to hop off his bike and push it up to the summit.

“The whole time you are dreading that last quarter mile crest,” Guntert said. “Don’t even worry about breathing at that point.”

The winner is the first to reach the totem pole at the summit.

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4-Time Ezakimak Champion Deena Kastor with training partner Sandie Raines on Thursday doing her last tune-up workout before Saturday’s Ezakimak.

2015. Now, the male and female winners get $1,000 prizes, and it ends with a sunset party at the summit.

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**BARS & MUSIC**

**Happy Hour**
- Austria Hof. 4-7 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and 4-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday. See ad p. 7.
- The Liberty Sports Bar and Grill Slider Mondays, Monday’s @ 9 p.m. Taco Tuesday, A 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. 11.

**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 5:30-6:30 p.m.in the bar with food and drink specials. Note: Closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays in May. See ad p. 7.

**Mammoth Rock ‘N Bowl**
- Mon. DJ 9:00 p.m Latin Night, Saturday DJ 9 p.m.

**Petra’s Bistro & Wine Bar**
- Daily, 5-6 p.m. $5-10 menu items and drink specials. See ad, p. 11

**Clocktower Cellar**
- Happy Hour: 4-7 p.m. daily, $5 dollar menu items, drink specials. See ad, p. 11.

**Robert’s Happy Hour**
- 4-6 p.m. daily. Famous Scoums Happy Hour Tues.- Fri 4-6 p.m.; Sat.-5:30 p.m. Closed Sun. (Mon.Dining at 5pm, daily, “No Reservations, just come on in” See ad, p. 7.

**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. every day, half off all drinks. Free Spirit tasting flight 2-3 p.m. daily. See ad, p. 9

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

**Devis Creek Distillery**
- tasting room Devil’s Creek Distillery tasting room hours. 3-6 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Location: Industrial Park (off of Meridian). 1233 Commerce Dr. Info: 760.793.7131.

**Black Velvet Coffee**
- happy hour 4-6. Wine tastings on Wednesdays.

**Lynne’s Garden of Eat’n**
- happy hour 4-5. $1 off beer and wine. 1/2 off apps and crepes.

**Friday, April 26/27**
- Black Market III plays Rusty’s Saloon in Bishop. Time: 9 p.m. Genre: Rock.
- Support Bodhi’s Battle at Liberty Bar. Food and raffle to support Bodhi. Time: 6 p.m.

**Saturday, April 27**
- Matt Reardon and Josh Mann play T-Bar Social Club. Time: 9 p.m. Genre: Rock.

**BARS & MUSIC**

**Happy Hour**

**Tuesday, April 30/**
- Team trivia at Mammoth Brewing Co. Time: 7 p.m. Free.

**Wednesday, May 1/2**
- Open mic at T-Bar Social Club. Hosted by Mike McGuire. Time: 7 p.m.

TOWN STUFF

**April 26-27/28**
- Manzanar Pilgrimage More info: see sidebar next page.

**April 26-28/29**
- Owens Lake Bird Festival More info: see sidebar next page.

**Friday, April 26/27**
- Playhouse 395’s production of Mammoth High School. Time: 7 p.m.
- Bishop HS Baseball and Softball host Boron. Time: 3:15 p.m. Location: Bishop Park City Park Field 2 for softball. Bishop Union High School for baseball. Manzanar Cultural Exchange - Song, stories, and dance with participants of the 50th annual Manzanar Pilgrimage. Location: El Cielo, 651 North Main Street, Bishop. Time: 7 p.m.
- Green Drinks Networking Meet-up at The Liberty Sports Bar and Grill. Time: 9 p.m.

**Saturday, April 27/28**
- Fishmas. Opening day of trout season. June Lake Loop Monster Trout Contest! Prizes for biggest trout caught on each lake and stream as well as biggest catch by local, woman, child. Times: catches must be weighed at Enrils or a marina by 7 p.m. Winners announced at 7:30 p.m. at Enrils. Info: 760.648.4651
- Southern Sierra Mustangs host Sin City Trojans in women’s football. Location: Bishop Union High School. Time: 6 p.m.

**Sunday, April 28**
- Adventuring Past the Comfort Zone, a speech by Sequoia Schmidt at T-Bar Social Club. Part of the adventure and inspirational speaker series. Time: 7 p.m.
TOWN STUFF

**Saturday, April 27 (cont.)**

**Mammoth High School Theater presents “Little Shop of Horrors”**
Time: 7 p.m. Location: Mammoth High School.

**April 29-May 2**

**Town of Mammoth Lakes Community Center painting party.** More info: See sidebar column this page.

**Tuesday, April 30**

**Electric Vehicles are Here Learn how SCE’s Charge Ready Program will build and pay for upgrades from grid to charger and provide rebates. 12-1 p.m. at Toomey’s. More info: See ad p. 18**

**Mono County Economic Development, Tourism, and Film Commission meets.**
Time: 10 a.m. Location: June Lake Community Center, 90 West Granite Ave., June Lake.

**White Mountain Research Center Public Lecture. Speaker: Derek Spitz, PhD. Topic: Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep habitat.**
Time: 7 p.m. Location: White Mountain Research Center, 3000 E. Line St., Bishop. Info: 760.873.4344. Free

**Family Art and Story Time.** Art activities, book giveaways, and snacks with Inyo County Superintendent of Schools Barry Simpson. Location: Big Pine Library 500 South Main St., Big Pine. Time: 4:30 p.m.

**2019 SNARL lecture series kicks off. Location: Page Center, 1016 Mount Whitney. Time: 6 a.m. Location: the Alabama Hills and foothills of Mount Whitney.**

**N. Fowler, Bishop. Info: 760.873.4554**

**Wild Wild West 50 mile, 50km, Marathon, and 10 mile. Trail race through the Alabama Hills and foothills of Mount Whitney.**
Time: 6 a.m. Location: Tule Creek Campground. Info: Lon- epinechamber.org 760.876.4444.

**MMAS SkiMo Challenge.** Info: See sidebar column this page.

**Saturday, May 4**

**Choo Choo Swap Meet. A benefit for the Laws Railroad Museum. Time: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Location: Tri County Fairgrounds, 1234 Sierra St., Bishop. Admission: $3/adult, Free/12 & under. Info: 760.873.5950**

**Bishop Spring Job Fair presented by the Bishop Chamber of Commerce. Free. Time: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Location: Heritage Arts Building, Tri County Fairgrounds, 1234 Sierra St., Bishop. Info: 760.873.8405**

**GardenFest Celebration presented by the Eastern Sierra Land Trust. Buy native plants, learn about gardening. Kid’s activities, Food and drinks available. Free. Time: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Location: 250 N. Fowler. Bishop. Info: 760.873.4554**

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**Info: See sidebar column this page.**

**Harry Holland’s Dream**

**What would a presentation about the Bishop Theater be without a movie? Members of the Holland family will be at the Eastern California Museum on Saturday, May 4 from 1 to 3 p.m. to sign copies of their recent book, “Bishop Theater: Harry Holland’s Dream,” and also present a short, 1931 silent movie, “The Film Of All Ages,” featuring great early footage of Bishop. On hand for the presentation and film screening will be Howard Holland, Arlene Morris, Kate Bird and Kyle Holland. Info: 760.876.0258. The museum is located at 155 N. Grant St. in Independence.**

**Painting Party**

**The Mammoth Lakes Parks and Recreation Department is launching a Community Center Painting Party starting Monday, April 29.**

**We need Volunteers. We have created a Sign-up Genius page to help coordinate volunteers. There are two 3-hour shifts and two 4-hour shifts on Monday–Thursday 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. from Monday–Thursday. Volunteers can sign up for one shift, multiple shifts or even the entire project.**

**Work would entail taping, painting, general set up and clean up, etc. We will be providing direction, materials, and light snacks and refreshments - and of course generous amounts of recognition and appreciation! Info: www.signupgenius.com/ go/06b4af4aee283a3f85-community, or call 760.956.3099**

**Ski Mountaineering Challenge**

**On Saturday May 4, Mammoth Mountain hosts the Ski Mountaineer- ing Challenge. Ski mountaineering (SkiMo), a high-slitdue up and down challenge imported from Europe is completely in-bounds.**

**Registration: Friday, May 3 from 5-8 p.m. at Mammoth Mountain, 361 Old Mammoth Rd. There’s a mandatory meeting for all participants at 6 p.m. at Mammoth Mountain. Cost: $50.**

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Stellar Brew is hiring! Kitchen staff, bartenders, and a baker are needed. Be an integral part of an exciting community while working with an energetic crew of awesome individuals. Pay competitive, many benefits. Hiring for year round and seasonal positions.

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Mammoth Spa Creations seeks Office/ Sales Associate position, which include, vacation accrual, benefits and paid holidays. Experience preferred. Some heavy lifting, a clean background and clean DMV is required. Call 760-524.3041 or stop by the store at 401 Tavern Rd. in Mammoth.

Mammoth Community Water District’s General Manager’s Office is currently recruiting for one permanent Information Systems Administrator position in the Information Services Department. For APPLY INFORMATION TO VIEW, please visit the District website http://www.mcwd.dst.ca.us/employment.html.

Moulding: This business is conducting a limited liability company. The business is conducting business under the fictitious business name listed above, on December 16, 2018. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on March 21, 2019. File Number: 18-31. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on April 3, 2019. Case Number CV00043 2019-0066 (4/27, 5/4, 5/11, 5/18)

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The following Person Is Doing Business As:

Mammoth Prestige Property Services

William Thomas Bauman
168 Davison Road, #2, P.O. Box 1125
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 23, 2019. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on April 23, 2019 File Number 19-071 2019-0066 (4/27, 5/4, 5/11, 5/18)

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Request for Qualifications

The Town of Mammoth Lakes (Town) is seeking a statement of qualifications from engineering teams (Consultant) to provide the Town with specific engineering services under a Request for Qualifications (RFQ). The purpose of this RFQ is to provide the Town with specific engineering services for projects such as roads, sidewalks, retaining walls, drainage projects, rock and riprap designs, Map reviews, some architectural designs, and traffic plans.

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A detailed Request for Qualifications may be downloaded from the Town Website at http://www.mammothlakes.ca.us/bids.aspx. Proposals need to be submitted to the Town by 4:00 PM, Friday, May 24, 2019.

The Town supports the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program and encourages disadvantaged firms. DBE requirements are expected to remain the same.

ORDER NO. 04-18-19-07

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MAMMOTH COMMUNITY WATER DISTRICT AMENDING SECTION 4.06 OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE MAMMOTH CODE RELATING TO DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Directors of the Mammoth Community Water District as follows:

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, Water Code sections 20200 through 20207 permit the Board of Directors of the Mammoth Community Water District to increase its compensation no more than once each calendar year and limits any annual increase to a maximum of 5% over the prior year's increase;

WHEREAS, the Board has been considering whether to increase its per meeting compensation amount on an annual basis and adopting a separate committee meetings in a single day shall be deemed to have provided a full day's service and shall be entitled to be paid the authorized maximum daily stipend of $225.50.

On January 1, 2021 and on each January 1 thereafter, compensation paid to such Directors for each day's service shall increase automatically each year by no more than the rate of inflation as stated for the immediately preceding December in the Consumer Price Index for Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, California - All Urban Consumers (CPI-U).

Ordinance may be inconsistent or in conflict with the terms or provisions of a prior District ordinance, resolution, rules, or regulations. The terms or provisions of any prior District ordinance, resolution, rules, or regulations are hereby repealed.

To the extent that the terms and conditions of this Ordinance may be inconsistent or in conflict with the terms or provisions of any prior District ordinances, resolutions, rules, or regulations, the terms or provisions of this Ordinance shall prevail with respect to the terms or provisions thereof and such inconsistent or conflicting terms or provisions of this Ordinance, resolutions, rules, or regulations shall be hereby repealed.

This Ordinance shall become effective on June 18, 2019, which is more than one calendar year following the operative date of the last ordinance as required by Water Code section 20202. It shall be published not less than once in a newspaper of general circulation published in the District within 10 days after its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Mammoth Community Water District of Mono, State of California, this 18th day of April, 2019, at a regular meeting of the Board by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Cace, Cevchor, Domaille, Smith, and Thompson
NOS: None
ABSENT: None

Thomas R. Smith, President
Board of Directors

ATTEST: Patrick A. Hayes, Secretary
Board of Directors

The Sheet asked if Turner’s estranged wife Joyce will be part of the new company.

Turner strongly emphasized (approx. every four minutes during the interview) that “beer brewed in Mammoth will stay in Mammoth.”

Despite Monday’s announcement, the deal hasn’t been finalized. That probably won’t happen for another three or four months, around Blaesapaloza.

Swirling rumors which resulted in inquiries from the Reno Gazette-Journal nation moved up the timeline so that Mr. Young could notify employees before they learned of the news elsewhere.

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Turner said she is not in the deal and he is buying her out.

Turner will serve as CEO. And he announced Wednesday that Dion Agee has been tabbed as the new Vice-President of Mammoth Operations.

The combined company hopes to double its production within the next few years. For comparison’s sake, that would put it at approximately the same size as North Coast Brewing.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Mammoth Community Water District of Mono, State of California, this 18th day of April, 2019, at a regular meeting of the Board by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Cace, Cevchor, Domaille, Smith, and Thompson
NOS: None
ABSENT: None

Thomas R. Smith, President
Board of Directors

ATTEST: Patrick A. Hayes, Secretary
Board of Directors

The Sheet asked if Turner’s estranged wife Joyce will be part of the new company.

Turner said she is not in the deal and he is buying her out.

Turner will serve as CEO. And he announced Wednesday that Dion Agee has been tabbed as the new Vice-President of Mammoth Operations.

The combined company hopes to double its production within the next few years. For comparison’s sake, that would put it at approximately the same size as North Coast Brewing.

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“There’s been a lot of consolidation in the [brewing] industry,” explained Turner. “Now is the time to buy.”

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The Mammoth Mountain Pond Skim took place last Sunday, April 21 at Canyon Lodge. Participants dressed up in costume to skim the man-made pond.

Clockwise from top left: Cookie Monster Carving, Jimmy Goodman narrowly avoiding a skim official, Justin Romano looking like a cool guy, Robert Viola as Ricky Bobby getting air mid-skim, and Karissa Lewis as the ski-away bride.

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Virgo: You can't fool Clouds. No matter how quiet or passive you may seem, Clouds knows you're as wild and funny as a stand up comic who just so happens to look great in a bathing suit. God never did make a nauseating fish, Fishmas is officially one of your best at keeping traditions or even starting new ones. That's why so many of you will be getting up at the crack of dawn to kick-off opening day. To help, here's hoping the DFG won't take away the morning mist that usually makes it so relaxing, so quiet and peaceful. "I've spent as much of my life fishing as decency allowed, and sometimes I don't let even that get in my way." Sagittarius: Sure, you could be stressed over minor mistakes or get all worked up about things that may never happen. But that really doesn't really serve you very well. This helping from Norman Maclean, should fill you up nicely, though. "Many of us would probably be better fishermen if we did not spend so much time watching and waiting for the world to become perfect."

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Pisces: Since your symbol is two balanced fish, Fishmas is officially one of your good luck holidays. To help you embrace it, adapt these lines: A) From Isaac Walton, "God never did make a more calm, quiet, innocent recreation of these fishy lines will help: A) "Sorry I couldn't come to work yesterday, my arm was in a cast." B) "I'm not addicted to fishing. We're just in a very committed relationship." P) And from the late, great Patrick F. McManus, "There's no greater fan of fly fishing than the worm."

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