WHACKING THE TOBACCY
Mono Supes say ‘Boo’ to flavored tobacco products. Vote 4-1 for ban
By Page

On November 1, a new tobacco ban goes into effect county-wide, removing flavored tobacco products such as menthol cigarettes from the shelves of local retailers. The institution of this ban, the result of an amendment to County Code 7.92 passed in April 2018, was upheld by the Mono County Board of Supervisors by a vote of 4-1 at Tuesday’s meeting Board meeting.

Prior to the vote, Tom Boo, Mono County Public Health Officer, took the podium to give a presentation, titled “Flavored Tobacco Products: A Youth Epidemic,” that placed the dangers caused by flavored tobacco within the context of Mono County.

According to Boo, tobacco is the primary cause of preventable death and disease in the United States with 480,000 deaths nationwide each year as a result to tobacco usage, nearly 40,000 of which occur in California. Tobacco use isn’t limited to adults, as rising child usage led the US Surgeon General to declare child use of tobacco an epidemic late last year. The culprit driving that epidemic? “Flavored tobacco of various kinds,” said Boo.

Boo then presented statistics about tobacco and why children using tobacco at an early age is particularly concerning. Boo explained that in California, 63% of smokers start by age 18, and 97% by 26, and that 27% of high school students nationwide are currently using tobacco. If that rate continues, says Boo, “1 in 13 children under the age of 17 will die early as a result of tobacco-related disease.”

Although the state raised the minimum age to purchase tobacco to 21 in 2016, here in Mono County, only 17% of Eastern Sierra Unified School District 11th graders and 11% of Mammoth Unified 11th graders find obtaining cigarettes to be “very difficult,” according to the California Healthy Kids Survey conducted during the 2017/2018 school year.

5% of Mammoth eleventh graders reported current cigarette usage and 27% reported smoking one or more cigarettes per day.

By Page

ALIENS OVER MAMMOTH

A power outage was threatened for Mammoth on Thursday. It was unclear whether SCE or an Alien Spaceship could be the responsible party.

DOES ANYONE WIN WITH NEW RENT CONTROL LAW?
By Hite

On October 8, 2019, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed a bill into law that will cap rent increases throughout the State. The law provides a cap of 5% plus the increase in the local CPI (consumer price index).

The bill’s lead author, David Chiu, was quoted by the Orange County Register upon the bill’s passage as saying, “Our bill ensures tenants are protected against rent gouging and predatory eviction while allowing landlords to make a fair rate of return without disincentivizing new construction.”

Further, Newsom explained that the new law is not designed to be a cumulative solution. “We have to address the issue of production in the state of California. We need to build more damn housing.” He said at a ceremony in Oakland.

Newsom has always stood on the platform of housing. When he was running he made it clear this was his marquee issue claiming he would push for 3.5 million new houses built by 2025. This year, California is predicted to build around 120,000 new units. This is up 2% from the new units built in 2018 but does not put him on pace to meet his lofty goal.

The new law may remind people of Proposition 10, which appeared on last year’s laundry list of California ballot measures. The proposition would have allowed local authorities to enact rent control in their jurisdictions, but the people voted against it by a 62%-38% margin.

Proponents of Prop 10 believed it would solve the state’s consistent rent increases. Those against thought the proposition would negatively incentivize developers, creating a future shortage of rentals available.

Newsom went ahead with a statewide protocol for a rent cap despite the people voting against rent control in 2018.

Local real estate broker Paul Oster expressed his hesitation to the bill in a conversation with the Sheet. “The law is designed to help tenants but it might actually end up hurting them,” he said.

Oster said he has spoken with landlords in the area and came to the conclusion that the negative ramifications were more obvious than the positive ones. “Their (the landlords’) opinion is that this incentivizes them to schedule annual rental increases. Mammoth has a lot of old school landlords who

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AL BE BACK

I had heard rumors of Mammoth Lakes Police Chief Al Davis’s impending retirement - rumors in part fueled by a training course that Lieutenant Eric Hugelman attended last month in Folsom. The course description:

Becoming a Police Chief: Developing a Mindset for Success and Service

This four-day course will prepare you for assuming the position of Chief of Police, and what to do and what not to do when you first take the job. You will learn about the expectations of the Chief of Police from the: city manager, elected officials, news media, and police chiefs’ points of view. Also covered in this course are shaping public policy, labor relations and personnel issues, legal issues, leading in a political environment, organizational development and change, public engagement, crisis communication, leadership and planning your career as a police executive. This course is part of CPCA’s (California Police Chiefs Assn.) Executive Development Certificate program.

But Davis says not so fast. The earliest he might retire is December, 2020. So maybe sending Hugelman to “Chief Camp” hews to the tagline Davis includes at the bottom of every email. “Victory favors the prepared.”

I had a pretty funny encounter at the Inyo County Landfill earlier this week. I got to the exit window and the guy says it’ll be five bucks.

“Five bucks!” I said.

The reaction, I saw, caused him to retreat a half step. His body language... stiffened. He was preparing for some sort of critical onslaught.

“That is the best damn deal in town,” I finished. He relaxed. Told me a few stories about the people who yelled at him about how unfair it is - the $5 for dumping waste totaling less than 400 pounds.

*I didn’t ask him, however, what it would cost to leave a few goats. Maybe there’s a surcharge for that.

The corollary to this tale appears on page four. The letter from Ms. Altenbach. So if I understand correctly, Ms. Altenbach owns a home in the Trails, a very nice neighborhood in Mammoth, but feels put upon by covering the tab for the Town’s Halloween candy bill, as the Trails is Mammoth’s de facto trick-or-treating spot.

Further, she describes the Trails HOA (Homeowners Assn.) budget situation as “dismal” and “scary.”

And finally, she tells the community that Trails residents (does she speak for her neighborhood?) may just close it down next year if more people don’t step forward to help subsidize the terrible expense.

Two things. 1. If you don’t wish to participate, douse the lights and don’t come to the door. 2. If you can’t afford the Halloween candy, you’ve got much bigger problems than Halloween candy.

Suggestion: If you want to recapture the Halloween spirit, visit the Baker home on Elm Street in Bishop. An annual pumpkin paradise. And are there nicer folks than Mary and Chet Baker? That whole neighborhood is wonderful. And they don’t even have an HOA...
At the recent ACHD Annual Meeting, Northern Inyo Healthcare District was awarded the prestigious Healthcare District of the Year award for its Medication Assisted Treatment Program, funded and run by the District, and other local stakeholders, as one of 31 Bridge Grant recipients.

This honor is truly the result of what happens when a team comes together for the well-being of the community it serves. The support of our communities, our partners, our staff, and our patients is critical to the success and growth of our District. Thank you for believing in us. We remain – One Team. One Goal. Your Health.
Dear Editor:

Do you know how The Trails became the Host of The Traditional Halloween Event of the Town? Well, I did some research this year and I would like to share it with the Town folks to let them know how this Event originated in The Trails. Our family was aware of Halloween in The Trails since 2001 when a Real Estate person introduced us to The Trails. It has been in the past six years that we have actively become part of this SAFE and FUN Family Event.

The Trails is a subdivision that is governed by a Homeowners Association. We have officers and very diligent homeowners that are “Good Neighbors” to the entire community of Mammoth Lakes. Many years ago, someone from The Trails had this brainstorm to make the subdivision a One-Stop Halloween Event. These folks were concerned Citizens that wanted a SAFE Trick-Or-Treating experience for their children and the whole town.

What has happened since its inception? Active homeowners continue to brainstorm every year to improve on making Halloween Night friendly and fun. Others that contribute in making this event Safe and Fun for ALL are the Mammoth Lakes Police Department and Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra (DSES). Plus, there are the parents and children from Mammoth and the surrounding areas that look forward to coming to The Trails for a safe and fun Halloween Night.

E.L. Smoogen, President of The Trails HOA, does his part in buying over $1,000 in candy with approval of the HOA members. This candy purchase supplements a small amount of candy to the homeowners that participate in handing out candy to the goblins, witches, and many children that enjoy going from home to home to collect treats. Sarah Carmichael, HOA Treasurer, lets us know when the HOA cannot afford the purchase of candy. (This year the HOA budget is very Dismal and Scary.) Sarah is also instrumental in spearheading the team in helping to get the candy collection containers to the local participating stores, as well as helping collect the candy donations.

My family has undertaken the job of designing the containers for the past three years. This effort takes a little over three weeks. Once complete, the containers are delivered to the stores on October 1st. We also handle picking up the candy collection donations and store the candy to be divvied up on October 30th to approximately 50 families that participate. Let us not forget the families that personally participate by pitching in over $200 for candy to supplement the candy collection donations at the stores and the HOA candy contributions.

The Trails Homeowners depend on the community for candy donations to help defray the cost of putting Halloween at The Trails. Our local stores Vons, Rite Aid, and most recently Grocery Outlet have stepped up to the plate to help with the candy collection donations. Recently, Rite Aid’s Regional managers came into town and were impressed with the Scarecrow Candy Container in their store. An employee mentioned, that when their managers found out the purpose for the Halloween container, they were supportive of a Safe and Fun Environment for the children hosted by The Trails. The Grocery Outlet owner thought this was a great idea, since it is their first time for candy collection donations. Vons has supported The Trails candy collection donations for years, and we appreciate Vons having our back.

The Trails has put on this event for many years without any monetary contributions from the Town Council. I do not know if the Town Council values the effort of The Trails for making Halloween a SAFE and FUN Family Event. There is an unresolved conflict with the Town Council and The Trails. Please read the article in The Sheet, dated Saturday, October 5, 2013, Vol. 17, No. 40, front page (cont’d on page 10).

The Trails homeowners are very concerned with the past and present treatment from the Town Council. Unfortunately, “The Trails HOA does not know how The Trails can financially sustain this expensive Traditional Halloween Event, or its existence for next year.”

Margie Altenbach
Trails Homeowner
COUNTY RESTORES HOUSING FEES

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fter hearing the available options, the supervisors were all in agreement that an HMO is needed in the county; selecting a new board from the county’s Housing Mitigation Ordinance (HMO), currently suspended through the end of 2019. The process of bringing such proposition before the board began in 2017, when a Housing Needs Assessment undertaken by CBC Research and Consulting found that “unincorporated Mono County has a need for 120-170 housing units to accommodate current needs and prepare employment growth.” CBC returned three recommendations, which including updating the HMO, incentivizing the creation of affordable housing units, and collaborating with the Town of Mammoth Lakes on their own housing action items. With the assessment in hand, the county conducted nexus and fee studies, while putting together a list of housing goals and the means to achieve them. The studies, conducted by Economic Planning Systems, Inc. (EPS) analyzed Mono County housing statistics to assess housing needs as well as the possible fee structures that could generate revenue for the purpose of developing new affordable housing. The assessment determined the maximum allowable fees on developing units in Mono County under an HMO, numbers that “raise feasibility concerns and are substantially higher than other local jurisdictions, including the Town of Mammoth Lakes,” per a staff report sent to the Board. According to Mahafey, “What it told us is that we are legally able to charge people for development. We don’t think we would ever want to do that in our area, so we would recommend doing an in-lieu fee instead.” Pursing that option would institute a “inclosureary requirement” on single- and multi-family home developments, meaning that any development land for housing-to-market rate housing and units that deed-restrict future sales to a moderate or below income level. The plan, with the lowest ratios of affordable housing-to-market rate housing and lowest fees per unit and square foot, with Stump stating “I think if we try and spin a one-off fee structure at a high level… when you add in other fees, it will serve as a deterrent.” Stump pointed to historical examples of one-off considerations, noting “We just talked about cannabis, to back then, and at one time was considered the cure for morphine addiction…it didn’t work out so well!” Peters agreed with Stump’s reluctance to go all in on the fees, citing a worry that instituting pricey fees for development could have negative consequences. “The ultimate goal is to not inhibit the development of affordable housing and development of property that is going to provide a tax base…I just think that if somebody is going to decide not to build because of an HMO, we lose in the long run.” Supervisor Kreitz noted that developers means an additional loss in property tax dollars. Supervisors Gardner and Corless lobbied for a fee structure that was exactly half EPS’s recommended structure and Supervisor Kreitz pushed for the EPS recommendation. “Our policy should actually drive the outcome we desire,” said Kreitz “The HMO is intended to drive the creation of housing for our workforce and our constituents.” Ultimately, Kreitz sided with Gardner and Corless to select the 50% reduced rate plan in a 3-2 vote. “I’m just going to warn you,” said Stump after the vote was concluded, “Ultimately, the fees come in too high, I’ll vote no…because I witnessed what happened [during the recession], none of the rest of you did.” Kreitz shut back, saying “I did, I was here doing development when that market crashed…it wasn’t the county’s policy that killed development.” The plan scaled commercial linkage fees to the same 50% reduction, with storage and warehouse, and industrial/ service commercial clocking in at $.30/ sq. ft, general commercial at $1/ sq. ft, and visitor accommodations at $2,000/room or approximately $8/sq. ft. The board also decided to tie in the in-lieu fee to a price/sq ft in residential units as opposed to a flat fee per unit after selecting the 50% reduction plan. The Town of Mammoth Lakes currently has its own housing ordinance that charges $5,700/residential unit, $3,700/ lodging room, $2/ sq. ft for retail/service/ office space and $1/ sq. ft for light industrial usage. Mono County used the Town’s fee structure as a reference point in their own analysis. Sugimura and Mahafey also put forth a potential list of exemptions including exemptions for single family residences if they agree to not host short term rentals and units that deed-restrict future sales to a moderate or below income level. The supervisors chose to remove an exemption for visitor accommodation projects with nine or fewer sleeping areas, and cut in half the maximum square footage required for commercial, industrial/service, and storage projects.
FOUR FOR FOUR

Four candidates vie to succeed Mark Tillemans as Inyo County District Four

By James

Voters will recognize some familiar names in the upcoming primary election scheduled for March 3, 2020. So far, Second District Supervisor, Jeff Griffiths, and Fifth District Supervisor, Matt Kingsley, are running unopposed for reelection. There are four candidates who have filed their intention to run for the office of Fourth District supervisor, which is being vacated by Mark Tillemans of Big Pine.

Incumbent Superior Court Judges Brian Lamb and Stephen Place are also on the March, 2020 ballot. Place was appointed in June of 2018, replacing retired Judge Dean Stout and—at least so far—is running unopposed. Lamb is running for reelection and is being challenged by attorney Philip Ashworth of Independence.

Candidates have a choice between paying a filing fee or submitting signed petitions.

“Most candidates are opting for Petitions in lieu of filing fees,” said Kammi Foote, the Inyo County Clerk/Recorder & Registrar of Voters. Fees are set at 1% of the elected official’s salary. For county supervisors that fee would be $560.64 and for the judges the fee would be $2,138.83.” Foote explained that for elected positions such as county supervisors that fee is set at 1% of the elected official’s salary. For county supervisors that fee would be $2,138.83. “Foote explained that for elected positions such as county supervisors that fee is set at 1% of the elected official’s salary.

The candidates’ filing deadlines are Dec. 6, 2019 for everyone except judges, who must file a Judicial Declaration of Intent to Run for Office by Nov. 6, 2019.

The four candidates for the Fourth District Supervisor are listed on the county election website as having filed a FPPC Form 501 – Candidate Intention to run for office.

The Fourth District covers the communities of Wilkerson, Big Pine, Ablinede, and Independence. Candidates have until Dec. 6 to finalize all the requirements needed to run for office. Listed in order of filing date on the Inyo Elections website:

- Deena Davenport-Conway, a businesswoman owns the Luxe Salon in Bishop. Her husband, Gunner, runs the Indy Coffee Roasting Company. Locals might be familiar with her recent efforts to improve pedestrian safety in Inyo County along the U.S. Highway 395 corridor which runs through many of the county’s communities.
- Donald Keith Bright of Independence. “Bright” is a familiar name in Inyo County. Don is the son of former Fourth District Supervisor Keith Bright. A former navy pilot for 21 years, he is retiring from his job as a major airline commercial pilot in Southern California in December. He and his wife, Laura, own a home in Independence.
- Carroll “Butch” Hamilton of Big Pine is a well-known local businessman, as well as a former two-term Fourth District supervisor, who held office from 1997 to 2005.
- Jennifer Roeser is a well-known local businesswoman and community activist. Along with her husband, Lee, they run the Roeser Livestock and the 8 Mile Ranch, as well as the McGee Creek Pack Station. A longtime Mule Days volunteer and advocate for the American Mule Museum, she is also involved in the National Forest Recreation Association.

The top two candidates with the most votes in the March primary will appear on the November General Election ballot, unless one gets more than 50 percent of the vote in the primary, in which case he or she is elected to office.

Foote says that voters should check their website for Inyo County Elections. The website for Inyo County Elections is www.inyoelections.com. The top two candidates with the most votes in the March primary will appear on the November General Election ballot, unless one gets more than 50 percent of the vote in the primary, in which case he or she is elected to office.

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Better Election Security

The landscape for managing elections has changed greatly from the past, says Foote, because of new cyber security protocols to prevent election tampering and interference.

The county’s network websites have been updated to Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure (HTTPS), a much more secure communication protocol that uses strong encryption. In the past year, Foote and all the county election office staff have taken cyber security courses specific to elections and in general. A new voting system has also been installed and the county has joined the Multi-State Information Security & Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) and the Election Infrastructure Information Security & Analysis Center (EI-ISAC) to further prevent any hanky-panky in future elections.

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IN THE VILLAGE
Northern Inyo Healthcare District’s success with its new Medication Assisted Treatment program garnered the District top honors last week from the Association of California Healthcare Districts (ACHD).

Chief Executive Officer Kevin S. Flanigan, MD MBA credited the achievement to the effort put forward by the entire NIHD team with securing the honor. “From the Board of Directors, to the leadership, to the medical staff, to the clinicians, to the administrative staff, to the environment of care team, both new and long standing staff everyone has a part in this award. Without everyone’s commitment to our Mission and our Vision, we could not have saved the lives we have through the work we are doing.”

What gained such accolades for NIHD? Earlier this year, NIHD began a Medication Assisted Treatment program funded and run by the District and other stakeholders for coordination of care. During the preceding three years, the District and others began to review opioid use and identified a trend in escalation of overdoses, deaths, criminal cases and medical issues associated with opioid use, misuse and abuse.

NIHD applied for and was one of 31 named recipients for the Bridge Grant. This allowed for the creation of the MAT program, which is now expanding into other areas of Behavioral Health treatment. Since implementation of the program, NIHD has seen more than 30 enrolled patients in three months; every Emergency Department physician earning special certification to prescribe the highly controlled anti-addiction medication; more than a half dozen patients treated with Narcan by police, first responders or private citizens outside of the hospital; and, adolescent seeking care.

Dr. Flanigan noted his pride in the District’s transition from avoiding patients with obvious signs of addiction, to identifying patient behaviors consistent with addiction and offering services. “Besides being able to offer this care, the culture shift is one of the greatest accomplishments I have seen,” Dr. Flanigan said.

District snapshot

The Sheet attended an NIHD “Healthy Lifestyle Talk” presented by Flanigan in August where he laid out a snapshot of the district and some of the challenges and opportunities which lie ahead.

Flanigan explained that as a healthcare provider it is important to understand “not just who you take care of today, but who is going to need you tomorrow. If it’s young families and young children, that’s one set of specialists (obstetricians, gynecologists, pediatricians). If it is an aging population, [then] you’re going to want a retirement community (internists, geriatricians, orthopedists, and rheumatologists);” he said.

Flanigan said all residents of Inyo County were invited to participate in the recent Community Health survey conducted from October-December of 2018. A “total of 371 respondents provided zip codes that documented county location. These data show 53.4% of responses were from Bishop and 23.4% were each from Lone Pine and other County areas.” The questions in the survey were based upon “demographics, health factors, mental health and wellness, social and economic factors, economic factors, lifestyle habits, community environmental factors, and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE)” (Source: Kemper Consulting Group, June 25, 2019).

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Respondents with health coverage: 49% reported having private health coverage; publicly funded coverage was 28% Medical and 15% Medicare.

Hard to access medical care in Inyo County: 22% reported a problem with access to medical care.

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David James Duncan, acclaimed author of The River Why and The Brothers K, has spent the past two months as the artist-in-residence at the DeChambeau Ranch on Mono Lake’s north shore. The Sheet caught up with Duncan ahead of two events he’s leading this weekend (details at end of story) that focus on the lives and work of two of his close friends, Tom Crawford (the residency’s namesake) and Brian Doyle.

**Sheet:** Tell me about what you’re doing up at the DeChambeau ranch this weekend.

**DJD:** I lost these two dear literary friends successive years, May and May, 2017, and 2018, and it’s a joy to be able to share their work with the community and have people here know some of the inspiration that inspired the DeChambeau folks to want to name this residency after Tom who, I think, was America’s greatest bird poet.

**Sheet:** What can you say about Tom and Brian? What was your relationship with them and specifically what are you going to be sharing about them?

**DJD:** Brian edited Portland Magazine. It was an alumni magazine at University of Portland and at one point Annie Dillard said that Portland Magazine was the best spiritual magazine in the country. Brian was very interested in a kind of writing that is...it’s actually ancient, like in the diaries of saints and the poetry of mystics. Spiritual writing was of huge interest to Brian and he had a stable of us that really cared about the same kind of writing. So in talking about Brian, I mean it’s a window into an element of American literature that has caught fire just within the last couple of decades. And there’s a lot of spirituality in a lot of good poets: Tom Crawford would be high on the list. There’s an element of American culture that has blossomed. It kind of began when Zen Roshis started coming to Colorado and California and various places around the country and then expanded more when Tibetan Bud- dhists went into exile. The most revered spiritual figure in the world today is probably the Dalai Lama and there’s a blossoming of culture around that that I find very interesting.

**Sheet:** You said in an interview once that one thing that drew you to writing was a “story-telling magic that makes loss more bearable and sometimes even beautiful.” When you’re discussing your friends, is that kind of same magic being evoked as well?

**DJD:** Absolutely. Brian’s real forte were these short pieces that just knock you down. Unfortunately there’s a lot of Brian’s work that I can’t even read aloud because I just lose my shit but I will play that edge and read some things where if you read the right poem by W.S. Merwin or Tom Crawford or Mary Oliver, all of whom died this last year, it leaves no question. You feel something that’s so alive. The feeling is: the heart that is alive to love never dies. And I’ll be reading some things that I feel demonstrate that.

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DJD: I brought two. I brought a graphite rod because I have a rod that Lisa Cutting made that’s split cane and her rod is so beautiful and the streams here are so brushy that I just didn’t want to risk breaking it (laughs). If I’m going to break a rod, I want it to be a rod that’s under warranty from a fly-fishing rod making factory so I brought one of those to fish these brushy streams and then if I’m out in the open somewhere I might pull out Lisa’s rod. I’ve been doing very little fishing to be honest. I had a great day with Paul MacFarland’s son Solo-

ment of things with their hands. I have daugh-
ters who are 26 and 28 and my 26 year old daughter especially is a real hands on person. She’s a throwback. She and I have these shitty old flip phones and I never even used mine until I came down here because I didn’t want to be away from my wife for three months without her being able to reach me at any time.

There’s a funny story: I didn’t even know how to work my phone until I came down here, so like I didn’t know how to look for old messages on it and it had been filled by so many messages that just had come from Verizon that I was sitting in a parking lot in Missoula right before I came, delet-
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sages and suddenly here was the voice of my friend Brian Doyle, who’d hung a message on my phone when I didn’t even know my phone number (laughs) and he just starts right off:

“Hey David James Duncan, Brian James Doyle. I just wanted to call you and say you’re my brother and I love you.” and it goes on from there. It was sixty seconds of messages and suddenly it was like I didn’t know how to work my phone until I came down here, and it’s funny you know how to work your phone when I didn’t even know how to look for old messages on it and it had been filled by so many messages that just had come from Verizon that I was sitting in a parking lot in Missoula right before I came, delet-
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sages and suddenly here was the voice of my friend Brian Doyle, who’d hung a message on my phone when I didn’t even know my phone number (laughs) and he just starts right off:

“I just find if I get up and think and compulsively try to hook right in with where I left off the day before, it’s a disaster.”

David James Duncan

DJD: I guess maybe the word that comes closest for me is something like grace, it felt like a moment of grace that he cared enough to leave that message for me…that it would come across as a grace and if I got up and think and compulsively try to hook right in with where I left off the day before, it’s a disaster. I lose my focus, I lose my concentra-
tion, I go wandering off wherever impulse sends me. Whereas if I start by centering myself in the deepest way possible, my concentration lasts a lot longer. I’m more focused. It’s less about me and easier to just get lost in the process itself. It’s just like self-effaced imagination takes over and the art starts to rise up off the page and grab hold of you.

DJD: You say you’re still hav-
ing fun?

DJD: Yeah! It’s been a long haul on this book and I’m not having fun trying to ex-
plain to my wife or publisher how I could still not be finished (laughs).

Sheet: And you’ve been able to wrap that up, or at least kind of work on it up here?

DJD: It’s feeling really good, you know I haven’t put the last period on the last page. What’s great about this residency is it created a real line of demarcation and my friends know they’re leaving me alone. It’s just a wonderful giving and receiving and sharing with the DeCham-
beau creek folks and a couple of wonderful-
ful artists. It’s nice to put my friends in the spotlight, not have to be so much in the spotlight myself.

David James Duncan is the first Tom Crawford Writer-in-Residence sponsored by the DeChambelle Creek Foundation.

He is spending a three-month residen-
cy on the 135-acre ranch gifted by Jan Simis, who passed away in 2017. During his residency, Mr. Duncan will give two lectures (this Saturday at Mono Lake County Park and Sunday at the Lee Vining Community Center. Start times: 3 p.m.) as well as lead two field trips in conjunction with the Lee Vining schools.
The Mammoth Lakes Film Festival will host a screening of 'Maiden' this Saturday and a screening of 'David Crosby: Remember My Name' on October 27.

This is the first time the festival will host these mid-season screenings in an effort to "Keep the community engaged with independent filmmaking and storytelling" says festival founder Shira Dubrovner.

The town of Mammoth Lakes has no art houses to showcase projects that ripple throughout the film community, so this is Dubrovner's attempt at giving people access to great movies which might not get shown at Minaret Cinemas.

She explained her selection process: "We try to pick films that have a chance at making it to the Academy Awards because I think people really like when they have seen a movie that wins an award."

*Maiden*

“What it takes to sail around the world is, first of all, you have to be a bit crazy, you have to be different than the normal bloke” is the tone-setting hook that opens up documentary filmmaker Alex Holmes inspiring story of the crew of the Maiden, the first all-female team to sail around the world in the Whitbread sailing competition in 1989.

Maiden follows the journey of 24-year-old Tracy Edwards from cook on a ship in the Whitbread to assembling an all-female team to compete in the event the very next year.

Edwards was devious, slightly erratic, somewhat disagreeable, but most importantly Edwards was determined. Oh, and she was also a badass.

She had to have these qualities in order to defy worldwide gender barriers. Not only was sailing around the world an extremely dangerous venture but the sport was a glorified ‘boys club.’ Until 1989, a woman had no opportunity to be a part of the crew (except as a cook) and were considered ‘second-rate’ deck hands.

Edwards was not perturbed by the lack of opportunity available to her. Some would say she was oblivious to it - even to this day. Which is ultimately what makes this documentary so memorable. The conclusion is foregone but you become wrapped up in the world of 1989.

The movie is a chopped-up showcase of footage from the boat (no CGI - real 50 foot waves), news stories from the time, and interviews with the crew and others associated with the story.

What shines through is the crew itself. Modern interviews from journalists explain the nasty rhetoric they used while covering the Whitbread in 1989 before explaining that no one thought they would even finish the first leg (out of six). This global pessimism is contrasted with personal interviews from the crew of the ‘Maiden.’ The women were in the eye of the storm and largely had their own narrative of the journey. In fact, most of them nostalgically tell their stories with the same exuberant emotions they had in 1989; they are not just retelling their story, they are reliving it.

For a team of experienced sailors, the journey was simply a means to an end. They knew they had the skill, they just needed an opportunity. The coverage from journalists and the broader gender narrative was the least of their worries. But the story wouldn’t exist if a gender barrier had not been broken and the world made aware of this achievement even if the crew considered it no big deal.

They just wanted to win. And they knew they could go toe-to-toe with the men. The movie is set to play at 7 p.m. on Saturday, October 19, at the Edison Theatre in Mammoth Lakes.

If you can’t make the ‘Maiden’ show, you can watch ‘David Crosby: Remember My Name’ which is a sobering introspective deep dive into the life and music of the legendary David Crosby. The Crosby documentary airs at 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 27.

*And you know you’re a film buff if you can identify the popular movie quoted in this article’s title.*
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know turnover (of a tenant) costs them money. If they have a good tenant they won’t jack the rents up.”

One of those old school landlords who just got out of the game is Rich McAteer. At one time, he used to have eight rental units in Mammoth. McAteer summarized the issue as one where the state is using a blanket policy to police a few bad apples. While some landlords try to extract every last penny and don’t do much upkeep on their properties, most landlords run things in a decent fashion, have good tenants, and know you keep good tenants by keeping rents low. Every 1-3 years, he’d raise rents 5%. All his tenants were on month-to-month deals.

The last two-bedroom unit he just sold had been renting for $1,075/month, well below market rate. Of the new law, McAteer said, “It certainly gives people who are into the extraction model the means to raise rents [the maximum allowed every year] with impunity.”

McAteer says he’s not against the concept of the new law, but “I just don’t know how it’s gonna work.” He cautioned against another law, the law of unintended consequences.

Kelly Litschge is a second home-owner in Mammoth who also owns one Airbnb unit here, but also owns multi-unit dwellings down south. She is not a fan of the new law. “I don’t want the state to dictate what I can or can’t do with my property.”

“As a landlord,” she said. “I don’t want to be behind the 8-ball where rent is too low.” Typically, she says, she doesn’t raise rents consistently. “This law may have the dubious effect of reminding her to [raise rents].”

“My tenants are not going to be happy,” she said.

She believes the law was passed despite the will of the voters, and disagrees with Mr. Chiu in that such a law may absolutely disincentive new rental housing. However, the bill is also receiving backlash as the National Realtors Association said the measure discourages new rental housing. A spokesman for California YIMBY, a group “focused on housing and land use policy at the state and local level to ensure grass roots organizations and city leaders have the tools they need to accelerate home building,” issued this statement. “Rent caps don’t solve the housing crisis,” and then explained how the only solution is to build more homes.

The housing market is currently not keeping up with population growth. Rent caps may mitigate some of these housing woes in California but even Governor Newsom would admit this was not intended to solve all the issues. The bill only lasts ten years, ending on January 1, 2020, and will begin January 1, 2020, with the highest rent being a 5% increase on whatever rent was being charged as of March 15, 2019.

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**Mammoth’s Happy Hour** 5-7 p.m. all summer Sunday through Thursday in the bar. More info: See ad p. 7.

**The Mogul Happy Hour** Sun.-Thurs. from 5:30-6:30 p.m.through the bar with food and drink specials. Note: Shoulder season close starting 10/20.

**Mammoth Rock ‘N Bowl**

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

Note: Bowl for a Cause fundraiser at Mammoth Rock ‘N Bowl Oct. 27. See ad p. 7

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

**Petras’ Bistro.** Happy Hour 5-7 p.m. Signatures cocktails. Wine by the glass. Info: See ad p. 4.

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

**The Public House Local Mondays** (all local beers are $5 a pint). Karaoke Tuesdays at 8:00. 1/2 Priced Wine on Wednesdays, Open Mic night Thursdays.

**Famous Slocums Happy Hour** Happy Hour: 4-6 p.m; Sat 4-5:30 p.m. Dicing at 5:30 p.m. Closed Sunday, “No Reservations, just come on in.” More info: See ad p. 3.


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**Black Velvet Coffee** happy hour 4-6.

Wine tastings on Wednesdays.

**Barto’s Daily happy hour** 4-6 p.m.

All night happy hour on Thursday

**Lakanuki** happy hour 3-6 p.m. daily.

Mammoth Tavern happy hour 4-5:30 p.m. Half off draft beer, well drinks, and glass wine. Special on appetizers.

**Saturday, October 19/ U2Xperience** plays the T-Bar Social Club. Starts 8 p.m. Info: www.tbarsocialclub.com

**Sunday, October 20/ Catch all the NFL action** @ Liberty.

**Tues., October 22/** Team trivia at Mammoth Brewing Co. Time: 7 p.m. Free.

**Karaoke** @ Public House. 8 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 23/ In the Biz Wednesdays @ Mammoth Rock ‘N Bowl.** $1 games and $1 shoes after 9 p.m.

**Thursday, October 24/ Open Mic Night @ Public House.** 7 p.m. 1/2 off wing night and extended happy hour for Thursday Night Football @ Liberty.

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**October 18-20/ Leaves in the Loop.** @ June Lake Loop. For info, see sidebar pg. 15.

**Friday, October 18 / Trunk or Treat** in Bishop City Park. Come join the fun – dress up for Halloween and visit booths with decorations and games. Free costume contest ages 0-10. Time: 5-7 p.m.

**MHS Football homecoming game vs. Faith Baptist.** Kickoff 7 p.m. King & Queen crowned at the half.

**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://colevillehaftedbarn.com.

**David James Duncan Presentations @ Mono Lake County Park (Saturday) and Mono Lake-Lee Vining Community Center (Sunday).** For info, see sidebar p. 15.

**Saturday, October 19/ Downtown Bishop Chocolate Art Walk.** Come explore Bishop’s thriving art scene, with live music and free chocolate treats at 32 locations. Time: 8-8 p.m. More info: www.chocolateartwalk.com or see ad p. 9

**Haunted Swamp Fundraiser @ FFA Farm, Bishop.** Proceeds go to HHS Future Farmers of America. Time: 7-9 p.m.

**Panamint Valley and Surprise Canyon Wilderness Hike, @ Ballarat Ghost Town.** Join Friends of the Inyo on a wilderness hike in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the California Desert Protection Act. Leaving Bishop at 8 a.m. More info: https://friendsoftheinyo.org/events or email Bryan@friendsoftheinyo.org

**Augie Hess Celebration Golf Tournament.** More info: See ad p. 8.

**Bridgeport Zombie Crawl @ the Jolly Kone, Bishop.** Get in the Halloween spirit and dress your best “undead”. Featuring face-painting, pumpkin carving and the “Zombie Crawl” through the streets of Bridgeport. Time: 2-5 p.m.

**Mammoth Lakes Film Festival** midseason screening @ the Edison. More info: See sidebar column p. 15 or film review p. 12.

**Eastern Sierra Cancer Alliance 10th Annual 5K Walk and Run @ Bishop City Park.** Grab a friend and join a great cause. Featuring info booths, drawings and team prizes, Start Time: 9 a.m. Registration opens 7:30 a.m. More info: https://www.ESCancerAlliance.org

**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. 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. Group meets 9 a.m. at 1475 Tavern Rd. in Mammoth. Please RSVP to agnes@easternsierracc.org or 760.835.3877
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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 on out for refreshments, giveaways and fun in honor of breast cancer awareness month.

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Avalanche dynamics: Art Exhibition and Workshops

Forest Island Project’s 2019 artists – Alice Könitz, Brian O’Connell and Nina Waisman – will show work developed during the summer residency session, held in collaboration with the Sierra Nevada Aquatic Research Laboratory. More information is available at forestislandproject.org.

The art exhibition opening takes place Saturday, October 26 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Art Workshops will be held on Sunday, October 27 from 10 a.m. ‘til noon. Location: FL Studios @ Main Street Promenade in Mammoth Lakes (right down from Black Velvet Coffee).

David James Duncan

David James Duncan, author of “The River Why” and “The Brothers K.” will give two lectures next weekend in Lee Vining.

On Saturday, October 19, the DeChambeau Creek Foundation presents Mr. Duncan sharing reminiscences of his friend and poet, Tom Crawford, at Mono Lake Indian and Cultural Center on Friday evening beginning at 6 p.m. For more information, contact dechambeaucreekecking@gmail.com.

On Sunday, October 20, DeChambeau Creek Foundation is hosting Mr. Duncan, this time offering a pre-publication preview of “One Long River of Song,” a forthcoming book by his friend and fellow author, Brian Doyle, at the Mono Lake Indian and Lee Vining Community Center from 3-4:30 p.m. This event is free and open to all. For more information, contact dechambeaucreekecking@gmail.com.

Leaves in the Loop

The first “Leaves in the Loop” weekend will take place in June Lake October 18-20.

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 Brewing own

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Sunday, October 20
Fall Colors Tree Walk @ Bishop City Park with Master Gardener Alison Collins. Meet at the bridge behind the Visitor Center at 2 p.m. Free Info: Melissa at 760-873-7854 or melyeager@ucanr.edu.

Manzanar Presentation and Booking Signing @ Manzanar Historic Site. Listen to a presentation by Stephanie Morrill, author of “Within These Lines,” a novel set in the Manzanar Incarceration Camp. Info at www.nps.gov/manz or by phone at 760-878-2194 ext. 3310

Monday, October 21
Inyo Associates meet the month in Big Pine. Social hour starts 5:30 p.m. Location: Big Pine Hall at the corner of Dewey and Hall. RSVP: 760.873.8405.

October 21-22
Moonlight Mammograms @ Northern Inyo Hospital. Extended breast cancer screening hours for women ages 40+. No appointment necessary. Time: 4-8 p.m. More info: See ad p. 10.

Tuesday, October 22
Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours @ The Eatery. 5-7 p.m.

October 22-24
Mammoth Lakes Blood Drive. Location: Fire Station #1 on Main Street. More info: See ad p. 9.

Wednesday, October 23
June Lake Loop Chamber of Commerce annual membership meeting and mixer @ June Mountain’s Mid Chalet. Time: 2-4 p.m.

Thursday, October 24
Hot Creek Geological Field Day. Time: 9 a.m. -3 p.m. Join Eastern Sierra Land

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October 25-27
Fourth Annual Eastern Sierra History Conference @ the Page Center, located at the Sierra Nevada Aquatic Research Laboratory (SNARL), 1016 Mt. Morrison Road. Mammoth Lakes. Sponsored by the Eastern Sierra Interpretive Assn. Focused on people, places and events of the Eastern Sierra, three days of lectures. Sunday field tours. Saturday evening dinner. More info/registration: Please visit www.eesionline.org.

Friday, October 25
Social Ballroom Dance @ Bishop Senior Center. Non-formal, all are welcome. More info: call Donovan and Theresa Otto at 760.872.2175.

Annual Halloween Party and Haunted Roller Rink @ Mammoth Ice Zone. Festivites include carnival games, costume contest, and a cakewalk. Admission is $5, includes skate rentals. Time: 5-8 p.m. More info: www.mammothhrezone.com/760.965.3690.

Saturday, October 26
Fall Into Reading @ Mammoth Lakes Library. Interactive early literacy event intended for children under five. Time: 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Mammoth Middle School Organization Wicked Brew fundraiser at Lakanuki. 8 p.m.-midnight. Halloween-themed. Ghoulish fun. Costumes encouraged. For info, visit Wickedbrew2019.com

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Sara Walsh and local photographer Michael Allen White.

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

For more information about the entire weekend please visit www.junelakeloop.org.

MLFF midseason screening

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 ever 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 in his age of 77 in this deeply personal documentary. Info and tix: https://www.edisontheatre.org/ or see ad page 12.

Mystery Murder tix on sale

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

For the Tom’s Place show on Nov. 7, call 760.935.4239.

Pumpkin carving contest

Bishop’s new C5 Community Arts Center is hosting a pumpkin art carving contest and all members of the community are invited to participate and attend. Turn in your carved or decorated pumpkins at the C5 Studios Community Arts Center on 210 Warren Street (the back of the former JCPenny’s) on October 27th, 2019, between 5 & 7 PM. The Arts Center asks for $10 for each entry, which is considered a tax deductible donation. All community members are invited to view the lit and displayed pumpkins at the C5 Community Art Center on the evenings of October 26th, 29th, and 30th between 5:30 & 8 PM! Bring your family for a festive event! Hot cider and cookies sales will go directly to the C5 Studios Community Art Center to help fund its programs.

C5 Studios is a subsidiary of nonprofit Eastern Sierra Artists 501c3.

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The Town of Mammoth Lakes (Town) proposes to implement a Terminal Area Development Plan (TADP) to replace the existing passenger terminal and associated facilities at the Mammoth Yosemite Airport (Airport). The TADP Project is proposed to occur within Airport property boundaries and includes a new passenger terminal building, aircraft parking and de-icing aprons, automobile parking lots, a twelve-bay Airport Rescue/Firefighting and maintenance hangar, and an Access Road to the existing FBO facilities.

The proposed TADP will allow the airport to function more efficiently and effectively to meet existing and projected demand. Additional terminal capacity is required to accommodate the peak travel demands of arriving and departing passengers at acceptable levels of service.

Based on the 2017 aviation forecast and the 2019 aviation forecast addendum, the airport will experience incremental increases in passenger volumes and changes in flights from destinations throughout the western United States. The greatest demand will be in the winter (January through March), when visitors take advantage of the regional winter sports recreational opportunities.

The Town anticipates applying for federal grant funding for a portion of the TADP construction costs, and that construction has the potential to affect the environment, the Town is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the project for review and approval by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 as amended.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from government agencies and the general public regarding the scope of the environmental analysis to be included in the EA. The EA will be prepared in accordance with all U.S. Federal Regulations and the NEPA, and in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The public is invited and encouraged to provide input and comments on the proposed project. The public scoping process is an opportunity for interested individuals and organizations to provide input to the Town regarding the project scope, potential environmental impacts, and the development of the TADP.

The Town is committed to ensuring that the proposed TADP Project is in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Public involvement is essential to ensure that the project is developed in a manner that is consistent with the public’s needs and interests.

The Town welcomes comments and feedback on the proposed TADP Project and encourages all interested parties to submit their comments and suggestions through the Town’s project webpage.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Town of Mammoth Lakes at (760) 965-3638 or email the Town at info@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

Please submit all public comments to the Town of Mammoth Lakes at: info@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov or by mail to Town of Mammoth Lakes, PO Box 1609, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546.
WILL MCWD GET INTO THE PROPANE BIZ?
AmeriGas tempts MCWD to take drastic measure to protect local citizens

By Hite

"Amerigas is screwing people over," said Mammoth Community Water District Board member Robert Creasy at MCWD’s long-range planning committee meeting on Wednesday morning. The screaming has been so long and continuous as to prompt the committee to discuss the possibility of adding propane gas to the district’s scope of services.

The discussion highlighted an interesting solution to an accidental monopology whose popularity within the community rivals that of Suddenlink.

AmeriGas has consistently been under scrutiny from The Sheet and citizens of Mono County for sketchy pricing as well as seemingly random price hikes. Board member Robert Creasy brought up a personal anecdote that highlights their visible criminality. "I called Amerigas to get a price on propane and they quoted me at 3.75 (a gallon) and my only question was, how come you didn’t offer that to me immediately?"

The heads up. Eight homeowners are now scheduled in small claims court on Dec. 11 to make the same case against Amerigas for violating the 1987 Dempsey/Turner contract, Amerigas chose not to appeal the decision.

Since Amerigas chose not to appeal, our judgements are final and Amerigas has stopped charging the meter fee and is charging a propane rate consistent with the contract.

The heads up. Eight homeowners are now scheduled in small claims court on Dec. 11 to make the same case against Amerigas that we made. The judge agreed to set up this time to hear all 8 cases at the same time."

Since 2008, Amerigas has had a franchise agreement with the town to operate the underground gas distribution pipeline system. While the system was designed to be "open access," the surcharge imposed upon potential competitors has effectively choked off any competition, allowing Amerigas to set rates however it chooses. Customers who don’t have an option to install propane tanks are beholden to the company.

"We are a public agency and we have a purpose to serve the public," said Creasy, who faced pushback to his desire to explore the option.

"Our mission statement says nothing about propane, only water, and I don’t think we should sacrifice what we do well when taking this on," said one district employee.

To which board member Dennis Domaille responded, "We are uniquely qualified in terms of expertise and equipment to take on propane, but I am not sure the water district is the one to do it even if we could do a good job."

Creasy then suggested MCWD hire a consultant to determine feasibility and what it would look like to scale a propane operation. Board members agreed but explained that action right now would be in haste as the town was told by a grand jury to audit the franchise agreement with Amerigas.

Wait for the audit first seemed to be the consensus.
current e-cigarette usage, usage rates that land above the state average.

Boo then dove into his PowerPoint presentation on flavored tobacco products, with one slide featuring a quote from an RJ Reynolds internal communication that read “Realistically, if our company is to survive and prosper over the long term, we must get our share of the youth market.”

The next slide explained that companies, like RJ Reynolds, work to create products and marketing that appeal to youth, namely flavored tobacco. “Flavors frankly make tobacco more appealing to kids,” said Boo.

Another slide explained the overwhelming majority of flavored tobacco users are children and young adults, pointing to research that found 80% of youth who have used tobacco started with flavored products and 80% of current adolescent users do so with flavored products. “It’s a well-known fact that teenagers like sweet products,” said Boo, “and that usage of cannabis wrapped in a ‘blunt,’ is ‘quite appealing to kids.’”

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Some products, such as flavored cigars, are viewed as a gateway to cannabis for young smokers. Boo noted that usage of cannabis wrapped in a flavored cigar wrap, a ‘blunt,’ is “quite popular down in Bishop, apparently.”

This ban, at present, only affects unincorporated Mono County, not the Town of Mammoth Lakes, although town officials are working to draft an ordinance that would bring Mammoth Lakes in line with the rest of the county.

The item is expected to be considered by Mammoth’s Town Council on November 6.

Supervisor Peters was the only member of the board to advocate against the sunset of flavored tobacco sales.

“The position of the retailers in my district has not changed,” said Peters (see letter which appears at the end of this story). “They do not sell to children, they do not sell illegally any of the products in their stores.” Peters explained that retailer concerns in District 4 stem from a worry that banning these products could impact the “economic engine that drives their stores overall.”

Peters also explained that northern county retailers feel targeted by such a ban and feel that there was a lack of outreach from the health department on the subject, something Supervisor Jennifer Kreitz noted was “unfortunate.” Yet, she said, “I don’t think that’s a sufficient excuse … to extend this policy for another period of time.”

Supervisor Fred Stump noted that he’d heard similar complaints about lack of messaging in District 2. “We’re being asked to make a choice: the choice is health of children versus a seventy year-old person who likes to smoke a little cigar while they do so … We’re being asked to make that choice and to deny that on the basis of protecting children.”

Stump also expressed an interest in including flavored cannabis products within the scope of the ban, something Peters referenced as well. “We’re maybe not being consistent with what’s legal, what’s not legal,” said Peters.

The board 4-1 to allow the ban to go into effect, with Peters representing the singular dissenting vote.

Peters posited that by putting the ban into effect, “Mono County is willing to establish a double standard” on the matter by allowing Mammoth Lakes to continue sale of flavored tobacco until if Mammoth’s Town Council votes to enact a similar ban.

When Supervisor Corless explained that Mammoth is moving forward with banning tobacco products, Peters concluded by saying “I don’t know how often you guys have been in the retail stores up in the North part of the county when you travel that way, but stop in and let them know that because it would be nice if there wasn’t a double standard, but there clearly is.”

The following letter was submitted to Mono County Supervisors prior to their October 15 meeting.

Dear Supervisors:

I am writing to you today regarding the sunset of Mono County code 7.92.070 subsection E which will revisit at your October 15, 2019 meeting.

I would urge you to continue subsection E in this code without a future sunset date. My business had previously agreed to all the other restrictions the Board had placed on tobacco sales and usage. This business has never sold vaping tobacco or any other flavored products other than menthol cigarettes and little cigars.

Our area of Mono County has, for all intents and purposes, one tourist season, that being the summer fishing season. Furthermore, we are only 15 miles from the state line where our tourists can purchase menthol and flavored little cigars. If they cannot obtain the products they desire, they have only to take their business up the road and out of Mono County. This includes other products they would have purchased in our area. This is not good for our local OR Mono County’s economy.

We could debate the negative impacts of smoking in general ad nauseam, however it is a legal activity for individuals over 21 years of age. I would restate my position of a year ago, that smoking is no different than alcohol, marijuana, certain food groups or some physical activities that all have inherent risks. But smoking is a matter of choice, as are other legal activities.

Deborah Bush
Walker General Store

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