Drones are being restricted on Town of Mammoth Lakes land. The Town Council approved an ordinance at its Wednesday meeting to require a permit to fly a drone on Town owned land.

An ordinance already exists requiring a permit for planes and model rockets on town owned land. The council simply amended that ordinance to include drones. Previously, a person could launch a drone on any property that they own or on town owned property, like Mammoth Creek Park, without consequence. That person can then fly their drone throughout the airspace of the town, as that airspace is not owned by the town. This airspace is regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and according to the FAA it is illegal to shoot down a drone or any aircraft in the special aircraft jurisdiction of the United States.

Councilman John Wentworth had a couple of questions about the proposed ordinance: “Who is going to enforce this?” “Has there been consultation with the Mammoth Lakes Ranger District of the United States Forest Service?” “What happens when the drone flies over my house in my neighborhood?”

Parks and Recreation Director Stu Brown answered the first two. The police department and the parks staff will enforce the permitting, and there has not been consultation with the Forest Service.

The third question was more complicated. The permit will only allow people to fly drones over town-owned land, which essentially means parks. It does not permit people to fly over federal land or neighborhoods, but it also doesn’t bar that behavior. The Forest Service defers to the FAA, so the passage of this ordinance would have no affect on drone usage over federal land. People can

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A LACK OF SMARInsight
By Gorman

And yeah, I know how bad it must hurt
To see me like this, but it gets worse.
-Demi Lovato, “Sorry Not Sorry”

Mammoth Lakes Tourism spent $3.5 million for its advertising firm Mering Carson’s services last year. Mering Carson representative Amanda Moul came to MLT’s Strategic Planning meeting this past Wednesday, and based on the presentation that she gave to the board, that money would have been better spent on magic beans.

Her presentation attempted to inform the board on how it should spend its money next year. It relied on a model from a market research firm the Mering Carson partners with called SMARInsights (Strategic Marketing And Research Insights).

SMARInsight’s model showed the economic impacts of different amounts spent on advertising, for example, how many visitors will come if MLT spends $300,000 on ads in the fall, or $400,000, $500,000, etc.

The model was poorly received. Here are some quotes from MLT board members:

“This modeling definitely needs more work.” - Sean Turner
“It doesn’t make sense. I’m sorry, it just doesn’t add up.” - Brent Truax
“The fall number makes no sense.” - Scott McGuire

Point-of-fact: their model made no sense.

For one scenario, it said that if MLT invests $666,667 in the fall it will bring in 75,551 visitors. In another scenario, it said if MLT spends $300,000 in the fall, targeting the same audience, it will bring in 85,427 visitors, 10,000 more visitors for $366,667 fewer dollars?

Denise Miller, the representative from SMARInsights who video-called into the meeting, floundered when the board asked her why fewer marketing dollars bring in more visitors. We include the quote in its entirety because it is an all-time classic:

“And, and, so there are a lot of things going on here, and it makes it challenging. In the first, I’m going to start with the first scenario and why it goes down in the $2 million versus the $1.5 million. So, we have a curve. We, we, we generate what we projected increment would be at different levels of spending, and, as I’ve said, given that relationship, it goes up for a while and then as you start to spend more money on more people it goes down. So, what happened in this scenario, and, again, we did all the $1.5 million scenarios, we did different scenarios and put numbers in, and then we didn’t sit and try to reconcile them all because we decided we need to get direction, and they’re basically a tool overall to kind of give you the idea of what’s gonna happen.

“So what would happen between these two is the awareness would go up with the $666,000, but the increment, so once we got the number of more households, the increment, the difference in travel, is lower. And so again it’s a multiplication (sic), multiplay (sic), multiplication issue, you know…”

Her defenses were pointless because the model was indefensible. Not only did the numbers not make sense, the model was looking at the wrong time frame. It calculated returns on investment one year in the future. Yet, this presentation was supposed to inform a three-year strategic plan. McGuire asked that Mering Carson bring a three-year model next time.

If SMARInsight’s model seems familiar to you, it’s because it’s the same model used to land the Hindenburg.

But it gets worse… Miller, because she was on the phone, could not hear the questions that the board members asked. Every question had to be restated by Moul to Miller, who was deemed an expert on SMARInsight’s the questions that the board members asked. Every question had to be asked that Mering Carson bring a three-year model next time.

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Moul said that when Mering Carson comes back in May for the next step in the strategic planning process, it will have something more useful for MLT.

“This was square one,” she said. “Thank you for sitting tight with the model.”

Breaking: Benham tells me that SMARInsight’s model was also used for iceberg detection on the Titanic.

And from Lunch: Gorman doesn’t realize how lucky he is. Wednesday’s MLT meeting ranks in the annals of all-time great Town meeting moments, such as when former Finance Director Brad Koehn revealed that his slow growth economic model showed a five-year return for Mammoth of 29% … starting in 2008. Or when Public Works Director Kim Jong Duttun promised we’d all be skating on a new ice rink for Halloween, 2017.

I mean, how could you ever trust anything this company brought forward ever again?

There really is only one response to SMAR’s (Stricken Mammoth Annihilated by Rapacious Invoicing) presentation. The MLT Board must put out an RFP (Request for Proposals) to solicit other ad agencies for its business.

A competitive bid would serve as a nice wake up call to a company which billed MLT $3.5 million last year. To my knowledge, there was never an RFP initially put out for Mering Carson. MLT Executive Director John Urdi just harked them the business.

No good deed (and sweetheart deal) goes unpunished.

Had this presentation been given in business school, it would have received an F. But instead of a grade, what Mering Carson has actually received appears to be nothing short of a lifetime contract.

It’s lucky for the Mering Carson employees that MLT didn’t grill them even more for their disgraceful performance. I can’t imagine the board of any successful private company treating incompetence so graciously. By the end, MLT board members were reaching desperately for some nugget of wisdom to draw from what Mering Carson had given them.

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Enjoy the free time, John

Dear Editor,

While reading a letter in the March 16 issue, I learned that John Morris was fired as head volleyball coach for MHS. As I had a daughter play for him for four years, I was curious why, and looked up and read the article about his firing. Included in the article was the quote:

“This was a great teaching moment. It helped, but we were astonished by the escalating level of demand. By 8:01 a.m., 28 camps were sold out; at 8:05 a.m., 209 transactions had been processed; by 8:10 a.m., 331 transactions had occurred, and by 9:00 a.m., 441 camps/lessons had been sold. These are staggering numbers and demonstrate a significant increase in sales volume compared to 2018.

Summer camps sold out twice as fast as last year. In addition, we had 60 less camp spots to offer parents this summer. Because of the extended school year, we were unable to offer the School’s Out Camp and due to circumstances outside the Department’s control, we removed 40 spots from the Wave Rave Skate Camps. This is not what you want to hear but my takeaway from this process is simple – demand is overwhelming our program capacity.

Less than a decade ago, parents waited in line at the front counter or were on hold for hours trying to secure their children’s spot in our small but growing summer camp program. In 2010, we hosted just over 200 children in summer camps, fast forward to 2019 and we are pushing 700, a 250% increase. We’ve come a long way with the Active online registration platform, but we clearly have some technological opportunities to explore.

Town employees did not take your spots, nor were the camps already full of children (many of whom work supporting the camps) made my daughter more capable of dealing with life, even if it wasn’t always pleasant.

Thanks, John and I hope you enjoy the extra time you’ll have now.

Kirk Shultz
Mammoth Lakes

Sign-up success

Dear Editor,

On Monday, April 1, many of our Town’s signature and award-winning summer camps sold out in minutes. We feel incredibly gratified by the love and recognition expressed by our loyal customers, but we also deeply share and feel your frustrations. As the Director of your Parks and Recreation Department, I want to assure you that we are listening, we sympathize with you, and over the next two months, we will stay in constant contact with you to address problems, shift resources and do what we can to address this extraordinary demand.

We enrolled over 500 children in summer camps and programs – over 73% of our total summer registrations. To prepare for the March 26 Summer Recreation Expo, staff arranged for priority server support, reviewed each and every product, merged customer profiles, and offered registration tips by phone, via email and in person.

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parents believe that local residents should receive priority over visitors or second homeowners. The Recreation Commission participated in a lengthy discussion prior to endorsing the annual programming menu and stated that such prioritization is difficult to fairly determine and inconsistent with the Department’s mission statement to provide recreation opportunities accessible to all residents and visitors. My first words of advice for parents are not to panic and stay calm. I don’t want to sound trite or dismissive, but from experience, camp enrollments are dynamic and continually change as families finalize their summer plans. We see the most amount of movement in the first couple of weeks after registration.

In closing, thank you for sharing your concerns and frustrations - we are listening. I strongly encourage you to stay involved by engaging our staff and the Recreation Commission in meaningful conversation about the Department’s capacity and resource issues: limited transportation, staffing, financial and facility constraints.

I look forward to seeing you this summer at our parks, pools, fields and facilities.

Stuart Brown

Mandelbaum’s butterfly Roundup

Dear Editor,

I wish to thank Jack Benham and the Sheet for the front page article on March 30, 2019, featuring the awe-inspiring “kaleidoscope” of Painted Lady Butterflies flying up from southern California to the U.S. “From the carpet-spraying of “Round-up resistant” soybeans and corn in the Midwest from the 1990’s-on, milkweeds, which once grew in great stands along the nation’s roadsides and margins of farms, essentially disappeared from the American landscape overnight and Monarch numbers plunged.

The use of Roundup is currently being successfully challenged in numerous lawsuits as “a probable carcinogen” and for other serious effects to human health. Let’s commit to growing our lawns and gardens without dangerous chemicals and do a favor for ourselves and the wondrous butterflies, bees and other insects that are crucial members of our web of life.

Irene Mandelbaum

Lee Vining

On March 19, in ‘Hardeman v. Monsanto Company et al., a federal jury ruled that Roundup, a Monsanto herbicide, was a substantial cause of cancer for Edwin Hardeman, of Santa Rosa, who developed non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma. The Guardian reported, “Hardeman’s case is considered a ‘bellwether’ trial for hundreds of other plaintiffs in the US with similar claims, which means the verdict could affect future litigation and other cancer patients and families. Monsanto, now owned by German pharmaceutical company Bayer, is facing more than 9,000 similar lawsuits across the U.S.”

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MLH THREATENS TO GET THINGS DONE

By Gorman

Mammoth Lakes Housing (MLH) filled out its vacant board seats and hired another staffer to start the new year, and it appears to have created some momentum. At its Monday meeting, the MLH board seemed to gel more than it has in months. Maybe it’ll get something done this year.

Two interesting things happened at Mammoth Lakes Housing’s April meeting. First, the board discussed hiring a staffer to work on a “Latino Housing Coalition” in conjunction with Mono County Behavioral Health. Second, the board tried to figure out how to fully fund a Home Buyers Assistance Program that Mammoth’s Town Council partially funded last month.

The Latino Housing Commission: Mono County Behavioral Health proposed to allocate one-time funds of $16,950 for a staff person to specifically aid the Latino community with its proposal to the board. Second, the board tried to figure out how to fully fund a Home Buyers Assistance Program that’s going to happen after twelve months. Stasis is the new up.

Robertson came away from the meeting only has a clear word out, explains stuff. It means so much more to your organization than what’s going to happen after twelve months or 18 months so that we are building a program that’s going to have some legs over time.”

Board member Lindsay Barksdale disagreed. “There are 16 line items in the job description of exactly what that person will do. I think it’s pretty clear; I don’t know how much we need to go back and get more information.”

Citizen Sandy Hogan stood up to say that she supported the position. “Our clientele is more than 37% Latino for Mammoth Lakes Housing… I have helped to bring people to the town office and there’s nobody there that speaks Spanish,” she said. “Having someone who is a member of the Latino community in that (MLH) office, that helps get the word out, explains stuff. It means so much more to your organization than you understand… this is part-time help, taking messages, answering the phones, opening the door, and allowing these two (Patricia Robertson and Diane Doonan, Grant and Financial Associate) to get on with their jobs.”

Robertson came away from the meeting with the support of the board to organize a meeting with Mono County Behavioral Health.

“In other words, stasis is the new up. Home Buyer Assistance Program: Mammoth Lakes Town Council approved $101,000 for a middle income loan program at its March 6 meeting. The board directed Robertson to ask the Town Manager if part of the $101,000 that MLH originally asked town council for $110,000, which consisted of $100,000 for loans, $1,000 for marketing, and $9,000 for staff time. Council refused to fund additional staff time outside of the existing MLH contract. MLH is now trying to figure out how to fund that additional staff time. This $9,000 is not for hiring a new staff person, but rather a service delivery fee for the staff that MLH already employs. Patricia Robertson gave two options for funding this program; put it into next year’s budget with the Town (MLH is funded by the Town of Mammoth Lakes), or enter into an extra contract with the town for those funds. Robertson asked the board if it had any other ideas for accomplishing this work program without the additional revenue from the town. The board directed Robertson to ask the Town Manager if part of the $101,000 that was awarded could be used to support staff time.

From Lunch: MLH does have $90,000 in its own reserve fund, so it’s puzzling why the organization doesn’t tap this. Yes, it’s nice to cadge a free meal but every once in awhile, reach in your own damn pocket.

This is a non-issue designed to waste time. Put it into next year’s budget and stall three months! Budsitz. Get to work. “Note: Headline written by Lunch over Gorman’s mealy-mouthed objection designed to save face with Robertson.
Inyo Supervisors discuss disposal agreement and road fixes

By Maddux

On Tuesday, April 2, the Inyo County Board of Supervisors discussed a proposed franchise agreement with the county’s waste haulers, Bishop Waste Disposal and Preferred Septic and Disposal.

The current residential rate of the hauling fee (garbage collection) is $30.15, but the new agreement will increase it 6.5% percent ($1.10) to $31.37. The new rate for commercial will go up $6 per month, from $139.70 to $145.38.

Assistant County Administrator Richard Benson outlined the rates and where the money goes. First, the tipping fee: “We charge for bringing waste into [the] landfill,” Benson said.

Second, the franchise fee which is the 10% the county receives. Benson said, “The easier we can make it on the hauler, it will make it easier on the county.”

The franchise agreement exists to allow two haulers to operate in the same area, Benson said.

When the agreement was drafted, it included the counties of El Dorado, Kern, and Mono as a model for the agreement.

The franchise agreement’s highlights in the presentation to the Board:

- Non-exclusive
- Franchise fee 10% of Gross (due quarterly)
- Provide service on all County maintained roads and safe and good condition non-County roads
- A rental will provide a greater degree of certainty that equipment malfunction will not delay or prevent the proposed crack sealing from occurring this fiscal year,” the agenda stated.

In a phone interview with The Sheet, Cash said he ideally hopes to get started on a road repair project in about six weeks, “assuming the supplier will get the product.”

The manufacturer for this year’s project is Crafco, which is out of Arizona. Cash said the road project should take 5-6 months to complete and will consist of 3-4 weeks in each of the different towns or supervisorial districts, he said.

The funding for the project comes out of SB1 funds, which the Road Department gets every month. An equal amount will be used in each of the five locations where work will be done, Cash said.

According to a previous agenda item, SB1 is a Senate Bill, which was signed by the Governor on April 28, 2017. The SB1 addresses, “basic road maintenance, rehabilitation and critical safety needs on both the State highway and local streets and roads.”

In the agenda, it also stated that County Code will need to be modified to include the franchise agreement.

“The 6,000 pound gorilla in all of us is recycling.”

-Richard Benson
On Saturday, March 24, 15,000 square miles from Mono County to San Bernardino County lost internet and cellular service, and the ability to reach 9-1-1 dispatch, because a Frontier Communications fiber optic cable between Helendale and Boron, California, fried.

Verizon and AT&T cellular and internet service cut off in Adelanto, Bishop, Boron, Bridgeport, California City, China Lake Navy Base, Helendale, Lake Isabella, Mammoth, Phelan, Randsburg, Ridgecrest, Victorville, and Weldon. SuddenLink internet service was not affected.

If a Frontier landline customer dialed 9-1-1, she heard a busy signal then a message that the call could not be connected.

The fried cable meant that a regional call, called SS7, did not receive internet or cellular signals. In Mono County, calls to the 9-1-1 dispatch in Bridgeport are routed through SS7.

“Unfortunately, those services, and the ability to reach 9-1-1, were across the street from dispatch in Bridgeport,” Mono County IT Director Nate Greenberg said. Mono County Sheriff Ingrid Braun said that, luckily, nobody died and no one was hurt.

According to Greenberg, at 11:45 a.m., the power outage was initially reported. At 12:30 p.m., California 911 dispatch heard of it. At 3:30 p.m., Frontier Communications heard of the outage. Frontier restored service around 4:40 p.m. on Sunday, 28 hours after it cut out.

According to a Frontier spokesperson, restoring power took a long time because the line is long and located in a rural area.

“Troubleshooting and the assessment process for isolating damage to fiber-optic cables generally takes significant time, particularly in rural areas. In this case, the long distance and semi-frozen terrain further slowed repairs and delayed a faster restoration,” a Frontier spokesperson told The Sheet.

Frontier is continuing to investigate the cause of the damage to the line. Another issue was that the built-in redundancy failed. The redundancy was supposed to be a radio link, but that was down for planned maintenance.

Usually if Mono County’s dispatch loses service, calls are routed through Inyo County Sheriff’s Office dispatch or California Highway Patrol’s dispatch. Those were down, too.

The Mono County Sheriff Office’s business line still worked, allowing dispatch to receive calls to their local number. But customers still needed service to make that call. Dispatchers notified on-duty personnel of the 9-1-1 interruption, including sheriff’s officers, Mammoth Lakes Police Department officers, the Mammoth Lakes Fire Department and EMS crews.

The office contacted Mammoth Mountain Ski Area (MMMA) so they knew to call dispatch’s office number.

California Highway Patrol Bridgeport (CHP) posted on its Facebook page at 1:42 p.m. Saturday, March 23 that 9-1-1 lines were down.

The post read, “If you have an emergency you may still use [sic] cell phones, the call will go to an out of area 9-1-1 system and possibly to Nevada.”

CHP notified Caltrans about the interruption and Caltrans posted dispatch’s office number on signs throughout the county, but it could only do so much good because cell service was down too.

Customers weren’t the only ones in the dark. Mammoth Lakes Police Department (MLPD) Chief Al Davis found out about the interruption when Mammoth Lakes’s Town Manager Dan Holler texted him around 4 p.m. on Saturday, asking if 9-1-1 was down.

“At the department head level there was nothing in place to email or somehow make sure we all knew what was going on,” Chief Davis told Mammoth Lake’s Town Council.

He added, “Between the sheriff, myself, and all the department heads, we’re going to work something out so that there can be a mass email, so I can turn around and update town council.”

Sheriff Braun’s takeaway: “We did identify a gap on notification. Our dispatchers immediately notified all the on-duty personnel that 9-1-1 was out.

We expect that to go up the food chain but it doesn’t always necessarily happen and it should come down the food chain from there.

Mammoth Councilwoman Lynda Salcido pressed for preparedness.

“I must say I’m shocked that we did not have internal processes in place for the rapid and efficient notification of all responders in this event. The responsibility for that, I believe, lies in OES [Office of Emergency Services].”

“We were just bloody lucky that something terrible didn’t happen during this outage. The fact that not all our partners knew this was happening is unfathomable. I would take it a step further and not only commit to being prepared for next time but being prepared with ongoing drills and exercises to make sure we know what to do the next time.”

Sheriff Braun reiterated that all on-duty officers knew about the outage. It was just Chief Davis and other department heads that didn’t. “That’s something that needed to happen but did not put any lives at risk,” she said.

The Mono County Board of Supervisors and Mammoth Lakes Town Council plan to write a letter to the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services informing them of the interruption and put pressure on Frontier to stop future outages.

In the summer of 2015, Frontier bought areas in the Eastern Sierra from Verizon. Councilman John Wentworth called this strike two on cellular and internet utilities.

Strike one, Verizon’s refusal to plug in to Digital 395 and during the Round Valley Fire in February 2015, 9-1-1 dispatch went down.

“It’s just not acceptable,” he said. At Tuesday’s Mono County Board of Supervisors meeting, Greenberg said that routing north along Digital 395 fiber optic lines into the Carson Valley could provide redundancy, reducing the Eastern Sierra’s reliance on lines and services from the south.

“I think we are still at a point of vulnerability, still at a point of transition,” Greenberg told Mono County Councilman John Wentworth called this strike two on cellular and internet utilities.
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Supervisors.

It is still not known how many calls were received by dispatches in the affected areas during the interruption.

Antelope Valley Power Outage

Antelope Valley lost power when a power surge sent from a Liberty Utility generator fried appliances in homes throughout the valley. Liberty shut off power and did not turn it back on until Sunday, March 24.

Joe Blanchard, Mono County Parks and Facilities Superintendent, reported the surge did not damage county facilities.

Mono County Supervisor and representative of Antelope Valley John Peters praised Liberty’s taking responsibility for the surge. “Liberty has owned this from the very beginning.”

On Wednesday night, April 3, Liberty and Supervisor Peters hosted a town hall style meeting at the Antelope Valley Fire Protection District.

Peters thanked Liberty, specifically Liberty employee and Antelope Valley resident Lori Morris, Mono County Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT), and Antelope Valley Fire Protection District.

Travis Johnson, substation manager, explained the outage. Liberty sources electricity from an NV energy plant near Yerington. That electricity travels to a substation in Topaz where it crosses into California and Liberty assumes control.

NV Energy was doing maintenance at the Smith Valley substation on Friday, March 22 and alerted Liberty that it would lose power for eight hours from approximately 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Liberty set up a generator in Walker to keep power on in Antelope Valley.

But it did not properly set up the generator. A neutral line which feeds electrons back into the generator was not properly connected to the generator. Instead of electrons flowing back into the generator, they built up on the neutral line and eventually surged back into buildings.

Liberty shut off the generator and the Antelope Valley lost power. Before restoring power on Sunday evening, Liberty inspected every building in the valley.

It took the entire weekend because 20 Liberty employees and a bevy of private electrical contractors visited 650 buildings to ensure they were safe to electricity.

Even when the generator was back up and running, Liberty expected half hour outages around 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Yet it did not tell customers about the planned shorter outages.

On Wednesday, at the town hall meeting, Liberty Utilities Communications and Media Relations Manager Kurt Althof told the audience, “We’re sorry.”

They promised better communication in the future.

Residents’ questions indicated that outages in Antelope Valley are common.

The number one cause of outages in the valley, according to Liberty officials, is the wind. When the wind blows, wires touch.

“I think I can safely say that 50% of the outages happen in Nevada and 50% happen down here. When the power goes out in Nevada it’s going to affect you down here, too, because you’re hanging out on the end of that line. I know you’ve been told that many times,” said Randy Kelly, Liberty’s Operations Manager.

Wires in between conductors prevent lines from touching and causing power outages, but, according to Kelly, “We haven’t traditionally used spacers on lower voltage distributions.”

Claims manager Theresa Faeger said that she received ten new claims during the town hall meeting bringing the total to 61 claims. She doesn’t know the total cost of the damage.

Liberty could station a generator stationed in the valley for outages like this.

Substation manager Travis Johnson said, “We don’t typically do that because we don’t like to think that we’re going to have outages like that. But it’s something we can look into. We don’t own one.”

He went on to say that Liberty is investigating placing solar batteries throughout the valley that would keep power on during a main line outage.

“They would essentially be the equivalent of a generator,” Johnson said.

“In a lot of rural areas redundant, seamless regeneration in a power outage is not an easy solution by the nature of where we choose to live,” John Peters said.
CATCH ‘EM WHILE YOU CAN
Mono County Fish & Wildlife Commission discusses proposed regulations
By Benham

On April 3, the Mono County Fish and Wildlife Commission met and discussed the planned fishing regulation changes for 2020. The meeting was not as heated as the one in Bishop on March 20. The Commission does not have voting power on the regulations nor does the Mono County Board of Supervisors. The changes are coming down from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). They call it the “Inland Trout Angling Regulation Simplification”.

Currently there are 88 fishing seasons throughout the state. The changes would reduce that number to six. There are six season types in California: open year-round, closed year-round, open the Saturday preceding Memorial Day through September, open October 1 through the Friday preceding Memorial Day, and open September 1 through November 30.

Keith Potter, a June Lake resident felt that these season options aren’t really options. “There are six choices. If you’re not in favor of year round. Then to me the other five choices really aren’t an answer. Nobody wants to move opening to a weekend after Memorial Day.”

Patty Heinrich, a June Lake resident and owner of June Lake Thrift Store, said, “I think our businesses would lose money for the month when you change the opening to May.”

She’s also concerned that opening fishing year round will increase the number of people fishing on frozen lakes.

Heinrich said, “Who’s going to pay for the additional fire fighters and EMTs that are going to come out and answer the calls when people fall through the ice. Who’s going to make the determination that the ice is safe to go out and fish on?”

Crowley Lake Fire Department and the June Lake Fire Protection District are writing letters to CDFW about concerns for angler safety in the winter on and around streams and lakes.

Monie County Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Don Morton was positive. “While there are a lot of complaints and a broad spectrum of opinions on all these fishing regs, one of the things that I’d like to point out is statewide they’re adopting regs to protect the spawning fish.” This includes spawning fish between Grant and Silver Lakes, an area Morton has been working to protect for years.

Doug Rodricks, a guide at Sierra Drifters Guide Service, suggested reducing the take limit to two fish. “I think that would be a great solution for Crowley,” he said.

Lisa Cutting, a Mono Basin resident, felt that the current season for lakes is favorable for this area and the regulations should stay that way.

“My take limit is 10. But what’s the point of having 10 if we can’t keep them? We don’t have enough water and it’s already a bad year for fishing. The Mono County Commission recommended reducing the limit and have more fish that are caught and released.”

Linda Cutting, a Mono Basin resident, felt that the current season for lakes is favorable for this area and the regulations should stay that way.

Heinrich said, “Who’s going to pay for the additional fire fighters and EMTs that are going to come out and answer the calls when people fall through the ice. Who’s going to make the determination that the ice is safe to go out and fish on?”

Crowley Lake Fire Department and the June Lake Fire Protection District are writing letters to CDFW about concerns for angler safety in the winter on and around streams and lakes.

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Commissioner Jeff Parker brought up the impact social media has in bringing inexperienced anglers to the area. “When these guys come up here and go out on the Owen’s River and catch a big fish, they’ll go on social media and tell all their buddies. All their buddies will go, ‘Hey let’s go there and catch some fish.’ And they aren’t going to be conscientious. They aren’t going to be safety conscious. It’s just another possibility you have to look at.”

“Don’t you regulate stupidity,” Parker said.

Upcoming public meetings about the regulation changes include:

Wednesday, April 10 at the Colonial Heights Reading Room, 4799 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento from 6-8 p.m.

Tuesday, April 23 at the Truckee- Tahoe Airport Community Room, 18356 Truckee Airport Rd., Truckee from 6-8 p.m.

A public comment form is accessible online at https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Inland/Trotal Plan/Regulation-Simplification/comments.
LEONARD EARN HIS STRIPES

By Chris Leonard

Every Tuesday evening around 5 p.m., the cushions on my couch in my living room take hold of me with this magnetizing effect of sucking me into an almost permanent state of lounging. And every Tuesday evening at 5:15 p.m., I have to pull myself free from the super glue and go back to work.

I’ve already wrestled with attempting to educate – usually successfully - hormone-riddled sophomores and seniors at Mammoth High School with a lesson about anything from Simon Bolivar’s leadership during the Latin American Revolutions to discussions about the various forms of government taxation. But the work day for me ain’t over yet. I rub the dogs behind the ears, ask myself why I’m going back to work for the evening when I already knocked out a good day, and head off down the road to the public library.

I started teaching English as a second language (ESL) over twenty years ago. When my fellow Chico State alum bolted off to the Bay Area in the late 90’s to make a killing in the tech industry, I bolted off to the Bay Area in the late 90’s to make a killing in the tech industry, to southern California before coming up to Mammoth High School in 2004 as an ESL teacher.

I hadn’t taught ESL in the high school classroom for several years now, focusing exclusively on the social sciences. So, when I noticed an advertisement in the local paper in April 2016 from the Mono County Office of Education (MCOE) soliciting a very part-time teaching role for an adult ESL class, I put my name in the hat. They hired me. I was going full circle back to my roots. I didn’t know what to expect, teaching adults in the afternoon. All I knew was that I was going to help non-native English speakers learn the language. So, who are my students? The typical class has around eight to twelve students. These are working adults, so the other demands of life sometimes interfere with the opportunity to come to every single session. Most learners have a minimal to basic command of the language. They want to show up. It’s not uncommon for me to teach the child and parent of the same family on the same day. It’s not uncommon for me to teach the child and parent of the same family on the same day. Watching the young-uns family on the same day. Watching the young-uns with kids in the local school system. It’s not uncommon for me to teach the child and parent of the same family on the same day.

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The lessons focus on the four language skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. We target survival vocabulary. There is no getting around grammatical lessons. Anything from the conjugation of verb tenses to the proper use of subject pronouns. English is a language riddled with irregularities. Teaching it is not without its challenges, but it can be done. The lessons involve a variety of resources ranging from answering questions in traditional workbooks to watching LCD-projected lessons. Students are regularly assessed to gauge progress.

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Is the two hours of my time once a week worth it for me? I tell others, “Teaching adults is a breath of fresh air after having worked with high school kids for the day.” It’s very rewarding for me to help adults who want to better themselves by learning the language spoken by the majority.

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On Friday, March 29, the Bishop Broncos beat the Kern Valley Broncs, 11-5 on the Jim Tatum Field at Bishop High. Bishop Broncos baseball coach Steve Omohundro said, the win against Kern Valley was done in 5 innings, “due to mercy rule, [but] we normally play 7 innings.” Sophomore and pitcher for Bishop Broncos baseball, Ace Selters “went all 5 innings, faced 23 batters, walked 1, hit 1, and struck out 7. Ace Selters hit the games only home run,” Omohundro said.

The Bishop Broncos started their season at the Yerington tournament. “We went 3-1 there beating Battle Mountain twice (6-0 and 14-2), Wooster High from Reno, 11-5, and one loss to Yerington, 4-1,” Coach Omohundro said.

The team is made up of nine seniors, two juniors, and four sophomores, with 8 total pitchers.

Omohundro said, “We are only hitting the ball consistently through about five or six guys—the bottom of the lineup is still trying to find rhythm, he said.

Coach Omohundro said several players could be considered this year’s High Desert League MVP. “Short stop Michael Kubiak is solid on both sides of the ball for us. Our third baseman Cal Omohundro leads in RBI’s and is a tough out at the plate. Sophomore catcher Braeden Gillem is filling big shoes from last year and batting lead-off. Sophomore pitcher Ace Selters has worked his way into the roster, as our Friday starter with a 3-1 record. He’s kept us in games and given us the chance to win,” he said.

The team made it to the finals of the CIF Central Section, Division 6 playoffs. “We were beat in a close game, 8-7, versus the Lindsay Cardinals from Visalia. We played the game in Rawhide Stadium. We do plan on at least sharing the league title with Rosamond this year and making playoffs, I would expect us to do good in playoffs, and maybe have the chance to play for a valley championship again. We will continue to improve on all aspects of the game to do that,” Coach Omohundro said.

Currently, the Broncos are 3-2 in league play and 6-3 overall.

Below: In the 3rd inning, Bishop Broncos Michael Kubiak (#2) hit a ball to the outfield.
VETERANS WITH DISABILITIES NEED YOUR HELP!

$7 million raised toward our $18 million goal for National Wounded Warrior Center to be built in Mammoth Lakes!

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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 5.
The Liberty Sports Bar and Grill Slider
Mondays, Monday’s @ 9 p.m. Taco
Tuesday, 3 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.7.
Outlaw Saloon Happy Hour Mon-Fri., Happy Hour from 4-6 p.m.
Morrisson’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 & Thrus. DJ 10 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. 18.
Clocktower Cellar Happy Hour: 4-7 p.m. daily. $5 dollar menu items, drink specials. Sunday: open at 10 a.m. for football. See ad, p. 18.
Roberto’s Happy Hour: 4-6 p.m. daily. Sunday: open at 10 a.m. for football.
Famous Slocums Happy Hour Mon.-Fri 4-6 p.m.; Sat-Sun.4-5:30 p.m. Dining at 5pm, daily. “No Reservations, just come on in” See ad, p. 5.
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. 4.
Bleu Daily Happy Hour 5-6 p.m. $5 Beer, Wine and Small Plates.
Devil’s Creek Distillery tasting room hours. 2:30-5:30 p.m. every day. Location: Industrial Park (off of Meridian). 123 Commerce Dr. Info: 760.793.1731.
Carson Peak Inn in June Lake. Special after-ski menu 4-6 menu.
Black Velvet Coffee happy hour 4-6. Wine tastings on Weddays.
Lynne’s Garden of Eat’n happy hour 4-5. $1 off beer and wine. 1/2 off apps and crepes. See ad, p. 8.
April 5-6/
Beach Bar Apres, music by DJ WLDC.
Featuring a champagne zipline and giveaways from Red Bull. Village Gondola open till 6 to return to The Village. Location: Canyon Lodge. Time: 1-6 p.m.
Friday, April 5/
Open mic at Black Sheep Coffee
Roasters. Time: 6-8:30 p.m. Info: 720.872.4142.
Saturday, April 6/
Late Night Radio plays T-Bars Social Club.
Genre: electronic. DJ ONEzie opens. Time: 9 p.m. Tix: $17/person or $29 w/ shuttle @ tbarsocialclub.com.
Smooey The Groove plays Liberty Bar.
Genre: rap/hung jazz jam. Time: 9 p.m. Free.
Sunday, April 7/
Jase Stoll, award-winning concert pianist, plays Bishop Union High School. Tix: $25, $10 for students. Time: 3 p.m.
BARS & MUSIC

Monday, April 8/
Open mic at Black Doubt Brewing Co.
Time: 6-9 p.m. Sign-up at 5. 15 min sets.
Tuesday, April 9/
Team trivia at Mammoth Brewing Co.
Time: 6 p.m. Free. Prizes for 1st & 2nd. Karaoke at Rafters starts at 10 p.m. Free.
Thursday, April 11/
The W Lovers play The Pupfish Café
April 12-13/
South Central Skankers play Liberty Bar. Genre: ska. Time: 9 p.m. Free.
Saturday, April 13/
Metal Echo plays T-Bar Social Club in June Lake. Genre: ska. Time: 9 p.m. Tix: $5/GA, $17 w/ T-Bar Express online at tbarsocialclub.com

TOWN STUFF

April 6-8/
Sierra Classic Theatre’s Summer and Smoke by Tennessee Williams. A co-production with Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre. More info: see sidebar column next page, ad page 3 or review page 19.
Friday, April 5/
Veteran Information Presentation.
Learn about new benefits and laws for veterans. Location: Bishop VFW. Time: 6 p.m.
Saturday, April 6/
IKON Pass Early Ups. Exclusive lift access for IKON passholders. Last of the year. Time: 7:30 a.m., complimentary breakfast 8–9:30 at McCoy Station. Info: mammothmountain.com
Eastern Sierra Community Auction.
Silent auction, live auction, appetizers, desserts, and door prizes. Proceeds help fund United Methodist community projects. Location: 205 United Methodist Center, N. Fowler St., Bishop. Time: 5:45-8:30 p.m. Info: 760.872.7701
Meet the Authors at the Booky Joint: Greg Gutierrez and Jennifer Critten den, authors of “Mammoth Mountain” and “Mammoth Letters”, respectively. Time: 5-6 p.m. Location: The Booky Joint, Minaret Mall. Info: 858.205.9530.
Eastern Sierra Land Trust Pollinator Garden Workshop. Time: 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Location: 250 N. Fowler St. Info: 760.873.4554. More info: see sidebar column this page.
Sunday, April 7/
June Mountain Closing Day. Time: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
41st Annual Cross Country Ski Marathon. More info: see sidebar next page or ad p. 3.
Monday, April 8/
Bishop City Council meets. Time: 6-8 p.m. Location: Bishop Council Chambers, 377 West Line Street.
Sumobot Robotics Workshop at Mammoth Middle School. Time: 3:30-5:30 p.m. Location: 1600 Meridian Blvd., Mammoth.
calendar of events

Driver Safety Program Class
April 16th and 17th AARP Driver Safety Program Class
AARP Driver Safety Program Class held at the VFW Hall, 486 Short Street, Bishop, Calif. Please call for your reservation and details as soon as possible. Danielle White (760) 873-5839. Class is limited to 30 participants.

Robotics Competition
Join the award winning Mammoth Master Craftsmen for an afternoon of robotics, programming, and a Sumo-Bot competition on Monday, April 8 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the Mammoth Middle School gym.

The Mammoth Master Craftsmen in partnership with FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Nevada and Sierra Nevada Resort and Spa will offer kids age 10 and up an opportunity to work in teams to build and program NXT Mindstorms robots. Then, kids will have a round robin SumoBot competition where each team’s robot will attempt to push their opponent out of the competition ring like sumo wrestling.

Register at the Mammoth Middle School Office, 1600 Meridian Boulevard. Mammoth, Space is limited. Spectators are welcome. Info: 760.934.7072

Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship
Each year Mammoth Hospital Auxiliary awards college scholarships to residents of Mono County who are pursuing a career in a medically related field. The Scholarship Fund was established in 1985 and has awarded $589,000 to deserving locals. Applications for 2019 Scholarships will be available April 1st and may be picked up at The Cast Off Thrift Store, 3059 Chateau Rd., Mammoth, or Mammoth Hospital.

Eligibility requirements are:
1. Pursuing a career as a study in a medically related field.
2. A current resident of Mono County and resided there full time for a minimum of two years, or currently working in Mono County full time for a minimum of two years.
3. Completed two years of prerequisites in a medically related college curriculum with a minimum 3.0 grade point average, or worked for two years in a medically related field in Mono County.

Applications must be postmarked no later than June 30 and awardees will be announced in August.

Summer and Smoke
Sierra Classic Theatre, in conjunction with Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre, presents a play by Tennessee Williams, "Summer and Smoke". Synopsis: A tragic love story that takes place a year before the start of World War I in Glorious Hill, Mississippi.

The show runs April 4-14. Showtimes are Thursday through Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 4 p.m. Tickets: $20/ GA, $18/senior, $10/child 14 & under. @ edisontheatre.org.

ESLT Pollinator Garden Workshop
The Eastern Sierra Land Trust hosts a Pollinator Garden Workshop on Saturday, April 6 from 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Inyo Board of Supervisors for the Arts, 137 S. Main St., Bishop.

Learn how to create a pollinator garden. Speakers will present on butterflies, bees, and birds and the benefits of creating a pollinator garden. There will be a post-workshop potluck. The potluck begins at noon.

RESVP and more info: Marie at mairie@eslt.org or call 760.873.4554

Cross Country Ski Marathon
Sunday, April 7, the 41st annual Mammoth Marathon cross-country ski event will be open to both classic and skate skiing. Be part of the fun by signing up to race, or by ringing your cowbells and cheering on the sliders as they cruise around the Mammoth Lakes Basin. Races will be open to non-racers (with valid ticket/season pass) during all races. Volunteers are always appreciated.

Event Schedule:
9 a.m. Races Begin
1:30 a.m. Lunch, Awards and Raffle
Registration: Adults $79, 13-20 year-olds $39, Kids $10

Sierra Bighorn Field Trip
This is the best time of the year to see some of the 600 Sierra Bighorn remaining. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep Foundation provide free public field trips to view them.

Meet in the Bishop CDFW parking lot, 787 N. Main St, (Cottonwood Grove Shopping Center, behind El Pollo Loco). Be dressed for the weather and in sturdy footwear. Sun protection is highly recommended. Bring binoculars or scopes if you have them. We will try to carpool from the office as much as possible, and vehicles that can be driven off pavement are preferred but not required. Field trips are usually concluded by noon and typically involve very little walking.

Pre-registration to www.askmsbs@ wildlife.ca.gov is required as space is limited and field trips are weather and road condition dependent.

Mamma Mia!
Playhouse 395 presents Catherine Johnson’s “Mamma Mia!” from April 26-May 11.
Shows start at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Sunday shows begin at 2 p.m. All shows are performed at the Bishop Union High School Auditorium.


TOWN STUFF
Tuesday, April 9/
Mammoth Lakes Recreation Board hosts a special meeting. Time: 5 p.m. Location: Suite Z. Info: 760.965.3600
Mono County Board of Supervisors meets. Time: 9 a.m. Location: Mono County Courthouse, Bridgeport. Info: 866.745.9719
Inyo County Board of Supervisors 10 a.m. Location: County Administrative Center, Independence. Info: 760.878.0366
Social Media Marketing Workshop hosted by the June Lake Loop Chamber of Commerce. Time: 6-8 p.m. Location: June Lake Community Center, 90 West Granite Ave. Info: janel@juneelakeloop.org
White Mountain Research Center 2019 Public Lecture Series continues, “Climate Change Impacts in the Alpine Plant Communities” presented by Meredith Jabnis, PhD. Free. Time: 7 p.m. Location: White Mountain Research Center, 3000 East Line Street, Bishop. Info: 760.873.4344
Wednesday, April 10/
Mammoth Lakes Planning and Economic Development Commission meets. Time: 2 p.m. Location: Suite Z. Info: 760.965.3600
June Lake Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Meeting. Time: 6-7:30 p.m. Location: June Lake Community Center, 90 West Granite Ave. Leadership Workshop with Dr. Arianne Weiner for local business owners. “Do You Need To Lead, Manage or Both?” Free. Seating is limited. RSVP: execdir@bishopvisitor.com. Time: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Location: Alta One Federal Credit Union, 462 N. Main Street, Bishop
April 11-14/
Sierra Classic Theatre’s Summer AT THE MOVIES
437 Old Mammoth Rd
Movie Info Line (760) 934 3131
Online DPlaceEntertainment.com
Movies Playing This Week 4/5 to 4/11

SHAZAM!
Movie Info Line
4/3 (PG-13) 1h 12m
Fri 5:00 7:30
Sat 2:15 5:00 7:30
Sun MO 7:30

DUMBO
4/3 (PG) 1h 52m
Fri 4:15 7:15
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Sun MO 7:15

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Thursday, April 11/
Mammoth Lakes Town Council special meeting. Time: 1 p.m. Location: Suite Z. Info: 760.965.3600
Mammoth Lakes Trails Committee meets. Time: 3 p.m. Location: Suite Z. Info: 760.965.3600
Mono County Board of Supervisors meets. Time: 8 a.m. Location: Suite Z. Minaret Mall, Mammoth. Info: 866.745.9719
Bridgeing the Gap: Holocaust Survivor Live Stream at Bishop Inyo Council for the Arts and in Lone Pine at the Museum of Western Film History. Presentation by a Holocaust Survivor through the Museum of Tolerance. Time: 10:00 a.m. Location: 137 S. Main Street, Bishop, 701 S. Main Street, Lone Pine. Carlos Tkacz book "The Void Within" release event @ Bishop’s Cerro Coso campus. Time: 6 p.m. Talk, reading, Q & A.
Saturday, April 13/
Eastern Sierra Audubon Monthly Bird Walk. All are welcome. Extra field guides and binoculars will be provided. Location: parking lot of BLM/Forest Service building, West Line Street, Bishop. Info: 406.396.5291
Sierra Bighorn Field Trip. This is the best time of the year to see some of the 600 Sierra Bighorn left in the world. Location: Bishop.
Sunday, April 14/
Tamarack Challenge XC Event. Dress up in your coolest costume for a day with friends, food and good cheer. Must have a valid season or trail pass. Time: 8:30 a.m. potluck at 12 p.m. Loco). Be dressed for the weather and in sturdy footwear. Sun protection is highly recommended. Bring binoculars or scopes if you have them. We will try to carpool from the office as much as possible, and vehicles that can be driven off pavement are preferred but not required. Field trips are usually concluded by noon and typically involve very little walking.
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**Fictitious Business Name Statement**

The Following Person Is Seeking Employment As:

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HORRORSCOPES
By Clouds McCloud

Aries: When the Sun crosses into your sign each spring it usually means good news for most folks, but that is especially the case this year. Your season is ushering in the possibilities for great joys and positive change. So that’s why the Stars say you and many others should expect to stop feeling like it’s too late in life and start feeling like it’s Kick-Ass O’clock!

Taurus: Since this is a period of positive change for many people, and since change can be painful for people who have trouble embracing change—like some folks from your sign—please do the following: Take deep breaths. Embrace change. Change your oil regularly. Change your views of the word “change,” which is also something you get back for spending your money. Change your wardrobe. And most importantly, change more in front of people who like to see you in your skivvies.

Cancer: “Whatever you’re looking for is looking for you,” which is also something you get back for spending your money. Change your wardrobe. And most importantly, change more in front of people who like to see you in your skivvies.

Leo: The Stars are saying this is a time of great change for you. To help you make the most out of it, write one of these down and put it on your dresser: 1) “Believe that you deserve it and the Universe will serve it.” 2) “I choose to be a warrior, not a worrier.” 3) “Put your positive pants on—or at least your lucky underwear.”

Virgo: Sometimes the hardest path to see is the one that’s right in front of you. Sometimes Virgos get so stubborn or lost in their own little worlds that they can’t see what’s before them. To help, your new assignment is to be more open and to remember the next time you think that no one will be there for you that you’re wrong.

Libra: This Aries time of year tends to be a good one for you as an Air Sign. Air and Fire do make a strong combination after all. To help you make the most out of this fiery time that’s full of the promise of spring, here are a couple pick-up lines for you. 1) “Would you like to ‘Netflix and chill’ or are you more of an ‘Amazon Prime’ kind of person?” 2) “Whadda ya say to a roll in the hay?”

Scorpio: Just in case you forget, keep your head in the clouds. They will always be there for you. 1) “Put your lucky pants on—or at least your lucky underwear.” 2) “Whadda ya say to a roll in the hay?”

As the snow globe of life gives way to the petri dish of spring when everything bursts with change, this much we know is true: Everyone seems normal until you get to know them. -Clouds

Capricorn: The Stars are reporting that this would be a great time for you to spend some time thinking about what you really want in life. It might help to get out in nature, get some fresh air and listen to the mountain chickadees fill the spring air with the sounds of “cheeseburgers.” Please supply your own beer and French fries.

Aquarius: There are some people who will only like you when they can fit you into some kind of little box. Classify you as only a mom or a brother, a carpenter or a CPA, a freak or a goodie-two-shoes, a sweetheart or the star of a horror movie. Luckily, Aquarians know how to handle such people and you usually have no problem telling them exactly where to shove their little boxes.

Pisces: You know those things you do in life that make you happy, things like spending time with friends, exploring, going a little wild and letting your hair down? Do more of them, at least the ones that won’t get you thrown in jail, divorced or in need of penicillin.
TENNESSEE PACKS THE HEAT
Famed playwright’s “Summer and Smoke” opens at the Edison

By Lunch

It’s been said that romance is about fit and timing. So what does a questionable fit and lousy timing get you? That would be Tennessee Williams’s “Summer and Smoke,” a Sierra Classic Theatre/Mammoth Lakes Repertory co-production which opens this weekend at the Edison Theatre in Mammoth Lakes.

Like the last production of a Tennessee Williams play (“Cat on a Hot Tin Roof”) which hit the stage in Mammoth a decade ago and starred Rick Phelps as “Big Daddy,” this one similarly features characters with plenty of big daddy issues.

The leads are Jason Crockett and Allison McDonell Page, whose families are longtime neighbors.

Crockett plays John Buchanan Jr., the son of a well-respected doctor (played by Charles Scatolini). Though he follows in his father’s footsteps and becomes a doctor himself, that’s about the only thing Buchanan Jr. has in common with his father. He chafes against his father’s reputation, his solidity, his rectitude. Buchanan Jr. is a womanizer and a gambler and a boozer and has no intention of changing.

Page plays Alma Winemiller, daughter of the local preacher, who’s been in love with Buchanan for, well, forever. Alma’s mother (played by Gail Swain) has suffered from dementia for years, forcing Alma to take on the duties normally reserved for the pastor’s wife. In essence, Alma’s youth has been robbed from her by this familial obligation. And she stewed in this adolescent stasis for literally decades.

When Buchanan Jr. returns one summer and the pair see each other, that’s when Williams is at his best—crafting painfully awkward moments that make you cringe and cover your face but you can’t quite turn away. Nope. You watch with morbid fascination, and you want to yell at the stage, “What’s wrong with you people?!”

Watching the two ... it’s like you get all the loaded miscommunication inherent in a couple that’s known each other for years, without the history, the friendship or the intimacy that you’d think would be necessary for either to bother slogging through such heaviness.

I think the Edison will do very well in bar sales for this show. But remember, this is Tennessee Williams, so you’re also treated to his dry wit, clever turns of phrase (“You’re more afraid of your soul than you are of my body!”) and one scene stolen by Shira Dubrovner (Pearl), her hairdo and her failed attempts at reading William Blake.

And I really liked Alisa Mokler Harper as the bitchy Mrs. Bassett.

By the way, I’m never too much on sets and costumes, but they (being Juliana Olinka Jones - credited with Costumes as well as Directing) and Barbara Taylor (Tailor) did a helluva job with the clothes for this early 20th century period piece.

“Summer and Smoke” will run for this weekend and next at the Edison Theatre in Mammoth. For dates and times, see ad page three and sidebar column page 15.

The Cast

Lucy Perry........Young Alma (Apr 4-7)
Lila Creasy........Young Alma (Apr 11-14)
Cyrus Creasy........Young John (Apr 4-7)
Jasper Page.......Young John (Apr 11-14)
Allisa Mokler Harper...........Mrs. Bassett
Juliana Olinka.........Mrs. Bassett (Apr 12-14)
John Louth....The Reverend Winemiller
Gail Swain........Mrs. Winemiller
Jason Crockett..........John Buchanan Jr.
Jeff Frame..........Dusty/Vernon
Shira Dubrovner........Pearl/Rosemary
Charles Scatolini.........Dr. Buchanan
Allison McDonell........Alma Winemiller
Annie House........Nellie Ewell
Leslie Redman........Rosa Gonzales
Craig Sterling........Roger Doremus
Arthur Virela........Papa Gonzales

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- John Muir

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