WHO WILL PREVAIL?
When it comes to government work, it’s a numbers game
By Hite

In March of 2019, Mammoth Lakes Fire Safety Council (MLFSC) received a $1 million grant from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC). The grant was in response to an analysis conducted by the Inyo National Forest in 2018 which ominously concluded “that the Mammoth Lakes Basin is likely to burn at high severity under the right weather conditions.” The grant is designated to “thin the forest in the Lakes Basin by removing live and dead trees, cutting dense brush, and pruning branches along roads and around cabins.”

The total cost of the project is $1,179,276 plus an additional $600,000 from external sources.

At Wednesday night’s Mammoth Lakes Town Council meeting held in Suite 2, MLFSC asked Council for a $60,425 contribution. But the discussion soon derailed due to the possibility of the fuel reduction work falling under the umbrella of “prevailing wage.”

A prevailing wage is a wage that pertains to government contract work. It is essentially a minimum wage that meets union standards and if work falls within this domain, the government has to pay this prevailing wage.

However, Mammoth Community Water District Analyst Betty Hylton cautioned, “the only issue is that if the prevailing wage is applicable to government money, it would likely be applicable to the grant... It would raise the overall cost of the project,” she explained, and could jeopardize the entire project.

Because MLFSC might have to look to a lot more than $180,000, Hylton predicted a determination on the issue would be reached by the weekend.

The MLFSC is a volunteer organization that doesn’t have the capacity to deal with situations like this. All of the money donated to the organization (minus $2,000 for insurance) would be used on work done to the forests. They don’t have an attorney, or members reviewing the stipulations of a grant. They just want to chop down some trees to prevent raging wildfires.

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TAKING NO PRISONERS AT CONVICT

On a summer stroll around Convict Lake, it’s been a familiar sight over the years to see weddings set up/taking place at Convict Lake beach just down from the rear parking area.

It doesn’t appear like you’ll see any weddings there in 2020. According to Mike Melin, an independent contractor who caters weddings at Convict Lake Resort, the beach appears off-limits to prospective couples, at least for next year. The reason is not because the Forest Service is trying to save couples from themselves, but rather, due to apparent complaints and/or conflicts between user groups (ostensibly wedding parties and fishermen).

Problem is, whatever the new rules are, they still appear vague, and we certainly couldn’t reach the USFS for comment this week. Couples are still supposedly allowed to apply for a permit for a wedding on the beach, but Melin says he’s not allowed to facilitate such an event, even if the bride and groom request his services.

But, he said, “I’ve heard they’re not going to approve anything.”

He also said Kerry’s Meadow, located past Snowcreek Golf Course at the base of the Sherwins, is reportedly out of the mix for 2020. Which is not Sandra DiDomizio’s understanding. She is the owner of Green Fox Events.

She believes it’s a misunderstanding that Kerry’s Meadow is off-limits, at least for gatherings, if not full-blown receptions.

It is her belief that the Forest Service (the lead person at the Mammoth Ranger District regarding event permitting is Andrea Kachulis) is trying to “clean up the process” to ensure that certain “nuggets of land” popular for events are subject to uniform applications and rules.

She says the Forest Service is “not an evil beast,” and that much of the pushback is likely because the USFS feels disrespected by clients and vendors alike.

She describes her discourse with the Forest Service as “good” and believes that ultimately, the policy will not be terribly restrictive. “It’s better to be over-communicative than under,” she said. “And it’s better to ask permission than forgiveness.”

Mike Melin says he’s had a great relationship with the Forest Service for the years to see weddings set up/taking place at Convict Lake beach just down from the rear parking area.

"Vos scitis vinum et mulieres est non desideras. A magnis pedibus me porta meis gravis femina sit amet." -Albert King

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Brandon Baker and Kären Embry Edwards.

Oversaw its transition from the Century to the Gran Fondo.

"It's somewhat ironic, however, that this "clean-up process" initiated by the Mammoth Ranger District may not even apply to Convict Lake and Convict Lake Resort in the near future. Balarsky said he’s been told the area may possibly be moved into the White Mountain Ranger District jurisdiction. This would even out special permit requests [in terms of volume] between the two districts.

But speaking of permitting, a crackdown on rules and process is not just affecting caterers and wedding coordinators.

Kevin Green, promoter of the inaugural Mammoth Photography Festival which takes place next month, said he has been denied access to the Mammoth Mountain Community Foundation (MMCS).

He is left to try to do his event on private property as well as with cooperation from Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and the local Bureau of Land Management.

And from Page’s desk ...

The 2019 Mammoth Gran Fondo, although timed, is “more of an event than a race”, says Stacey Cook of Mammoth Mountain Community Foundation (MMCS).

This year’s series of rides will feature about 1,800 riders, some of whom crossed oceans and continents to be here for the Fondo. The majority of these riders will be aiming to complete the 102 mile-Gran Fondo race, unique for its scenery as well a seventy-five mile stretch of closed road along the route.

The Gran Fondo’s roots can be traced back 26 years to the High Sierra Fall Century which was entrusted to MMCS four or five years ago and oversaw its transition from the Century to the Gran Fondo.

The Grand Marshall and Grand Marshalette for this year’s event are Brandon Baker and Karen Embry Edwards.

MAMMOTH GRAN FONDO TRAFFIC & TRANSIT ADVISORY FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2019

MAMMOTH LAKES, CA – The Mammoth Gran Fondo road bike ride hosted by the Mammoth Mountain Community Foundation (MMCF) will take place on Saturday, September 7, 2019 with almost 2,000 cyclists expected to participate.

The start and finish line of this road bike ride are located in The Village on Canyon Blvd. As a result, a section of Canyon Blvd between Lake Mary Rd and Hillside Dr will be closed from 5AM to 8PM. During this time frame, the bus stops in The Village on Canyon Blvd will be inaccessible, which will impact several public transit routes.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES TO THE STOPS ON THE FOLLOWING ROUTES FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2019:

MAMMOTH BIKE PARK SHUTTLE
NEW STOP: Pick-up/drop-off will be at stop #18 on Minaret Rd across the street from Sushi Rei.

LAKES BASIN TROLLEY (ESTA)
NEW STOP: Pick-up/drop-off will be at the Village/Minaret stop in front of Toomey’s.

PURPLE LINE (ESTA)
NEW STOP: Pick-up/drop-off will be at the Village/Minaret stop in front of Toomey’s.

TOWN TROLLEY (ESTA)
NEW STOP: Pick-up/drop-off will be at stop #18 on Minaret Rd across the street from Sushi Rei, as well as at the regular Village/Minaret stop in front of Toomey’s.

Please welcome riders to our community by sharing the road and maintaining three feet between your vehicle and a cyclist at all times.
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Shocked

Dear Lunch:

It is shocking to me that an issue as critical as Workforce Housing is to our community would be subject to The Sheets’ sophomoric humor.

Certainly, last week’s editorial will be followed up with a story about the multi-day design workshop for The Parcel.

Madeleine “Mickey” Brown
Mammoth Lakes

Ed. note: As Kirk Stapp said in his Council report Wednesday, the last hour of the closing presentation constituted the most useful hour of the whole week when the consultant went over the financials. As we reported last week, the estimated cost of building the first phase of The Parcel project is $475,000/unit. As to the rest, I don’t think Hemingway could salvage a story out of it.

Shady Rest Park Trash Problem

Dear Editor:

Hi, my name is Don Kreuter and I moved to Mammoth Lakes on July 22, 2017. Mammoth Lakes is my base camp. I travel year round making photographs on the JMT John Muir Trail and the Sierra Nevada to share the beauty of where we live.

I felt it is my obligation and responsibility to help protect the Sierra Nevada, which I have loved since I took my first photographs in Yosemite National Park, when I was only eight years old.

I have talked to most of you and explained that there is a problem with people leaving trash (next to Shady Rest Park behind baseball field three where there is a picnic table with benches) on the Inyo National Forest land just outside the park.

There is a dumpster available less than one tenth of a mile from where the trash has been dumped daily. I walked all three wastebaskets full of trash in one day to the dumpster (one at a time) so the people that left the trash could have done the same thing.

In the last week (Monday August 26 through Saturday August 31) I have picked up trash each morning and put it into the dumpster on the edge of the paved road (behind baseball field two counting from the park entrance).

Most days there have been 1 to 3 large office overflowing wastebaskets full of trash removed and will be shown in the future photographs. The trash was left by local residents of Mammoth Lakes before Labor Day weekend. The people are hanging out after work, or when baseball games are in progress and drinking beer, soda, water and/or eating then discarding the fast food containers, beer cans and bottles. This was mostly in the early evening while it is still light.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday mornings were the worst days with the most trash left.

The good news is the last two days little trash was left, only two cans on Friday and two plastic bottles on Saturday today.

The picnic table and area where the trash is being left is on Inyo National Forest land. I first noticed this problem in early June 2019 and reported it to the Mammoth Lakes Police Department then.

Krystle Stewart told me that Police Officer have been going to Shady Rest Park to help stop the problem.

Thank you all for your interest and helping me solve the trash problem and keep Shady Rest Park clean and beautiful.

The people I have talked to are:

Krystle Stewart the Mammoth Police Department Records Supervisor, Warren Boling Shady Rest Parks Manager, Maggie Palchak Disabled Sports Program Director and Nicholas Nguyen Assistant Supervisor Mammoth Lakes Ranger Station and Welcome Center.

This will be also be emailed to: Scott Kusumoto and Alecia Rutledge of the Inyo National Forest at the recommendation of Nicholas Nguyen.

My concern is that the trash is being dumped on the trail that goes around the three baseball fields, used daily by the Mammoth Track Club, the Mammoth High School Boys and Girls Track Teams and Disabled Sports members and customers.

Most of the trash left were beer cans and beer bottles (broken and not broken), fast food containers with ants crawling over the food, and takeout pizza boxes.

Even five used condoms were found in the last two weeks.

Don Kreuter
Mammoth Lakes
SUITE TRIP TO THE SOUTHLAND
MLT maintains charter service to Burbank, Orange County; eyes Carlsbad, Santa Barbara

JetSuite X air charter service will continue to Burbank and John Wayne Airports next year, despite the increased cost of both routes.

As Mammoth Lakes Tourism (MLT) Executive Director John Urdi noted, we’ll have the same program as last year. Only difference is there is risk of higher flight subsidy cost.

Last year, MLT subsidized the Jet-Suite routes to Burbank and Orange County to the tune of $250,000. This year’s subsidy will be capped at $375,000.

The projected cost of the Burbank flight has soared 31% over last year. The projected cost of the flight to John Wayne is up 26%.

The MLT Board voted unanimously to use TBID (Tourism Business Improvement District) reserve funds to cover the potential overage of $125,000 (versus last year).

Carlsbad and Santa Barbara?

Board Member Matt Hammer also brought up a potential partnership between Taos, New Mexico and Mammoth Mountain, the key focus of which is a thirty-seat airplane owned by Taos that the resort would be willing to loan out on “off days” when the plane is not in use.

The planned routes (running on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays) would include separate roundtrips from Mammoth to Carlsbad and Mammoth to Santa Barbara - which is the same thing we do now with Burbank and John Wayne. One plane serving two routes.

There is a catch. Taos’s ask on a plane subsidy is stratospheric - Urdi said $700,000 was the initial number tossed out. If that number is adjusted downward $250,000 or even $300,000, Urdi said it’s something he’d bring back to the board for consideration.

Inroads in Colorado

This past year also marked the first in which MLT took a shot at penetrating the Denver tourism market, a market both filled with skiers and seasonal tourists but already saturated with viable options for a weekend getaway.

This came in the form of United Airline’s new direct flight from Denver-Mammoth Lakes.

First returns, according to Director of Marketing Matt Gebo, were promising, especially considering that MLT rolled out its campaign closer to winter (given the late date when the flight was finalized) than it would have liked.

Gebo said the data indicated MLT’s ad campaign reached 21% of the households in the Denver area at a cost of $0.25/household, which is considered efficient when compared to the $0.32 benchmark for MLT’s California and Nevada markets.

On the topic of those markets, the story is a bit more complicated. Gebo walked the board through the numbers and his slides noted that “MLT’s campaign continues to surpass industry benchmarks in California and Nevada markets.”

Gebo said awareness is up, cost per aware household is down, and surveys indicate that the ads are efficient in communicating information like “Mammoth Lakes offers an awe-inspiring winter experience” and “showcase Mammoth Lakes as a great place to enjoy the outdoors and nature in winter.”

Urdi bonus

Of note: The MLT board briefly discussed Executive Director John Urdi’s performance review and bonus structure, which comes into effect for the new fiscal year.

Board Chairman John Morris explained that instead of basing Urdi’s bonus on the percentage of filled airline seats and incremental revenue gains, it would be based onTransient Occupancy Tax and TBID (Tourism Business Improvement District) growth as well as board discretion and director review.

An email from Morris to the MLT board disclosed that for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, Urdi earned 70% of his possible bonus which out to a total of $20,456.10 out of a possible $29,223 (which would equal 15% of his salary).

The performance review was not outright discussed but is in the pipeline.
TOTT continued from page 1

What does all this mean for the town? “The Town’s website defines TOT as “an essential component of the town’s funding mechanism” comprising “60% of the General Fund [revenue], providing for services such as snow removal, recreational programming, and road maintenance.”

Documents from the town indicate that the budgeted revenue from TOT for FY 2018-2019 was $13.5 million, a relative far cry from the actual figure generated during that time span. And it appears as though that trend may continue: July 2019 generated close to $1.9 million in TOT, 60% more revenue than the FY19-20 budget estimated.

Town Finance Director Rob Patterson called this revenue “a good start to the program” and “more indicative of how we’re rolling off of last year.”

Looking to the coming months, “Last summer, we had a lot of problems with smoke so I anticipate September and August...to be pretty strong,” says Patterson.

That being said, Patterson also urged caution, stating that “Decem-ber will be the first test of how strong the economy is.” And how strong the weather pattern is.

Last year, Mammoth Lakes Tourism panicked and asked for $250,000 in emergency marketing funds when it hadn’t snowed a week before Thanksgiving.

It then proceeded to dump for the next five months.

A Town Council staff report written by Patterson for the June 5, 2019 Town Council meeting indicated that the base TOT for FY 2019-2020 was recommended at $13.5 million in TOT, which figures to precisely 58.6% of General fund budgeted revenue for the year.

The report further states that “While the last four years of actual TOT has significantly outperformed this estimate, we need to remain vigilant of the volatility in this main source of revenue.”

Patterson further explained the meaning behind that statement, stating, “I’d like to keep the number low because we have not really had a downturn, a recession. That’ll tell us how low the number will shrink.”

He provided two factors in his cautious approach: the upcoming election year and the lifespan and the lifespan of relative prosperity. “I’m sure in the next two to four years there’ll be something of significance that comes down,” says Patterson.

He also expressed concern that growing the budget too quickly could result in a larger local government that, if need be, could be difficult to constrain [in a downturn] and pointed to the relatively short history of the TOT and TBID programs as something to account for. He noted that neither program has really been tested against a major recession.

Patterson did concede that the next year’s budget will require an increase on account of employee salaries and other costs [skyrocketing pension and benefit obligations] going up.

So what about the extra $6.5 million or so from this year? “When we do have excesses,” says Patterson, “we can spend them on one-time expen-
si-tures so that it pays for things but doesn’t go into our annual operating budget.” He cited examples such as the multi-use facility, parcel project, road work, and to a lesser extent, the new civic center.

There are those about town who would disagree with this handling of the money, to which Patterson says “I think it’s easy to make those sort of expectations when you’re not the person in charge.”

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On August 31, 2019, shortly before 5 p.m., Mono County Sheriff’s deputies responded to a report of a burglary at Ernie’s Tackle Shop in June Lake.

According to a press release issued by the Mono County Sheriff’s department, the suspect, Jeffrey Ross, “had taken a shotgun from the store” and was alone in his apartment, located below street level.

Deputies heard a muffled shot from inside Ross’s apartment and later determined that Ross had fired one round into the ceiling.

Above Ross’s apartment was ‘Sierra Wave T-shirt shop,’ occupied at the time of the shot.

Due to the hostility of the situation, the possession and firing of a weapon, and Ross’s refusal to leave his apartment, the Inyo-Mono Special Enforcement Detail (SED) responded to the scene.

The road was also blocked off and the neighboring Tiger Bar was evacuated.

Entertainment scheduled for the evening at the T-Bar Social Club was also canceled.

Ross continued to refuse to leave his apartment and “at approximately 11:30 p.m., SED made a forcible entry into the residence and took Ross into custody.”

The press release noted that despite forceable entry, Ross was not significantly injured in the process.

Jeffrey Ross was taken to Mono County jail in Bridgeport and booked on several charges, including but not limited to “Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Shooting into an Inhabited Dwelling, and Prohibited Person in Possession of a Firearm.”

Agencies involved in resolving the active shooter situation were “California Highway Patrol, June Lake Fire Department, Mono County Emergency Medical Services and the Inyo-Mono Special Enforcement Detail (which is comprised of members from the Inyo County Sheriff’s Office, Bishop Police Department and Mono County Sheriff’s Office).”

On Sunday, September 1, 2019, Erin Lea Costa passed away in her sleep. She had been battling cancer.

Erin was born on September 16, 1959 to Frank and Joanne Zila, former long time residents of Mammoth and Crowley. Erin has lived in Mammoth, Crowley and/or Bishop since 1991.

She was preceded in death by her father, Frank.

She is survived by her mother, Joanne, brother Mark Zila, sisters Robin Whitlock and Tracey McCarthy, her three children Anna Marie Costa, Anthony Costa and Christina Costa, and her grandson, Silas Costa.

Erin loved being outside in and around Mammoth, specifically gardening, kayaking and hiking with her 2-year old Chiweenie, Tucker.

Erin also loved being involved in Mammoth events and could frequently be seen working security at the Village at Mammoth or volunteering at town gatherings like the Jazz Jubilee (and anyone who still has or hated the tie dye t-shirt year can thank her for that!).

Most recently, she enjoyed her many winters working the cash register at the cafeteria at Main Lodge.

A celebration of life will be held on September 16, 2019, on what would have been Erin’s 60th birthday at 4 p.m. at Horseshoe Lake.

Should friends desire, contributions may be sent to the Eastern Sierra Cancer Alliance (https://escanceralliance.org/) who were critical in supporting Erin through her many weeks of radiation and chemotherapy.
NIHD CONTINUES HEALTHY LIFESTYLE SERIES

By Maddux

More than 20 people attended July’s NIHD healthy lifestyle talk. The topic wasn’t one many are comfortable speaking about, “Pelvic Health and Urinary Incontinence” so it may have been easier to discuss in a larger group.

Strength in numbers.

“Urinary incontinence in older women is so common, but that doesn’t mean that women need to ‘put up’ with it. I wanted to make it easier for women to come and ask for help and increase awareness about treatment,” said Dr. Jeanine Arndal, M.D., Obstetrician at NIHD. Dr. Jeanine Arndal and Physical Therapist Theresa Heth answered questions and offered facts on the topic.

The three most common types of urinary incontinence that occur in women:

• Stress incontinence is leakage of urine, when stress is placed on the pelvic floor. It can happen during laughing, coughing, sneezing and sometimes a positional pressure when standing up from sitting.

• Urge incontinence is the very strong urge to pee and then they end up leaking urine, and not make it to the bathroom in time. (ex. Putting a key in the door and having to go suddenly; running water triggers).

• Mixed incontinence is a combination of stress and urge incontinence. During Heth’s presentation, she said the average person should go no more than 2 times a night.

Arndal told The Sheet in an email, “‘urinary incontinence isn’t subtle; women are affected at different ages for different reasons.”

She suggested “if clothing and [underwear] are wet and smell like urine, it is embarrassing and the first step is to make an appointment with a physician to diagnose the cause and get treatment started.”

When urinary incontinence happens, the next steps are having an evaluation with a doctor as incontinence can have several contributing factors, including physical health, anatomical changes in support, medications, etc.

At the same time, “overhydration can be a risk factor of having more episodes of incontinence because the woman is spending more of her time with a full bladder. Lightly colored, straw colored urine is an indication that you are drinking plenty of water,” said Arndal.

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By March of 2020, Heth said NIH is expanding pelvic physical therapy services to treat male patients with pelvic health conditions, such as patient’s status post prostatectomy surgery and urinary incontinence, she said.

Is P.T. an option?

Physical therapy for urinary incontinence and other pelvic health issues is not a new thing, but it’s only been in the last 10 years that we see more and more evidence in the research that shows physical therapy is “an effective, conservative nonsurgical approach to treatment of dysfunction in the pelvis that contributes to bowel, bladder, sexual health, and pain complaints,” said Heth.

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S o you haven’t been paying attention to a damn thing this summer and suddenly it’s the first game of the year and you need someone to walk you through your football pool this week. Let me help.

Packers/Bears - A new offense in Green Bay. A new young coach. All waiting to be swallowed by a voracious Bears defense. But here’s the deal. It’s Aaron Rodgers at QB v. Mitch Trubisky. Mitchytpaloozoo may have scored in “Old School.” It won’t score here. Packers 20-17.

Chiefs/Jaguars - The Jags one dream season is finally over and don’t think for a minute that a new QB Nick Foles will make a difference. Until the Jags get an offensive-minded coach, they will always be the uncle at your cookouts who always talks about what he used to be and/or could have been. Chiefs 30-10.

Falcons/Vikings - I give the Vikings the edge because the Falcons play as much defense as Houston Rocket James Harden (look at that, showing off cross-athletic references!). Look for Viking QB Kirk Cousins to get lucky on deep throws. He’ll be a hero … just for one day. Vikings 24-20.

Titans/Browns - Although I’m not one on the Browns bandwagon, I think they will handle the Titans. The Titans are one of about 3 teams that probably only had 1-5 players drafted in fantasy leagues. They’re that unexceptional. It is a shame they haven’t put talent around QB Marcus Mariota. Browns 27-13.

Bills/Jets - If you got the NFL Game Ticket make sure you block this game. I will only watch to see if Le’Veon Bell still has it. The QB battle of Sam Donald versus Josh Allen? The only bet is who will throw the most INTs. Jets 16-9.

Ravens/Dolphins - The Dolphins are tanking on purpose. Name 5 players on this team? Then you start a QB in Fitzpatrick - you already know what he is. He is a three-game Pro Bowler and a 13-gameBUM. The Ravens will win with defense and a Lamar Jackson run. Ravens 23-13.

Redskins/Eagles - I’m not sold on the Eagles being ranked the 5th best team in the league, but then again, I am sold at the Redskins being ranked pathetic. Eagles 30-17.

Rams/Panthers - Upset special. Carolina will win. Why? McVay was exposed during the Superbowl. Pass happy. The Panthers are going to play old school, control-the-clock football. If you look at film, you will see when you pressure Goff, he just lets the ball go. Cam will run more in this game to stay away from the BEAST, Aaron Donald. Panthers 24-23.

Colts/Chargers - A backup QB is as good as his own confidence. Jacoby Brissett has confidence and the support of his organization. The Chargers will overlook the Colts. And Frank Reich can coach circles around Anthony Lynn. Another upset. Colts 24-21.

Bengals/Seahawks - The Seahawks are way too much for the Bengals, who fired Marcin Lewis, but unfortunately, kept too many of the players around. The ‘Hawks will run it down their throats. Seahawks 24-9.

Giants/Cowboys - Welcome Back Zeke!!! The Cowboys have quietly assembled a young good team. The defense will be top five this year. They will stifle the Giants and key on Saquon Barkley.

The Cowboys offense will be sporadic but the Giants defense will be as good as a screen door with holes in it this year. Cowboys 27-10.

49ers/Bucs - Anytime you throw 5 INTs on consecutive plays in practice, I can’t go with you. Jimmy Garappolo is another Matt Cassel. Never trade with Bill Belichick. There is always a reason he is letting a player go. Bucs 20-13.

Lions/Cards - Lions will beat this no-name offensive team. How do you go from being an unsuccessful fired college coach with a losing career record to a NFL coach in the same year? Lions 24-9.

Steelers/Pats - Steeler Coach Mike Tomlin is the weak link here and has been since he has been in the league against the Patriots. You can’t make boneheaded decisions in a game against Belichick. And Tomlin will do it again. Pats 24-21.

Texans/Saints - The Texans have given their coach too much power and for what, I don’t know.

Then again, when the NFL makes a rule to pacify you, you are destined to fall short. (See the Saints). But this week though, Drew Brees opens up with a fresh arm and the Saints win 24-17. The Texans are going to regret letting DE Clowney go.

Broncos/Raiders - I’m hoping you are not expecting Antonio Brown to duplicate what he did with the Steelers. Yea he is good but the Raiders don’t have anyone else on offense, teams are really scared of like the Steelers had for years when they had AB. But this week, the Raiders will prevail because Joe Flacco is only good for a hail mary pass at this stage in his career. Raiders 23 Broncos 10.

Whoops. Flip that score. Broncos 23-10. AB suspended (again) for fighting with the GM. The in-fighting distracts the Raiders.

Predictions

MVP - Pat Mahomes
Best Offense - Bears
Best Defense - Chiefs
Most-productive-Player that

switched teams - OBJ
Most-sacked QB - Kyler Murray (that offense will get him killed)
First Coach on the hot seat - Doug Marrone (Jaguars)
QB with most INTS - Jimmy G.
First GM on the hot seat - Dave Gettleman (Giants)
First QB to be benched - Ryan Fitzpatrick
First QB rumored to be traded - Derek Carr
Most rushing yards - Ezekial Elliott
Most yards from scrimmage - Christian McCaffrey
Most boring team - Bills
The coach who will clap the most - Jason Garrett
The least watched teams - Titans and Bills.
Super Bowl Prediction - Chiefs/Colts.

Like playing Hide and Seek with a fat person, SEE YA ...
HUSKIES THROTTLED BY MUCKERS IN OPENER

By Sheet Staff

The Mammoth High Football team had a rocky start to its 2019 campaign, dropping its season opener to the Tonopah Muckers, 68-18 on Friday, August 30.

Tonopah QB Dillan Otteson put up massive numbers, throwing for 409 yards and three touchdowns while contributing 169 yards and three more TDs on the ground. Mucker WR Damien Paice torched Mammoth defenders for 152 yards on five catches.

On the other side of the ball, linebacker Vance Day recorded six solo tackles and Joel Jones sacked Huskies QB Charlie Gray twice.

For Mammoth, Sophomore Cody Lambert led the Huskies on offense with 87 yards on the ground and two touchdowns while Gray and Jonny Hernandez contributed 68 and 43 yards respectively, Hernandez scoring the Huskies other touchdown.

On defense, Gray and Jesus Rodriguez each chipped in four solo tackles while Christian Cruz and Max Maniaci each added a pass defended.

The Huskies hope to bounce back this Friday night at home versus Coleville. Game time: 7 p.m. Coleville is also 0-1, having dropped its opener to Eureka.
**HUSKIES SWEEP EAGLES IN TOURNEY TUNE-UP**

The Mammoth Huskies defeated the Lone Pine Eagles three games to zero on Wednesday in their final tuneup before hosting 16 teams at the Mammoth Invitational this weekend.


This year’s Husky team is senior-heavy, with only three juniors and one sophomore on varsity.

Co-Coach Erin LeFrancois told The Sheet, that the team isn’t about a single star player, but rather, is laden with consistent and deep talent, including the team captains Erica Lynch, Ella Thompson, and Drew Presson; the setters, Adison Witherill and Sam Jones; sophomore Sarah Mueller plays middle, with senior Ruby Walker who also plays middle, and senior Kendall Lach has been coming in on the right side, LeFrancois said.

LeFrancois’s fellow co-coach, Kevin Gilfoy, has been helping with the team for eight years.

The last time LeFrancois coached was in 1997, but she stopped coaching to raise three kids.

LeFrancois does have a Division I playing background, having played Division I volleyball at St. Mary’s College in Moraga, Calif. for four years.

The MHS alum also played four years in high school.

The Huskies have already had a busy schedule this season, having played Carson City, the Yerington Tournament (3 matches), Burroughs and Boron.

-Maddux

**BUHS FOOTBALL REBOUNDS V. YERINGTON**

The Bishop Union Broncos topped the host Yerington Lions football team 20-6 in last Friday’s non-league game. Bishop improves to 1-1 on the season while it handed Yerington its first loss of the season.

The Broncos were led by Luke McClean who rushed for 119 yards on just 10 carries.

McClean’s night was highlighted by a 50-yard touchdown run. He also caught a touchdown pass from QB Clay Omohundro who finished the game with 53 yards passing, one touchdown and no interceptions.

On the other side of the football, team captain Tristan Valle provided 11 tackles and a forced fumble. Wesley Petett and Kennedy Batchelder pitched in with seven tackles each. Luke McClean tackled on one interception.

Bishop will travel to Lake Arrowhead, Calif., to play Rim of the World on September 13th. The Fighting Scots will be 1-0 when they take on the Broncos.

The team’s next home game does not take place until September 27. Coach Arnie Palu noted the team had seven home games last year, but has just four this year. Luck of the draw... -Hite
On a bright Wednesday morning in the Shady Rest Park parking lot, a group of Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra (DSES) volunteers, staff members and riders circled up to go over the plan for the final group ride before the Mammoth Gran Fondo this weekend.

Maggie Palchak, DSES Program Director, ran through logistics for the ride that day and when she asked Arlene Callahan of Bishop, whether or not she was planning on riding, Callahan surprised her and the group with a firm nod, saying “Yes, I am.”

Although Callahan, who suffers from spina bifida, is a late entry, Fondo spectators should expect to see her out on the road Saturday with a DSES crew that also includes Nate Gratz and two military athletes up from Camp Pendleton, navigating the course on hand bikes.

The DSES athletes number fewer than last year, but where the group may lack in numbers, they more than make up for it in experience, motivation and character. As she prepares for the day’s ride (light so as to not over-exert muscles), Callahan jokes that the race would be better with less hills. “I like going down,” she adds with a laugh “Going up, not so much.”

Callahan began cycling with DSES a few years ago and this year will mark her 3rd appearance at the Mammoth Gran Fondo. But her athletic experience stretches further back, to even before she moved to Bishop, when she took up skiing at the behest of a friend.

“She says ‘you’re gonna ski’ and so I started,” says Callahan, who also does yoga five times a week at home.

Nate Gratz is the General Manager of Bishop Automotive. He suffered a spinal injury nearly a decade ago and is quadriplegic.

A yoga enthusiast, Gratz got connected with DSES through his physical therapist and has been cycling with them ever since. As Gratz recalls his from his first ride with DSES, “I maybe went a mile and it took two hours.”

Two years later, Gratz had completed his first metric century (100 km) and in 2017, he was points champion of the US Hand Bike Circuit. Although a recent shoulder surgery has necessitated time off from cycling, he’s shown no indication of slowing down.

“I’ve done 56.4 [mph] on this bike,” he says, and adds with a grin, “I passed an SUV.” A volunteer chimes in that a motorcycle is often needed to keep pace with Gratz.

Recently Gratz’s interest in cycling has seen him take his bike off the road and onto the mountain. His list of achievements includes the first descent of the Downtown trail at Mammoth Mountain. DSES’ recent acquisition of six adaptive mountain bikes means that more DSES road cyclists can make the transition to the mountain.

Palchak, a staff member at DSES since 2008, attributes the success of the group to its tight-knit nature, noting “Once you join, you’re like family.”

The cycling group meets every Wednesday, sometimes in Bishop and sometimes in Mammoth, with the aim being to teach basic bike skills; athletes are asked to write down their goals and track their progress each week towards those goals. Palchak relates that while the goals may sometime seem daunting, each week means progress, “At the minimum, they take a step towards [their goals].”

That goal oriented approach is key to DSES’s role in the lives of their athletes. “There’s nothing an individual can’t do if they want to,” says Palchak, “and we’re here to open those doors and show them what they can do.”

When asked what she enjoys about riding, Callahan mentioned “the scenery and the people” as well as the opportunity to “get out and exercise.” Gratz was similarly concise: “I’m out of my chair and not in bed,” he says.

Gratz and Callahan will be riding in the forty-mile Piccolo race while the two military athletes from Pendleton will be in the field for the seventy-mile Medio; all rides leave from the Village at Mammoth at 8 a.m. on Saturday the 7th.
In the past few months, the 2020 U.S. senate election cycle has seen some significant changes, especially in the names of those who seek to be on the November ballot.

Most recently, Georgia Republican Senator Johnny Isakson, whose seat was not up next year, announced his early retirement. His GOP appointed replacement will now have to run in 2020. Georgia is no longer safe Republican territory, and the state’s other senator, David Perdue, also a Republican, is up for re-election next year.

The GOP Georgia governor is therefore under pressure to make a strong appointment to replace Isakson.

Two other GOP incumbents, in Tennessee and Kansas, have decided not to seek re-election in 2020, and three GOP incumbents running for re-election, Senator Martha McSally of Arizona, Senator Cory Gardner of Colorado, and Senator Thom Tillis of North Carolina, are considered vulnerable.

Should the Democrats win four of these seven seats, and not lose any of their own, they would regain control of the senate in 2021. However, there are at least four Democratic incumbent seats up in 2020 that the party might lose. One is in usually heavily conservative Alabama where a controversial GOP nominee lost in 2018, and is running again in 2020 against the Democrat who beat him. If Alabama Republicans fail to put up any other nominee, they would probably lose an almost certain pick-up.

Similarly, in normally conservative Kansas, another controversial Republican is running, and if the state party can’t find a better nominee, they risk losing a seat they now hold --- and otherwise should win.

In Michigan, the Democratic incumbent, Senator Gary Peters, is considered quite vulnerable, and the GOP has an especially strong challenger, John James, running in the race.

In New Hampshire, Democratic Senator Jeanne Shaheen is thought to be vulnerable, especially if former Trump staffer Corey Lewandowski challenges her.

Finally, Democratic (DFL) Senator Tina Smith of Minnesota could have a serious race now that a damaging GOP primary battle has been avoided, and former Congressman Jason Lewis is the probable nominee challenging her in a state that the president wants to win.

The one Democratic Senator to retire so far is from New Mexico, but this blue state is expected to replace him with another Democrat.

The Democratic Party has recruited likely strong challengers in Arizona and Colorado. The Republicans are likely to recruit strong challengers in Michigan and New Hampshire. Altogether, ten senate races are currently considered in play in 2020.

Overall, Republicans are defending 23 seats in 2020 that they currently hold. Democrats meanwhile are defending 12 seats.

But with unexpected resignations, retirements, and the course of the also upcoming presidential election unknown, other senate seats could become competitive in the coming months. The GOP controls the senate 53-47. It is likely but not certain that, 14 months out, the Democrats will make at least some net gains. Whether those gains will be enough to retake control remains to be seen, but it is almost certain that, with Donald Trump at the top of his party’s ticket, the Republicans will have a voter turnout asset they lacked in the “blue wave” 2018 midterm elections. Less certain is whether the Democratic nominee will be a greater or lesser turnout asset.

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**Calendar of Events**

**BARS & MUSIC**

**Happy Hour**
- **Austria Hof**, Happy Hour 5-7:30 p.m. Daily. Taco Tuesdays and Polk Taco Thursdays. More info: See ad p. 11.
- **The Liberty Sports Bar and Grill**. Happy hour 3-6 p.m. More info: See ad p. 11.
- **Outlaw Saloon Happy Hour** Mon-Fri. Happy Hour from 4-6 p.m. Morrison’s Happy Hour 5-7 p.m. all summer Sunday through Thursday in the bar.
- **The Mogul** Happy Hour Sun - Thurs. from 5:30-6:30 p.m in the bar with food and drink specials.
- **Mammoth Rock ’N Bowl** Mon. 7-9:30 p.m. Thurs. DJ 10 p.m. 
- **Clocktower Cellar** Happy Hour: 4-7 p.m. daily. $6 dollar menu items, drink specials. See ad p. 19.
- **Petra’s Bistro**. Happy hour 5-7 p.m. Signature cocktails. Wine by the glass. Info: See ad. p. 19.
- **Roberto’s Happy Hour**: 4-6 p.m. daily. 
- **The Public House Local Mondays (all-day happy hour & $5 a pint) Karaoke Tuesdays @ 8:00, ½ Priced Wine on Wednesdays, Open Mic night Thursdays**.
- **Famous Stocums Happy Hour** Happy Hour: Mon-Fri 4-6 pm; Sat 4-5:30 pm.
- **Dining at 5:30 pm. Closed Sundays. “No Reservations, just come on in.”** More info: 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** 11am - 11pm 
- **Daily Happy Hour** 5-3:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday/Half Off All Drinks 
- **Taco Tuesday**: $6 Blue Agave Cocktails 
- **Happy Hour**
- **Bleu Daily Happy Hour** 5-6 p.m.
- **$5 Beer, Wine and Small Plates. Devils Creek Distillery tasting room hours. 3-6 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.** Location: Industrial Park (off of Meridian). 123 Commerce Dr. Info: 760.793.7131.
- **Black Velvet Coffee** happy hour 4-6.
- **Wine tastings on Wednesdays.**
- **Lakanuki happy hour 3-6 p.m. daily.**

**Friday, September 6/**
- **Dom Disko** plays the Public House. Starts 10 p.m.

**September 6-8/**
- **Fifth Annual June Lake Jam Fest**. At Gull Lake Park. More info: See ad p. 4 or sidebar column next page.

**September 6-7/**
- **June Lake Jam Fest after parties** @ the T-Bar Social Club. The Higgs (jam rock/fusion) play Friday night. The Alligators (Pigpen era, Grateful Dead) play Saturday. Starts 10 p.m. each night.
- **DJ Rodney O** plays at Blikkies. 10 p.m. to close.
- **Cosmic Bowling** @ Mammoth Rock’n Bowl. 9 p.m. to close.

**Saturday, September 7/**
- **Fireseeing Fools** plays the Black Doubt Brewing Co. 6-9:00 p.m.
- **Dom Disko** plays the Public House. 8 p.m. - 1:30 a.m.

**Sunday, September 8/**
- **Good Medicine** plays the Mobil Mart in Lee Vining. Free. 4-7 p.m.

**Tuesday, September 10/**
- **Team trivia at Mammoth Brewing Co.** Time: 7 p.m. Free.
**Fifth Annual June Lake Jam**

The fifth annual June Lake Jam Fest will return to California’s beautiful Gull Lake Park from September 6th–8th.

Nestled in the Sierra Crest in the June Lake Loop, June Lake Jam Fest will host three days of live music in one of the country’s most scenic landscapes. Hosted by Mono Arts Council (MAC), the benefit festival is 90% volunteer-led in hopes to bring a rich cultural event to Mono County for both residents and visitors. Funds raised will support music instruction opportunities for children via MAC sponsored music camps and school music programs.

**Lineup:**

- **Friday, September 6**
  - Dusty Green Bones
  - Coffee Brothers
  - The Mother Hopper
  - 4:00 PM

- **Saturday, September 7**
  - Hunter+the Dirty Jacks
  - Mojo Green
  - Jason Sinyor
  - Groovesession
  - Cubensis
  - 12:00 PM

- **Sunday, September 8**
  - MHS Jazz Band
  - Hemptstring Orchestra
  - Mestivo Beat
  - Matthew Curry
  - Dead Winter Carpenters
  - Melvin Seals+GB
  - 11:00 AM

*subject to change

**Mary Austin birthday celebration**

The Eastern California Museum will be hosting a birthday celebration for Mary Hunter Austin, famed author of "The Land of Little Rain."

Austin, an Independence resident, was born 151 years ago this September. The birthday party will be on Saturday, Sept. 7, from 12-3 PM at the Museum.

Thanks to a talented local perfomer, Mary Austin herself will be on hand to speak about her life and work. There will also be guided tours of Mary Austin’s Independence home. Please call 760.873.0228 to reserve a spot on the tour or for more information about this free event.

**2019 Mammoth Gran Fondo**

The 2019 Mammoth Gran Fondo on September 7th features three races over the course of the day: the 102-mile Gran Fondo, the 70-mile Medio, and the 40-mile Piccolo.

The Gran Fondo was chosen as a “top ten-century” bike ride by Bicycle Magazine for its “law dropping vistas,” taking riders along the east side of the High Sierra. An after-party with food, beer, wine, and live music follows the conclusion of the ride.

Note: 75 miles of the Gran Fondo route will be closed to through traffic.

**Special Note: Celebrity rider John Dore plans to do the Century this year. Heckling optional.**

**Town Stuff**

**Monday, September 9**

- **Owens Valley Radio Observatory Tour.** Free. No reservations required. Time: 1-2 PM. Directions: Turn east onto Hwy. 168. After approx. two miles you will cross the Owens River Bridge. 1/4 mile past the bridge, turn left onto Leighton Lane.

- **Bishop City Council meets.** 6 PM. Council Chambers, 377 West Line Street. Mammoth Lakes Housing 2nd rate meets. Suite Z. Minaret Mall. 5:30 PM.

**September 9-17**

- **The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) will release substantially higher-than-normal flows down the Owens River Gorge for a channel maintenance peak flow. During this time there will be no public access allowed within the Owens River Gorge from Long Valley Dam to Control Gorge Power Plant. Real-time data on flow levels can be found at http://wsoweb.ladwp.com/Aqueduct/realtimelines.html**

**Tuesday, September 10**

- **Children’s Wellness 101: “Newborn and Early Infant Topics.” Time: 11 a.m. ‘til noon. Location: George Lozito Conference Center, Inyo County Office of Education, 146 Grandview Dr., Bishop. Discussion leader: Charlotte Helvie, MD, FAAP. Open to the public. For more information call advance notice by calling 760.873.7686**

**Wednesday, September 11**

- **Planning and Economic development commission. Meets 2-5 PM. Suite Z. Minaret Mall**

**Friday, September 13**

- **Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG). Special meeting. 3 PM. Suite Z. Minaret Mall Village Championships Mountain Bike Race #5. @ Mammoth Bike Park.**

**UPCOMING**

**Monday, September 16**

- After their annual summer hiatus, the Inyo Associates reconvene @ the America Legion Hall in Independence for the first dinner of the season. Social hour starts 5:30 PM followed by dinner at 6:30 PM. Join community leaders and engaged citizens for networking and discussion about important local and regional topics. Place wagers as to whether Allan Pietrasanta can limit his remarks to three minutes. RSVP: 760.873.8405.

- **Wednesday, September 18**

  - Calif. Native Plant Society Bristlecone Chapter will host a public potluck and presentation on Botanical Explorations of the Eastern Sierra. Potluck 6 PM; presentation 7 PM, in Bishop, at the U.S. Forest Service Supervisor’s Office.

**Sustainable Rec & Tourism Project**

In the spring of 2019, the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) Governing Board authorized $618,750 of Proposition 68 funding to the Town of Mammoth Lakes on behalf of the regional partnership for The Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Project.

The Project’s purpose is to support the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership (ESSRP) in its goals to “…design, plan, implement, and report out projects to improve and maintain recreational opportunities as well as restore ecosystems to their natural resiliency and functions.”

Proposition 68 funding for this project engages the Recreation and Development and advancement of the following four programs in the Eastern Sierra:

- *Regional Recreation Stakeholder Engagement*
- *Climate Adaptation & Resilience Assessment*
- *Connection to the Eastern Sierra Visitor Audience*
- *Project Development & Prioritization*

**SAVE THE DATES:**

- **September 26 & October 17. Two-part Kickoff for The Sustainable Recreation & Tourism Project. All recreation enthusiasts are invited to participate.**

**4th annual Oktoberfest**

Hosted by the Schaufmayers, mammoth’s 4th annual Oktoberfest celebration will take place in the Village at Mammoth from September 19-21.

For details regarding keg tossing, stein-holding and beer runs, visit www.mammothoktoberfest.com.

But for our purposes here... you’re not going to want to miss Thursday’s three-course Authentic Bavarian dinner which includes a commemorative 5L stein filled with your choice of beer or wine. Limited seating. Live music. Get your tix now at website listed above.
Help Wanted

Sierra Employment Services, Inc. is hiring PT & FT for:
- Front Desk/Reservations M $14 - $20
- Housekeepers M $15 - $17
- General Laborers M $15 - $25
- Cabinet Installer M $22 - $35
- Retail Clerk M $13

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760-924-0523 or 760-873-8599

SUPERIOR COURT OF California for Mono County - Accepting applications for a full-time Court Operations Manager in the Mammoth Lakes Courthouse; Monthly; $6,950 - $9,314 DOE with excellent benefits. For a job description and application go to the Court website at https://www.sno.courts.ca.gov/generalfin/employment. In-person applications can also be submitted at the Superior Court at (760) 793-2321, or pick up an application at the Mammoth Lakes Branch of the Court at 100 Thompson Way. Accepting applications until 4:00 p.m. Friday, September 13, 2019. Postmarks not accepted.

EOE/ADE/ADE.

Help Wanted

Best Western High Sierra Hotel Now HIRing Front Desk Supervisor permanent part-time position. $14 - $18 DOE plus paid vacation. Please stop by at 3238 Main St in Mammoth Lakes to apply. We are accepting applications for experienced/_exist with great customer service skills. Must be a citizen and driving. We also are looking for office staff for the right person with great organizational skills and computer/service background. Please inquire with Scottie at 760-914-7433. www.mammoth-tax.com.

Bleu Handcrafted Foods seeks food- passionate individuals to join our BAKING and what AMS Baking Teams Start at 7am and Culinary Team starts at 10:30am. Based on your experience and interests, we will train you for your right role at Bleu. Great wages, and co-workers FT/PT. Send resume to tara-brocia@yahoo.com or call 760-709-6689

Full time retail job in Mammoth and in Bishop. Apply at Mammoth Mountainier- ness Supply, Alpine Appetite, Mammoth Great Eastern, or to dave@mammothgear.com. Pay depending on experience.

Vacasa is looking to hire full and part time housekeepers in Mammoth Lakes and June Lake. Pay will start at $18 per hour. Apply online at http://vacasa.com/careers or email brittany.suits@vacasa.com.

Mammoth outdoor-related retail business seeks year-round, full time store manager reporting to general manager. Basic computer skills i.e. Word, Excel, etc. required. Salary negotiable based on experience. Very significant brings to the table. Call 760 914-1476.

Seeking a qualified person with electrical engineering background to participate in learning the trade. Willing to train the right person. Please email resume to Brittany.suits@vacasa.com.

High Sierra Home Services, long time established rental management company, is looking for qualified applicants for full time position. Experience in handyman services is desirable, but the ability to communicate with customers is necessary. Competitive pay and benefits offered. Please contact Ed at 760-914-9714

IMACA JOB OPENING

IMACA is a 501(c) 3 non-profit Community Action Agency serving low-income persons in Inyo and Mono counties. IMACA's Administration office in Bishop, CA has an opening for Executive Director - ED The ED is responsible for the overall operation of IMACA, the ED reports to the IMACA Board of Directors. Position is a Full-time Exempt position with full benefit package. Salary: $79,705.60 - $102,044.00 ($38.32- $49.06/Hour) DOQ

For those who wish to apply application packets should include:
- 1. Completed IMACA Application.
- 2. Letter of Interest
- 3. Applicant Resume, and
- 4. Names of professional references. Application form and complete job description are available at imaca.net/application. Please direct questions or concerns to sarah@mammothsierronline.com or call (760) 914-1476.

Fictitious Business Name Statement

- Tioga Green Cannabis
- Tioga Green

Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District

AIR QUALITY SPECIALIST (AQS) I or II - 2 open positions

AQS I - (Full-time, with benefits) Salary: Range: AQS I: $5,580 - $6,782/month AQS II: $8,704 - $10,604/month

Under general supervision, processes applications for permits to construct and operate; inspects air pollution equipment to ensure compliance with air pollution control regulations and rules; and performs other related duties as required.

 AIR Quality Specialist I – This is the entry and training class of the series. Incumbents learn inspection procedures, industrial processes and enforcement regulations.

 AIR Quality Specialist II – This is the fully experienced journey level class of the series. Incumbents perform under general supervision and perform the full range of inspection and permit processing duties.

Education and experience:

Air Quality Specialist I – Graduation from college with major course work in engineer- ing, biology, or other physical sciences and two years of experience in monitoring, source testing, industrial control processes, or a related field; or any combination of training and/or experience that could likely provide the knowledge and abilities. Highly related industrial and technical experience in the field of air pollution control.

Air Quality Specialist II – Graduation from college with major course work in engineer- ing, biology, or the physical sciences and two years’ experience in air pollution control inspection; or any combination of training and experience that could likely provide the desired knowledge and abilities. Highly related industrial experience in the field of air pollution control or experience that can substitute for college course work.

For further information and job application instructions, and materials, visit http://www.gbuapcd.org/employment or gbuapcd.bam- boose.com/jobs. Application, resume, and cover letter must be received by 3 pm Friday, October 4, 2019. Applicants selected for an interview MUST have a valid California driver’s license and good driving record.

Black Tie Rentals is now hiring for both Full-Time and Part-Time winter season positions for the 2019-2020 season. Seek- ing proactive and energetic individuals who enjoy working in a busy environment and possess an entrepreneurial spirit. Ideal candidates enjoy working in a great team atmosphere and possess a professional and customer- friendly demeanor.

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Note: By the looks of those bike shorts, there’s nothin’ Gran or Fondo about it.
Property Tax Default (Delinquent) List

The real properties listed below were declared to be in tax default at 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 2019, by operation of law pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code section 3861. The declaration of default is final prior to the payment of the total amount due for the taxes, assessments, and other charges levied in fiscal year 2015-2016 that were a lien on the listed real property. Failure to pay these delinquent taxes, assessments, and other charges may result in additional penalties and fees, as prescribed by law, or may be redeemed under an installment plan of redemption.

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**Executive Summary**

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- The properties listed below were legally assessed and the taxes and/or assessments duly levied for the fiscal year shown.
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**ADDENDUM TO PUBLISHED TAX-DEFAULT (DELINQUENT) LIST**

- These properties were redeemed in the same manner as other tax-defaulted properties.
- Information concerning re-division, or initiation of an installment plan of redemption, may be obtained from the tax assessor, whose name appears in this notice.
- Property tax defaulted on June 30, 2016, for the taxes, assessments and other charges for the fiscal year 2015-16.

**ASSESSOR**

- Exempt pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21083.3 and State
- **Location**
  - The parcel numbers, including all penalties and fees, as of September 19, 2019, are shown opposite the parcel number and are subject to payment of the partial payment due, if any, by redemption under an installment plan of redemption.

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Notice of Public Hearing Zoning Code (ZCA) 19-001

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HILTON CREEK COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

INVITATION FOR BIDS

HILTON CREEK, CALIFORNIA

Pavement Slurry SEALING and PINON DRIVE ASPHALT MAINTE- NANCE PROJECT (Project)

Notice is hereby given that the Hilton Creek Community Services District (“District”) calls for bids from qualified General Engineering and Asphalt Paving contractors for the Slurry Sealing and Pinon Drive Asphalt Maintenance Project (“Project”). The purpose of this Project is to preserve, protect and maintain existing asphalt concrete roads in the Slurry Seal Zone of Benefit. Approximately 1 mile of existing road in the community of Crowley Lake will be slurry sealed. Cracks greater than 1/8” will be sealed and areas of failed asphalt concrete will be removed and replaced with hot mix asphalt (HMA) prior to slurry sealing. A sub-drain will be installed, and shoulder backfilling will be repaired in sections. Two existing STOP signs and pavement markings will be replaced.

No contractor or subcontractor may be listed in a bid proposal or awarded a contract for this project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 unless one of the limited time extensions set forth in Labor Code section 1771.1 applies, in which case registration must be completed by the time of contract award. This Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

The Project Manual and Project Plans provide, in detail, the requirements for the Project. The Project Manual, Project Plans, and related Project documents are available on the Hilton Creek Community Services District’s website at http://hiltoncreekcsd.com. If you would like to be added to the plan-holder list and receive email notices when addenda are posted, or have any questions related to this bid, contact the General Manager at districtmanager@hiltoncreekcsd.com or 760.935.4500.

Each bid shall be made on the proposal forms contained in the Project Manual and must be accompanied by bid security in the amount of not less than 10 percent (10%) of the total bid.

In accordance with Public Contract Code section 22038, the County has the option, after receiving and tabulating bids, to reject all bids and perform the work by force account if the Board of Supervisors determines, by a four-fifths vote, that the work can be performed more economically by its own employees.

The Project and all work must be completed within 30 working days from the date of issuance of the Notice to Proceed.

An optional pre-bid conference and site visit will be held at the District’s Plant, 3222 Crowley Lake Drive, Crowley Lake, California 93546. The meeting is scheduled for 11:00 am Tuesday, September 10, 2019. Should the Department of Public Works determine there is a need to reschedule the pre-bid conference based on severe weather and/or road conditions, all plan-holders will be notified in advance.

Bids may be mailed or hand delivered to the General Manager at 3222 Crowley Lake Drive, Crowley Lake, California 93546. In either event, to be considered, bids must be received by the Secretary of the Board no later than 3:00 pm on Friday, September 13, 2019 (“Bid Submission Deadline”).

The Kemp family provided beef for delicious sliders at last Friday’s Eastern Sierra Land Trust Lands & Legacy benefit dinner. Adults at top, from left, Kelly (server), Maria Kemp, Mark Brownlie President and COO of Mammoth Resorts, Matt Kemp. Kids below, from left, Kate Ben and Will Kemp.
Cody DeYoung spent a year of active duty in Djibouti, Africa, as a liaison officer for Djiboutian and French Military coordinating training sessions for personnel in the area. His wife Lacy, who grew up in Bishop, found out she was having a baby within a week of learning he would be deployed. Five months into his service he came home to see the birth of his son, Liam, and after a brief stay in the States, flew to Djibouti to finish his year of active duty.

The DeYoungs live in Broomfield, Colo. Cody was planning on flying back to Denver upon the end of his tour, but upon hearing his family was camping in Mono County and attending the Tri-County fair, he had his flight rerouted to Mammoth.

His wife had moved to Bishop during his deployment.

Shortly before landing Saturday, the pilot could be heard over the intercom saying there was a special ceremony awaiting a military personnel who was on the flight. The pilot then named Cody DeYoung, and asked that passengers allow him to exit the plane first. DeYoung received a round of applause but didn’t know what to expect when the wheels touched the ground.

When he exited the plane, DeYoung saw “10-12 cop cars, 20 or so officers, my family and some community members there to support me.”

He got off the plane and was greeted by his wife and son before walking through about a dozen local law enforcement giving him a military salute.

“I had no idea that would happen, it was overwhelming. I saw my wife and my son who is now seven months old and then saw my family and I didn’t know what to think,” said DeYoung. “It was an amazing experience, in a small-town; the community comes together for these things, but for me it was still unexpected.”

DeYoung even had the opportunity to meet a local mom’s group when he landed. The group had sent him care packages while he was abroad “The local law enforcement, the community outreach. The whole thing was humbling.”

On the significance of the welcome, “It was honestly one of the best experiences of my life.” He was extremely appreciative of the fire department and the police department as well as everyone who had a hand in making this happen.

Although DeYoung worked as a patrol officer for Denver Sheriff’s Department before transitioning to Lakewood Police Department (and then finally deploying for the army), a post by Mono County Sheriff’s department read “The uniforms are different colors but the goal is the same. Welcome home Cody, we thank you for your service”

Cody currently holds the military rank of captain and after his year of deployment will be transferred to the Army Reserves. He doesn’t believe he’ll be called up again, but you never know.
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