**PROVING IT CAN BE DONE**

Private sector real estate developer quietly builds affordable housing in June

By Hite

Jon Head, a real estate developer, and his partner, Darryl Despie have been working to create affordable housing for workers in Mono County. With no handouts or grants from anybody.

When asked why they would do something like this on their own volition, Despie jokingly said, "We have been skiing here since the 60's." Head continued, "When I was young and living in these ski towns, the same problems existed. I struggled to find a place I could afford. As far back as twenty years ago, I have been talking about doing a project like this."

When Head discovered a website designed to provide affordable housing in 2016, he started looking for land on parcel viewer, "Every day I looked at a new site and would call my agent (Rebecca Garrett) to see if it was available and checked the right boxes." Said Head.

When asked what they were looking for, Despie explained "The main thing was to find an area that was designated multifamily. After months of using parcel viewer to look at prospective sites, they purchased a parcel within walking distance of Gull Lake in June 2018.

The website Head used is titled 'Affordable Resort Community Housing' and provides custom designed workforce housing. They provide small houses that "can be fully constructed and habitable within 10% of the time it takes for conventional construction."

The shell of the cabin is made of steel and only takes 2-3 weeks to put on the foundation. The cabins are three feet off the ground which mitigates leakage/drainage issues. Head and Despie said these cabins could be built as early as January and worst case scenario puts them at a spring debut.

The project is small but also a test run, "We want to see how this works here and if it's successful then we have a prototype to show anyone interested," said Head.

The pair met in 3rd grade in La Canada. Head heard Despie saying, "We have been skiing here since the 60's". They married February 15 of that year. They married June 21.

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**I LOVE POWER OUTAGES**

Dan Molnar, owner of the First Chair food truck, may be an exception to the rule when it comes to power outages. If you have a food truck and a generator, they are apparently quite lucrative events. For the latest innage on the outages, see Page's story page six.

**WILLEY SHOWS THE WAY**

An afternoon with the world's premier falling leaf photographer

By Lunch

There's something about being the very best in the world at something, even if that something may be so arcane that you're not even sure if anyone else in the world is doing it.

But here's the thing about Bishop-based photographer Bruce Willey. You hang out with him for a little bit, and his energy is so infectious that you start getting sucked into what he's doing.

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his reflexes, anticipatory skills.

“I didn’t think it would be that hard ... It was really hard.”

What he discovered: That each tree has its own personality. That he was fascinat-
ed by the series of micro-deaths that each falling leaf represents. That he thought
about the regenerative nature of it all, that the tree doesn’t die, that the leaves fall
to the ground to provide nutrients for the soil. The life cycle of things, all stemming
from leaves leaving stems.

But further, falling leaf photography is a little bit like fishing. You never think
you’ll get one. And then you get one. And then you’re hooked.

Bruce says stuff like the above all the time. He is a quote machine. He is a zen
master. Or at least close. As a zen neophyte, how would I know?

“I’ve gotten so zen,” says Bruce. “I don’t mean to get zuzu here, but ... you’ve got
the ‘poof’ of separation between leaf and stem. That chemical reaction ...

But there are rules to this. These are the Willey Rules:

1. No mendacious use of Photoshop with a leaf spilled into a better background.
2. No manually throwing the leaves in the air or the employment of a ladder
with a delightful rhinestone-clad assistant atop it.
3. No strings or monofilament line attached.
4. And no monkey business like a pet chimp shaking the leaves out of the tree
despite the hand-in-hand satisfaction a walk in the woods with a fellow ape
would give.

Some rules I learned as an addendum.

You set the camera on manual. You have to. Automatic and it will focus on every-
thing but the leaf in question. And get the leaf in the frame and then focus. Don’t
try to focus first. And be prepared to take a lot of shots. And remember that the

“season” is only two weeks long. It starts as soon as the still leaf photographers have

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By Hunter Thompson

“Sic ergo dicemus ad hanc quaestio-

nem respondendum legit sibi; beatior

ille qui est, et qui fuit et qui habet

pertinacia tantam temperatatem vitae,
et manst super lites et absque timore ullo

modo fuseus?.”

Bruce's wife is coming out with a new book about the German explorer Alexander
Von Humboldt. The namesake of Humboldt County. Friend of Jefferson. Influence
on Muir.

An op/ed by Andrea Wulf in the L.A. Times in 2015 states that in California alone,
a county, a bay, a college and a state park all bear his name. He is a founding father
of environmentalism, a visionary who predicted manmade climate change as early
as 1800.

“By intensely I desire to be a Humboldt,” Muir declared when he was in his 20s.
Muir’s famous quotation — “When we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it
hitched to everything else in the universe” — owes a great deal to Humboldt’s ideas
that nothing, not even the tiniest organism, could be looked at on its own. “In this
great chain of causes and effects,” Humboldt wrote, “no single fact can be consid-
ered in isolation.”

No wonder they got married.

If there’s one thing Bruce loves about photography, it’s the mistakes. “The mis-
takes in photography are particularly interesting,” he says. “I like mistakes. I’m
sloppy in life. I’m not entirely methodical.”

He had worked a week straight before we met. The day before, he had pho-
tographed a Pakistani family. They were wearing saris. Beautiful. But nervous. He
didn’t get anything for the first thirty minutes. “But then, it was just ... they lit up.
And they were the most beautiful family in the world.”

Bruce has the patience to wait for and capture such moments. And as he says of
falling leaf photography, “You think of a tree as stationary. When a leaf falls ... it’s
the only time that a tree can fly.”
Lunch made the mistake of delving into national politics in the Sept. 28 issue of The Sheet. Lunch/Ukraine debacle set him off. Lunch wrote, among other things: “The Trump presidency has long passed the point of being a sideshow or an amusement. It is a threat to who we are, and the values we hold as a people.” Lunch urged readers to inform themselves regarding the Trump/Ukraine story. This did not sit well with some readers.

**To the Woodson shed**

Dear Jack:

Your editorial in the September 28 edition showed me you are not the knowledgeable, thinking person I thought you were. To use your words, “…you, as an American citizen who gives half a shit, need to educate yourself.”

You seem to have listened to all of the horseshit the Left puts out, and believed it. Ask yourself, where is the proof? Just because it has been repeated day after day for three or more years doesn’t make it true. Not one bit!

In answer to that, when and if you do your own research, you will find none, I repeat, NONE of the claims against President Trump have been proven. In fact the opposite occurred. They all have been proven false.

The constant attacks on the President are exactly like the phony attacks on Judge Kavanaugh. They were all lies, paid for and repeated by the Left, the Democratic Party, and the Fake News Inc. You truly must only listen to major network and corporation news. Talk about corruption! You show absolutely no evidence that you even know what the President has done since being elected, even against a daily barrage of lies, insults and false accusations.

Stop and think! How long could you stay in the White House, sought out the truth about candidate Trump. He sought out people in the major construction industry, who had cause to know of Trump's dealings in the major construction industry, who had cause to know of Trump's dealings in the United States. If they could only oust a sitting president, they would be well on their way to success. That in no way would be good for the country, the citizens. Notice - they didn’t try to oust the criminal Bill Clinton, or the lying, do-nothing Obama!

In order to give you a better idea of what is going on in this country, I suggest you read the book, “Dead Wrong” by Richard Belzer and David Wayne. It gives you the truth of numerous cover-ups that have been going on for ages. Marilyn Monroe, John F. Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King, and none other than Vincent Foster, among others.

Given space considerations, and with apologies to Mr. Woodson, I’m going to skip over the next section of his letter, which mostly deals with Vince Foster’s “suicide,” the Clintons, the apparent cover-up, the incomplete investigation, etc. If folks are interested in Mr. Woodson’s take on this, I’m sure the Belzer and Wayne book he referenced previously offers the same narrative.

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You complain about Trump dealing with foreign leaders. Well, dummy, as President that is his job! What about Hillary making the Uranium One deal with the Soviets? Who gave her the authority? How much money did Hillary and Bill get from that deal? What did U.S. citizens get out of it? Yes, Jack, you should educate yourself. There is a whole lot more you should know before you join the rock-throwing crowd in front of the White House.

I’ll enclose a few facts you probably don’t know about. It speaks of criminals, you know? The kind of people you hate to see in office. Everything seems to point to the fact, you have your facts wrong.

You claim Hillary is, “… every bit as polarizing as Donald Trump.”

What do you call polarizing? Donald Trump has tens of thousands of U.S. citizens attend his rallies, even today. Hillary, along with those Democrats presently campaigning for the presidency, are lucky if they can polarize several hundred citizens just to get them to attend a rally. Dub?

You admit to the mess the Democrats have made of California, but seem to feel the same kind of mess in Washington would be okay. What? Where did you last see your brain?

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You need to know there is an underground current, led by the Deep State, that is trying to gain control of the United States. If they could only oust a sitting president, they would be well on their way to success. That in no way would be good for the country, the voters' lives, our country.

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Dear Editor,

I am really upset with our lawmakers in Sacramento, and how they are trying to ruin our town. Yesterday (Oct. 9), a crew from Southern California Edison showed up at my place to red-tag the trees I planted 46 years ago to beautify the front of my house. For years a tree service has cut those treetops and branches down to six feet from their wires; now they say the legal requirement is 12 feet; this would leave me with no protection for damages. After this I went to a tent in the Vons parking lot to speak to four Edison people. My main question was: What are your plans to fix your problem? I gave them three points of solution: Insulate the wires, put an extra post in between long swinging wires, or go underground. They showed me a sample of insulated wires they can use, or install spreaders like in Bishop to hold ground. They gave me three points of solution: Are your plans to fix your problem? Do you remember a couple of years ago: Brown is the new green! I have America? Nicaragua or in the United States of people do about this? Do we live in wires apart. Install spreaders like in Bishop to hold of insulated wires they can use, or underground. They showed me a sample between long swinging wires, or go unswung. Insulate the wires, put an extra post in to hold. They gave me a "customer denial form" which leaves me with no protection for damages. I asked them, What can we little people do about this? Do we live in Nicaragua or in the United States of America? Do you remember a couple of years ago: Brown is the new green! I have a new slogan: come up to the "City of Stumps.

Dieter Fiebiger
Mammoth Lakes

The Vaping Epidemic

Dear Editor,

In the past few weeks, there have been multiple news reports on the vaping epidemic across the United States. As of this writing, 18 people have died from vaping and more than 1,000 have been admitted into hospitals for severe lung problems resulting from vaping.

Based on a 2017 survey of our students, 30% of our ninth graders and 27% of our eleventh graders have vaped. We believe that those numbers have grown in the last two years. Using this data, it is clear that at least 1 out of 3 of our high school students have tried or are still vaping. We have a significant problem. Vaping products can contain THC or nicotine which is highly addictive for our youth. One vaping cartridge with nicotine can contain 20 times the nicotine of one cigarette. Vaping products are not regulated and using them can cause significant harm to students.

Our school district treats the vaping problem seriously. We are exploring multiple options for detecting vaping at school. When we encounter vaping, the materials are confiscated and parents are notified. We use our disciplinary system and can suspend students for repeat offenses. However, we know that students are unlikely to stop vaping just because they are disciplined. We are exploring options other than punitive measures for students who are caught vaping or having vaping materials on campus. Education efforts, health-related treatment efforts, counseling and student advocacy are some of the ways we are combating this issue.

However, we know that MUSD cannot solve this epidemic by itself. It will take the involvement of the whole community to help solve this problem. First of all, we need the help and involvement of our parents, which is the best deterrent. We know that in today’s world parenting is very challenging, and it is important that parents establish an open and trusting relationship with children. Some psychologists suggest that rather than confronting children directly on whether they are vaping or not, it is best to sit down with them and ask them what is happening at school. Asking, “What is all of this stuff about vaping at school that I see in the papers?“ gives your child a chance to talk about vaping that they may have tried or seen someone else try. Establishing this initial trust can then help children open up and talk about themselves. Whatever works with your child, it is important to establish that dialogue.

Additionally, we are requesting support from the Town of Mammoth Lakes and the Town Council. Mono County has prohibited flavored vaping product throughout the rest of the county, yet flavored vaping products are still allowed to be sold in our town. Juul and other companies sell vaping products in flash drive type containers that use sweet, fruity, and candy flavored products. There is even vaping clothing available online. Although JUUL and other vaping companies claim they are not targeting minors, we know that catchy containers and flavored products attract children who often falsely believe they are vaping only liquid. It is apparent that children are the ones being marketed to in Gummy Bear, Apple Patch Sour, Strawberry WaterMelon, and Pink Lemonade flavors. The sweetness of these flavors is being used to attract children as young as 5th grade to try vaping, and many then get physically addicted.

Mono County passed its ban against menthol and flavored vaping products on April 17, 2018. One has to wonder why flavored vaping products have still not been banned in Mammoth Lakes? It is time that the Town of Mammoth Lakes work together with the community to solve the vaping epidemic among our children. The health of our community is at stake. As citizens and parents we request that our town council take action immediately. Banning flavored vaping products from being sold in Mammoth would be a start to curbing the epidemic for our youth.

MUSD Board of Trustees and Jennifer Wildman, Superintendent
Parcel planning meanders on

Mayor Pro-Tem Lynda Salcido started Wednesday afternoons joint meeting between Mammoth’s Town Council and Planning and Economic Development Commission by explaining why both parties were in Suite Z: “Our highest priority is to provide adequate housing for our town.” These two groups came together for a "presentation on the Parcel conceptual land use alternatives" given by the town’s housing consultants.

Public Works Director Grady Dutton described what he expected from the meeting. "We are not asking for any final decision or approval, this is just the chance for town council and PEDC (Planning and Economic Development Department) to weigh in on our progress. Be frank, tell us what you want to see between now and December."

December 11th is the last chapter for the consultants but the beginning of RFQ’s, developers, and maybe one day... Actual construction.

The consultants gave a thirty minute presentation followed by a workshop with Council and PEDC to provide direction to the consultants. They wanted to know if there were any overarching design flaws that they should rethink or specific action they should take in the next two months.

Councillor John Wentworth was the first person to weigh in, "I want to see markers on the presentation to indicate how much something costs. Little red asterisks that say this costs this much and here are the funding options.”

Iman Novin, of Novin Development, handled the comment later in the meeting by saying, "Certain aspects of the conceptual use plan make it more likely this project receives funding.”

Wentworth responded, "If we go one way then we are giving up state funding, and if we go another way then we have a better chance of getting the funding, I want to see that." Wentworth wanted to understand the associated costs of the entire project which was not readily available at the meeting.

There are certain aspects of the land use plan that make it more likely to receive specific grants. Having an efficient traffic grid and public transportation is one of these amenities that looks good on a grant application. As public comment informed attendees of the meeting, having a childcare facility makes the project eligible for a community development block grant worth up to $3 million. Wentworth wanted a wrap sheet of these aspects to inform future decisions.

The funding gap looms over the project. It was discussed throughout the meeting with no real conclusion. Novin knew this was a contentious issue and explained, “The funding gap is a snapshot of where we are right now. The number can change a lot between now and development.”

Another issue presented was parking. The various alternatives have a mix of parking per unit that hovers between 1-1.5. The amount of parking was picked arbitrarily and Councilman Kirk Stephenson recommended the consultants do research into families on the affordable housing waitlist to come up with a better estimate. Wentworth added, “We don’t want a repeat of the Village. We want creative solutions to parking.” He and council discussed alternatives, including street parking, a parking structure, and potentially units above a parking structure.

Members of the public (Tom Cage, Sandy Hogan) backed up Wentworth’s fear of a Village repeat by explaining that any bleed into the commercial district could be a disaster for the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

Jen Daugherty of Lisa Wise consulting summarized the conclusions of the four hour meeting:

- Standard design features will be kept
- Mill Ditch will be retained
- Buildings up to four stories high, maybe higher if funding sources aren’t discouraged by this building height.

Wentworth responded, “I want to see that. We want a repeat of the Village. We want creative solutions to parking.”

In January, there will be a shortlist of developers for the Town to choose from. For the consultants, they have listened to both Council and the PEDC and will work to create a final land use proposal to be presented on December 11.
AS OUTAGES BECOME NATIONAL NEWS, LOCAL LEADERS PLOT STRATEGY

By Page

It’s a sign of the times these days when High Country Lumber is prominently featuring generators in its advertisements, never mind a man named Marc Staker walked into The Sheet offices this afternoon wishing to publish a fictitious business name statement for a new enterprise called Sierra Generators LLC. Power outages are the new normal. And the new normal sucks.

On Wednesday, Pacific Gas and Electric shut off power to approximately 500,000 of its customers in Northern California, with a significant portion of those customers still without power through Thursday morning. Winds are expected to die down by Friday. PG&E has put an electric outage map on its website, updated every 15 minutes, that highlights areas affected. PG&E issued a statement Thursday morning that it would be entering “second phase” of shutoffs, de-energizing parts of South Bay and East Bay as well as Santa Cruz County.

Closer to home, Southern California Edison issued a red-flag warning for more than 170,000 of its customers that could last through 6 p.m. Friday. The area under watch extends from Los Angeles all the way down to the border with Mexico. SCE did cut power to 65 residents of Kern County and by Thursday morning, all but three had their power restored.

Mono and Inyo Counties remained under PSPS consideration through Thursday morning as well.

In the month following Southern California Edison’s power shutoff on September 16, Mono County officials have worked to develop an action response plan that could adequately provide service and advocacy for local citizens. In the face of another potential shutoff on Wednesday, October 5, Mono County Information Technology (IT) Director Nate Greenberg took the podium at Tuesday’s Board of Supervisors meeting to outline exactly what he and county staff have been working on since that first windy day in September.

Greenberg separated the issues surrounding power shutoff into three distinct “buckets,” each of which represents a broad area in need of improvement and focus on the part of the county government. These buckets boil down to: 1) Radio and communications, 2) Operations, governance and policy, and 3) Supporting technology.

Greenberg summarized these efforts stating that his department and other government representatives were “doing work and continuing to do work with regard to legislation and advocacy” and in terms of the power shutoffs, “the other piece of that is on the way we’re responding to it.” A significant aspect of the issues stemming from the power shutoffs pertains to communication, or lack thereof. The system in place, designed to give notice up to two days in advance of a potential outage, failed during the course of the outage in September, with some SCE customers receiving notice as late as four hours after the power had gone out.

“The most important thing that they should be doing is messaging,” said Greenberg. “Unfortunately, that messaging is not always as clear as it can be.” Greenberg also explained that the feedback he’s heard from the public related to messaging indicates that the system “leaves a lot to be desired.”

For all the gripes with SCE, “they’ve been very open and receptive to feedback,” said Greenberg.

In response to the lackluster messaging from SCE, Greenberg’s department created an internal dashboard that tracks the number of homes and businesses without power as well as the specific circuits affected.

In addition, the Mono County website now prominently features a Public Safety Power Shutoff Portal beneath the search bar, courtesy of the IT Department. The portal features a map of the county with circuits color-coded based on their present status (normal, partially restored, monitor, etc.), as well as a listed “period of concern” if SCE is considering de-energizing a circuit.

The plan that Greenberg put forth focused on internal continuity and resiliency, PSPS event management and messaging, and external coordination and advocacy.

This includes upgrading infrastructure, setting up an emergency command center for every event, and warming/cooling stations during extreme weather.

Sheriff Ingrid Braun reiterated Greenberg’s emphasis on heightened messaging, stating “we need to communicate better and more timely than SCE does … they need to own their messaging.” Braun referenced the county’s PSPS portal, noting “SCE is hopefully copying it.”

She explained that during the most recent outage on Saturday, October 5, the county covered for SCE on getting the word out, calling SCE’s efforts “poor at best,” citing a “overload” of calls at the dispatch center back at 3 a.m.

Braun returned repeatedly to a perceived lack of ownership on the part of SCE, stating “they are reducing their risk and their reliability … transferring risk. They need to own what they’ve caused.” She also questioned a power company’s responsibility to assist with costs accrued by the government. “My ideal is that they’re going to pay us back,” but admitting “I don’t think that’s going to happen.”

According to Braun, California’s office of Emergency Services has offered to provide assistance to the form of generators and additional officers for patrols.

A meeting between the Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce and SCE representatives Cal Rossi and Bob Steins took place on at midday on Thursday, October 3 at which a number of local business owners expressed their anger and frustration with the power outages.

Rossi’s attempts to employ a humanitarian approach by citing his first-hand experience with wildfires in the past failed to win over local business owners. His words came off as out of touch with the group’s dialogue and were nearly identical to the phrases he used during a presentation to the County Board of Supervisors on September 17.

On Tuesday, Supervisor Gardner attempted to respond to the complaints of business owners by stating “running a business is a risk…everyone’s going to have to gulp and do the best they can.”

Supervisor Corless, who attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting, took issue with this line of thought, similar to individual-responsibility line employed by SCE, responding with “they’re worried about the future of their communities … nobody wants loss of life or property from a destructive wildfire. We need to work with them and we need to advocate.”

“We need them.” Said Supervisor Peters, “We need power. We have to figure out how to work through this.”

Local businesses have been hit hard by the lack of power. Even with generators, the cost of running them is exorbitant.

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SILVER TAKES THE GOLD
Countysells Davison property for development of affordable housing

T he saga of the house at 71 Davison Road in Mammoth Lakes, formerly a residential rehabilitation center for individuals struggling with addiction, may be coming to a conclusion in the near future.

The Mono County Board of Supervisors unanimously, sans Supervisor Stump, approved a resolution at their regular meeting Tuesday to sell the property to Silver State Investors LLC for the purpose of development of the property for affordable housing.

The property was purchased in 1997 by Mono County using Behavioral Health funds and became Eastern Sierra Passages Lodge, operating successfully for more than a decade. As Stacey Simon, Mono County Counsel explained, "As regulations and requirements and various things changed, it no longer became feasible for the staff to operate ESPL."

In 2005, the site transitioned to a transitional living house by mid-2011, The Sheet reported that the home only had two residents with staff working two hours a day during the week and not at all on weekends, while the house ran a $36,000 annual deficit.

Simon noted that there was some confusion as to when the center actually shut its doors, with 2012 and 2009 being thrown out as possible closing years. Proper attention, it seems, was not being paid at the time.

Since closing its doors, the property has stood vacant, sustaining damage from harsh winters to the extent that the roof collapsed in 2018 and the walkway leading to the second story of the house has started to peel away.

The county had previously heard proposals from three affordable housing developers and had even selected what was seen as the best proposal with an agenda item related to the sale scheduled for a Supervisors meeting in August. Those plans hit a snag when "we started to get a little bit of conflicting information from the Town of Mammoth Lakes," noted Simon.

Given that the town would have final say over any land-use decision, it’s very important that if a private developer were going to purchase the property and proceed with development, that they be able to legally do so, explained Simon.

According to Simon, issues arose with the Town that stalled the sale process and the county began to consider demolishing the structure.

As it stood on Tuesday, the board was given two options in the face of an impending winter: demolish the property or approve the sale to Silver State.

County Administrative Officer Steve Barwick asked Patrick Taylor, of Silver State LLC, if there were other revenue streams associated with the property beyond income from rent. Taylor responded that due to deed restriction, "Returns on investment are far lower than a market-rate investment," adding "We’re giving back to the community. We choose to do that, that’s our business model."

According to Taylor, Silver State LLC has executed similar projects in ski resort towns in the Western United States, and "We choose not to use government funding to do that. We produce enough returns for our company and our investors to make it a viable business model," said Taylor.

Taylor also informed the board that they’ve already had a contractor walk through the property to assess the scope of the work needed to get the structure to the point that Silver State can submit plans to the permitting authorities to fix the roof before winter arrives. Silver State went with a local contractor, William Harder of WL Harder inc. because as Taylor said, "Bringing somebody from out of town doesn’t make any sense to me."

Simon explained to the board that the plan for units entailed one available for "very low income" residents, one for "low income" residents and three or more for "moderate income" residents.

When the board suggested making the deed restriction on rent permanent, Taylor stated, "I’m okay with that… we’re used to that, we get those in Tahoe all the time."

Taylor also stated that this was one of four opportunities Silver Lake is exploring in Mammoth Lakes, but noted, "Unfortunately, when a lot of planners start drilling down… the projects end up not being able to come together because the Town’s rules are so restrictive."

If the project does make it through the Town’s gauntlet, work would begin as soon as possible to ensure the structure makes it through the winter. After a nearly decade-long period of inaction on the property, there may just be a glimmer of hope after all.

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In July, construction started on a Big 5/Auto Zone store in the Rite Aid mall in Bishop.

The two retailers will take over the former Value Sports location. Jimone Berookhim, the building’s owner, said his new tenants are spending nearly one million dollars on the remodel.

In addition to the two stores, a third space is being “designed for a future restaurant, but no lease has been finalized yet,” said Vice President, Justin Stitt of J.M. Stitt Construction of Corona, Calif.

The tentative opening of Auto Zone will take place in about a month, with Big 5 to follow 2-3 weeks later, said Berookhim.

Overall, the building is 22,665 square feet, with “Big 5 taking 10,580 square feet, AutoZone taking 8,133 square feet and the future restaurant occupying 3,467 square feet,” said Stitt. The leftover square footage will be used for a shared loading dock and a utility room, said Stitt.

“AN EXPENSIVE ENDEAVOR”

New CARB emissions standards will impact truck, bus fleets

By Page

As 2020 begins to poke its head over the horizon, those responsible for a fleet of vehicles or heavy machinery are assessing their inventory to see what needs to go out to pasture. On January 1, 2020, trucks manufactured before 2011 or carrying engines manufactured before 2010 will have to meet California Air Resource Board’s new Truck and Bus regulations if owners hope to register them with the California Department of Motor Vehicles.

This is only a portion of phasing-in process that aims to have nearly all trucks and buses fitted with 2010 or newer engines by 2023.

Beginning in 2015, vehicles in excess of 26,000 pounds with pre-1994 engines needed to have a 2010 or newer engine. Same deal in 2016 for engines from 1994-1995. 2020 marks the first year since 2016 requiring upgrades.

Standards for lighter vehicles follow a similar pattern, phasing out older engines at the new year. For 2020, the requirement is for all engines to be 2003 or newer.

The only option for delaying a replacement is to opt into a “Low-use Exemption,” limiting the miles you can drive to 1,000 per calendar year. If the vehicle has the capacity to power other equipment, the engine can only be used for 100 hours per year.

According to the CARB website, this regulation is “necessary to meet federal attainment standards” and “requires heavy-duty diesel vehicles that operate in California to reduce toxic air contaminant (TACs) emissions from their exhaust.” The reasoning: “Diesel exhaust is responsible for 70% of the cancer risk from airborne toxins.”

Mono County business owners and government fleet operators are definitely feeling the effect of these regulations, given that acquiring new vehicles, equipment, and the engines that power those machines is expensive.

Town of Mammoth Lakes Fleet Supervisor Lon Adams described the process as “an expensive endeavor,” but noted “I don’t have to replace my fleet tomorrow.” Adams referred to it as a “phase-in” that his department has planned for, buying new equipment sporadically and retrofitting older equipment to comply with the new standards. For context, a snowblower can run in the $400,000 range; add a loader to that and you’re running close $800,000.

For Adams, dealing with CARB regulations isn’t an uncharted territory; he took over as fleet manager for Mammoth Lakes in 2007 when, as he puts it, “CARB’s head was just beginning to poke up.” Adams described the process of researching regulations and updating the fleet accordingly as “part of my job to deal with CARB to see what we need to bring in and see what’s the most affordable.”

It’s not always easy, as Adams says, “It’s changing and it’s complicated. It’s a fluid law.”

Randy Fendon, of Fendon’s Furniture, Mattress, & Reupholstery, operates a three-truck fleet, including one that will no longer be CARB compliant in 2020 and another becoming non-compliant in 2021.

A used delivery truck, says Fendon, typically costs between $30-40,000 and...
PAST IS PROLOGUE?
"Fear and Loathing on the Campaign Trail" as relevant as ever

It is through the analogy of an adrenaline-addicted jackrabbit that Hunter S. Thompson attempts to describe his own addiction to politics, the end result of which is Fear and Loathing on the Campaign Trail ‘72. "When a jackrabbit gets addicted to road-running," Thompson writes, "it is only a matter of time before he gets smashed—and when a journalist turns into a politics junkie he will sooner or later start raving and babbling in print about things that only a person who has been there can possibly understand."

The basic concept of Campaign Trail ‘72 is to "essentially record the reality of an incredibly volatile presidential campaign while it was happening: from an eye in the eye of the hurricane, as it were." Record he does, from late nights in hotel bar-rooms in Wisconsin and Illinois to conversations on the beach with campaign staffers during the Democratic Convention in Miami. Thompson’s extensive coverage of George McGovern’s Presidential campaign in 1972 provides an unflinching and thought-provoking look into the nature of political campaigns and the volatility of public opinion.

It is remarkable that nearly fifty years later, Thompson’s analysis of American politics still rings true, if not even more so later. Thompson’s book is a finger on the pulse of American politics and the mercurial nature of public sentiment. This is due in part to a lack of fear, odd given the title, of talking to anyone and everyone he comes across. No individual is too small for Thompson and while the narrative is dominated by the outsize personalities that comprise a presidential election, Thompson doesn’t forget to include the voices of the anonymous campaign volunteers and rally spectators who are essential cogs in the campaign machine.

The defining character of Thompson’s writing is his willingness to become a character in the story he tells. He allows his biases to color the story he tells, placing McGovern as the protagonist, Nixon as the antagonist and himself as the driver of the action. He prods, pokes, researches, and questions the world around him, constantly pushing the story forward.

The book is filled with Ralph Steadman’s illustrations and photos from the campaign, juxtaposing the “reality” of the photographs with Steadman’s often ghastly, apocalyptic cartoons. An illustration in the “August” chapter of the book shows two grotesque and misshapen individuals, sporting Nixon hats, on the beach in Miami; conveying Steadman and Thompson’s loathing for Nixon backers.

After the election, which McGovern famously lost by landslide, Thompson assessed the political landscape of the country is both current and familiar. “After a decade of left-bent chaos, the Silent Majority was so deep in a behavioral sink that their only feeling for politics was a powerful sense of revulsion. All they wanted in the white house was a man who would leave them alone and do anything necessary to bring calmness back into their lives … even if it means turning the whole state of Nevada into a concentration camp for hippies … dope fiends, do-gooders and anyone else who might threaten the status quo.”

Had Thompson, a proponent of the Pendulum Theory in which political feelings and sentiment swing inevitably to extremes, covered the 2016 election, it seems almost certain that he would’ve clued into the public sentiment that led to Trump’s victory. In a conversation with his editor, Thompson explains that "Any kind of political campaign that taps the kind of energy that nothing else can reach … there are a lot of people just walking around bored stupid … would generate a tremendous high for everybody involved in it.”

Being a child of the late ‘90s, I didn’t bear witness to the seventies and thus found 2016 to be an overall shocking year. Had I taken the time to read Campaign Trail ’72, I don’t think it would have been as much of a surprise. Thompson’s book stands the test of time, as both an expert guideline for any aspiring political journalist, and as a strikingly accurate assessment of the nature of American politics.
The lot singing ‘Battle of New Orleans’, so Head figured “I should be friends with this guy, he can memorize an entire song.”

While Head ended up going into real estate development, Despie had a varied career, not only spending some time working for Head’s father’s car dealership, but also spending time working as a disc jockey (the early singing a telltale sign). But Despie spent the majority of his career in the car business.

When Head decided he wanted to pursue this project, old friend Despie signed as both investor and co-conspirator. They said they wanted something tangible to show citizens and governments that this is a possible solution. If this development works as intended it could influence future workforce housing projects in mountain towns across the country.

Representatives from Tahoe and Colorado have been connected to the project and might utilize the design in their own markets.

The units being built are 800 square feet in size and have an acorn like design to lower costs and effectively deal with snow load. They have a mudroom, two bathrooms (one shower), washer/dryer hookups, a bedroom and a loft to put a second bed (at least two people a unit). Head and Despie are building five of these as a trial run.

Due to the shape of the houses, they the development is named “The Acorns.”

The pair received no government subsidies to do this project. “We met with Mono Planning commission to get permission and it was about a two hour meeting,” said Head. The commission wasn’t sure what to make of the project. It took two hours for them to understand the scope and put contingencies on the project in order to help fall in line with housing goals of the area. The main stipulation simply said they needed to be long term rental units. Again. Repeat. No subsidies.

When asked how much he is looking to make, Head laughed and said “We will be lucky to break even.” But he also mentioned that the goal was not to make money. On top of providing workforce housing, Head and Despie wanted to see what type of logistical hoops they would have to jump through in order to complete this project.

The Sheet asked what would have made the process easier, and without hesitating they explained “It isn’t the county or town’s fault because they have state mandates to work with and often have their hands tied, but ‘fast track’ processing slowed us down the most.”

Head has a poster with two Harley Davidsons on it and the caption reads “They said it couldn’t be done. What they meant was they couldn’t do it.”

He says this is the motto he lives by. Despie explained it best, “Jon was always very specific about what he wanted. I just told him if he needed funding I would help fund it. But it was a dream of Jon’s, and we wanted to do something where we grew up skiing. To build houses that are as affordable as possible.”
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Tri-County Fairgrounds CEO Jen McGuire slugs like baseball’s Mark McGwire; 2019 Fair attendance was up 30%

By Maddux

“I think we hit a home run—I couldn’t have asked for a better first-time experience with the Tri-County Fair. My goal was to give the community a true value for the price of admission, and the free entertainment (concerts, rodeo) really accomplish this,” Fair CEO Jen McGuire told The Sheet.

According to Tri-County Fair Board President Judy Waggoner, 2019 represented one of the best fairs in recent memory because of McGuire’s leadership and enthusiasm.

Still, there is work to do, most notably in reversing the downward trend in exhibit entries and Junior and Rodeo entries.

The stats

• Attendance was 38,413 (increase of 30% from 2018)
• Total exhibit entries were 2,280 (decrease of 10% from 2018)
• Junior and Rodeo entries were a 50% decrease from 2018
• Overhead costs were reduced by 52% as in comparison to 2018—most of this was payroll costs (the Fair primarily ran on volunteers this year)
• Sponsorships were a 52% increase from 2018
• Ground acts were all acts that were presented one of the best fairs in recent years
• Due to the shooting at the Gilroy Garlic Festival in July, the State is requiring mandatory bag and backpack checks, which held up entry lines.

By Maddux

Mid-Season Screenings

Women, Watercolor & Wilderness

Saturday, October 19th

Join Eastern Sierra Conservation Corps for a one-day watercolor/ink workshop with artist Yuri Pineda. We’ll be taking a short hike into the wilderness to experience and paint the beautiful autumn landscape!

Open to women of all ages. Women of color encouraged to participate. No prior art experience required!

Cost: sliding scale $10-$100 as a donation to ESCC. Art supplies, lunch and transportation to and from the trailhead included.

Limited spots available. Please RSVP to agnes@easternsierracc.org or (760) 935-3877.
North American bird populations are plummeting

By Hite

No wonder all those birds were going after Tippi Hedren in Hitchcock’s classic thriller, “The Birds.” They were onto something.

“Their numbers were under assault. Damn humans.”

According to an exhaustive study published recently in the journal Science, bird populations in North America are down 29 percent since 1970. With climate change, deforestation, and general habitat loss a known reality to scientists, they knew that certain populations were declining. As one of the head researchers on the project Ken Rosenberg explained, “We also knew that other bird populations were increasing, and what we didn’t know is whether there was a net change.” The difference was a loss of about three billion birds over the nearly 50 year period since 1970. 90% of the loss can be attributed to just a dozen bird populations including sparrows, warblers, blackbirds and finches. Up to 53% of grassland birds have disappeared as well as about a third of shorebirds. Certain populations are surprisingly up in numbers such as raptors, bald eagles, and waterfowl. Another interesting find is that duck and goose populations are up as a direct result of hunters maintaining their habitats.

Heindel explained that neotropical migratory birds are experiencing the highest rates of decline because any habitat destruction along their migration routes can have an impact on his bird count in Inyo County. But he maintained that his findings were consistent across species and even birds that never leave the Eastern Sierra have experienced a population downturn.

Nora Livingston, lead naturalist guide for the Mono Lake Committee and board member of the Eastern Sierra Audubon Society, expressed a similar interpretation of the study “When you are out birding it is hard to tell that there is a decline happening, but the study was so widespread we can assume it’s happening here, too.” Livingston has been involved in multiple studies in the Eastern Sierra through Point Blue Conservation Science, but explains data is sometimes difficult to interpret, “There are a lot of studies that look specifically at birds in the Eastern Sierra but most of them are short term,” she said, voicing a “need for more long term research projects.”

She couldn’t speak to any data relevant to the Eastern Sierra but maintained the viewpoint of a conservationist, “Regardless of whether or not we see proof of the decline, we should be proactive in maintaining [bird] habitats.”

Both Livingston and Heindel explained that birds are often a good indication of the overall health of an ecosystem. Head researcher on the Science paper, Ken Rosenberg, told the Wall Street Journal, “Birds are literally the canary in the coal mine.”

Heindel worries we may be reaching an inflection point where too much decline in population could lead to a negative population spiral with unforeseen consequences. When asked what regular people can do about the issue, Heindel responded, “We need to tune into what is happening. We have to keep an eye on our government and sound off when they do something bad or make an ignorant decision.”

In an email to the Sheet, Livingston laid out how and why the declining populations can be slowed down. “They (the birds) can’t protect themselves from climate change and habitat destruction, so people need to protect bird habitats locally and continue to gather data about their populations. Most of the birds that breed here are migratory, so we also need to do what we can to encourage protection of their wintering grounds and migratory pathways too. It’s a pretty daunting task, but it is so important. More researchers from different states and countries are joining forces to share data and develop conservation plans that address the whole migration pathways—that is essential going forward.”

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**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. More info: See ad p. 13.

**The Mogul Happy Hour Sun.** Thurs. from 4-6:30 p.m. ½ off food and drink specials. Note: Get in there this week. Shoulder season close starting 10/20.

**Mammoth Rock ‘N Bowl**

Mon. DJ 9:00 p.m. Thurs. DJ 10 p.m.

Clocktower Cellar Happy Hour: 4-7 p.m. daily. $6 dollar menu items, drink specials. Info: See ad p. 10.

**Petra’s Bistro**. Happy hour 5-7 p.m. Signature cocktails. Wine by the glass. Info: See ad p. 10.

**Roberto’s Happy Hour**: 4-6 p.m. daily.

**The Public House** Local Mondays (all local beers are $5 a pint). Karaoke Tuesdays @ 8:00. $3 Priced Wine on Wednesdays, Open Mic night Thursdays.

**Famous Slocums Happy Hour**

Happy Hour: Mon-Fri 4-6 p.m; Sat 4-5:30 p.m. Dining at 5:30 pm. Closed Sundays. “No Reservations, just come on in.” More info: See ad p. 5.


**Giovanni’s Happy Hour**

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**Shelter Distilling Open 11am - 11pm**

Daily Happy Hour: 3-5 p.m. Sunday through Thursday/Half Off All Drinks Info: See ad. p. 13.

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

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**Rafters**

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**Lakazini**

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**Mammoth Tavern**

happy hour 4-5:30 p.m. Half off draft beer, well drinks, and happy hour 4-7.

**Mammoth Rock ‘N Bowl**

Saturday, October 12, 2019

**Pumpkin Patch and Haunted Swamp.** @ FFA School Farm. Pony rides, face painting, corn maze, a petting zoo, and haunted house. Starts 11 a.m. More info: See side bar column next page.

**Rotary Club of Mammoth Lakes**

Diamond Masquerade Ball @ the Bistro at Snowcreek. Food, drink, dancing, silent and live auctions. Come dressed up with a mask, and ready to have fun! Events include diamond champagne toast with your chance of winning a real diamond. Time: 5:30-10 p.m. More info: See side bar column next page.

**The Manzanar Fishing Club Screening and Tour** @ Manzanar Nat’l Historical Site. Catch a preview of “The Manzanar Fishing Club”, a documentary about fishing in the Manzanar camp during WWII. A Q&A with the writer and director follows the screening, with a guided tour of the site at 1 p.m. Time: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Sunday, October 13/Valentine Reserve Full Arts Series:**

Journalizing with Kyle Oslan. @ Valentine Camp, Lakes Basin Bike Path. Spend the day walking and journaling with Kyle Oslan in the Lakes Basin. Journal and pen not included. Time: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Sunday, October 13/Mammoth Rock ’n Bowl**

Cowboy Comedy Night @ Liberty, in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. More info: See ad p. 13.

**Monday, October 14/Outlaw Saloon Happy Hour**

Tuesdays 8-10 p.m. $2 Pints of Boddingtons, $3 Pints of Bud Light. More info: See ad p. 14.

**The Madison**

Happy Hour: 4-6 p.m. large pizzas. Info: See ad p. 13.

**The Liberty Sports Bar and Grill**

Happy Hour: Mon-Fri 4-6 p.m; Sat 4-5:30 p.m. More info: See ad p. 10.

**The Lucky Diamond**

Happy Hour: 4-6 p.m. Monday.

**Mammoth Rock ‘N Bowl**

Friday, October 11

**Cowboy Comedy night** in Lone Pine with Ken Harrison. Time: 9 p.m. Location. Mt. Whitney Restaurant. More info: See side bar column this page.

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**Early Detection: Evening Edition**

Mammoth Hospital is hosting an extended hours mammography night. “Early Detection: Evening Edition” Thursday, October 24 from 4-8 p.m. Even if you’re not due for your mammogram, come out on for refreshments, giveaways and fun in honor of breast cancer awareness month. All month, Mammoth Hospital is proud to offer $10 mammograms using the latest 3D imaging technology (and free annual preventative screening to those with insurance). For info/appt., call 760.924.4070.

**FFA Annual Pumpkin Patch**

This Saturday, the Bishop FFA (Future Farmers of America) will hold their annual pumpkin patch at their 80-acre school farm on Sunland Ave. The event runs from 11 a.m. ‘til 6 p.m. Pick a pumpkin, play games, buy a seasonal treat and go on a fantastic hayride. Admission is free, but events inside the farm are available for a nominal charge.

This Saturday and next (Oct. 12 & 19) from 7-9 p.m., there will also be a “Haunted swamp” event at the farm. All proceeds go directly back to the FFA chapter to run and improve the school farm and help students attend statewide agricultural events. Proceeds from this year will be used to update swine facilities.

Info: Joe Buffington at jbuffington@bishopschools.org or call 760.258.6075.

**Wicked Brew**

Mammoth Middle School Organization is hosting Wicked Brew on Saturday, Oct. 26th from 8pm-12am at the Mammoth Lakes Town Council meets. Time: 6 p.m. Location: Council Chambers, 377 West Line St.


**Wednesday, October 16**

Mammoth Community Water District Long-Range Planning Committee. Time: 8 a.m. Location: MCLUD Conference Room, 1315 Meridian Blvd.

Mammoth Lakes Town Council meets. 6 p.m. Suite Z, Minaret Mall.

**Thursday, October 17**

Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Project kickoff workshop @ Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop. More info: see sidebar column this page.

Friday, October 18

**Trunk or Treat** in Bishop City Park, location. Come join the fun, dress up for Halloween and visit booths with decorations and games. Free costume contest ages 0-10. Time: 5:30-8:30 p.m.

**October 19-20**

Annual Haunted Barn fundraiser. @ Julian Family Ranch in Coleville. A haunted house and hay ride experience at the Julian Family Ranch, all proceeds go to the Coleville High Senior Class Fund. Time: 7-10 p.m. both nights. Tickets and info: http://colevillehauntedbarn.com.

**Saturday, October 19**

Dowtown Bishop Chinese Art Walk. @ Downtown Bishop. Come explore Bishop’s thriving art scene, with live music and free chocolate treats at every location. Activities will include leaf-peeping, arts and crafts and outdoor adventure. The festivities conclude on Sunday morning with a walk hosted by the June Lake Historical Society. Experts and longtime locals will lead the various activities.

The weekend kicks off with a welcome event at the June lake Community Center on Friday evening beginning at 6 p.m.

Saturday highlights include a guided photography hike from 8-10 a.m. with June Lake photography owners Sara Walsh and local photographer Michael Allen White.

There will also be artist demonstrations, a ride with Eastside Velo and scenic chairlift rides at June Mountain.

For more information about the entire weekend please visit www.junelake-loop.org.

**Sustainable Rec & Tourism Project**

The second of two kickoff work-shops for the Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Project will take place October 17 from 5-8 p.m. @ the Tallac Lab at the Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop.

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.

Proposition 68 funding for this project will facilitate the 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*

For additional information please visit essrp.org.

**MLFF midseason screenings**

On Saturday, October 19, at 7 p.m., we will be screening the documentary MAIDEN. MAIDEN is the story of how Tracy Edwards, a 24-year-old cook in charter boats, became the skipper of the first all-female crew to enter the Whitbread Round the World in 1989.

On Sunday, October 27, at 4 p.m., we will be screening the documentary DAVID CROSBY: REMEMBER MY NAME. From producer Cameron Crowe (Jerry Maguire), DAVID CROSBY: REMEMBER MY NAME reflects on David Crosby’s life of music stardom, while forging new paths to relevancy at his age of 77 in this deeply personal documentary.

Info and tix: https://www.edisontheatre.org. Or see ad page 12.

**Murder Mystery tin on sale**

21st annual Sierra Classic Theatre Murder Mystery, titled “The Ballot of Death” takes place Nov. 3-7 and 10-11. There will be seven performances at six different locations. For more information and tickets go to www.sierraclassictheatre.org.
**Help Wanted**

**Mammoth Rock N Bowl**

Mammoth Rock N Bowl has immediate openings for 2 Assistant Pinsetter Mechanic, who will perform maintenance and repairs of Qubica/AMF Bowling Equipment. It's a part time, hourly position with flexible hours and a starting salary range between $14-$18 per hour. We will train you. Additional duties include facility Maintenance Project. This is a part time, hourly position with flexible hours and a starting salary range between $16.00-18.00/hour.

Mammoth Spa Creations is looking for an additional member for its team. We currently have an immediate opening for a spa maintenance / technician position. This is a Full Time Position (Monday through Friday). This position offers vacation accrual, benefits and paid holidays. Experience is preferred, but not required. Heavy lifting is required. Please call 760-924-9070 or stop by the store located at 1401R Tavern Road for an application. Mammoth Creations for more information and to pick up an application. Resumes can be e-mailed to mammothspa@aol.com.

Surefoot Mammoth is hiring for the upcoming winter of 2019. We are looking for passion-ate skiers to fill multiple full time bootfitter/ sales associate positions. We offer competitive pay and a season pass with time to use it. Must have excellent customer service skills and be able to work in a fast paced environment. This is a great opportunity to learn an important skill in the ski industry. It is an opportunity to become a ski professional. Please apply in person at Surefoot.com or stop by the store to fill out an application.

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**Best Western High Sierra Hotel**

High Sierra Hotel is now hiring Front Desk Supervisor & Accounting Clerk. Starting wage $14-$18 DOE plus paid vacation. Please stop by at 3228 Main St in Mammoth Lakes. We are looking for someone with previous experience in a similar role. We are looking for someone who can make the guests feel at home. Please apply in person at the front desk.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Ordinance

Notice of Ordinance Adoption

The Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District will adopt its 2020-21 ordinance at the next Board of Commissioners meeting to be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at Fire Station 1, 3110 Main Street, Mammoth Lakes, CA.

Any person may appear and be heard regarding any item in the draft ordinance or regarding the addition of other items. The draft ordinance is available for review and comments Monday – Friday, 4:00pm – 5:00 pm at Fire Station 1, 3110 Main Street, Mammoth Lakes, CA.

Dated: October 3, 2019

JAMIE GRAY, Town Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Ordinance

TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES

Notice is hereby given that on October 2, 2019 the Town Council introduced an Ordinance entitled:

APPROVING ZONING CODE AMENDMENT 19-001, TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES

The mammoth lakes fire protection district will host its 14th annual mammoth photo festival this weekend. The festival focuses on showcasing the natural beauty of mammoth lakes and its surrounding areas. This year’s festival will feature various workshops and competitions, including landscape, wildlife, and nature photography, in addition to a juried exhibit and outdoor activities. The public is encouraged to attend and participate in this event to celebrate the beauty of nature.

PERSONALS

In search of...a new boyfriend. Must love dogs, own a generater and have a place to live. Queen-size bed or larger a plus. Dental hygiene a bigger plus. Minor flatulence okay. Meet me at Morrison’s to discuss over the $35 fall special. You buy, I saw you...are participating in the mammoth photo festival this weekend. Since I hear the focus of the festival is on nature photography, how about you come With Hot Ass

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Fictitious Business Name Statement

The Following Person Is Doing Business As: Main Street Center

Main Street Center
3225 Main St., P.O. Box 7847
Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546

This business is conducted by a limited liability company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 1998. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on September 23, 2019.

File Number 19-177
2019-0185 (9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19)

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The Following Person Is Doing Business As: White Horse Inn

Doug Goodwin/Jon Goodwin
P.O. Box 2326, 2180 Old Mammoth Road
Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546

This business is conducted by Co-Partners. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June, 1999. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on Sept, 5, 2019.

File Number 19-121
2019-0180 (9/21, 9/28, 10/5, 10/12)

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The Following Person Is Doing Business As: Cortan Collection

Cortan, LLC
203 Alpine Circle, P.O. Box 3203 Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546

This business is conducted by a limited liability company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 1, 2018. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on October 2, 2019.

File Number 19-191
2019-0192 (10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/2)

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The Following Person Is Doing Business As: Bodelevy Botanicals

Cortan, LLC
203 Alpine Circle, P.O. Box 3203 Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546

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Statement Of Abandonment

Of Use of Fictitious Business Name Statement:

Ridgeline Snow Removal

The following persons have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name:

Hronesh Hardware Floors, Inc.
141 Commerce Dr. #E16, P.O. Box 4025 Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546

This business is conducted by a Corporation. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on August 1, 2019.

File Number 19-193 (10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/2)

Statement Of Abandonment

Of Use of Fictitious Business Name Statement:

Hronesh Wood & Stone

The following persons have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name:

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File Number 19-0162 (9/21, 9/28, 10/5, 10/12)

Statement Of Abandonment

Of Use of Fictitious Business Name Statement:

Lonsdale Masonry

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HORRORSCAPES

By Clouds McCloud

Libra: As your latest birthday passes by, so does the small planet Chiron into retrograde. Chiron is known as the “Wound Healer.” That’s why the rest of this year promises to be very good for most signs. In Greek mythology, Chiron is the name of the wisest of the Centaurs. So don’t be surprised if horseplay helps you heal and also don’t be surprised if some horses assess you know start acting more like humans.

Scorpio: If you were to write out the delivery date of this week’s Sheet you’d get 10-11-19. There are those who believe that anytime we see the same three numbers together, like 111 here, that it is a message from the Stars. 111 is said to be a reminder to keep you thoughts and attitude positive. If you need any help with this, try increasing usage of your “O-face.” You are a Scorpio, for moaning out loud! That’s why your new motto is “Mind your own business and opinions. That’s why your new role is to “Dance like a toddler. They don’t even care if there’s music.”

Pisces: Some folks say that marijuana is a “gateway drug.” But with all the health benefits being touted about wacky tobacco and yet the use of it by teenagers actually going down in states where it’s legal, it appears this theory is hogwash. Of course, we all seem to forget that if we keep thinking the same way, that’s all we’ll ever see. To help you stop following some bad theories remember this, “Marijuana is a gateway drug—a gateway to the fridge.”

Aries: Since this is a great time for healing, how about you work on healing any intimacy issues you may have. Adopting these sayings will help. 1) “I’ve gotten really good in bed. I hardly fall out at all anymore.” 2) “I’m thinking of becoming a taxidermist since I’m willing to mount just about anything.” 3) “How about a penny for your thoughts—and five bucks if they’re dirty.”

Taurus: The three hardest things in life to say are: 1) “I was wrong.” 2) “I need help.” 3) “Worcestershire Sauce.” The Stars are saying the next few months are the perfect time to help heal yourself or others, so please feel empowered to say what you need to say or to just ask for ketchup instead.

Gemini: We all have that one person who makes us hate one, or sometimes a couple, Zodiac signs. Gemini gets blamed for this more than most signs. It’s the downside of having two such strong and different personalities. But the truth is hatred never gets us anywhere. That’s why your new role model is Campbell’s. When a woman tweeted to complain that their soup commercial, which featured two dads, made her sick, Campbell’s recommended she try some chicken noodle soup to warm up her cold, dead heart.

Cancer: Sometimes we get so upset about what we’ve lost in life we forget that every time we lose something we are bound to find something else. This is especially tough when we lose people we love, like or simply just for. That’s why it’s important to remember that the best way to find ourselves is to lose someone else. Of course, they do also say the best way to get over someone is to get under someone else.

Leo: Since this is a time of healing and moving forward in life, your words of wisdom come from fellow Leo, 74 year-old Academy Award-winning actress Helen Mirren: “If I could give my younger self one piece of advice it would be to use the words ‘F#@k Off’ much more frequently.”

Virgo: On of the strongest traits for Virgo is your ability to block out distractions and not give a rat’s patootie about other people’s business. Of course, you’re human and can get pulled down the rat hole. So the next time you catch yourself getting caught up in other people’s negativity simple remember the wise words of Sarah Jessica Parker, “A squirrel is just a rat with a cuter outfit.”

If I could give my younger self one piece of advice it would be to use the words ‘F#@k Off’ much more often.

-Helen Mirren

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SHEET SURVEY

Given that Columbus Day is Monday ...

The Sheet asked people on the street: What do you think or know about Christopher Columbus?

“Another ridiculous holiday that America has.”
- Aimee Tuck, Mammoth (via NZ)

“One of the most overrated explorers in history.”
- Victor Meier, Mammoth

“You mean the legend they teach in school that is probably not true?”
- Phil Coconis, Mammoth

“He is supposedly the one who discovered America. He was obviously a sailor.”
- Daren Skare, Mammoth

“He was a bold explorer who changed the vision of the world and without him we wouldn’t be here.”
- Laetitia Welcome, Mammoth (via France)

“He was the man!”
- Sergio Moreno, Mammoth

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