SO BRONCLOSE!

Freshman Taylor Dailey #18 of Bishop Unified High School's Girls Varsity Soccer Team scored on this breakaway to tie the score against Sierra Pacific High School (Hanford) in the Broncos' home playoff game on Tuesday, February 20. The Broncos ended regulation tied at 1-1 and overtime at 2-2 before losing 4-2 on penalty kicks.

FIRE THREATENS BISHOP

Residents in the Meadow Creek/Diaz Lane area north of Bishop were asked to evacuate just hours after the Pleasant Fire broke out at about 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 18, near Pleasant Valley Campground. The fire started about 10 miles northwest of town.

As of 7 a.m. on Thursday, February 22, the Pleasant Fire had burned 2,250 acres (about three and a half square miles), and was 65 percent contained, according to an incident update from Cal Fire, the lead agency fighting the blaze. There have been no reports of injuries or structure damage. The cause of the fire is still under investigation, according to Cal Fire spokesperson Cathey Mattingly. Pleasant Valley Campground and "The Pit," a popular camp spot for climbers, are open year-round.

According to Cal Fire, the blaze moved quickly, spurred by high winds that hampered containment efforts. By 8 p.m. on Sunday, the fire had scorched 900 acres and was zero percent contained. By 7 a.m. on Monday, the fire had grown to 2,800 acres. The National Weather Service recorded wind gusts of up to 30 mph with sustained winds of 20 mph in Bishop on Sunday and Monday.

Evacuation orders were placed at about 6 p.m. Sunday for all areas between North Sierra Highway and Brockman Lane, as well as Five Bridges Road, Lawns, Highlands Mobile Home Park, Glenwood Mobile Estates, and the Rite Aid area. The fire closed Highway 6 and many of the roads northeast of Bishop including Five Bridges, Dixon Lane north of the residential area to Brockman Lane, Pleasant Valley Dam Road and Jean Blanc Road. Highway 6 has reopened but the others were still closed as of Wednesday, February 21.

The Tri-County Fairgrounds served as the evacuation center. Eastern Sierra Transit Authority provided transportation for evacuees to the center. Carma Roper, Public Information Officer for the Inyo County Sheriff's Office, said on Monday, February 19 that there had not been any reports of looting in the evacuated areas, contrary to threads and rumors on social media. Evacuation orders were lifted at 3 p.m. on February 19.

Dixon Lane area resident and evacuee Staci Eldridge saw the fire, page 9

IKOSTMORE

Alterra announces 2018-2019 pass prices, options

By Giles and Rea

On Thursday, February 22, Alterra Mountain Company announced pricing and access for its Ikon Pass, which will be available to skiers for the 2018-2019 season. The company also announced the addition of SkiBig3 in Alberta, Canada, Revelstoke Mountain in British Columbia, and Sugarbush Resort in Vermont to its list of 26 included mountain destinations. Alterra Mountain Company distributed an email to season pass holders on Thursday, February 22, announcing that the Ikon Pass will start at $599 for the 2018-2019 season. However, that price only covers the Ikon Base Pass, which provides five days of access to Mammoth Mountain. The Ikon Pass, the only pass available as an unlimited season pass to Mammoth, will cost $899. There will be no lower-cost option for a Mammoth-only pass.

Starting in 2018-2019, unlimited skiing at Mammoth Mountain Ski Area will only be available through the full Ikon Pass, which will also include unlimited access to 12 mountain resorts and limited access to seven. Discounts will be available for military personnel, college students and teenagers (all starting at $719, according to Kristin Rust, Director of Public Relations for Alterra Mountain Company). A pass for children (ages 5-12) of an adult passholder will start at $199 until April 9, 2018, said Rust.

In comparison, an adult Vail Resorts Epic Pass (unlimited access to 15 resorts) for the 2017-2018 season cost $859 if purchased prior to April 9, 2017.

Interestingly, the Ikon Base Pass, in addition to 5 Mammoth days, also offers unlimited access to Squaw Valley, Alpine Meadows and June Mountain. That price is also available at discounted rates for military personnel, college students, and see IKON, page 18

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Dirtbag

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Rocket scientist!

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By Lunch

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“The Sheet” ran a contest last spring offering a 1/2 page advertisement to the winner, who submitted an entry at $3.33 million, only provided an email address of shameless@earthlink.net so we don’t have an identification as yet. Reveal yourself!

Town Finance Director Rob Patterson gave a positive report regarding the Town’s financials for January.

He projects January’s room tax revenue to come in at $600,000 above budget and just $200,00 below last year’s record number.

On the downside, I was forwarded the following by a local Airbnb client.

The email urges clients to reset their minimum prices for March. “Fewer people are traveling to Mammoth Lakes in the month ahead. If you’re not getting as many bookings as you’d like, temporarily changing your minimum price could help.”

In the wake of the fire scare in Bishop this week, I was reminded of two regrets from the Round Fire.

1.) Losing all my Buz Schott original paintings.

2.) Losing most of The Sheet’s physical archives.

I used to enjoy going back to the archives 10 (or now 15) years later just to compare notes.

There are, however, some things I had kept in the Mammoth office and I came across two things this week that made me think.

The first was an article from the L.A. Times Real Estate section dated March 2, 2008, entitled “Betting on the Jet Set.”

The lead of the story was all about the soon-to-be-built Ritz Carlton Residences next to The Westin which reporter Diane Wedner said would go for somewhere between $1.7 and $6.2 million.

Yeah, that happened.

Wedner’s article noted that the lowest-priced condo on the market at that time was a 1969 one-bedroom, 700-square foot fixer upper at Sierra Manors for $209,000.

This prompted me to text local realtor Cynthia Fleming to ask her for a 10 years after comparison.

She says the cheapest condo on the market right now is a Mountain Shadows studio in original condition from 1972 for $189,000.

For an apples-to-apples comparison, the Bureau of Labor Statistics Inflation Calculator says $209,000 in January, 2008 is worth $245,424 in today’s dollars.

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Mammoth Voices

Dear Editor:

In response to Paul Oster’s article “Quiz Questions for Candidates” published on February 17, 2018, the founders of Mammoth Voices would like to share some points learned at the fall educational series (June 2018... Are we Ready?) and at its twice-monthly lunches.

With regard to Town Finances and Debt, as Rob Patterson, Town Finance Director, explains, during the last few years the Town has improved its bond rating from “junk” status to an “A” due to the funding of reserve accounts. Perhaps a better question for candidates would be whether the candidate supports the current policies for funding reserves or has other suggestions for improving the Town’s financial viability.

With regard to Town Council pay, the Town of Mammoth Lakes is a General Law City and the State of California dictates what Council Members can be paid based on population, as was discussed during the fall series. Perhaps a better question would be: How could the Council member’s job be streamlined to better focus on legally-mandated tasks?

With regard to the Multi-Use Facility (MUF), since there is a high probability that the construction budget for the MUF will come before the new Council, perhaps the candidates could be asked what guidelines should be used in evaluating the construction budget and operational budgets for this facility. Is there a dollar cap after which the project is no longer feasible?

With regard to the Mammoth Unified School District (MUSD) Bond, Mammoth Voices has had two presentations on the Capital Improvement Plan for our schools. This Plan was completed with input from professionals and community stakeholders in numerous open forums. We would hope every candidate and citizen, before voicing an opinion, would review the Plan and understand why MUSD is asking for this bond initiative. Our recreational activities and capital projects are funded by a voter-approved initiative, Measure R, which increases sales tax by 1% percent for these types of projects. Also, Council Members and County Supervisors have no jurisdiction over School Districts.

Kathleen Taylor, Nicole Godoy, and Madeleine “Mickey” Brown Mammoth Lakes

The “pretend” airport

Dear Editor:

Mammoth-Yosemite airport has failed us so many times that we call it a pretend airport. For dependable air service we drive to Reno or LAX. We live in the Eastern Sierra because it is full of treasures we should be sharing with the world. We have Death Valley and Yosemite, Mt. Whitney andMono Lake, world-class climbing in Bishop and world-class skiing in Mammoth, hiking, biking and fishing to die for. What we do not have in the Eastern Sierra is real, reliable regional air service. It’s time to move full speed ahead with the JPA... Joint Powers Authority. We need a regional Eastern Sierra airport yesterday. We need a JPA to make it happen now!

Sharon Clark Mammoth Lakes
Two weeks ago, the 40,000 square-foot Mammoth Mall went on the market, and Mono County is kicking the tires to see if it can house its South County offices and staff.

In July 2017, County Finance Director Janet Dutcher reported that Mono County currently pays $1.3 million annually in rent its existing South County Office space at the Sierra Center and Minaret Malls in Mammoth Lakes.

In July, 2017, the Mono County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to direct County staff to issue a Request for Qualifications for a contract to design and build a 33,000 square foot South County Office Facility on the McFlex Parcel, which is adjacent to the Mammoth Lakes Police Department and County Courthouse in Mammoth.

In July, 2017, Mono County staff predicted that project would cost approximately $20.9 million. At the time, Jeff Land, a principle of Investment Banking Firm Brandis Tallman, LLC, told Supervisors that the project would cost the County about $42.3 million over 35 years, when debt issuance and interest were accounted for.

In contrast, Mono County Administrative Officer Leslie Chapman said at the Board’s February 20 meeting that the asking price for the Mammoth Mall is $6 million. However, improvements would be needed at an additional cost to the County. For instance, the facility would have to be upgraded to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Chapman told Mono County Supervisors on Tuesday, February 20, that the County’s interest in the Mammoth Mall is preliminary and called it a “back of a napkin” sketch at this point. She said staff has concluded the mall could be a reasonable option and suggested the County look into the building further.

No County staff member has experience in commercial real estate, Chapman said, who suggested the County bring in local realtor/broker Matthew Lehman of Matthew Lehman Real Estate to represent the County. If approved by the Board of Supervisors, Lehman would enter into a buyer’s compensation agreement, wherein if the mall turns out to be a winner, he would get a portion of the seller’s proceeds. His services would not cost the County a dime, according to Chapman.

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Lehman said in a separate interview that the old Chart House, now home to Blu Market & Kitchen, would not be part of the sale.

The County would need to inhabit both floors of the mall, Chapman said. This means the County will work with current lease holders so as not to be disruptive to those businesses, she added.

District Two Supervisor Fred Stump said he was supportive of the idea and that it could be an excellent opportunity. He said he thought the County should pursue it. “Ultimately, is it cheaper for the taxpayers?” Stump asked.

“Just because it’s cheaper, doesn’t mean it’s the fix,” said District Five Supervisor Stacy Corless, whose district includes a portion of Mammoth Lakes.

She said the County should consider access and parking needs in making any decision about the property, adding that the liveliest hours of the Mammoth Mall’s current tenants should be considered in the Supervisors’ decision as well.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) study for the McFlex parcel near the Superior Court, which is the location where a new South County facility would be built if the County goes that route, will be conducted in parallel with the Mammoth Mall query.

The Supervisors approved Lehman to represent the County in the potential Mammoth Mall deal on Tuesday.

There is no specific timeline for this project as the County is juggling the CEQA and the mall at the same time.

Chapman explained the County is looking at the building and examining potential financing.

She added there are other parties who have expressed interest in purchasing the mall.

In September 2016, following an assessment by County-contracted Todd Lankenau of Reno’s Collaborative Design Studio, the County determined it would need 43,000 square feet to accommodate South County staff.

The search for a new home for SoCo employees has evolved from potentially renting and eventually owning the Sierra Center Mall (where employees currently work) to building a $21.3 million facility. The Sierra Center Mall has been deemed unacceptable and unsuitable by Supervisors.

The County and Town have contemplated a joint 33,000-square-foot facility, which would be part of a larger complex on the McFlex parcel that would eventually include Town of Mammoth Lakes government offices.
Decades of miscalculations

Local airports are big news of late. Conversations are reportedly underway between Inyo County and Town of Mammoth Lakes (TOML) staff to explore options to improve regional air service for the eastern Sierra. Other stakeholders are also engaging in conversations on how to proceed.

Several events have opened this negotiating window:

First, the Bishop airport is moving forward to upgrade to a commercial airport. Additionally, the FAA came to town last month to inspect both the Bishop (BIH) and Mammoth (MMH) airports, and encouraged a regional solution, suggesting a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) to oversee airport operations. Third, Mammoth’s airport is proposing a new commercial passenger terminal, at the same time Alterra Resorts is proposing to relocate commercial air service to Bishop. Additionally, the Mountain has announced it wants its TBID revenues spent on the Bishop Airport, and for that reason is holding up approval of TBID renewal.

Other significant actions, many not generally understood, occurred before these recent developments, and should factor into discussions going forward.

Decades of miscalculations

There have been many false steps, over a period of more than twenty years, leading up to the latest discussions about regional air service.

The obvious first misstep was the Development Agreement that the TOML executed with Terry Ballas in the late 1990s to grant private development rights at MMH, a mistake that the town is paying for now and will pay for in annual installments for many, many years to come.

More impactful than the financial settlement with regards to regional air service, the airport is stuck with hangars built too close to the runway for large wingspan regional aircraft and even larger wingspan mainline aircraft (this was confirmed by the FAA during the agency’s recent visit). The next misstep lies with Mammoth Mountain Ski Area (MMSA), which never seemed to understand that the 224-seat Boeing 757-200 mainline jet they wanted American Airlines to bring in back in the early 2000s would never be able to land at the Ballas-constrained MMH.

(Although MMSA made inquiries at that time about using the Bishop airport for B-757 service, Inyo County reportedly expressed ambivalence, and more importantly lacked a long-term airport lease from LADWP, a precondition to obtaining FAA funding for airport improvements.)

Stuck between the Development Agreement and FAA objections to residential development at the Mammoth airport, a decision was made—reportedly at the suggestion of an FAA official in San Francisco—to shelve airport expansion plans (for a longer and wider runway), and consider bringing in the 76-seat Bombardier Q-400.

In another misstep, it turned out the Q-400 was not quite the MMH airport-compatible plane it was initially thought to be. Having obtained approval for the C-III rated [largest fast] Q-400 aircraft to operate at the constrained B-III rated [small and slow] Mammoth airport, the Town, Airport, Mountain, and their airport planners and consultants, continued to propose larger C-III rated aircraft for MMH, with or without airport expansion or relocation of hangars.

Bad advice, accepted on faith

Aviation forecasts prepared by Kent Myers and Reinard Brandley have included Boeing B-737 and Airbus A319 jets serving MMH from Seattle, Dallas-Forth-Worth, Houston, and Denver. For years, these forecasts have been routinely accepted and forwarded by TOML staff, often with concurrence of Town Council, only to be rejected by the FAA.

In a 2012 forecast, there were projected to be 16 A319 operations at MMH for next winter, 32 the following year, 131 the year after that, and 163 A319 operations in the winter of 2022-2023. That same forecast included 32 B-737 operations at MMH next winter, 32 the year after that, 48 the year after that, 115 B-737 operations in the winter of 2022-2023. In a 2012 Peer Review, Mead & Hunt questioned whether A319 and B-737 flights would occur at MMH given current load factors, but concluded that, with subsidies, “airlines will likely agree to put these larger aircraft into the Airport.”

That the Mammoth airport is incapable of handling commercial service by these mainline aircraft seems not to have occurred to Myers, Brandley, Mead & Hunt, or their clients.

Yet as recently as two months ago, in a well-attended presentation in Suite Z, Mead & Hunt, under contract with Mammoth Lakes Tourism, wrote — in one of several similar examples, this one evaluating potential Delta Airlines service between Mammoth and Atlanta — “At the 1,946-mile stage length, only the Boeing 737-700 could likely operate at MMH.” But it can’t! Ironically, before this latest consultation contract was initiated with Mead & Hunt, the consulting firm was retained by TOML to prepare an MMH aviation forecast acceptable to the FAA. In crafting a new forecast, B-737 and A-319 aircraft were excised, with the Q-400 “expected to remain the critical aircraft throughout the 10-year forecast period.” This March 2017 aviation forecast received FAA approval.

The FAA talks, and the Mountain listens

Three weeks ago, the FAA paid a visit to Mammoth and Bishop for meetings and also tours of the local airports. In my mind, the key takeaway was obtained when Eric Clark, C.O.O. of Mammoth Mountain Resorts, asked Mark McClardy, FAA Western Pacific Region Airports Director, whether MMH can accommodate mainline aircraft larger than the Q-400.

The response from McClardy, definitive but couched in bureaucratese, was, “it would be a heavy lift.” And “because of the constraints...we’re not comfortable with anything bigger.” Fast forward to two weeks ago, and Eric Clark and Rusty Gregory are both quoted in this newspaper saying that the Mountain is planning

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The survey found that "there is a great need for infant care, and it is almost nonexistent in Mammoth," according to Mahannah. It also found that the hours of childcare facilities are not flexible enough for employees. “Often childcare providers take the same day off as schools while we’re still open for business,” one employer told the surveyors. "Childcare is not open early or late enough for (a parent) to work a normal schedule," said another.

Forty eight percent of employers interviewed said they were able to accommodate childcare problems when they arose with their employees, and 33 percent said they allowed employees to bring children to work when childcare problems occurred. "I have to accommodate," said one employer, "but it is difficult and puts a strain on me and others in our office. It makes providing a job for (the parent) difficult." Employees also said that allowing children in the workplace creates a health and safety issue. According to the survey respondents, cost was the most often cited barrier to childcare (43 percent), followed by availability (30 percent).

Mammoth’s Kids Corner, the only provider of infant care cited in the survey other than the IMACA (Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action) subsidized child care program, has a wait list of 21 children ages 0-2 (with a cost of $58 per day, and $52 per day for Mammoth Mountain employees). Mammoth Mountain employees also get preference on that wait list, according to Julie Winslow, who runs Kids Corner (see “Take my Kid, Please!” May 26, 2017). She said that “six business reported absenteeism due to a lack of child care” when responding to the survey. “One of the quotes from the business community is that, as the area grows from business expansion, our elected leaders need to make sure the infrastructure is in place to handle more people and more children.”

A survey of local elected officials (Mammoth Town Council and Mono County Supervisors, with 10 respondents) found that only two have past experience, and zero have recent experience, with child care of their own. “We’ve got to do something,” said District Five Supervisor Stacy Corless. “We need your guidance and expertise to know what to do here.”

Corless said that it was clear that “the level of understanding and awareness about childhood education programs [was not what] you’d like to see among your elected officials. Help us with that, too.” Officials who responded to the survey said that it was their responsibility to help make childcare affordable and to provide support through policy. “What policy?” asked Corless. “What do we do? We’ve made this a priority, we need to know what it is.”

District Two Supervisor Fred Stump said that “we do need, at a minimum, to have an awareness about childhood education programs” and to help make childcare programs “affordable and accessible to everyone.”

The Board then voted 4-0 to approve the Mono County Childcare Needs Assessment for submission to the California Department of Education.
LOCAL BRIEFS

Mono Deputies get a raise

The Mono County Public Safety Officers Association has entered into a new five-year memorandum of understanding with the County that includes increases to base pay, but reductions elsewhere. According to the Mono County Supervisors’ agenda for February 20, the fiscal impact of the MOU is $55,348 for 2018, $55,882 for 2019, $70,004 for 2020, $67,696 for 2021, and $65,640 for 2022.

The Mono County Sheriff’s Department has had a hard time recruiting and retaining deputies, according to Sheriff Ingrid Braun. “We currently have four vacancies, two of which are ‘frozen’ due to budget issues. We are actively recruiting and hope to hold interviews soon.”

Recruitment is difficult due to the fact that pay rates for Mono County Sheriff’s Department are less than those of neighboring agencies in South Lake Tahoe and Bishop, said Braun. “The MOU improves the salaries and brings us up to par with comparable agencies,” Braun said in an email.

The changes include a 7.5 percent market equity adjustment to base pay, cost of living adjustments in the last four years of the agreement (2019-2022), and a reduction in shift differential pay from 7.5 percent for nights and 2 percent for distribution, 2.5 percent for manufacturing and 4 percent for retail businesses, agreeing that a tax on cultivation would be based on canopy (the space under which cannabis plants grow) square footage.

Another part of Wednesday’s discussion focused on ballot language. Legally, Town Attorney Andy Morris told Council, the Town has to provide an estimate of how much the tax could raise for the Town and what the tax will fund, though that number is “basically guessing,” according to Mayor John Wentworth. The proceeds from the tax will go into the Town’s General Fund, Town Manager Dan Holler told Council, but the tax could be made more appealing to voters if it mentioned specific departments (police, recreation, and road maintenance, to be exact), he said.

“Are there a lot of people in our community that will say, ‘Oh a tax that’s going into our General Fund, I want nothing to do with it,’” said Mayor John Wentworth. “But when the first thing people see is ‘police’… I think that’s helpful.”

The vote requirement for the measure to pass is a majority (50 percent plus one) of the votes cast.

TAX TALK ON CANNABIS

Mammoth’s Town Council voted 5-0 to move forward with an ordinance to place a cannabis business tax on the June 5, 2018 ballot at its regular meeting on Wednesday, February 22.

Attempting to adhere to similar standards as Mono County (the Board of Supervisors also gave direction to its staff on February 20 to craft an ordinance for the ballot), the Town and County both recommended capping retail cannabis operations (recreational sales) at 8 percent of gross receipts and non-retail (cultivation, manufacturing, distribution and testing) at 4 percent.

District Five Supervisor Stacy Corless said that “it would lessen confusion for voters (if the Town and County) work together on these two ballot measures to help educate voters on the fact that one applies to unincorporated areas” and the other applies in the Town.

The Town and County both hired HDLL, a cannabis consulting business, for advice on how to place a tax on the ballot so that it would not drive the market “underground” (meaning the tax would be so high as to be a deterrent to businesses going legal).

Council agreed to start taxes at 2 percent for cultivation, distribution and manufacturing, and at 1 percent for testing, hoping to incentivize a cannabis testing business to set up shop in Mammoth.

The Mono County BOS approved starting rates of 1 percent for testing, 2 percent for distribution, 2.5 percent for manufacturing and 4 percent for retail businesses, agreeing that a tax on cultivation would be based on canopy (the space under which cannabis plants grow) square footage.

By Rea and Giles
TRAVESTY AT TRAVERTINE TUBS

By Bodine

One of the unique geological features in the Eastern Sierra are the natural hot springs that pepper the landscape. Travertine Hot Springs in Bridgeport is one of the most spectacular. It is a draw for tourists, but it is also a sacred site for Native Americans in the Bridgeport area.

In the last week, some of the natural steps and features of the pools were vandalized by way of removal with a maul or hammer, says Bridgeport Indian Colony (BIC) Tribal Council member Ervin Lent. He said he’s not sure exactly when it happened. He visits the springs a couple of times a week. Of late, he’s noticed that some unknown yahoos have also placed a metal picnic bench covered with heart stickers near the tubs and that another tub is being dug adjacent to the existing pools. It is obvious, says Lent, that people are scraping the red deposits off the mineral to make paint, as his forefathers did.

Water at Travertine flows out of the ground through an artesian well. The hot water bubbles into natural pools or is diverted into a few man-made pools. The tubs are named for the mineral travertine, a limestone created from the calcium carbonate sweat of mineral travertine, a limestone created from the calcium carbonate sweat of the steps, but couldn’t give a good description him or his vehicle. Travertine is a valuable mineral, used for countertops and jewelry.

Lent called this the “latest devastation” to another cultural and natural resource in the Eastern Sierra and said that little if anything is being done about it. He added he’s willing to come to the springs if he has to.

Mono County Sheriff Ingrid Braun stated in an email on February 21 that this was the first she had heard of the damage.

There are no fire breaks between the Owens River, where the fire was burning, and the Dixon Lane area. All that stood between her house and the fire was a field of tumbleweeds and overgrown vegetation, she said. Eldridge said that by 4:30 p.m. on February 18, it looked like the flames were lapping at Dixon Lane. She knew the fire was more than mile away, but said the flames were just huge. Not long after that, Inyo County Sheriff’s deputies started going street to street with a blow horn, warning residents to evacuate.

She started to pack, but said it was difficult to decide what to take and what she could afford to lose. She gathered pictures and valuable papers and turned the gas off at her home.

Rosie Vargas, resident of Grazide Circle, which was also in the evacuation area, started packing before the orders went out.

Eldridge said she was in the dark about the status of the fire, getting bits of information from Facebook and friends with police scanners, like Vargas.

Vargas had signed up for Code Red, a reverse 911 system used by the Inyo County Sheriff’s Department to alert residents of an emergency. She received a text, phone call and email from the Sheriff’s Department notifying her of the evacuation order. Vargas said the messages could have come a little earlier, so people could prepare. She said that, by the time they came, she could see flames outside her front door. She said some of her neighbors were not aware of the evacuation orders.

Vargas never evacuated, saying the fire never came close enough to her residence.

More than 400 fire fighters responded to the fire, as did many agencies. Cal Fire, the Inyo County Sheriff’s Office, the Bureau of Land Management, the Inyo National Forest, California Office of Emergency Services, California Highway Patrol, Caltrans, Mono County Sheriff’s Department, Paradise Fire Department, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District, Bishop Fire Department, Big Pine Fire Department, Independence Fire Department, Lone Pine Fire Department, Long Valley Fire Department, Wheeler Crest Fire Department, the Red Cross and Southern California Edison all contributed to provide emergency services.

Eldridge said it was reassuring to see so many agencies coming together to help their neighbors. Her father was a volunteer fire fighter and she said she knows these men and women take pride in what they do.

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Heat, animal habitat, trees among Inyo County BOS concerns regarding new Bishop Paiute Development Corporation project
By James

At its meeting on Tuesday, February 20, the Inyo County Board of Supervisors weighed in on Bishop Paiute Development Corporation’s (BPDC) proposed construction of a new gas station and convenience store.

The proposed project would be built on the northeast corner of West Line Street and See Vee Lane. The Supervisors’ comments will be included in a letter that will be part of the Environmental Assessment for the project.

According to the documentation provided to the Supervisors, the project would include construction of a 4,400-square foot convenience store building, a 9,800-square foot retail building, 16-pump gas station canopy, a two-stall manual and one-stall automatic car-wash building, up to 125 parking spaces, above-ground propane tanks, two new trash dumpster enclosures, three above-ground fuel storage tanks (of which there are two 12,000-gallon tanks and one 5,000-gallon tank), three new signs, and landscaping.

The BPDC is requesting financing assistance from the U.S. Economic Development Administration Grants Program to construct the project. The tribe’s pursuit of this funding would be included in a letter that will be part of the Environmental Assessment for the project.

Inyo County was asked to provide comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA). In general, the Inyo County Supervisors and staff agreed with the findings of the EA, but noted that the project will have impacts to visual resources, as well as plant and animal resources.

Second District County Supervisor Jeff Griffiths expressed concern over the large size of the paved parking area and thought it might create a lot of heat, especially as there is a lack of shade trees included in the plan. He wanted the letter to include concern over the lack of shade and noted that the City of Bishop’s policy was to have three trees planted to replace every tree removed.

Inyo County Senior Planner Steve Karamitros told Supervisors that 43 storage units currently located on the project site will be removed. First District Supervisor and Board Chairman Dan Totheroh agreed with Supervisor Griffiths concerns, stating that he “definitely had issues with that much parking.”

The County’s letter from the Board of Supervisors requested clarification regarding some of the environmental impacts, including visual resources and special status plant and animal species. The EA notes that “at the proposed action site there could be a noticeable visual contrast from the existing condition.”

Although the EA mentions that “dark sky friendly light fixtures” will be used “where feasible” the County thinks these measures should be stated explicitly in the Avoidance and Minimization section.

The County has requested that BPDC clarify the following: Section 6.6.1 states that increased vehicular traffic, following completion of the project, could cause displacement of state or federal species” and that tree removal during construction could “eliminate nesting and foraging habitat for birds, reptiles and small mammals.”

However, the previous page states that habitat within the project area is not suitable for the above-mentioned species.

The County suggests adding an explicit statement that direct construction on the project to stop when nesting raptors are located until a qualified biologist determines that the nests are no longer active.

Based on the description of two driveways (each on See Vee Lane and on West Line Street), the County has requested that their location and distance from the intersection be coordinated with both Caltrans and Inyo County to minimize impacts to the existing roadways.

Additionally, the County said in its comments that any signage should be coordinated with Caltrans and the Inyo County Public Works Department to ensure that sight distance for drivers on See Vee Lane and West Line Street is not compromised.

The proposed Project’s information is available for review on the Bishop Paiute Development Corporation and the Bishop Paiute Tribe’s website (bpdc.ca.gov) or by calling Gloriana Bailey at 760.873.3584.
Ray Duncan brings kid-friendly froyo to Mammoth at Bongo Froyo

By Giles

"Yes, I’m starting a froyo shop in a winter resort town. But, to skeptics, I’d say we are a spring and summer town as much as anything else now," said Ray Duncan, who reported having 15 customers in his store at one time over Presidents’ Day Weekend. The outside temperature was 12 degrees. "People venture forth to do just about everything else when it’s wintry here, so why not eat froyo?"

This winter, Ray Duncan opened Mammoth’s first-ever frozen yogurt joint: Bongo Froyo. His shop is located in the Mammoth Mall.

Duncan, who is originally from Merced, moved to Mammoth Lakes in 2015. He spent a winter ski bumming here in his early twenties, but soon left for Los Angeles. He worked in restaurants for 12 years and spent another 12 working in advertising and marketing. Eventually, he said, "I got to a point in my life where I realized that I couldn’t keep living for something else every day." He quit his job in marketing and took a road trip that brought him back to Mammoth.

After reflecting that frozen yogurt was "on every street corner in SoCal, with lines going out the door," he decided to try to market froyo to Mammoth’s SoCal visitors and locals. He saw a niche in town for a food service destination where kids and parents alike could hang out.

Hence, Bongo Froyo. He decided to source his yogurt from Honey Hill Farms in Arkansas. It has a texture that is creamy and smooth, with none of the sporadic crystals or fake sugar taste of lower quality frozen yogurt.

He offers 10 flavors at a time, with the option to combine them in twists. He rotates through 30-40 flavors, ranging from full-fat old-fashioned peanut butter, to sweet plain yogurt and gluten and dairy-free options such as mango sorbet and coconut-milk froyo. All flavors have live bacterial cultures in them, like traditional yogurt.

He’s also decided to be eco-friendly and uses paper dishes.

Duncan has compiled over 50 toppings and seven sauces, including classics like crushed peanut butter cups and hot fudge, as well as healthy options like mango and nuts. Some of his more eclectic toppings include mochi, a Japanese gummy candy, sour gummy worms, and miniature moon pies.

"It’s our goal to offer a variety of choices," said Duncan. "If you want to make healthy decisions, you can do that. But if you want to create the biggest, sloppiest desert ever? You can do that too."

The interior features colorful tiles and paintings. Duncan said goal was to emulate the Chocolate Room in the 1971 film “Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory.”

When asked what prompted him to start a business in Mammoth, Duncan cited the sense of community he found working and living here during the Dave McCoy era. "I like the people that are here. It’s the real and the raw that you get from folks, which was pretty different coming from L.A.,” said Duncan.

All yogurt and toppings are priced by weight, at $0.64 per ounce. The shop is self-serve, and the frozen yogurt tastes like ice cream. Miraculously, it supposedly has about half the calories and fat, says Duncan.

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Froyo Bongo is located next to the Good Life Cafe in the Mammoth Mall. It is open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.
DIRTBAG: THE MOVIE
Dave O’Leske’s documentary about the late climbing legend Fred Becky to screen at the Edison Theatre

Local mountain junkies and the general public will be treated to the real thing on Saturday at the Edison Theater with “Dirtbag: The Legend of Fred Becky.” The film is about more than just climbing, it’s about aging, the power of the human spirit and the rewards of perseverance.

The documentary focuses on a single man, but Becky is far from being just another climber. He has climbed more mountains and put up more first ascents than anyone else in North American history, yet lived in obscurity and received none of the notoriety that some of his contemporaries like Royal Robbins or Warren Harding earned.

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Dirtbag producer and director Dave O’Leske says Becky likely had more than 500 first ascents under his belt. The film follows Becky in the last years of his life from 82 to 93, just before Becky’s death in October 2017. Becky, a mountaineer himself, told The Sheet he followed Becky around for 12 years documenting his life, climbs, and lifestyle. The two even attempted the Fishhook Arete on Mount Ritter when Becky was 86. At 93, Becky climbed at Squamish in Canada, negotiating a few 5.7 and 5.8 pitches (moderate ratings according to the Yosemite Scale, which rates roped pitches (moderate ratings according to Canada, negotiating a few 5.7 and 5.8 climbs from 5.0 to 5.15). O’Leske said the film finally won its first award in the states at the Spokane International Film Festival in the first week of February. In the film, O’Leske asked Becky if he had done everything he wanted to do, to which Becky replied, “No, just scratched the surface.”

Dirtbag: The Legend of Fred Becky” plays at the Edison Theater on Saturday, February 24 at 6 p.m. Tickets are available at brownpapertickets.com. Check out the trailer at dirtbagmovie.com or the extended trailer at climbing.com.

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Fred Becky and Eric Bjornstad in the Southwest circa 1964.

Becky refused to stop, refused to accept failure and would go back to a failed route year after year, like the Fishhook Arete, which he attempted four times.

Becky was driven to climb the mountains he obsessed over, and nothing else, except the occasional tall blonde. He was constantly climbing or planning his next trip, pushing relationships and responsibilities to the side. “He created his own culture. His culture of one,” says climber Barry Blanchard in the film. He could have had corporate sponsorship but the rocks got in the way.

O’Leske says Becky was asked by a rope company to be their spokesperson and had set up an interview, but Becky never showed. When asked why he didn’t make the meeting, Becky reportedly confessed, “The weather was perfect so I went climbing.” He lived on a constant road trip, sleeping in his bag or bumming a night on a couch here and there. O’Leske said Becky has always been an inspiration to him as a man that forged new ground, always looking for that blank spot on the map. He first approached Becky about the film in 2005. Becky’s reaction was to ask, “Why would anyone want to watch that?”

Becky was humble. He never gave up, and had an uncanny ability to move past failure. Keeping his body and mind moving probably helped Becky to live and climb for so long. O’Leske said. This aspect of the movie and Becky’s absurdity and sense of humor are attractive to the non-climber, too, O’Leske said.

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By Bodine DIRTBAG: THE MOVIE

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Josh Cripps probably isn’t the only rocket scientist-turned-adventure photographer in the world, but he might be the only one living in Mammoth Lakes.

Then again, considering the sort of people the Eastern Sierra attracts, he might not be.

“The people they’ve had at these [Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association (ESIA) Adventure Series presentations] are legitimate badasses,” says Cripps, who will be presenting on March 1.

“And I’m not a legitimate badass.”

Cripps, who grew up on the westside in Sonora and went to college at the University of Southern California (he has a degree in aerospace engineering), specializes in landscape photography, particularly in the Sierra backcountry. And he finds himself lucky to make a living in an industry that’s almost become a parody for those trying to eke out an existence as an artist.

He initially wanted to be an astronaut. But he got the travel bug while studying abroad in Australia during his junior year. He took all engineering classes, in order to finish his degree on time. “So while everybody else was taking Australian partying 101… I was like, ‘Cool, I’m going to work on this space system design.’”

When he returned to USC, he found that all his Australian engineering courses were only going to count for elective credits, so he spent a semester cramming all the courses he possibly could into his schedule, while working part time. “After that semester, I said ‘no more engineering!’” said Cripps, though he went on to work at Boeing (his speciality was micro thrusters for satellites) after graduation. But he was playing a long game—he wanted to travel around the world.

He bought a one-way ticket to New Zealand on January 1, 2004, and spent about 19 months abroad. He said he struggled to convey the experience to others.

“People are like ‘How was your trip?’ and what do you say? Life changing?” Cripps said. “I quit my job so I would have more freedom, more time with friends, more time to travel, and I’m not doing any of those things… I have $60 in my bank account.”

Part of the secret to his success is that he has diversified his work—he teaches seminars and has a prominent YouTube presence. In 2015, he made the move to Mammoth Lakes.

“It’s a hard place to live, so the people that have made the choice to come here have made some sacrifice. And as a consequence, they’re so pumped about taking advantage of living here. Every single day of the week people are like, ‘Let’s go do something incredible.’”

Cripps’ life trajectory does have a certain charm—he’s a guy who set himself up for a life making six figures but ended up dirt bagging it in order to make a living in an industry that’s almost become a parody for those trying to eke out an existence as an artist.

And what do you say? Life changing? A formative experience? It was really frustrating to not be able to share that with the friends and family back home.”

So he bought a point and shoot. Then he upgraded to a digital SLR. He traveled to Alaska and came back with photos that were… just terrible. “For me, failure is so critical, because it’s a wake up call,” said Cripps. “The things that you sail through, you don’t think about… so as an engineer, I said, ‘This is a problem. How do I solve it?’”

He took a layoff from Boeing, where he’d been working on and off since graduation, and he went all-in.

“For the first four years I was like, ‘What am I doing?’” Cripps said. “I’m hopeful that people who have the platforms are going to step up and try to educate people about… stewardship and protection.”

Cripps will present on March 1 at the Mammoth Lakes Forest Service Welcome Center Auditorium. Doors open at 6 p.m., talk starts at 7 p.m.
calendar of events

BARS & MUSIC

Happy Hour/
The Liberty Sports Bar and Grill. Pursuit of Happiness Hour, 3-6 p.m. $3 flatbread, $2 off wine. $4 well drinks, $2 off specialty drinks. $5 flatbread. Open mic plus returns, hosted by VTA & Acoustic as folk w/ house sound & lights on Monday @ 9
See ad, p. 11.

Outlaw Saloon: -Happy Hour Monday; All Night Happy Hour; 4-Midnight, Tues-Fri 4-6 p.m. Tuesday: Tacos 4-10 p.m.; 6-9 p.m. Wing Wednesday 50% off all wings. Thursday: Burger & Beer special 4-9 p.m. See ad, p. 9.

Roberto's 4-6 p.m. every day.

Austria Hof 5-8 p.m. daily. See ad, p. 8.

Whitebark Restaurant Bar & Lounge Unwind with daily drink and food specials 4-6 p.m.

Clocktower Cellar Happy Hour 4:30-7 p.m. daily and all Sunday. $5 dollar menu items, drink specials. See ad, p. 16.

Pete's at the Gristo Happy Hour, 5-6 p.m. every day. See ad, p. 13.

Mammoth's famous Slocums Happy Hour Mon., Thru Fri 4-6; Saturdays 4-5. Closed Sun. See ad, p. 5.

Happy Hour @ The Bistro at Snowvillage 3:30-6:30 p.m. daily.

Mammoth Tavern Happy Hour Tuesday-Sunday 3:30-5:30 p.m. Closed Mondays.

Smokeyard weekend Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. in the bar only.

Side Door Happy Hour daily 3-6 p.m.

Glowbox Happy Hour, daily 4-6 p.m. Large pizza and a pitcher of beer gets you free wings.

Lakanuki Happy Hour daily 3-6 p.m., $4.50 margaritas, Mai Tais. Happy Hour drink specials 10 p.m.-close.

Black Velvet Coffee's Happy Hour, from 4-6 p.m. every day.

Morrison's Happy Hour Daily 4-6 p.m.

February 23-24/
Cold Without Pants play Liberty Bar both nights, 9 p.m. Free. See ad, page 11.

February 23-25/
Winter Games viewing parties @ 53 Kitchen & Cocktails, 5-9 p.m.

Saturday, February 24/
House Party at Whiskey Creek in Bishop. Music by DJ Orbi; Beer Pong tournament, and drink specials.

Sunday, February 25/
Some Assembly Required plays Black Doubt Brewing. 7-9 p.m. Free.

Monday, February 26/
Open Mic at Black Doubt Brewing Co. 6-9 p.m.

Bowling n Beers @ Mammoth Rock 'n Bowl. Feat. Will Nye and Chronucious. 9 p.m.

Tuesday, February 27/
Trivia @ Mammoth Brewing Co. 7 p.m.

Karaoke at Rafters. 10 p.m.

Wednesday, February 28/
Wild Wing Wednesdays at Outlaw Saloon. 30 percent off all wings 6-9 p.m. See ad page 9.

Thursday, March 1/
Theereo Rock Thursdays @ Rafters. 10 p.m. Free. 21+. DJ Kally Quezada and PropheTTedJ)

TOWN STUFF

February 23-25/
Death Valley National Park hosts MarsFest 2018. Keynote speaker, Luther Beegle of NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab and the 2020 Mars Mission will speak on Friday. For full schedule, visit www.dvnha.org. See sidebar, next page.

Saturday, February 24/
Dirbag: The Legend of Fred Beckey. 6 & 8 p.m. at the Edison Theatre, 100 College Parkways. Presented by Mammoth Lakes Foundation. Tix: $15. brownpapertickets.com.

The Sierra Club presents: “Saving Snow,” 7-9 p.m. at the Mammoth Lakes Forest Service Welcome Center. Free film screening.


Walking Water Presentation. Hear stories and see photos of the group's 550-mile walk from Mono Lake to L.A. 4-6 p.m. at the Lone Pine Tribal Community Building.

Mammoth Unbound Series: Slope-style 3, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Chair 1/Broadway Express lift, Mammoth Mountain Ski Area. Bib collection at 7:30 a.m. at the MMSSST Team headquarters. Register: www.usasa.org.


Bishop Little League Sign ups. Bishops Park, 7-9 year olds: 9-11 a.m. 10-14 year olds: 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sunday, February 25/
The Mammoth Unbound Series Rail Jam 2, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Chair 1/Broadway Express lift, Mammoth Mountain Ski Area. Bib collection at 7:30 a.m. at the MMSSST Team headquarters. Register: www.usasa.org.

UCCE Master Gardeners Workshop: Starting Tomatoes, 2-3 p.m. at the Highlands Mobile Home Community. Hosted by Master Gardener Carolyn Lynch.

Sierra Club Hike. Meet Mammoth Union Bank at 10 a.m. Follow horse trails and bike trails while exploring creeks in Mammoth. RSVP to plan car shuttle: Ann 760.934.9271 or annleith@gmail.com.

Olympic Curling Clinic and Match Play at the Mammoth Ice Rink. 7-9 p.m. Register at the ice rink or at 760.985.3695. Registration required. Free.

Monday, February 26/
Bishop City Council meeting, 6 p.m. @ City Council Chambers, City Hall. Mono County Treasury Oversight Committee meeting, 11 a.m. @ ACO Conference Room, Sierra Center Mall, Mammoth Lakes. Fundraiser for Alja Saunders @ Astorga's in Bishop (See "Local Youth Hospitalized," February, 3-10 p.m. 2206 N. Sierra Highway, Bishop.

February 27-28/
Full moon snowshoe tours @ Tamarack. Depart @ 7 p.m. for a 1.5-hour tour, then enjoy hot drinks at Tamarack Lodge. Tix: $59 including rentals. Reservations: 1.800.MAMMOTH.
calendargr of events

Owens Lake Bird Festival registration now open

Early registration for the 4th annual Owens Lake Bird Festival is now open to the public. This year’s event will run from April 27-29 in Lone Pine, and is hosted by Friends of the Inyo. The festival will feature birding outings on the Owens Lake and around Lone Pine Towns, including: Birding and Botany in the Alabama Hills, Photographing Birds, Natural History at Cottonwood Creek, Geology of Owens’ Hands-on-acts, and History and Saline Valley Salt Tram in Keeler, as well as many more. Pre-registration is required for outings, as group sizes are limited. All outings will begin at Statham Hall, Lone Pine. To register, visit www.friendsoftheinyo.org.

Death Valley MarsFest 2018

MarsFest will take place February 23-25, 2018 in Death Valley National Park. On May 26, 1997, Mars Rover was tested in Death Valley, climbing the summit of “Mars Hill.” This was the first time a private space organization involved the public in the actual tests of a craft designed to explore another world.

Friday evening will feature keynote speaker, Luther Beegle from Jet Propulsion Laboratory’s 2020 Mission. There will be an Expo Saturday at the Furnace Creek Visitor Center. You’ll find children’s hands-on activities and booths from SETI, NASA, and others. Saturday will also yield a star party with night sky viewing in the evening.

The Southern California Mars Society will offer guided field trips to analog sites which will take place both Saturday and Sunday.

All activities are free and open to the public. To view a full schedule, please download the 2018 MarsFest Schedule available via the Death Valley National History Association’s website at: https://www.dvna.org/marsfest-2018. For more information including photos of previous years please visit SETI Institute’s Webpage from last year: https://www.seti.org/marsfest-2017. For more information about Death Valley National Park and to find information to help plan your trip, see www.nps.gov/deva or call 760.786.3200.

AARP Tax Aide programs

The AARP Foundation Tax Aide programs in Bishop and Mammouth are now preparing federal and state tax returns online without charge to low and moderate income residents.

Appointments are available at the Bishop Annex Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. To schedule an appointment, call 760.937.0174.

Appointments are available at the Mammoth Library, Monday through Thursday afternoons, 1-5 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call 760.934.5674.

TOWN STUFF

Tuesday, February 27/
Business After Hours @ A Better Fireplace & Stone Company. Hosted by Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce. 5:7 p.m. 145 Center St. City of Bishop Planning Commission, 6-7 p.m. at City Council Chambers, City Hall.

Inyo County Board of Supervisors meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the County Administrative Offices, Independence. Mono County Board of Supervisors meeting, 9 a.m. Mono County Courthouse, Bridgeport. Live Broadcast from the CAO Conference Room, Sierra College Mall, Mammoth Lakes.

Calligraphy Class at Bishop Art Supply. 3:30-6 p.m.

Wednesday, February 28/
City of Bishop Parks and Recreation Commission, 5:15-5:15 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall.

Inyo 350 general meeting, Jill Kimmitt Boyle School off West Line St. in Bishop. 166 Grandview Rd. in Bishop. 6 p.m.

Figure Drawing @ Inyo Council for the Arts. 2-4 p.m. 137 S. Main St. in Bishop.

Volunteer Eastern Sierra meet ‘n’ greet. See how “service connect” with VES will help grow nonprofits and civic organizations grow locally. Mammoth Brewing Company, 5-7 p.m. Mammoth Planning and Economic Development Commission. 2 p.m. in Suite 2, Mammoth Lakes.

Thursday, February 29
Chasing Light: Stories from a Wilderness Photographer. Local photographer Josh Cripps will speak at the ESIA Adventure Series. 7 p.m. at the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center Auditorium. Doors at 6 p.m. Admission: $10. Includes a beer. See ad, page 7, story page 15.

UPCOMING

Friday, March 2
June Lake Winter Festival Orientation dine-in dinner, 5 p.m. at the Sierra Inn, Main Street June Lake. Pizza party. Tax: $12/adult, $8/kid. See sidebar.

March 2-4/
Into the Woods with Playhouse 395. See sidebar.

March 3-4/
Free showing, “Saving Snow,” at June Lake Community Center (7 p.m. Saturday) and Lee Vining Community Center (9 p.m. Sunday). See sidebar.

March 3 & 4/
Artists reception, images of “Four Seasons of the Eastern Sierra” at the Mammoth Lakes Library. 2-3 p.m. Light refreshments served.

Mule deer migration field trip with ESLT led by Timothy Taylor of the CDFW. See sidebar.

Saturday, March 10/
Living Legend Doug Robinson: Across the Great Divide. ESIA Discovery Store at the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center. 6-9 p.m.

Project Bighorn @ Mammoth Middle School. Learn about Bighorn Sheep, presented by Bronze Award Team of Girl Scout Troop 380 in partnership with the Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep Foundation. Artifacts, scavenger hunt, photo booth, art, and more. 2-5 p.m. at 365 Sierra Park Rd. in Mammoth.

Sage to Summit and Inyo SAR 5k. 8 a.m. at Millpond Recreation Area.

Eastern Sierra Audubon Society COSA walk. Meet 8:30 a.m. at USFS/BLM Offices, Pacu Lane, Bishop. Birders of all levels welcome. Info: hillary.behr@bighoppaiute.org or 760.920.5287.

The Seventh Annual June Lake Winter Festival will run on March 2 and 3, 2018. This year’s celebrations will feature a snowmobile poker rally, snow sculptures, a Family Fun Zone, and, for the first time ever, a dog parade. The Family Fun Zone will be hosted by June Mountain and will feature free, festivities, music, kids’ games, and sledding.

Orientation starts on Friday evening at 5 p.m. at the Sierra Inn on Main Street.

Save Snow

On Saturday, February 24, the Sierra Club and 350 Mono will host a free screening of the new film “Saving Snow.” The film illustrates how towns across the United States whose economies depend on winter recreation are dealing with unreliable winters. The film starts at 7 p.m. at the Mammoth Lakes Forest Service Welcome Center auditorium.

At the Movies

Minaret Cinemas


Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri (R): A mother challenges local authorities to solve her daughter’s murder when they fail to catch the culprit.

For movie times, call 760.934.3131 or visit mammothlakesmovies.com.

June Lake Winter Festival

Playhouse 395 presents Stephen Reynolds and Dave Hardin, and the orchestra is conducted by Mark Hatter. Jordan Kost will play Jack of Jack and the Bean Stalk. Leo Ramirez will play Little Red Riding Hood, Rhianna Carter will play Rapunzel, and Cinderella will be played by Laura Whiteside. Jesse Steele is an any Hemler will play the central roles of the Baker and his wife. Volunteers are needed for ushering and selling refreshments during intermission. For info about volunteering, call Karen at 760.873.7644. See ad, page 5.

Mule Deer migration field trip

Join Eastern Sierra Land Trust staff and special guest Timothy Taylor of California Department of Fish and Wildlife for a guided hike and discussion of how local mule deer are doing after severe drought and the 2015 Round Fire. A friendly event. RSVP required. Be prepared for light hiking. No dogs. Contact Ryan at ryan@eslt.org or 760.934.4530 to reserve your place. Event runs Saturday, March 3. Meet Round Valley Elementary School, 300 N. Round Valley Rd. Bishop.

AARPs Tax Aide programs

The AARP Foundation Tax Aide programs in Bishop and Mammouth are now preparing federal and state tax returns online without charge to low and moderate income residents.

Appointments are available at the Bishop Annex Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. To schedule an appointment, call 760.937.0174.

Appointments are available at the Mammoth Library, Monday through Thursday afternoons, 1-5 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call 760.934.5674.
Notice of Vacancies

NOTICE OF VACANCIES
BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE/BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that three terms of office for the Building Advisory Committee/Board of Appeals. The terms of this office are four years, expiring on April 1, 2022. The Building Advisory Committee/Board of Appeals meets quarterly.

Interested parties should file an application with the Town Clerk on or before Monday, February 26, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. Application forms may be obtained at the Town Offices, Minaret Village Shopping Center; or by writing to W. Box 1069, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546; or by phoning 934-5602; or by visiting the Town’s website at www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

Dated: February 16, 2018
Jamie Gear, Town Clerk
TS #2018-0022

Notice of Public Hearing

Notice of Public Hearing
Zoning Code Amendment
(ZCA 17-001)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, February 28, 2018, beginning at 2:00 p.m. and continuing until finished, at the Town Council Chambers, Suite Z within the Minaret Village Shopping Center, 437 Old Mammoth Road the Mammoth Lakes Planning & Economic Development Commission will hear an application request for the following:

Application Request: Zoning Code Amendment
(ZCA 17-001) — Amend various sections of the Town’s Zoning Code (Title 17) to reflect changes in the allowed uses of cannabis as a result of CA Proposition 64 (the "Adult Use of Marijuana Act") and to update the Zoning Code to be consistent with CA Senate Bill 94 (the "Medical and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA)").

CEQA Determination: Exempt pursuant to California Business and Professions Code Section 26059(h).

Location: Town-wide
Zoning: All Zoning Districts
Proponent: Town of Mammoth Lakes

All persons having an interest in the proposed application request may appear before the Planning & Economic Development Commission either in person or represented by counsel and present testimony or, prior to said hearing, file with the Executive Secretary written correspondence pertaining thereto. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65090(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Town of Mammoth Lakes at or prior to the public hearing. For additional information, or to obtain a copy of the staff report which will be published no later than February 23, 2018, contact Nolan Bidloff, Assistant Planner, at (760) 934-3051. Facsimiles may be sent to (760) 934-7493, or e-mail at nbidloff@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

Mammoth Lakes Planning & Economic Development Commission
P.O. Box 1609, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

TS #2018-0023

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person Is Doing Business As:

Horizons Trading & Exchange
Milton Anthony Fryer
P.O. Box 1721, 991 Forest Trail
Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546

This business is conducted by an Corporation. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on December 29, 2017.

File Number 17-272
2018-0017 12/03, 2/10, 2/17, 2/24

Notices

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice By Mono County Clerk

NOTICE BY MONO COUNTY CLERK
OFFICES FOR WHICH CANDIDATES ARE TO BE ELECTED AT THE DIRECT PRIMARY ELECTION JUNE 5, 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that statewide and local offices for which candidates are to be elected at the Direct Primary Election to be held on the 5th day of June, 2018 are as follows:

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If no candidate for any one local countywide seat receives more than 50% of the vote in the June Primary Election, the top-two candidates for that seat will move forward to the November General Election.

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Unless otherwise specifically provided, no person is eligible to be elected or appointed to an elective office unless that person is a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office (EC 201). To there may be additional qualifications, depending on the office. For more information about the qualification requirements, please refer to our Candidate’s Guide which can be found at:

https://www.monocounty.ca.gov/elections/page/2018-primary-election

Declaration of Candidacy forms are now available up until March 9, 2018, and may be obtained from the Mono County Clerk’s Office at 74 N. School Street in Bridgeport.

If an incumbent has not filed by March 9, 2018, at 5:00 p.m., any qualified person, other than the incumbent, may file by no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 14, 2018.

Dated: February 14, 2018
SHANNON KENDALL
MONO COUNTY CLERK/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

TS #2018-0024
Help Wanted

Sierra Nevada Resort & Spa
Housekeepers ($11)
Cafeteria
Dishwashers
Maintenance Worker

Please complete an application at 164 Old Mammoth Rd, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546 or email application to employment@thesheet.com.

Full time Maids Needed: Vacation rental company, experience required. Must have vehicle. Call Luis at 760-934-0768.

Mammoth Spa Creations is looking for an additional member for its team. This is a Full Time, Year Round position. We have an immediate opening for a Spa Maintenance position. This position also offers vacation accrual, benefits and paid holidays. Experience is preferred, but not required. We also require a background check and a clean DMV is required. Please call 760-924-3091 orstop by the store located at 1401 Tavern Rd. Mammoth Lakes for more information and to pick up an application.

The Austria Lodge has housekeeping positions available. Full or part-time starting at $13.50 per hour. We are looking for motivated responsible people. Please call 760-934-2704 or stop by 92 Canyon Blvd, for an application.

Part-time night audit position at Sierra Lodge. Must be available to work 11 p.m.-7 a.m. shifts. Must have work experience demonstrating direct interaction with guests. Previous hospitality experience not required. Starting hourly wages DOE. Deliver resume in person or pick up application at Laborers Union 516-Stable Main Street, or send to info@sierrolodge.com.

Help Wanted

Temporaty Snow Removal Operators
The Town of Mammoth Lakes is looking for talented Snow Removal Operators for the 2017-18 winter season. $22.92-$26.53/hr. Commercial license required. Full-time hours, opportunity to work day or night shifts. Seasonal position, potential for permanent position. Drug testing required. Apply at the Town of Mammoth Lakes Office. Application and job description is available online at www.mammothlakes.ca.gov or by the store located at 1401 Tavern Rd. Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546. Call 760-924-3091 or 760-873-8599 to see our full job list online www.SierraEmployment.com

Sierra Employment Services, Inc. is hiring for the following positions:

- Janitor B $15
- AR/AP Clerk B $17-$20
- Maintenance Clerk B $12-$14
- Class B Driver B $18-$22
- Carpenters M $29-$35
- Maintenance Operator B $11
- Housekeepers M $14-$17
- Heavy Equipment Operator B $20-$22
- Customer Representative B $12
- Maintenance Carpenter M $15-$20

Full time-Maintenance Position, experience required, please call 760-934-2414 or stop by and see us in person at 3905 Main Street in Mammoth Lakes.

Full Time Hospitality Position at the MammothRock & Bowl: Seeking Front Desk, reservation agent. Excellent pay. Contact Todd Roberts at 760.934.2144 or stop by and see us in person at 3905 Main Street in Mammoth Lakes.

Holiday Haus Motel and Hostel: Now Hiring for year round permanent position for a Front Desk Person. Excellent pay.$16-$20/hr. Contact: Jennifer Halferty at 760.934.3091 orstop by our store located at 4014 Tavern Rd, Mammoth Lakes for more information and to pick up an application.

The Austria Lodge is seeking to fill a position for Front Desk Associate. This is a full-time position. The candidate will work the front desk as needed. This is a front desk position that requires experience in guest service, as well as skill in dealing with the public. Preference will be given to applicants with experience in hospitality. This position will require a five day work week - Monday through Friday. This is a full-time position with benefits, including vacation and paid holiday time. We are looking for a team player who is dependable, and has the ability to work well with people. The candidate must be available for nights and weekends. Starting pay is $16 per hour, with the potential for raises after six months. This position includes $200.00, 1 year lease, and local referral fee. Applications are due by February 26, 2018. Please complete the general application that can be found at www.mammothlakes.ca.gov or at the Town of Mammoth Lakes Office, 1401 Tavern Rd, Bishop or call 760-872-1901 ext. 11 EEO employer.

For Hire

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Volunteer Opportunities

Mammoth Lakes Housing, Inc. supports workforce housing for a viable economy and sustainable community. Mammoth Lakes Housing, Inc. (MLH) seeks three new directors for the Board. MLH is an affordable housing non-profit that provides affordable rental housing to those who are working, but may not have the income to live in Mammoth. We encourage those who are interested to meet the following Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) requirements:

- Be a low-income resident;
- Live in the Town of Mammoth Lakes or Mammoth Lakes North;
- Be interested in the development, ownership, and operation of rental housing units that meet the mission of MLH; and
- Be interested in investing time, talent, and resources to support MLH’s work.

MLH is looking for individuals who have demonstrated experience in the financial and accounting matters with the Auditor-Controller’s office. This is a 100% benefited position. Pay range: $15.75-$20.25 (II); $17.35-$21.35 (III) per hour. Full Benefits. Pre-employment and random drug screening required. Applications are due by February 26, 2018. Please complete the general application that can be found at https://www.mammothlakes.ca.gov/administration/jobs/Application or 703 Airport Rd, Bishop or call 760-872-1901 ext. 11 EEO employer.

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person Is Doing Business As:

For Sale

Bookstore: 2,000 SF on Main St., Bishop, with 1,000 SF upstairs, 30-40,000 books. Asking $80,000. Call Diane at 760-937-7317.
IKON continued from page 1

children of adult pass holders. Overall, it provides unlimited access to nine resorts and offers five days of skiing at Mammoth along with 16 other destinations.

The company has done away with senior discounts, said Rust. “It looks like Mammoth Mountain has decided seniors don't matter,” wrote Andy Fried in an email to The Sheet on Thursday, February 22. “They can pay full price or go away. As a senior and a second homeowner, I have always bought a pass and maintained a locker … I now question whether the expense of owning a home in Mammoth is worthwhile. I suspect many others like me will be asking the same question.”

Tony Cole, a 71-year-old Redondo Beach resident and Mammoth second homeowner, called The Sheet’s office on Thursday to say he was “astounded” at the lack of a senior discount and the refusal of Alterra to offer a Mammoth-only pass. “I mean, back in the day, the fortunes of the Mountain relied on the fortunes of the Town, and vice versa,” said Cole.

Cole said he skied Mammoth in the days of Dave McCoy, and that “McCoy was a considerate guy. He wanted to make money too… but this is just not right for Mammoth.”

“This is really short-sighted,” said Marjorie Greenfield, who also called The Sheet’s office to complain about the announcement. “Mammoth is just a bunch of thugs. At Aspen, the passes are $600 a year” for locals, she said.

Editor’s note: A Double Flex pass at Aspen (2 days of skiing/week) costs $1,500.

An Adult Lift Only California Pass was $699 (plus $14 in “Tourism Fees”) for the 2018-2019 ski season, if purchased in the spring of 2017. Additionally, Mammoth Mountain offered a $599 season pass for senior citizens (ages 65-79), and offered a free season's pass to skiers 80 and older with proof of age and a $25 processing fee. Mammoth Mountain offered a Child’s pass (ages 5-12) for $359, and a Youth pass (ages 13-22) for $749.

When asked why Alterra opted to move the network of popular current and former products and built the Ikon Base Pass based on where those guests were going, and how often. We also balanced the guest experience and the desires and needs of each destination and built the Ikon Base Pass based on where those guests were going, and how often. We also balanced the guest experience and the desires and needs of each destination and picked a number that could serve a lengthy vacation and regular days in the mountains.

When asked what she would say to people who hoped Gregory would help Mammoth out with regard to a local pass option, Rust did not respond.

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B R U C E D I S H I O N, 1948-2018

Bruce Charles Dishion was born on June 12, 1948 in Merced, but found his home and community in Bishop. He served as a cop, elected official, Grand Jury judge. He was a devoted civil servant and, most importantly to him, a family man.

Bruce passed away on January 27, 2018, at the age of 69.

He moved to Bishop as a kid, and graduated from Bishop Union High School in 1966. A year later, he married his wife, Sue. Together, they had three children; Deston, Shane and Stacy.

Bruce spent three decades working in law enforcement. He became a Bishop Police Officer in October, 1972 and became Chief of Police in 1996. He retired in 2002.

He was voted in as a Bishop City Council member in 2007 and served two terms.

Bishop Police Officer Frank Crom joined the force in 1966, and became a great friend of Bruce’s. Frank didn’t attend Police Academy until 1972. The two became close when Frank part- nered with Bruce for the long drive to the academy in Southern California every week for the duration of the course. Frank’s daughter, Dana Crom, said the two became inseparable. She doesn’t remember a time in her life without Bruce in it. Bruce became an uncle to her.

Frank and Bruce talked every day until the day Bruce died. They had a bond forged through decades of working in law enforcement together.

Bruce was a consummate outdoorsman, and Dana recalled one memo- rable weekend when Bruce and Frank went hunting. They needed to get up early and weren’t early birds, so Frank asked Bruce to bring an alarm clock. Once at the campsite, Bruce dutifully pulled out a Sesame Street Big Bird alarm clock. Bruce told a befuddled Frank that it was the only clock he could find with batteries. Dana said, laughing, that the two manly hunters woke at dawn to the sounds of Big Bird.

Former Bishop City Manager Rick Pucci said he had the privilege of working with Bruce for more than 20 years and thanked him for more than 40 years of dedication to serving the citizens of Bishop.

Inyo County Supervisor Jeff Griffiths said, “Bruce and I were elected to the City Council at the same time, and I benefitted greatly from his experience. He will be missed by the whole City and County family.”

Bruce went hunting and fishing often with Joe Pecsi, former Chief of Police. Pecsi worked with Bruce from 1978 to 1985. He commended Bruce for his investigative work and the network of informants he created that helped suppress drug activity in Bishop.

Although Bruce loved to hunt and fish, he was most proud of his grand- children and all their achievements. He is survived by his wife, Sherry; son Deston Dishion and wife Sue; son Shane Dishion and wife Keri; daughter Stacy McLaughlin and husband Kevin; grandchildren Dylan, Zayne, Cayley, Sadie and Sophia Dishion and Matthew and Katie McLaughlin. Fu- neral services have already been held.

Pecsi said Bruce was very honest and caring for his community and for the people of Bishop. Dana called Bruce kind, generous, funny and dedicated to those he loved and cared for. They said he worked hard to make Bishop a better place.

-Bodine
GARY BACON, 1962-2018

Gary "GB" Bacon passed away on January 19, 2018 in his home in Oceanside, California, due to complications from the flu. Gary was born on November 1, 1962 in San Diego, California. He then moved to Eagle Rock, California in 1965, where he graduated from Eagle Rock High School in 1980. After high school, Gary became an apprentice carpenter and worked at Kratka Ridge, a ski area in the San Gabriel Mountains.

Gary enjoyed skiing so much that he moved to Mammoth Lakes in 1982, where he began working as part of the night crew at Mammoth Mountain Ski Area. His passion for skiing pushed him to become a ski instructor. He later joined the Mammoth Mountain Race Department. While working for Mammoth, Gary would announce ski races as well as Mammoth Motocross.

In the summer, Gary worked as a bartender at Roberto's Cafe in Mammoth. He enjoyed music, and he and his friends formed a band called "Three Wheel Drive," that performed at local bars and music venues. Gary was the drummer.

Gary married Michelle Wright in 1995. The couple moved to Poway, California in 2005. Gary was a loyal friend and husband, and a father to two daughters.

Bridwell, who had a notorious distain for authority, was also the founder of Yosemite Search and Rescue, according to Daniel Duane's "El Capitan: Historic Peats and Radical Routes.

Bridwell's death, his family said, was a result of complications from hepatitis C. "My fondest memory occurred the (day after the climb, when Harding)... gave me his warm congratulations," wrote Bridwell in "Climbing Adventures."

"I thanked him and hobbled toward the cafeteria for some stolen coffee."

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Bridwell's death, his family said, was a result of complications from hepatitis C. "My mom suspects he could have contracted that from any number of his adventures," wrote Jim's son Layton on a GoFundMe campaign in January. "But more likely than not it came from the tattoo he received from headhunters during his cross-navigation of Borneo back in the '80s when I was a kid."

Peter Mayfield, Director of the G-4 Way Mountain Center, told Outside Magazine that Bridwell once said to him, "On your dying day, you are not going to give a sh*t about how hard you climbed. You're only going to care about who you connected with and how many people you helped along the way." —Rea

GARY PAOLINO, 1947-2018

Gary was born in 1947 in Los Angeles. He passed away on February 9, 2018. In high school he lettered in football and baseball. Gary was an avid sports fan who followed Dodgers baseball, Rams football, Kings hockey, Indy Car and Formula 1 racing. He met Christel, his lifetime partner and wife, in 1970, while attending Cal State Los Angeles. They moved to Mammoth in 1977.

Golfing and yearly surf trips also made Gary happy. On summer and autumn days he was often spotted on his rollerblades, making skiing-like turns down College Parkway and mountain biking through Shady Rest and other Mammoth trails.

Gary loved to teach skiing. He especially loved the moment when a student "got it." He enjoyed skiing so much he wanted everyone else to experience the joy.

Gary began his Mammoth life in the Main Lodge cafeteria—as a counter server, then a manager. He later served on the night crew, and eventually worked evenings in the Canyon repair shop. He took every opportunity to perfect his skiing. He also worked as a probation camp counselor and in the summers as a house painter, crane operator, framer, and golf course manager. He and Christel designed and built their home in Mammoth.

A memorial service will be held for Gary on March 16 at Lakanuki at 4 p.m.
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