**INYO COVID DEATH TOLL REACHES NINE**

**By Page**

Inyo County reported its ninth Covid-19 death on Wednesday, the 8th death in the county since the beginning of August. Between the period of August 4-17, testing revealed 83 new Covid-19 cases; the overall number of cases since March sits at 149.

A big part of the jump is tied to an outbreak at the Bishop Care Center that began earlier in the month; at least 14 staff and 30 residents have tested positive for Covid-19.

The increased numbers were sufficient for the state public health department to place Inyo County on the statewide Covid monitoring list on Monday, August 17, retroactive to August 6. Key factors in that decision: a positivity rate of 12.7% and an adjusted average of 325 cases per 100,000 residents. The threshold for the monitoring list is 100 cases per 100,000 residents OR 25 cases per 100,000 residents and an 8% positivity rate.

Counties on the state monitoring list must close indoor dining, all personal care businesses (salons, massage parlors, etc.), and undertake efforts to identify vectors and mitigate spread.

On Tuesday, Inyo County Health and Human Services Director Marilyn Mann told the Inyo County Board of Supervisors that “we continue to have positive cases coming out of that outbreak and, more recently, have experienced some additional deaths.”

“It’s a sobering reality to what can happen with this virus,” Mann added. “It does put into perspective that while so many people experience mild to moderate symptoms, there are those that do not.”

Deputy Public Health Director Anna Scott explained the spike in cases, noting that 58 of 83 new cases from August 4-17 were from the Bishop Care Center, with the remaining 25 coming from communities in Inyo County.

Scott noted that the majority of new cases were concentrated in Northern Inyo County, adding that officials are noticing increased community transmission and spread throughout the entire county.

The culprit for increased community spread, according to Scott, is people on the move.

“We are seeing some trends in individuals who are coming back positive who had gone out of our county and visited with individuals,” she told the Board. “We have in some cases seen people coming to our area, particularly people coming and staying with friends in the area, that have potentially led to some of those cases in Inyo County.”

Like neighboring Mono County, Inyo County has experienced delays in test results due to swamped laboratories around the country, with some results taking up to three weeks to come back. Scott reported that the lag time has gone down, although the county is hoping that it can be reduced even further.

Dr. James Richardson, Inyo County Public Health Officer took over from Scott to highlight some of the facts about Covid-19 that make it such an elusive and difficult-to-corralling virus. Chief among his points: data indicates that between 10-20% of the people who transmit the virus to others are responsible for 80% of the overall cases.

“This is how it differs from the flu,” Richardson explained, “we see COVID, page 8

**A MAMMOTH UNDERTAKING**

**MMSA discusses path to reopening**

**By Page**

One of the biggest looming question marks on the Eastside is Mammoth Mountain: will it open for skiing this winter and if so, what would that look like? What would the overall experience be? Will there be open slopes, in person rentals? Will there be apres ski? Woolly’s Parades? Night of Lights?

As for the skiing/snowboarding, that’s still up in the air, although Mammoth Mountain staff are working towards solutions that can ensure the safety of both guests and employees.

Craig Albright, vice president of skier services, gave a short presentation on the matter on Thursday afternoon, hosted on Zoom by Mammoth Voices.

Albright, who oversees everything from ski school to The Fort, first outlined the overarching strategies that have guided MMSAs staff throughout the Covid-19 pandemic:

1. Safety, for everyone involved (employees, guests, local community). “We recognize that as the main draw to Mammoth, particularly in winter time,” Albright said, “that we have a huge responsibility for the safety of all of our groups.”

2. Empathy: understanding that everyone is facing challenges.

3. Long term financial sustainability for the company, community, and employees.

As Albright pointed out, “What we do affects so much in the community.”

Mammoth Mountain was able to successfully operate its mountain bike park this summer and as a result, was able to gain some insights on what was working and not working that could translate to success come winter.

First and foremost, “we can operate safely and we can operate safely outdoors,” Albright told the Zoom attendees. “We must be diligent;” he added, highlighting the need to train and educate guests on compliance and best practices.

Albright included an additional caveat: the continued good summer weather that has allowed the park to stay open. How weather may affect winter operations is less certain. He reported that in spite of Covid-19, the bike park experienced its best summer ever.

**SOME BEACH ...**

A pair of lightning strikes on the south side of Mono Lake ignited the Beach Fire last Sunday. As of press time Thursday, the fire was 80% contained. The near 4,000-acre blaze did not threaten life and/or property.

**Photos courtesy USFS**
JOINING THE BREAKFAST CLUB

I’ve been doing a lot of moonlighting lately. Two weeks ago, I played a customer service representative at the USFS Welcome Center. This past weekend, I filled in as the dishwasher for a Saturday morning shift at the Breakfast Club.

Which I haven’t done since I washed dishes at Mama Inez’s in Ketchum, Idaho in the late ’90s. I guess I wanted to prove to myself that I haven’t lost it — that I’m still capable of real work as opposed to keyboard massage.

And if I do say so, I acquitted myself nicely. It was a busy morning according to owner Sue Ebersold, and I did not fall terribly behind or require someone else to bail me out.

Of course, I fully recognize that it was a one-off. And that a mere 4.5 hour shift kicked my ass and left my back sore from bending over the sink.

But a few takeaways...

1. I was so impressed by the staff I worked with. There wasn’t a lot of drama. Just nose-to-the-grindstone, sustained effort and concentration on the part of the whole team. It was hot in the kitchen. People kept their masks on. No one complained. You know it’s gotta be that much tougher on the waitstaff to carry every plate that much further to an outside table. And this isn’t a business that’s kind to people on their feet all day. Ebersold has two hip replacements to prove it.

2. The restaurant was organized so logically and efficiently that even a moron like me could figure out exactly where everything went within thirty minutes.

3. One day cleaning up after biscuits and gravy makes one NOT want to order biscuits and gravy for a very long time.

I often joke that if I’d known what I was in for in the news business, I wouldn’t have done it, because “success” translated into a life ruled by weekly deadlines. But geez, in the restaurant biz, it’s daily deadlines, or for the sadists, twice-daily deadlines. And there’s pressure to be at your best with every single patron, every single time - while you’re setting up a “dining atmosphere” in a reconstituted parking lot.

Who the hell knows where Mammoth would be without dining establishments figuring it out in time to take care of the hordes of visitors we’ve had this summer. Who the hell knows where we’ll be this fall if there’s no indoor dining ... but the hard-working F&B people in this town deserve a whole lot of credit for keeping the wheels attached to our creaky Mammoth bus.

And from Hite’s desk...

The Sheet received an anonymous tip last week regarding the Bridgeport postmaster, who was said to be flouting mask rules, and further, took down signs asking to wear a mask.

So Lunch sent me north on a day trip. A little Covid (covert?) operation is A little Covid (covert?) operation is

I was down in Carlsbad this past weekend visiting my eldest daughter. Same hotel. Two months since the last visit.

During the first visit, the hotel was maybe 5% full. This time, it was more like 30%. The staff at the Sheraton (we stay there because it has a pool slide) held to its usual, professional, Marriott standard. The guests? Not so much.

Runners, too. Runners must simply feel that they’re in too good shape to get felled by Covid, and that you can’t catch a virus if it can’t catch you. Maybe they’re right in the sense that when you see them coming, you dive far out of the way. And the mask you’re wearing protects them.

The restaurants down there seemed very slow. Empty. I stopped at one point on the drive down because my youngest daughter Margaux needed to use a bathroom. We found one at the most desolate Buffalo Wild Wings you ever saw. Observation: If you’re a bar owner, and you have regular season baseball on the widescreen, you deserve to go out of business.

Margaux was in virtual school on Thursday when I left the house to come to the office. Yeah, we still go to the office. And Margaux was struggling to find the class assignment that had been handed out in her weekly packet, and her very patient teacher Ms. Taplin was trying to describe it to her while three kids in a thirty second span asked to go to the office. One kid needed to be told to turn on his microphone; another to turn theirs off. It was such madness that all you could really do was laugh, and Ms. Taplin, brave, courageous Ms. Taplin, did let out a laugh at the third request for the bathroom. God Bless her and all her fellow teachers for trying.

In summary, 2020 is already over. If you’re a bar owner, you deserve to go out of business.
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on record in terms of visitation, up 40% from Summer 2019. And they’ve done so without seeing a major Covid outbreak: Albright noted that only five mountain employees have tested positive for Covid-19 since March, and just a single one of those cases has retested back to the workplace.

What brought Albright to how MMSA will approach the upcoming winter. He acknowledged right off the bat that it will be a challenging season, but noted that the mountain has faced countless challenges in the past, and “Dave taught us well.”

According to Albright, the main area of worry is not the ski slopes or lifts. “The concern lies with anything indoors, like dining, rentals, locker rooms, and bathrooms.” He explained that MMSA will adapt as many operations outside as possible to avoid crowding in enclosed spaces, and each business unit within the mountain will have its own separate business operation plan. He also stressed the importance of consistent thorough masking throughout the ski area.

“We know that as we go into winter operations, it’s not a matter of if we have an outbreak, it’s when we have an outbreak.” Albright stated, acknowledging the reality of the task at hand, and noted that the mountain’s efforts to control spread and conduct contact tracing will determine the outcome of the winter.

Albright also fielded questions from the attendees, whose numbers peaked at 44 participants towards the end of the presentation.

Corinne Brown went first, asking Albright about a potential reservation system that would limit the number of skiers up the mountain each day.

For reference, a similar system was implemented at Arapahoe Basin in Colorado when it reopened in May; 4,000 people applied for 600 spots on that day. “We’re not so sure that MMSA has no plans to create a reservation system. Albright said, “and make sure you’ve got a reservation, and a place to stay.”

The “official” Death Valley heat record is 134°F set in the early 20th century. But that was using less reliable instrumentation. The 130°F represents the highest temperature ever recorded in the modern era.

DEATH VALLEY SHAKER
Press Release

A 1 approximately 10:32 on the morning of Wednesday, August 19, a reported 4.8 magnitude earthquake rattled Death Valley National Park. The earthquake’s epicenter is approximately 35 km west of Stovepipe Wells, within park boundary in the Panamint Valley. Rangers in the Furnace Creek area reported feeling minor trembles.

Shortly after, a 2.8 magnitude earthquake was reported in the same vicinity. In the early afternoon, another 2.5 magnitude earthquake was reported.

No damage to park buildings or roads has been reported. Crews continue to monitor for damage.

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Dave McCoy’s 105th birthday would have been this Monday. Earlier this year, after his passing, I received the following email.

Hello Ted, I am a part-time Mammoth resident/owner and Ski Host on MMtn for the last 23 years, at 402 Ridgecrest Dr. I still work in aerospace as a test pilot and as a consultant (in safety and leadership).

Several months ago you wrote an excellent editorial outlining the interesting ideas on human behavior of Simon Sinek. You focused on his theme of “It Starts With Why” and related his theme to the motivation of Dave McCoy to build our magnificent, Mammoth Mountain Ski Area.

I have 2 requests:

1. Could you please send me a copy of your brilliant editorial.

2. Could you repeat your editorial in the next week’s Sheet. All of us in Mammoth, and certainly in the Host program, share his “Why”: love of the MM Area, skiing (and boarding) on this beautiful mountain, and sharing our appreciation with our visitors. For Dave McCoy, and for most of us, it was not just about money. We can still learn from Dave, even though, sadly, he has passed away.

Rogers Smith
Mammoth Lakes

The story was indeed written several months ago - 72 to be exact. The text appears at right.

WANT TO KNOW WHY? ASK DAVE

At last Sunday’s closing performance of Sierra Classic Theatre’s summer production of “A [Mammoth] Midsummer Night’s Dream,” Lysander, played by Jim Marcotte, was wearing a shirt with a likeness of Dave McCoy on the front.

On the back, it read “I <3 (heart) Dave”.

As McCoy turns 99 this Sunday, I drove down to see him this week and I asked him about the shirt.

Lunch: You get any royalties for that?”

Mc Coy (self-deprecatingly): He must not know me (referring to Marcotte and his I <3 Dave shirt).

Mc Coy’s assistant Brandon Russell then pointed to a photograph on the wall – Dave, smiling broadly, his face speckled with dirt. The photograph from whence the t-shirt was made.

Russell: That photograph was taken at Motocross.

McCoy: I won that race.

Sheet: When was the photo taken?

Russell: Early ‘80s, I think.

“So Dave,” I say, changing the subject, “I heard this rumor that to celebrate your 100th, you’re agreed to be Grand Marshal of Mammoth’s 4th of July Parade. Is this true?”

Dave’s eyes twinkle a little. He turns to Russell. “Did I say that?”

Russell, all sincerity, replies, “I think I’ve heard you say that!”

Dave feigned a grimace. His assistant had outed him. “Well, why not? I might do it.”

That night, I got home and watched a TED talk recommended to me by Scott McGuire. The talk was by Simon Sinek, and entitled, “Start with Why.”

The theme of the talk was about how most people and corporations think from the outside in. Take the Town of Mammoth Lakes for example. In its vision statement, it talks about becoming a World Class Destination Resort. That’s the what.

In Sinek’s model, the next step towards the center is the How, where you talk about all the strategies you’ll employ to create that result. And finally, the innermost layer is the Why. But, of course, the Why is the tricky part, which is precisely why most people choose to answer it last. The fact is, most people can’t identify the Why, and if they try to identify the Why, they put it in the most superficial of terms. To be rich, or successful, or recognized, or important. Which, if you’re part of such an organization, is about as inspiring as a pile of dogshit.

Dave McCoy never had any question, doubt or hesitation about the Why. Every time he sees me, he asks me his Why question within the first thirty seconds. “Are you having fun?” he’ll ask. Because for Dave, the Why was having fun, working hard and caring for people.

Everything else he built and achieved stemmed from the Why. His success was borne from thinking inside-out. Why, then How, then What.

Later that night, as if to drive home the point, my wife and I sat down and watched a documentary on Bob Marley we had received from Netflix. Again, I was hit over the head with the Why like a two-by-four. Marley’s Why: I want the world, regardless of color or creed, to love one another.

Which makes one start pondering the following. Is there any indication that Mammoth Mountain Ski Area or the Town of Mammoth Lakes knows the answer to its own Why questions?

If I were to answer for the Town, I would say, “We are a hardy community. We care about each other and our natural surroundings, and we want to share this special connection we have to this place and to our neighbors with the wider world.” That’s our why.

More about Dave shirt designers Rousseau and Posey. As Posey explained, “It’s the first shirt we’ve made custom, from our own design, rather than a commissioned product.”

The pair, east coast-bred hockey players who met while playing in Mammoth’s Men’s Hockey league (Rousseau: He nearly took my face off with a slap shot), have been open since February, 2020.

When Posey contacted Evan Russell at the Mammoth Lakes Foundation about getting rights to use Dave’s image, he was inspired to learn that because of Dave McCoy, all local kids have the opportunity to attend Cerro Coso for free. Posey then offered to donate $4 from every Dave shirt he sells to the Mammoth Lakes Foundation.

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**LOCAL BRIEFS**

Bishop City Hall Closes

Bishop City Administrator Ron Phillips announced this week that effective Thursday, August 20, City Hall will be closed to the public until further notice. Positive COVID-19 cases and the start of a “virtual” school year were cited as contributing factors.

Citizens are encouraged to contact City Hall by phone or email and the City will make reasonable resources available to provide essential services remotely.

Should an in-person visit be necessary, please contact City Hall at (760) 873-5863 to make an appointment.

Residents and businesses are encouraged to visit the City’s website at www.cityofbishop.com and to use online public services as much as possible. In addition to online services, the City will accommodate the lack of in-person services by staffing phone lines.

The City of Bishop appreciates the public’s patience during this very challenging time.

-Mammoth Council Unforgiving

Mammoth Lakes Town Council listened to its third public hearing regarding late TOT payments during COVID-19.

This time, the party at the table was “Shilo Inn.”

From the get-go, Shilo Inn was at a disadvantage. Best Western and Travelodge Hotel had already made their cases at separate Town Council meetings in May and July respectively. Both Hotels were denied repeal of the payments but were given the option of a collection schedule that might ease the burden of the late fees.

Shilo Inn was no different. The Hotel claimed that due to the opening of lodging being pushed back to June 19, Shilo Inn was busy updating protocols to fit the standards of the Town and missed the June 22 late collection date.

The June 22 collection date was to be a cumulative payment for the months of March, April, and May.

The timing was unfortunate. But due to documented correspondence Council had to go with what they had already done to two other hotels.

“I think the importance of the council maintaining a consistent policy with these types of things is important,” said Councilman John Wentworth.

“I would say this. It would be a slap in the face for the people who did pay on time,” said Mayor Bill Sauser. “I think consistency is important.”

Council denied the appeal 5-0.

-Beach Fire Update

The Beach Fire, off the shore of Mono Lake, has been mostly contained. Still, the Inyo National Forest and other fire-related agencies have been receiving calls asking, “where is the smoke coming from?”

The answer is everywhere. There are fires ablaze throughout California. In terms of smoke, there are two specific ones that can be seen in this image. The first, burning in Wine Country near Sacramento, as of August 20, is 131,000 acres and 0% contained.

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SLOW SUMMER IN BRIDGEPORT

By Hite

COVID-19 affected the Eastern Sierra economy in a variety of ways. Bridgeport, for example, was hit in an entirely different way than other Eastern Sierra town.

The economy in Bridgeport experiences trends and cycles unlike Mammoth Lakes, or even Bishop for that matter. All are tourism-based economies but due to the nature of the recreation available, all have different business cycles.

“Our season runs from the fishing opener to the end of October,” said Erinn Wells, “When everything was closed we were clawing to get to the end [of the quarantine], and now we are doing what we can to make up for the lost business.”

Wells owns the Walker River Lodge, The Silver Maple Inn, and The Cain House in Bridgeport.

The fishing season was set to start in late April. For Bridgeport, this is an essential time of the year simply due to the thousands of anglers that regularly visit the Eastern Sierra, and more specifically, Bridgeport.

“I know Mammoth and June are bursting at the seams with visitors, but that is not happening in North County. Well, at least not in the motel/sit-down restaurants,” said Wells in an email to The Sheet, “In July my numbers at the Lodge were down 15% and so far in August we are still down over 15%. My numbers at the Silver Maple and Cain House are dismal, down 35% in July and August doesn’t look much better.”

John Peters, Mono County District 4 Supervisor and General Manager of the Bridgeport Inn, has also experienced a less than stellar business cycle. “We are about 35% down in business on the lodging side. For the bar, down at least 20%. All in all, I can tell you we are down 50% on the year.”

Peters mentioned that since opening the month by month revenue is down about 20%. The cumulative 50% dropoff is more of reflection of the quarantine rather than the slow summer.

In addition to the delayed fishing opener and the quarantine, Peters had more insight into why these numbers are down. “The ‘35% down in lodging’ is directly related to the European market not being there.”

The lack of international travelers has hit lodging particularly hard. But this effect ripples throughout the entire community.

Less foot traffic. Less discretionary income in Bridgeport. Fourth of July was down. Almost everything is down.

“The Town is extremely busy for what is going on [in the world],” said Will Clayton, owner of the brand new ‘Growlers’ eatery in Bridgeport.

Growlers is ‘basically a food truck’ according to Clayton. This isn’t the end goal of the eatery but for now there is a takeout window at the front which appears to be working.

“Business has been great,” Clayton said of Growlers which opened June 19. “More than we thought we were going to get, for sure.” But when it came to the overall trends, Clayton agreed it was a down year.

“It has been slow in general,” he said. “Definitely slower than a normal summer.”

“We just have to hope for the best,” said Wells discussing what the shoulder season means for the Town.

Which is another reason Bridgeport is different from Mammoth. The Town’s economy is that of a squirrel. They scavenge and collect as much they can during the summer boom and then hunker down during winter time.

This means businesses have to save a certain amount of money to get through the winter.

“I have to pay my employees, property taxes, rent, everything. It all adds up” said Wells as she mentioned how many businesses/ lodges simply close their doors in the winter.

“Everybody has to dig in. Do everything they can to maximize revenues while we have the opportunity. Because when it gets cold... it shuts off the revenue stream,” said Peters.

He added: “A lot of what we are hearing, this tourism surge, that there are too many people in the area. June Lake is overcrowded. Mammoth with the garbage situation. That doesn’t apply to everyone in Mono County. We have had very few nights with no vacancy signs in Bridgeport.”

When The Sheet visited Ken’s Sporting Goods, a front-of-house worker named Ray Robles told The Sheet, “We are too busy to talk. Just write down, ‘business has been good.’”
Richardson also referred to the “super spreader” phenomenon, where an individual with a large amount of the virus enters an enclosed, crowded space and proceeds to unknowingly infect a large number of people. He highlighted the importance of consistent masking across the board, especially indoors, to combat large group transmission.

In addition, he explained that the time between an individual becoming infectious and presenting symptoms is contagious and poses a risk to unknowingly infect a large number of people. He highlighted the importance of consistent masking across the board, especially indoors, to combat large group transmission.

People think that children are immune … there’s evidence that some of them don’t do that well. “The University of North Carolina and Notre Dame started the school year on campus but have since been forced to close down in-person classes due to Covid outbreaks. Inyo Board Chair Matt Kingsley expressed his additional worries about the transition to online learning, stating “I’m particularly concerned about the damaged learning with our economically challenged families … it’s just really apparent to me that some families are not going to be able to have their kids successfully educated here for awhile.” If Inyo County can lower Covid-19 numbers below the state’s monitoring threshold and be removed from the monitoring list, schools have the option to begin in-person classes for children with signed waivers.

Second Death in Mono

Like Inyo County, Mono County was reminded of the human toll of Covid-19 this week, as a second county resident lost their life to the virus. The resident was identified via contact tracing and admitted to Mammoth Hospital with worsening symptoms; a slight improvement preceded a rapid decline in condition that resulted in her transferral to Northern Nevada Medical Center where she passed away on August 17.

In a press release, Mammoth Hospital CEO Tom Parker wrote, “Our hearts go out to the loved ones of this patient as we are saddened by the recent loss. Another one of our community members, says Mammoth Hospital CEO Tom Parker. “This is another tragic loss for a tight-knit community such as ours and our deepest condolences go out to those close to her.”

The death comes as Mono County appears to be cautiously on the other side of its Covid-19 spike. Mono County Administrative Officer Bob Lawson told the County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday that only one test out of 68 came back positive over the weekend as Public Health department transitions from contact tracing to community testing. The full extent of the current Covid-19 situation in Mono County won’t be known until more extensive community testing is completed in the coming weeks.

Mono County Public Health Officer Tom Boo reported that if Mono county can maintain positivity rates below the state threshold for more than three days, it will be removed from the state monitoring list.

What exciting new changes will that bring? Almost none, according to Boo, who explained that the only immediate change is school openings that would come a full two weeks after removal.

Said Boo: “It doesn’t matter if we’re off the watchlist. Once we’ve been on it, all the indoor sectors that had to shut down remain closed.”

He described the state’s guidelines as “frustratingly indefinite.”

To answer the questions presented by the owners of Simply Massage in their letter to the Board last week: no one knows when businesses can reopen. The state don’t seem to have gotten that far yet.

Although with larger counties, like San Diego County, coming off the state watchlist earlier this week, that could change very soon.

Covid

Mammoth Lakes Town Council sat in on another COVID-19 update from Town Manager Dan Holler at its regular meeting Wednesday. The uptick in cases has leveled off, with 162 official cases as of August 19 as opposed to 108 the week before - a net increase of 54.

The State threshold to be off the State monitoring list is three consecutive days below a couple of key metrics related to positivity rate.

The cases per 100,000 resident positivity rate must be below 100 and as of Wednesday’s Town Council meeting, that number is about 107. Mammoth Lakes alone has a test positivity rate of 182 which totaled together with the unincorporated areas of the County blend to the 107 number.

The positivity rates as a percentage of testing has also gone down. The State requires a rolling two-week average to be below 8%. Early August’s positive rate was 8.72% but from August 10-16, the rate had fallen to 1.54%.

“I think some thought that if we were off the State’s monitoring list for three days, then [the affected] businesses could open up. That is not the case,” said Dan Holler. “If we stay on the list, we’re not going to be able to have our kids go back to school in-person. Your businesses won’t last too much longer.”

In other COVID related news, the USFS Welcome Center kiosk has been opened and the Trail host program has begun to roll out. Both programs were created to alleviate the recent surge in tourism.

On the amount of people utilizing the Trail Hosts, Holler said, “It’s dependent on when you are up there. In the first hour or so, we saw 30 people.”

“The town is continuing its rental assistance program as Mammoth Lakes Housing Board President Kirk Stapp continues to sign $500 checks for those affected by the financial impact of the pandemic. Council urged Town Staff to continue funding this, for now, through the Community Block Development Grant (CBDG) and possibly donations. The Town is also continuing it’s business assistance program which will soon be finishing up round two and doling out around $100,000 to local businesses.

For the next round, Sandra Mobley, Community and Economic Director for the TOML, told Council, “I anticipate we will have a little bit less than $100,000 in round three. If I had to just guess, I’d say maybe around $70,000. But don’t quote me on that.”

As the seasons change, Councilman John Wentworth told council that there will be a community wide meeting sometime in October where the question, “what will winter look like in Mammoth Lakes?” will be answered. This is much needed as outdoor dining, as mentioned by multiple council members, won’t last too much longer.

Additionally, Mayor Pro Tem and acting Public Health Officer Lynda Salcido, mentioned a desire to mandate masks in public in Mammoth Lakes, saying it could help prevent COVID-19 as well as the upcoming seasonal flu.
WELCOME TO ARMAGEDDON
California hit by cocktail of Covid, fire and a heat wave

By Page

Mother Nature has decided that 2020 would be no one’s year. A statewide heatwave drove thermometers up around the state, resulting in a reading of 130 degrees Fahrenheit at Furnace Creek in Death Valley over the weekend. If verified by scientists, that mark would be the highest reliably recorded temperature on Earth.

The same day, Santa Cruz hit 107 degrees and the Central Valley recorded temperatures in the 110s.

With the heat came mass clusters of lightning strikes throughout the state, igniting a total of 367 fires by Thursday, 26 of which are considered major. The largest fire, the LNU Lightning Complex Fire, has burned more than 124,000 acres of land in Napa, Sonoma, Yolo, Lake, and Solano counties, and as of Thursday morning was 0% contained.

Burning second hottest is the SCU Lightning Complex Fire, which has ripped across 102,000 acres of land in Santa Clara, Alameda, Contra Costa, San Joaquin, and Stanislaus Counties; the SCU fire was 5% contained by Thursday morning.

The weather combination has created “fire tornadoes” in some parts of the state; Lassen County saw a number of these tornadoes over the weekend that were generated by the Loyalton Fire north of Truckee.

As if that isn’t enough: communities around California experienced rolling electrical blackouts from their utilities, exacerbated by the heat and red-flag warnings around the state.

Mono County was not spared from the lightning, as strikes over the weekend started a fire south of Mono Lake. Dubbed the Beach Fire, it has currently burned over 3,780 acres of land near Highway 120 East a few miles outside of Lee Vining. Local authorities closed the highway to the public while firefighters dealt with the blaze; it reopened on Wednesday.

Lightning also sparked the much smaller (25 acre) Butte fire in the backcountry between Pumice Butte and Mammoth Mountain; firefighters have been able to suppress the blaze.

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BLUE LIVES RALLY

A Blue Lives Rally in Bishop drew about 100 participants on Saturday, August 8. The rally was organized largely by local church pastors and their congregations.

Barbara Coons and Erin McMurtie

From L-R: Ruth, Jude, Eli, and Danny McIntosh

Roy Carson (straw hat) and friends

Photos by James
The coronavirus has taken its toll on our small town. And now it has forced a transformation for the Book Chalet. Run by an all-volunteer staff with a median age in the mid-70s, who are also members of MLFOL, the book store was not able to re-open even though meeting the Public Health certification process.

Due to the current pandemic, the feasibility of re-opening the store before next summer is unlikely. Financial calculations on the store’s expenses and projected income, based on the summer of 2019, shows that the store needs $6000 in income just to break even. The book store usually generates an additional $4000 of profit annually for the MLFOL in support of the Mammoth Lakes Library programs, above and beyond its annual operating costs of $7800.

Each year around this time, the MLFOL Board reviews the projected income for the Book Chalet. If there is no profit, then the store must close. When the challenge of finding younger (50 and 60 somethings) volunteers to continue staffing the store was factored in, the MLFOL Board voted at the August 11th meeting to close the Book Chalet at its current location across from The Stove Restaurant at the end of our fiscal year, September 30th.

The Book Chalet will transform into the Mini Book Chalet in October inside the Mammoth Lakes library. The Mini Book Chalet will continue the mission of the Book Chalet which is to provide a year-round outlet for selling books that have been donated to the MLFOL with the proceeds going to support the Mammoth Lakes Branch Library and its programs.

The Mini Book Chalet will be located on the wall across from the copier. There will be fewer books, though a variety of the most popular categories will still be available. The prices will be lower than the current Book Chalet, but a tad higher than those used books currently for sale at the library. This new Book Chalet will have no dedicated overhead! No more rent, no more utilities, no more supplies, etc. Thus, all funds collected for used books will go directly to library programs. The books currently shelved at the book store and stored at the old library are pre-Covid-19 books which will be used to stock the ‘mini’ shelves initially.

In order to reduce the volume of books to be moved to the Mini Book Chalet and storage by the end of our fiscal year, there will be a sale. This will be a ‘donation only’ book sale with a free MLFOL tote bag to the first 300 customers. All customers must wear a mask and use hand sanitizer before entering the store. A limit of five (5) customers in the store at one time will be mandated. There will be two sales, both on Saturdays, 9AM-5PM, on August 29th and September 5th (Labor Day Saturday).

The MLFOL extends profound thanks to the numerous volunteers that gave of their time and talent to make the Book Chalet possible since its founding in May 1999. Additionally, MLFOL is extraordinarily grateful to all the wonderful customers who have graced the Book Chalet with their presence and donated their gently used books over the years. The MLFOL and Library staff look forward to seeing the regulars – locals throughout the year as well as holiday and summer annual visitors – at the Mini Book Chalet. May good health and the wonder of books be with you all!
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is looking for an additional member for its team. We currently have an immediate opening for a Spa Maintenance Technician position, we are also seeking an Office Assistant. These are Full Time Positions (Monday through Friday).

These positions offer vacation accrual, benefits and holidays. Experience is preferred, but not required. Heavy lifting is required. Please call 760-934-5891 or stop by the store located at 1401 Tavern Road in Mammoth Lakes for more information and to pick up an application. Resumes can be emailed to mammothspa@aol.com.

**Positions will be filled asap.** For more information please contact our dedicated Public Works Department. Permits and temporary positions available.

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is hiring a full-time Janitor for facilities cleaning and maintenance. $5.17/hour with some overtime. Benefits available. Please call 760-934-3800 ext. 32 or email to icornwell@convictlake.com or stop by for an interview.

**Bistro East** is looking for an Apprentice Su-chi Chef, apply at Snowcreek Athletic club. Must be 18 years of age, have a love for food and training, pay and a free membership.

**Convict Lake Resort** is hiring full-time Front Desk. Great Training, pay and a free membership. They are looking for a line cook. Grill experience. Free housing available. Stop by or contact tiogagasmart@gmail.com

**Laundry Attendant at High Mountain Services (HMS)**, located in Mammoth Lakes, is seeking Full Time laundry attendants. We offer flexible work hours, and will train the right candidate in 1/2 an hour. Must be able to lift up to 50 lbs, maintain a fast pace while multi-tasking, follow instruction, be highly conscious, reliable, and work well in a team environment. You will be required to wear a face mask and virus proof/white working email mammothlakesjob.com or text (760) 936-3501 for an application.

**Wanted**

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**TOWN STUFF**

Friday, August 21/
Main Street Market @ Eastside Guesthouse, 777 N Main Street, Bishop. Time: 5-8 p.m.

August 21-22/
Drive-in Movies @ The Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop. A Star is Born (with Lady Gaga) on Friday night and stop by for Despicable Me 2 on Saturday. Showtimes: 8:30 both nights, gates open at 7 p.m. Tix available at: tricountyfair.com or text TIX to 760.493.7600. $20 per vehicle.

Monday, August 24/
Mono County Public Health Covid-19 Testing @ Mammoth Lakes Community Center, 1000 Forest Trail. Time: 10 a.m. -1 p.m. Testing is limited to 75 tests per day, arrive no later than 12:45 p.m.

Bishop City Council meets via Zoom/YouTube. 6 p.m. http://www.cityofbishop.com/government/city-council

Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce hosts a Restaurant Round Table discussion. 3:30-4:30 p.m. Zoom Meeting ID: 835 1711 8076. One tap mobile +14086380968

Tuesday, August 25/
Verily Project Baseline Covid-19 Testing @ Sierra Nevada Resort. Sign up for a time slot at https://www.projectbaseline.com/study/covid-19/

Mammoth Lakes Chamber PPE Distribution. 10 am - noon @ the USFS Welcome Center parking lot. *WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

Wednesday, August 26/
Mono County Public Health Covid-19 Testing @ Mammoth Lakes Community Center, 1000 Forest Trail. Time: 10 a.m. -1 p.m. Testing is limited to 75 tests per day, arrive no later than 12:45 p.m.

The New Normal: Coping With A Covid World. Seminar conducted by Mono County Behavioral Health. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Viewing https://monocounty.zoom.us/j/99456162274

Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce hosts a Retail & Personal Care Services Round Table. 9-10 a.m. Zoom Meeting ID: 855 1711 8076. One tap mobile +14086380968

Thursday, August 27/
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Covid-19 Community Conversation hosted by Mono and Mammoth officials. English: 5:30 p.m., Spanish: 6:30 p.m. Visit https://coronavirus.monocounty.ca.gov for the Zoom link

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Tuesday, August 25/
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Mammoth Lakes Chamber PPE Distribution. 10 am - noon @ the USFS Welcome Center parking lot. *WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

Wednesday, August 26/
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The New Normal: Coping With A Covid World. Seminar conducted by Mono County Behavioral Health. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Viewing https://monocounty.zoom.us/j/99456162274

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Notice of List of Qualified Local Candidates

LIST OF QUALIFIED LOCAL CANDIDATES FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 BALLOT
AUGUST 15, 2020

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Mono County Office of Education
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Sara McConnel

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Cyndi Myrld
Heidi Steenstra
Sarah Rea

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person Is Doing Business As:
Mammoth Subway
Mammoth Subs Inc.
26 Old Mammoth Road, P.O. Box 4093
Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 21, 2006. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on July 29, 2020.

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HOROSCOPES

By Clouds McCloud

Leo: In the astrological world, Leos are known as “The Stars.” That’s because Leos tend to shine bright, especially when they’re feeling loved and appreciated. The good thing about you Leos — when you are at your best you help others be their best, too. That’s why this week’s Horrorscopes features only quotes from Leos and why you should enter this next year of your life following the advice of fellow Leo, former President Barack Obama: “The future rewards those who push on.”

Virgo: As we roll into the Virgo time of year, Clouds thinks it would be a good time to add a little Rolling Stones to your soundtrack. Maybe some “Gimme Shelter” or “You Can’t Always Get What You Want” or how about just “Gimme Shelter” or “You Can’t Always Get What You Want in life. That’s the real magic to want in life. That’s the real magic to getting what you want anyway. That’s why your words of wisdom were also given to Leo Daniel Radcliffe, better known as “The Stars.” That’s because they can’t ignore you. “I thought uh, oh, not have ways.” 2) “Be so good they can’t ignore you.” 3) “I thought yesterday was the first day of my life, which was a gut. Not a little paunch. I love that.” 3) “The trick is that we are always stronger than we know.” And, of course, “The best activities for your health are pumping and humping.”

Aries: As we leave the season of your fellow Fire Sign, Leo, it is important that we take the good energy of this time with us. We then need to use it to create better things in our lives, in our homes, in our little corners of the world. One of the best ways to do this is to actually take things less seriously. If you can’t laugh at life you’re missing the point. A point Leo, Perry Farrell, once made, “Will there be another race to come along and take over for us? Maybe Martians could do better than we’ve done. We’ll make great pets.”

Taurus: As a headstrong sign known for looking good in tight pants, you can probably relate to most superheroes. But there’s one Clouds thinks you are really like, and that’s Thor, especially the version played by Leo, Chris Hemsworth, and that’s why your words of wisdom come from the “God of Thunder.” “I choose to run towards my problems and not away from them.”

Gemini: Madonna has been in the news recently for some odd reasons. Even if you don’t like the “Material Girl’s” opinions or attitude, we all have to respect that she has lived her life to the fullest. As a sign that likes to live life on your own terms, maybe you should start listening to her music more, or at least some of her quotes, “A lot of people are afraid to say what they want, that’s why they don’t get what they want.”

Cancer: The Stars are saying that you will be more, or at least some of her quotes, “A lot of people are afraid to say what they want, that’s why they don’t get what they want.”

Aquarius: Now that we’ve turned the corner from summer towards fall, it would be a good time to get your house in order. Since Leo, Martha Stewart, is good at putting things in order, your advice will come from “M. Diddy.” A) “So the pizza isn’t perfect? Cut it into wedges. Stay in control, and never panic.” B) “There is no single recipe for success. But there is one essential ingredient: Passion.” C) “Of course I know how to roll a joint.”

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Sagittarius: As a sign which likes straight shooters. Clouds thought you might enjoy taking some advice from English actress and Leo, Dame Helen Mirren 1) “You write your life story on the choices you make.” 2) “You can’t control how other people see you or look at you. But you have to be comfortable with that.” 3) “The trick and the mystery of relationships, and life in general, is to learn to live with the bits you don’t like.”

Capricorn: As a sign that likes to charge forward like a lion towards anything you really want in life, your advice will come from a Leo and former “Governator,” Arnold Schwarzenegger: “What we face may look insurmountable, but what I’ve learned is that we are always stronger than we know.” And, of course, “The best activities for your health are pumping and humping.”

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