A DERBY FAIRY TALE
Owner of Derby winner Country House grew up in Mammoth
By Lunch

When The Sheet reached Lisa McFadden on Tuesday morning, she was dropping her champagne-soaked dress off at the dry cleaners. And she was still in a giddy mood.

You see McFadden, who grew up in Mammoth Lakes and graduated from Mammoth High School in 2000, just happens to own a Kentucky Derby-wining horse.

McFadden, daughter of Fred Kukulus and first wife Peggy, is married to Guinness McFadden, co-owner of 2019 Kentucky Derby winner Country House with his aunt Maury Shields and investors LNJ Foxwoods based out of New York.

She was joined on Derby weekend by her father and brother, Alex.

Country House finished second to betting favorite Maximum Security during the actual race, but was bumped up to the winner’s circle when Maximum Security was disqualified for a race violation.

And made Country House, a 65-1 shot, the unlikely winner. It was the first time in the race’s 145-year history that the horse crossing the finish line first was disqualified the day of the race.

In 1968, Dancer’s Image won the Derby but was disqualified days later upon testing positive for a banned drug. And while the disqualification of Maximum Security reportedly cost that horse’s bettors $42 million in lost winnings according to Yahoo! Sports, on the flip side… a friend of the McFaddens won $120,000 on the race and chartered a plane to Miami that night to celebrate.

“We’ve had so many friends calling to tell us they’ve been cashing big tickets,” she laughed.

Her father Fred says he won $5,000 on the race, and then after the race, it was a dizzying evening, including a private party with the Governor, and another victory party at home in Lexington with friends where they were showered with champagne (for about the fifth time that day).

“We didn’t get home until 3:30 a.m.,” says Dad.

McFadden met her future husband in 2001 at the University of Nevada-Reno through mutual friends.

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Jack of all Lunches

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She gets back on the phone and says something like this, “Geez, my supervisor’s really sorry, but we warned you about these international calls awhile back and since you didn’t respond immediately, we’re not going to help you.”

“So what was that?”

“We sent you a text message on March 28 at 7 a.m.”

So I’m sending them a return message, via this nice headline, which I’ll enclose with my next payment.

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**MEMPHIS ’69**

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Made entirely from footage that was shot over three days in June of 1969 and remained unseen for 50 years.

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Dear Editor,

Your article about the potential pumped storage project on Wheeler-Ridge is misleading on a couple issues. It is unlikely that the project will “generate a projected 5,200 MW,” as this would be larger than any power station in the U.S. Instead, it would be more informative to report the expected annual generation in MW-hours, because this station will run intermittently.

Another problem is comparing the current costs of pumped storage and battery storage. While pumped storage relies on current, relatively stagnant technology to operate at their quoted costs, battery storage is falling rapidly as installations increase exponentially, just as has occurred with PV and wind power. Thus, the cost of battery storage will likely soon fall below that of pumped storage, making us all wonder why we allowed a short-sighted commercial enterprise in our wilderness area.

Geothermal is a better option for the Owens Valley, with costs currently about half of that of pumped storage, and geothermal plants run 24/7 with a much smaller footprint and visual impact.

William L. Osborn
Sonora Junction, Calif.

Jack Lunch, Religious Zealot

As Mr. Naaden dives in without providing context, his letter would appear to be a response to Lunch’s book review of Tara Westover’s “Educated” which appeared on page 19 of last week’s issue. I will print his work verbatim as grammar has been identified as one of The Sheet’s weak points.

To The Editor:

On Saturday May 4th, 2019, the religious zealots were at it again this time in The Sheet with grammatical errors, Hitler comparisons and worship of America’s Greatest Institution, education. The thrust of the article is “education good,” “private home life bad” but what is ignored is simply calling evil, evil. “Ms. Westover continues to try to make sense of her family” because abuse isn’t something you understand from the doctorate she received.

An abusive parent and a bad family environment which Ms. Westover “continues to try to make sense” of is replaced with a universal salvation: education. The radical H.L. Mencken once quipped, “The Aim of Public education is not to spread enlightenment at all.” If the ever growing California public education budget is any evidence, “education” is just a byword for privilege as the budget grows no matter how bad of a job the educated get.

Tom Woods, the libertarian entrepreneur, has pointed out the government has you for 12 to 14 years at the end of which you have no skills and need a minimum wage to push you along. What is the difference between staying at home with a demeaning parent or wasting 14 years learning no discernible skills from public education? The difference is not education, but abusive parents, so why is the book entitled, “Educated?”

The subtext here is greater than the message it seeks to spread. A woman suffers but can’t call the evil an evil. “Like a dog returning to it’s own vomit” (Proverbs 26:11) Ms. Westover fails to see what is before her own eyes as “she hesitates to trust her own memory.” Are we to believe she would magically see the world as it is by getting a doctorate? Yes. That’s the point.

Personally I was homeschooled and completed most of a Masters program in Philosophy from Franciscan University in Steubenville Ohio. But that proves nothing. Just as “the three children who got an education, three doctors and the four children who didn’t” doesn’t prove anything. Doctorates do not make you into a good person, just as Ms. Westover’s father wasn’t made into an evil person by not getting a Doctorate. In fact, the addition of getting these degrees is meaningless—unless you remember that education is an essential pillar of America’s God, The State.

A note to the editor: the quote from “Ignatius of Loyala” is actually from Aristotle. It seems a little weird to demean someone with a Hitler comparison, when they are the intellectually relevant in their own field today. It’s almost like the author of The Sheet piece “is such an overwhelming, charismatic, larger than life figure and is just so certain about what he is certain about.”

Michael Naaden
June Lake

Lunch reply: What Mr. Naaden’s letter suggests to me is that perhaps people are best served by reading Ms. Westover’s book and drawing their own conclusions.

As for my review, my observation was personality disorder plus dogma (of any description) is a recipe for misery. Thank goodness Ms. Westover had the opportunity, via education, to escape her particular circumstances.

MCWD at Palace Verdes

Dear Editor:

I have been a condo owner in Mammoth for over 20 years. During the drought our HOA let us know that we needed to make water cutbacks to comply with the local water district’s restrictions. We made the cutbacks.

Then we were notified that the water district implemented a water shortage charge to our bill.

Again, we complied and paid.

I live near Palos Verdes. This weekend I saw a Mammoth Community Water District Ford Explorer vehicle at the Trump National Golf Course. I called the District. I was told this is the General Manager’s vehicle.

This is the second time in six months that I have seen the local water district’s very nice, expensive fully-loaded Ford Explorer in the Palos Verdes area on a weekend. The other time was a Saturday night at a nice restaurant. The logo is obvious because when in Mammoth, you see the trucks all around town.

Why is it necessary for my HOA to pay a water shortage fee in times of drought when the Mammoth Water District has enough money to have their General Manager cruising around Palos Verdes on the District dime?

It was clear it was not for business because the restaurant was not an appropriate fit for a public agency meeting (EXPENSIVE!) and a day of golf does not seem appropriate either. At least, not when they have a ‘shortage’ of money.

I am all for water conservation in California, but what is really going on here?

Robert Thompson
Mammoth 2nd homeowner

Editor’s note: Use of a vehicle is part of Mr. Hayes’s contract. Might be a topic for the MCWD Board to address

Historical echoes

Dear Editor,

A century ago agents of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) posing as ranchers purchased most of the Owens Valley floor for the water rights (remember the movie Chinatown), now Premium Energy Holdings wants the crests for tree? Really? REALLY?

Rico Milledi
Irvine, Calif.
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change the bylaws to put Duggan on the board immediately.

Rudder resisted, saying, “I don’t own that seat. ... The board has made a decision and I respect that and I am going to honor it by separating myself.”

Once more McGuire asked that Rudder stay, at least until the board voted, on who should take the seat. Rudder said simply, “I’ll let you proceed,” congratulated Rhonda Duggan in the audience, and left.

The board was momentarily dumb-founded. Mayor Cleland Hoff, Town Council’s representative on the MLT Board, put her head in her hands.

“I was ready to cry,” she said. McGuire broke the silence with, “Thanks, Paul.”

The board voted unanimously to appoint Duggan to the seat. This is the first time that a seated MLT board member has not retained his seat when he submitted an application to reapply.

Since Rudder submitted his formal resignation on Tuesday evening, Duggan will fill his seat effective immediately.

On Rudder’s abrupt exit, McGuire said, “I didn’t expect that... Him leaving was not from rudeness or anything. It was not from rudeness or anything... Him leaving was not from rudeness or anything... Him leaving was not from rudeness or anything.”

McGuire said in a phone call after the meeting, “Candidly, that sucked. That was my least favorite thing I have ever had to do with MLT.”

It was difficult, they said, because both candidates were highly qualified. Duggan has worked in marketing for Mammoth Mountain, the Sierra Nevada Resort, and her own private consultancy, and worked for the planning department of the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

Rudder was a career lawyer before going into commercial real estate, and has been the MLT board’s guide as it navigates its lawsuit against Dirk Winter.

Winter, a Nevada real estate agent, sued Mammoth Lakes Tourism for its refusal to allow him to move certain real property to a new location. Duggan has been working as an at-large person needs to be in the community talking about what MLT does,” McGuire said.

“Paul made a comment that the the at-large person needs to be in the community talking about what MLT does,” McGuire said.

“When asked if he does that he said, ‘Well...’” Hoff said that Duggan, “provided the answers in her interview that Paul brought out in his interview.”

Along with Duggan’s marketing background, it was her positive energy and visibility in the town that made her the preferable candidate in the eyes of the nominating committee.

Her positive attitude about Mammoth is irresistible,” Hoff said. “It came down to looking for someone who is more visibly out there.”

Board member Michael Ledesma said that he supported Duggan in part because, “We need more gender balance on the board.”

Hoff was adamant that the nominating committee did not discuss gender during its deliberation.

As part of a written statement provided to The Sheet by Rudder, he said, “Service on the Board is not about personal ego, it is about community benefit. With that in mind, if the Board has someone who can be of greater use to the Board and MLT than myself, I have complete faith in the Board’s judgment with respect to such matters, and am happy to step aside.”

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-Scott McGuire
BISHOP SEEING 2020 WHEN IT COMES TO AIR SERVICE

By James

Revisiting a story in which remarkably there has been steady progress rather than local politicians expelling lots of hot air, Inyo County, working closely with the City of Bishop, is readying to provide passenger air service at the Bishop Airport by November, 2020. That is, if everything continues to go as planned, says Inyo County Administrative Officer Clint Quilter.

In a telephone conversation, Inyo County District 2 Supervisor Jeff Griffiths appeared to mirror Quilter’s optimism, as later did the Inyo County Public Works Director Michael Errante, and Engineering Assistant Ashley Helms, who is tasked with spearheading the effort and keeping everything moving on track.

Griffiths told The Sheet that, “We’re in very close contact with the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration). Two months ago, we met up with some very high-up people at the FAA back east and had regional FAA staff on the phone. Everyone was incredibly supportive of our efforts.

“There’s an excellent chance for us to obtain some significant funding that is available for improvement to rural airports and we are one of the few that meets the requirements in our region.”

“The significant funding” Griffiths is referring to is $1 billion in a bill signed into law by President Trump on March 23, 2018, known as the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018. The legislation provided the Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) Airport Improvement Program (AIP) an additional $1 billion in discretionary grants, to enable the Secretary of Transportation to offer grants for projects.

What has local officials excised is that the Act also stipulated that the Secretary shall give priority consideration to projects at: (a) nonprimary airports that are classified as Regional, Local, or Basic airports and not located within a Metropolitan or Micropolitan Statistical Area as defined by the Office of Management and Budget; or (b) primary airports that are classified as Small or Nonhub airports.

Bishop and Lone Pine’s airports are the only ones in the district eligible for those funds. Inyo County Supervisor Griffiths said that, “We (Inyo County) are going through the environmental process and requesting additional funding. It’s a competitive process, but it looks good for us. And the timing couldn’t be better. Experts are excited and say that this is great potential for the whole region. We are very optimistic about our timeframe.”

An aggressive airport maintenance and construction improvement plan by Inyo County with the supportive cooperation of the Town of Mammoth Lakes—at least in that it is not in opposition—combined with the potential supplemental financial support of the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), appears to be pushing the airport project forward at a steady pace.

Meanwhile, Mammoth has abandoned its proposed $30 million airport terminal expansion project.

Since 2013, $7.9 million worth of work has been spent on improvements at the Bishop Airport. Regular FAA funding already provided to airports, along with matching county funds have provided for the improvement projects that have included lighting fixes and runway repairs.

According to Quilter in a meeting with the Inyo County Board of Supervisors in September 2017, “…testing of the runways proved them to incredibly strong and more than capable of handling some very big commercial aircraft.” That is not surprising as the airport was originally built for military use to accommodate refueling of large military aircraft during WWII.

Since 2017, $1.8 million has been spent to rehabilitate the aircraft parking apron, repairs to pavement cracks, pavement sealing and paint markings, as well as installation of terminal area security fencing completed in March 2017 at a cost of $1.6 million. The improvement projects will continue as additional funding becomes available.

According to the Public Works Department, the Part 139 Airport Certification Manual (ACCM) draft has been completed by Ewaq Engineering Corporation for Inyo County and it has already submitted and reviewed by the FAA and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA). A couple of changes and suggestions were made construction and improvements. Essentially already approved, the ACM will satisfy the FAA’s requirement for final approval for official approval of the certification to accept commercial aircraft.

When everything is completed, the airport should easily handle commercial passenger flights accommodating planes with 50-70 seats. With Allegiant Airlines having already expressed interest in providing regular passenger service to Bishop, another requirement by the FAA was met.

According to Inyo County Public Works, future improvements will include taxiway rehabilitation this summer or late-August or early-September. Bids are going out next week. Subject to funding, there will be more space added to the existing terminal building and down the road, a dedicated passenger terminal may be in the future as well.

All-in-all, things are looking good for commercial air service coming to Bishop in the fall of 2020.

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Press Release

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MOVIN’ ON UP
Not to a deluxe apartment in the sky, however, but to a rundown high school down the street
By Gorman

Annie Rinaldi is graduating from Mammoth Middle School and moving onto Mammoth High School, and it only took her eight years.

After 8 years as MMS principal, Rinaldi has been chosen as the new MHS principal to replace Chris Powell at the end of this school year.

Her promotion represents the first hire of new Mammoth Unified School District Superintendent Jennifer Wildman, who will be replacing Lois Klein at the end of the school year.

Rinaldi was chosen from among 5 applicants whom Klein called, “all strong candidates.”

She was interviewed by a panel that included both the outgoing and incoming superintendents, Powell, the Elementary School Principal, teachers, parents, the athletic director, and one student.

“Annie rose to the top,” Klein said. “She was the number one pick of every panel member, not only for her answers in the interview but also for the work she has done in the district.”

Mammoth Middle School was chosen as a California Distinguished School this year. It is the first Mammoth school to win the distinction since the high school won in 2011, and is one of only 162 middle and high schools in the state chosen for the award.

Klein noted this achievement as an impressive part of Rinaldi’s resume. Wildman made the final decision to hire Rinaldi.

“She is so energetic and smart and focused,” Wildman said of Rinaldi. “She will help people focus on the right thing, the kids.”

Wildman said that Rinaldi’s competence at collaboration was her most attractive asset as a candidate.

“Everybody (on the panel) mentioned that they wanted to be more collaborative, to work on school culture and more school pride… That’s something that she will easily bring to the job.”

Klein said that Rinaldi demonstrated her ability to collaborate during her tenure as MMS principal. She worked with staff and administration from the other schools, as well as with a third party consultancy called Focused Schools, to make the school district more cohesive.

“We are closer to K-12 than we were a few years ago,” Klein said. Rinaldi is a native Spanish speaker. Prior to her role as the MMS principal, Rinaldi was an elementary school principal at Crescendo Charter in Los Angeles, and before that she was a teacher in L.A. Unified for 10 years. This will be her first foray into high school.

“It will be a learning experience, learning high school culture,” Rinaldi said.

She is fortunate that she already knows many of the students at MHS, as the majority of them came through her middle school.

Rinaldi believes the highest priority for a high school is ensuring its students are college and career ready.

“That’s going to be the biggest challenge,” Rinaldi said. “And making sure that it is done in a safe environment.”

Chris Powell said that he is leaving his role as principal in part because he had too much on his plate as the sole administrator of MHS. Rinaldi said that she anticipates to have similar problems, but that she is, “looking to staff to find better ways of managing the responsibilities.”

Mammoth Unified School District must now begin the search for a new middle school principal.

“The only sad thing,” Wildman said, “is that for Annie to be the HS principal she can’t be the middle school principal.”

COP SHOP
FORMER DEPUTY SHERIFF ARRESTED IN ALLEGED MISAPPROPRIATION OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS CASE

Former Inyo County Sheriff’s Department Corporal Nick Vaughn was arrested today by Investigators from the Inyo County District Attorney’s office on charges stemming from an alleged misappropriation of public funds.

After an internal investigation, the Sheriff’s Department referred the case to the District Attorney’s office for a criminal investigation.

Participants in the program are required to pay certain fees to the Department, and it is alleged that a portion of those fees were diverted to Mr. Vaughn’s personal use or the use of other individuals.

Mr. Vaughn was the supervisor of the Work Release Program from approximately May, 2014 to March, 2018.

At this time, no other employees of the Sheriff’s Department are implicated in the investigation.

Mr. Vaughn was booked at the Inyo County Jail. Bail on the arrest warrant was set at $15,000.

-Press Release
By Casselman

Until the Democratic TV presidential debates begin in late June, the most notable political news appears to be the seemingly endless announcements of candidacies of Democrats with ostensibly serious credentials.

After the entrance into the race by former Vice President Joe Biden (at gate number 21), it might have been supposed to be the end of it, but already we have two more, including Colorado Senator Michael Bennet, and the prospects of several more. Stacey Abrams of Georgia and Bill Di Blasio of New York are signaling their interest, as is Steve Bullock of Montana. Andrew Cuomo of New York is writing op eds laden with hints. Friends of Michelle Obama say the former first lady cannot be ruled out. Given the sudden rise of South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg, who knows what other obscure urban mayors or state legislators are dreaming of instant 2020 political celebrity.

The Democratic National Committee (DNC) now says the first two debates will have no more than twenty participants, ten on successive days, in each. It set rather low bars for qualification.

It is said the DNC now says the first two debates are the “charisma” candidates. A small- and establishment media speculating. Trump could lose some of his support. But until now, conventional wisdom and establishment media speculation don’t seem to be working.

Barry Casselman is a syndicated columnist who has been covering national politics since 1972. For more of his work, visit www.barrycasselman.com.
Matt McClain is back to work as the Executive Director of Mammoth Lakes Recreation (MLR) just a week out of the hospital.

McClain was diagnosed with kidney cancer around Christmas of 2018. He has been in and out of the hospital for surgeries and complications since.

The 53-year-old checked out of Mammoth Hospital on May 3rd with what doctors term “no evidence of disease,” and that day he went to the Mammoth Lakes Town Council Meeting to make a public comment.

“I asked my doctors if I could check myself out for an hour to provide comment because there was an important item on the agenda, which was to approve the challenge cost share for the Lakes Basin,” McClain said.

When someone has an illness like his, he said, it is important to maintain a sense of normalcy. McClain does that through his work with the recreation non-profit.

His medical ordeal began in late summer, 2018. He was feeling more tired than usual and experiencing pain in his “flank.”

“It wasn’t like back pain,” he said, “It seemed like it was off to the side.”

He wrote it off as pain from golfing, but it didn’t go away.

He finally got an ultrasound of his back in December and the doctor found a mass on his kidney. So he went to southern California to begin treating the cancer.

Upon closer inspection, doctors found that McClain had cancer on his kidney that had metastasized to his adrenal gland, which is next to the kidney. The tumor also had a tendril running up his vena cava toward his heart.

In mid-January, McClain underwent a twelve-hour surgery at Cedars Sinai with a thoracic and a cardiac surgeon to remove the kidney and adrenal gland.

The first complication came when his other kidney stopped working, a result of the way that it was clamped off during his surgery. His body stopped filtering his blood and he put on 40 pounds of fluid in a week. Dialysis took care of that, and he was discharged from Cedars 11 days after surgery.

The second complication was an infection in the port used to drain the fluid from the serum that developed where his kidney had been. He returned to the hospital in early March, where he stayed for 12 days until his infection was cured.

He had also become dramatically anemic from the surgery. He struggled to gather the energy to walk or talk for much of March.

In order to see how he would do at altitude he took some short trips up to Mammoth, and he felt fine.

He came up to Mammoth Lakes in late April with the intention of starting work on May 1. That’s when the third complication happened. He spiked a fever of 104 degrees and entered Mammoth Hospital with another infection in the area of his removed kidney.

He stayed in the hospital for two weeks on a cocktail of antibiotics. Now that he has been released, he still receives antibiotic infusions through the arm three times a day. He schedules work around the infusions.

While McClain was out, MLR hired two new employees whom McClain is only just now getting to work with. He has begun collaborating with Sustainable Recreation Director Matthew Paruolo to triage Paruolo’s long list of potential projects.

He has also just begun helping to direct new Program Administrator Kim Anaclerio.

Since his cancer is metastatic it could recur at any time. His diagnosis has changed his perspective on life.

“If you’re going through it (cancer), you’re scared shitless,” McClain said. “Everything changes.”

He said that the support he received from his organization and members of the Mammoth community has been invaluable.

“We are a small community, and it means a lot when people reach out and support you,” He said.

“That’s one of the great things about living in Mammoth Lakes.”
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agenda, something that didn’t warrant much public concern that has me waking up in a cold sweat, asking the same question to myself that I asked on Tuesday afternoon.

Are we really going to just shrug our shoulders, send a stern letter, and stand by helplessly as DWP goes ahead with drilling 40 (!!!) new wells in Long Valley? Yes. That’s exactly what happened. And it’s one of those things that happens—not a result of bad decision-making or ill intent by anyone at Mono County. The opposite is true; the county has developed general plan goals, objectives and policies to protect the environment and to keep water from being diverted and exported. We’re devoting time and resources to challenging DWP in court.

In this case, though, it’s not enough, or doesn’t apply. The county has to issue a well drilling permit, those are the rules. DWP essentially gets to write its own rules when it comes to environmental review of projects, and thus create its own reality in the Eastern Sierra.

As part of data collection efforts for an environmental impact report of its proposal to dewater wetlands and pastures in Long Valley, the agency decided to install 40 monitoring wells in 20 locations throughout the acreage it leases to local ranchers for grazing. No environmental review needed, DWP says, because this project falls under a CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) exemption for information gathering (even though heavy industrial well drilling equipment will travel over unroaded lands where nesting sage grouse hens are brooding the precious and scarce chicks of this species on the brink).

Why is this project so bad? Think about why DWP would want to collect data on groundwater (not the surface water, the allocation and spreading of which has been the center of the controversy); to pump it and export it. Or use it to replace, aboveground, the surface water that’s nurtured habitat and created wetlands and pastures, in order to channel more of that surface water directly into Crowley Lake and eventually, down the aqueduct to a city with a “green new deal” that we here at the top of the watershed stand to get the raw end of.

Veterans of the water wars likely will read this and nod their heads in understanding and experience—they know this feeling too well. DWP officials will read this, and maybe send me an email or write a press release reassuring me, us, that it’s all fine, perfectly normal, just good science and planning and that they care about sage grouse too.

History tells a different story, that holes in the ground mean more water gone. I don’t have an answer of what to do, but I have some ideas and confidence that Mono County will keep looking for ways to protect the land, water, wildlife in Long Valley. Because the actual reality, as the native people of this area rightly remind us when they speak out against projects like this, is that we are all connected, and water is life.

During the season, shortstop Michael Kubiak pulled a muscle in his back and was not able to attend the Boron game, which “knocked us out of rhythm,” Coach Omohundro said. But Kubiak, one of the team’s MVPs this season is back and ready to go. Other team MVPs were third baseman Cal Omohundro (#3 hitter), and sophomore pitchers, Ace Selters and Landon Kruse.

Overall, Coach Omohundro is proud of his Bishop Broncos baseball team, and is “trying to teach these guys to be competitive—being in every game [and] fighting even though you don’t win,” he said.

Sophomore Ace Sellers, one of Bishop Baseball’s MVPs this season.

BISHOP SEEDED #1
By Maddux

The Bishop Broncos finished their regular season with a 14-4 record (9-2 in the High Desert League). The team has made the playoffs this season and will play in the Central Section (Division 6), which is Bakersfield/Fresno. It is seeded #1.

It’s first game will be against Kern Valley on a neutral field. Bishop defeated Kern by identical 11-1 scores in two games between the schools during the regular season.

Coach Steve Omohundro said the team’s strengths this year have been, “pitching and defense—that’s what kept us in all these games.”

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BUSY SPRING FOR SYMPHONY

With its upcoming “Jazz at the Edison” concerts this Saturday, May 11 and Sunday May 12, the Eastern Sierra Symphony (ESS) caps off a busy spring season as it prepares to launch the 42nd Annual Sierra Summer Festival on June 28-29.

On March 29, the ESS sponsored a visit to Mammoth High School by the award-winning City of Angels Saxophone Quartet. This unique ensemble, which has been performing together for over 20 years, was able to spend time playing, teaching and coaching several of the instrumental ensembles under the direction of Mammoth Schools’ music instructor Michael Hammers. The following evening, the quartet played a free concert at the high school.

This past Friday, May 3, the Eastern Sierra Symphony was very excited to welcome Instructor Michael Hammers and the students of the Mammoth High School Instrumental and Vocal Jazz Ensembles to the internationally renowned Colburn School of the Performing Arts in downtown Los Angeles.

The students were led on a tour of the Colburn Community School and the elite Colburn Conservatory by Eastern Sierra Symphony Executive Director (and Colburn Violin Instructor) Aimée Kreston.

As the students stood in Colburn’s Zipper Hall, one of the most acoustically perfect concert halls on the west coast, Ms. Kreston informed them that the same firm which designed the acoustics for Zipper Hall, MCH Acoustics and Media Systems Consultants, has been engaged to design the acoustics for the new Mammoth Lakes Performing Arts Center.

Upon conclusion of their morning tour, the students were then invited to attend special private “master classes” organized and funded by the Eastern Sierra Symphony. The choir had the good fortune to be able to work with the head of the Colburn School vocal department, Michael Stevens, while the Jazz Ensemble spent their two-hour session with legendary jazz musician and long-time Colburn instructor Lee Secard.

Both groups went on to win first prize in their respective divisions at the Music in the Park Festival at Six Flags Magic Mountain in Santa Clarita later that weekend.

“The Eastern Sierra Symphony is committed to supporting the music programs at the Mammoth Schools with continued visits, coaching and performances. Our hope is to eventually offer individual private lessons to students in the program,” said Ms. Kreston.

Continuing the spring activities, ESS is presenting “Jazz at the Edison: You Must Believe in Spring,” featuring the Sean Stackpoole Quartet. The multitalented Stackpoole plays saxophones and several other woodwinds, and he will be accompanied by the amazing young pianist, Matt Politano, Blake White on bass, and Evan Kouchar on drums.

They will perform two sets (for the price of one admission!) on Saturday, May 11 at 8:00 p.m., and the same again on Sunday, May 12, at 2:00 p.m. All performances will take place at the Edison Theatre. Advance tickets (best prices!) can be purchased at easternsierrasymphony.org.

The Eastern Sierra Symphony will once again present its Sierra Summer Festival on June 28-29. Both concerts will be held at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, and are free of charge to the public. The orchestra, which is made up of some of the finest musicians from the great orchestras across the country, will be led this year by Maestro David Cubek, a product of the world-renowned El Sistema program in Venezuela, and current Assistant Conductor of the Pasadena Symphony and Music Director of the Pasadena Youth Symphony.

Maestro Cubek will lead 2019 Horton-Kohl Artist Avery Tracy in a performance of Mozart’s Violin Concerto #3. Also featured will be a rare performance of the “Serenade for Winds,” by former Principal Oboist of the Sierra Summer Festival, Leroy Southers. Mr. Southers, who taught composition at USC and at the Berklee School of Music in Boston, wrote this piece for the members of the Eastern Sierra Symphony woodwind section just a few years before his passing. The orchestra is proud to honor Mr. Southers’ memory and the legacy of the Festival by featuring three of the original members of the woodwind section, Wes Hawks, John Wehausen, and Carolyn Tierman, who all played on the first performance of the “Serenade” nearly twenty years ago, in this year’s performance.
The Round Valley STEP (Student Enrichment Program) Foundation held its annual “Evening Under The Stars” fundraiser dinner at the Arcularius Ranch in Round Valley last Saturday evening. The venue alone makes it a must-attend event. Pictured clockwise from below: Bishop Police Chief Ted Stec and wife Dawn; Round Valley parents Kristi McKee and Sabrina Nioche; Hosts Howard and Linda Arcularius; Mike Morgan and Bill Bjorkland; Anna Taplin and Monroe Trange; Sarah Antisman, Kevin Green, Stu Need and Lynn Allett-Need.

A change in state accounting rules has severely dented Round Valley School District finances. Inter-district transfer students, who comprise two-thirds of the student population, carry a fraction of the state funding with them that they once did, making such fundraisers more vital than ever.

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Clockwise from left: Dining in the Arcularius’s backyard; Virginia Thorson scores for the grandchildren; the Holy Smoke BBQ catering crew; Shelly Ellis.

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**Tuesday, May 14/**
- Team trivia at Mammoth Brewing Co. Time: 7 p.m. Free.

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**Saturday, May 18/**

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**TOWN STUFF**

**Friday, May 10/**
- **Finca Duernas Olivegrove and Mill** olive oil tasting at Bleu Handcrafted foods. Free olive oil tasting. Time: 5-7 p.m.

**May 10-11/**
- **Playhouse 395's production of Mam-ma Mia! continues** at the Bishop Union High School theater.

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- **Moms Craft Art Student Art Reception.** Art by elementary and middle school students. Cookies, and lemonade. Time: 1-5 p.m. Location: MAC Gallery & Art Center in Minaret Mall. Free. Time: 8-11 p.m. Location: Appleton Manor, 2000 Airport Road.

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- **Western Sierra Symphony presents** Jazz at the Edison featuring the Sean Stackpoole Quartet. Saturday show 8 p.m. and Sunday matinee 2 p.m. More info: www.westernsierrasymphony.org.

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This project would treat invasive plant infestations forest-wide, using an integrated pest management approach and combining manual, mechanical, chemical, and biological control methods. An estimate of several hundred acres of invasive plants would be treated each year.

The project can be viewed on the Inyo National Forest website at https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=38912.

The 30-day comment period will start on May 7.

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You may also mail hard copy comments to Blake Engelhardt, Forest Botanist, 351 Paci Club Lane Suite 200 Bishop, CA 93514; or deliver them to the address shown above during business hours (Monday–Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm).

Mamma Mia! 

Playhouse 395’s production of Catherine Johnson’s “Mamma Mia!” continues for two more performances this week. See the Eastern Sierra Sunday, 7 p.m. each night at the Bishop Union High School Auditorium. Tickets: $25/reserved, $20/general admission at playhouse395.com. Info: 760.920.9100.

Black Lake Preserve Tour

Celebrate World Migratory Bird Day with a guided hike on Saturday, 7 p.m. at the Black Lake Preserve and the Eastern Sierra Audubon Society on May 11 by touring ESLI’s Black Lake Preserve. All birding levels welcome - kids included. No pets please. For directions, and to RSVP for this free event, email marie@esli.net or call 760.873.4554.

Tour Beneath the Peaks

Bromo Football is proud to announce that the Tour Beneath the Peaks Bike ride is back. The 100 mile course runs on Saturday, May 11. All proceeds go directly to the Bromo Football Program. The Tour Beneath the Peaks ride offers participants a 30, 50, or 100 mile route on primarily flat terrain around the Bishop area between the Sierra Nevada and White Mountain ranges. The ride features full-service aid stations (including valet service and snacks), SAG wagons, and a commemorative T-shirt.

Race day registration will be available beginning at 6:30 a.m. Those choosing the 100 mile option will start at 7 a.m., with the 30 and 50 miles beginning at 8 a.m. Race day registration and check in will be held in the Bishop Union High School parking lot.

Pre-registration is available. Forms can be picked up in the Bishop Union High School main office or contact Coach Arnie Palu, 760.937.4929, or email TourBeneathThePeaks@gmail.com. The Pre-Registration deadline is May 4. The cost is $50/person. All contributions are tax-deductible.

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Pediatric picky-eating

Join Northern Inyo Healthcare District on Saturday, May 16 for its next Healthy Lifestyle Talk focusing on raising children with healthy eating habits. The talk, titled “Raising Good Eaters: How to combat pediatric picky eating and reduce mealtime battles,” is set to begin at 6:30 p.m. at the NIHD Birch Street Annex, 2957 Birch Street, Bishop, near the campus of the JILL Booseh School.

The featured speaker will be Denice Hynd, one of NIHD’s clinical dietitians. Mrs. Hynd is a registered dietitian who has worked for over 25 years in San Diego where she worked with the University of California San Diego Moore’s Cancer Center. As a young professional, she collected nutrition-focused research for multiple clinical studies investigating nutrition and its role in cancer prevention, specifically in breast cancer, colorectal and cancers of the prostate.

NIHD Healthy Lifestyle Talks are free and open to the public.

Mule Days

May 21–26. 2019 marks the 50th anniversary of this one of a kind celebration of the American Mule. The Mule Days Celebration is tough to explain if you’ve never attended...it’s part serious competition, part wild-west show and all fun for everyone. This year’s event will feature arena shows, country western concerts, BBQ’s and of course the Main Street Parade. It’s free to stop by the Tri-County Fairgrounds and browse the dozens of terrific vendors and check out the displays. On-site camping is available.

For site camping and event tickets call the Mule Days office at 760.872.4263.

Paul Truax 1935-2019

Paul Wendell Truax, father of Sierra Nevada Resort’s Brent Truax, died last month at the family homestead in Vermont and Massachusetts.

Mr. Truax was married 58 years and was the father of five. His accomplishments in an incredible variety of endeavors are too numerous to list. Not only did he become the first man ever to graduate from the Mary Fletcher Hospital School of Nursing, but he ultimately became administrator of medical rehabilitation facilities in Vermont and Massachusetts. He also operated the family dairy farm, raising at least a dozen small businesses.

Like his son Brent, he also volunteered for countless civic organizations. Condolences to the Truax family.

Wednesday, May 15/

Mammoth Lakes Town Council meets.
6 p.m. Suite Z, Minaret Mall.
June Lake Loop Chamber of Commerce is hosting an Eastern Sierra Fishing Summit, starting at 5 pm at the June Lake Marina. Mono County’s Jeff Simpson will be giving a fishing state of the union following a Q and A session.
Inyo Community Reads program closing dinner @ Lo-Inyo Multi Purpose Room. Fun and free community dinner in Lone Pine! But remember, seating is limited. Get your tickets at ICA (137 So. Main St. in Bishop/760.873.8014) before they are gone.

Bishop Chamber Business After Hours networking mixer at the office of Dr. Erica Rotondo. Time: 5–7 p.m. Location: 611 West Street Street Post. Enjoy complimentary appetizers, no-host beverages, and a tour of her new office.

Thursday, May 16/

Bishop Chamber of Commerce luncheon @ the Pizza Factory. Time: Noon. Cost: $15 includes a deli ticket for a free future lunch. All members and guests are welcome - bring a friend!

Healthy Lifestyles Talk hosted by Northern Inyo Hospital District (NIHD). Topic: Pediatric picky eating. Speaker: Clinical dietician Denice Hynd. Time: 6:30 p.m. Location: NIHD Birch Street Annex at 2957 Birch St.

Saturday, May 18/

The Eastern Sierra Chamber Orchestra and Chamber Music Unbound’s music students perform a free program of classic favorites @ Mammoth’s Cerro Coso campus. Time: 7 p.m. Will feature music by Gershwin (his masterpiece, Rhapsody in Blue), Schubert, Mozart, Vivaldi, Telemann and more. Soloists include Ari Schuld, piano; Arianna Pope, Lamin Bassler, Alexs Molina, violins; Arissa Thompson, viola.
Mammoth Mountain Winter Market Expo. Time: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Location: McCoy Station. Meet the team of wedding specialists, sample delicious menu items. Price: $25 per person. Tickets can be purchased on-site. Couples who have a future wedding booked with Mammoth or June Mountain will receive 2 free tickets.
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Full Circle Physiotherapy & Pilates 126 Old Mammoth Road, P.O. Box 8104 Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

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**Request for Qualifications**

Request for Qualifications of Statements of Qualifications from qualified Consultants (Consultant) to prepare Planning, All and Website Management, Public Outreach, Stakeholder Engagement, Trail User Group Coordination, Data Inventories/Analysis and Calculation of System Standards Manuals, and Related Services to the Mammoth Lakes Trail System ("Services") Dear Interested Party: The Town of Mammoth Lakes (Town) is seeking Statements of Qualifications from qualified Consultants (Consultant) to provide Planning, All and Website Management, Public Outreach, Stakeholder Engagement, Trail User Group Coordination, Data Inventories/Analysis and Calculation of System Standards Manuals, and Related Services to the Mammoth Lakes Trail System ("Services") related to the Mammoth Lakes Trail System Master Plan ("MLTP") and related outdoor recreation amenities. In preparing their response to this RFP, Consultant should consider service area appropriate to the region where communities are located near urban office locations. A physical presence for specific services delivered under the program. The consultant shall be required to develop concepts, produce maps, site graphics, and guidelines using industry standard Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Consultant shall assist in creating a variety of outdoor recreation user groups on access, trail facility projects, and assist in the coordination of services. Consultant shall work with public land agencies and the Town on planning for real estate facility land development for trail expansion. Services may include development and creation of media for use by the Town with social media, website maintenance and improvements, and professional public relations for concepts derived from the Trail System Master Plan, Sherwins Area Recreation Plan, Lakes Basin Special Study, Walk, Bike Ride Action Plan, and other related efforts that are in various stages of development. The Town of Mammoth Lakes works in partnership with the National Forest Regional and national partners through formal agreements to maintain and improve the Trail System. Professional partnerships can be used to leverage resources. The Town of Mammoth Lakes is seeking Statements of Qualifications from qualified Consultants (Consultant) to the Mammoth Lakes Trail System and Appurtenances ("MLTS") from the Town Website at http://www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.gov/trail-system-statement-of-qualifications. A detailed Request for Qualifications may be downloaded from the Town Website at http://www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.gov/statement-of-qualifications. Proposals submitted are to be submitted to the Town on or before the project completion date. For additional information, or to obtain a copy of the staff report which will be mailed no later than May 15, 2019, contact Nolan Roboff, Associate Planner, at (760) 956-3508, ext. 100, or email at nroboff@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

**Notice of Cancellation**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Chambers, at the Town Council Chambers, State Z within the Mono County Office of Education, located at 21727 S. Main St., Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546, the Town of Mammoth Lakes, County of Mono, City of Mammoth Lakes, filed a Notice of Cancellation with the County Clerk, Count of Mono, State of California, pursuant to Government Code Sections 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently considered for public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the Town. The Town of Mammoth Lakes Planning & Economic Development Commission either in person or represented by counsel. Request for Statement of Qualifications from qualified Consultants (Consultant) to prepare Planning, All and Website Management, Public Outreach, Stakeholder Engagement, Trail User Group Coordination, Data Inventories/Analysis and Calculation of System Standards Manuals, and Related Services to the Mammoth Lakes Trail System ("Services") related to the Mammoth Lakes Trail System Master Plan ("MLTP") and related outdoor recreation amenities. In preparing their response to this RFP, Consultant should consider service area appropriate to the region where communities are located near urban office locations. A physical presence for specific services delivered under the program. The consultant shall be required to develop concepts, produce maps, site graphics, and guidelines using industry standard Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Consultant shall assist in creating a variety of outdoor recreation user groups on access, trail facility projects, and assist in the coordination of services. Consultant shall work with public land agencies and the Town on planning for real estate facility land development for trail expansion. Services may include development and creation of media for use by the Town with social media, website maintenance and improvements, and professional public relations for concepts derived from the Trail System Master Plan, Sherwins Area Recreation Plan, Lakes Basin Special Study, Walk, Bike Ride Action Plan, and other related efforts that are in various stages of development. The Town of Mammoth Lakes works in partnership with the National Forest Regional and national partners through formal agreements to maintain and improve the Trail System. Professional partnerships can be used to leverage resources. The Town of Mammoth Lakes is seeking Statements of Qualifications from qualified Consultants (Consultant) to the Mammoth Lakes Trail System and Appurtenances ("MLTS") from the Town Website at http://www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.gov/trail-system-statement-of-qualifications. A detailed Request for Qualifications may be downloaded from the Town Website at http://www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.gov/statement-of-qualifications. Proposals submitted are to be submitted to the Town on or before the project completion date. For additional information, or to obtain a copy of the staff report which will be mailed no later than May 15, 2019, contact Nolan Roboff, Associate Planner, at (760) 956-3508, ext. 100, or email at nroboff@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

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**A FAREWELL POEM FROM JACK BENHAM**

On Morning Wood

When you wake in the morning
After a night of not performing,
And feel all sorts of guilt
About sperm dissatisfaction,
Why now when you’re alone,
Does it decide to become?
You can’t take a piss,
Because it’s as relentless as Sisyphus.
Don’t fret,
Don’t sweat,
What you have morning wood is
It’s natural,
Like desert chapparral.
It’s nobody’s fault.
And don’t blame the citizens of a foreign
nation.
Don’t wrap it in floss to cut off circulation.
Don’t blame the citizens of a foreign
nation.
It’s nobody’s fault.
It’s something to exact,
For you have an opportunity,
From which you cannot flee.
Lock the bathroom door,
Sit on the toilet and engage your core.
Use lotion if you please.
Give it a gentle squeeze.
Jesus pictures a hot pill.
Moses never seemed to quit.

And Job
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HORRORSCOPES

By Clouds McCloud

Gemini: There’s an old saying that goes something like: “Every once and awhile you meet people who change your life for the better. These people are often called ‘barmenders.’” Your birthday gift to the world this year should be to play the role of bartender, just be sure you’re serving lots of positive vibes as well as Screwdrivers and Sex on the Beaches.

Cancer: Since your magical time of the year is soon to begin, this would be a good time to do two things: Add something new and sexy to your wardrobe, and have your new theme song come from Panic at the Disco: “Had to have high, high hopes for a living.”

Leo: Comrade Trump likes to refer to himself in the third person. So it’s safe to say that he’s become the chubby, much paler version of Terry from “Brooklyn 99.” Therefore, your words of wisdom will come from felow Luscious Leo, Terry Crews: 1) “I love being Scary Terry. He says what you think.” 2) “When the slippers are filled, Terry is chilled.” 3) 3) And what does the Ebony Falcon do? Takes bad guys to jail and bad girls to bed. Hell yeah he does. Except now the Ebony Falcon is monogamous and too chubby, much paler version of Terry it’s safe to say that he’s become the love being Scary Terry. He says what you think.

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Scorpio: Life likes to throw curveballs at us every once and awhile. That’s okay; it’s the foul balls to the groin that really slows us down. But that’s why even when you have a broken hand, it’s best to remember that on the other hand, you’re fine. If you can adopt this view, you’re bound to see more people crushing life, instead of being crushed by it.

Sagittarius: In case you know anyone who is having a challenging time right now try to remember these two things. Karma is known for being somewhat bitchy and that this, too, will pass; it may pass like a kidney stone, but it will pass.

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Aries are blessed with gift of easily bringing the love. So please be sure to bring more of it, even if it doesn’t seem to be getting appreciated. Clouds always appreciates it and likes to watch it boomerang back around on folks.

Taurus: The good and horny people of the sign of the Bull actually tend to be good friends. You’re loyal and consistent but you are enough to keep us all on our toes. You love to mix things up and go to odd places. That’s why it might be nice to listen to some Van Morrison as the bulbs of spring beginning to burst: “Oh! My friend I see you. Want you to come through [alright].”

PERSONALS

I saw you ... shopping for a Mother’s Day gift. My advice: The best gifts are the most thoughtful ones. Have you considered going away for the weekend?

I search of ... a hot mama for a day in pajamas, but if I can bait you into a day on the water, will settle for a quickie in a pontoon boat.

I hope to see you ... at Gomez’s for Sunday brunch, I’ll buy you a Mammoth Margarita if you’ll come back to my place afterward and show me your frigiles.

I saw you ... lost your seat on the MLT Board. Shocking, I thought for sure you would ascend to the Iron Throne.

I saw you ... bet the house on Maximum Security. You should have bet the Country House on the Country House.

In search of ... a Mother’s Day brunch. Anyone wearing crotch-less panties raise your hands!

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Mutual friends who also happened to have been Lisa’s Mammoth classmates.

Guinness McFadden and the Mammoth crew, which included Brandon Russell, Matt Morning, Robbie Preschutti and Kyle Bihler, bonded over a love of skiing and snowboarding.

But when Lisa showed up at a party one night, Guinness saw that Mammoth definitely had more to offer.

They dated for about eight months in college, and even when they broke it off, remained good friends.

Guinness is from Potter Valley, Calif., where his family owns a vineyard. He knew nothing about horses when his Uncle, Jerry Shields, recruited him to work in the horse business in Kentucky in 2004 (at the time, Guinness was working construction in Reno).

Lisa stayed in Reno post-college, working in a dental office and then also as a bartender at a nightclub.

They kept up their friendship through the intervening years as Guinness learned the ropes in the horse racing industry, starting as a stable groom (“Basically, he shoveled shit,” laughed Lisa (who laughs often).)

When Guinness invited Lisa to Lexington, Kentucky in 2009 for Keeneland Race Track’s opening weekend, that’s when their long friendship veered back into the romantic lane.

They were married in December, 2010 and now have two children; Olivia, 8 and Tripp, who turns 5 next week.

Tripp is named after his father, and short for Eugene Joseph McGuinness McFadden III.

What a name!

Lisa’s father Fred Kukulus was certainly happy about his daughter’s rekindled romance with Guinness. He recalls saying to his daughter while she was living in Reno, “Are you crazy? You’re going through all these boyfriends, getting disappointed by every one, and this guy still cares for you so much.”

Fred describes his son-in-law as a perfect gentleman. “He even asked me for her hand in marriage.”

According to the Louisville Courier-Journal, “Country House was bred in Kentucky by late owner Joseph “Jerry” Shields, who had planned to sell Country House at the 2017 Keeneland September Yearling Sale before nephew McFadden and bloodstock agent Alex Solis II asked him to keep the colt.”

When Uncle Jerry passed away in 2018, ownership of the horse transferred 50-50 to his widow Maury and his nephew.

As Lisa explained, Guinness’s mother passed away when he was very young and his aunt Maury has been a like a mother to him, so it was a logical arrangement.

After Country House “broke his maiden” (won his first race) at Gulfstream Park in January, Guinness started getting a lot of calls to buy the horse.

“I told him not to sell. Don’t sell any of it,” said Lisa.

But Uncle Jerry had passed on a cautious maxim to his nephew, which was something to the effect of, “I should never own horses this valuable.”

So Guinness ended up splitting the difference. The family retained majority ownership while selling a stake to LNJ Foxwoods (the Roth family).

When not otherwise winning the Derby, Guinness and Lisa co-own Blackwood Stables in Versailles, Kentucky, where they break and train thoroughbreds.

Jill Norton employed Lisa for many years at Nik ‘N Willies in Mammoth, and is just tickled pink over the Derby outcome.

“She’s just a really fun, lighthearted person,” Norton says of McFadden, ranking her right near the top of all the employees she ever had. “And she was a hard-worker … I’m really happy that she’s living the fairy tale. I love seeing kids who worked for me flourishing and being successful.”

From Guinness McFadden in the Courier-Journal: “I don’t win the Derby. I don’t know anyone that’s won the Derby. This isn’t something that happens to people that I know. So no, this is not anything I ever expected to happen.”

“On Tuesday, it was announced that Country House had fallen ill (nothing serious) and would not vie for the Triple Crown by racing in the Preakness Stakes next week.”
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