BISHOP AT GROUND ZERO
By Lunch

What’s unusual about ’99 BUHS grad Jenny Pachucki’s story is that the appendix appears at the beginning. Literally.

Pachucki (pronounced Pach-o-key) had moved to New York City in January, 2004 with a college roommate. She had graduated from UC Berkeley in June, and had been working in Oakland post-graduation when she came home for the Christmas holiday and announced a bold plan to move to the Big Apple.

Her parents were skeptical. Mom Ellie, a former longtime 3rd grade teacher at Bishop Elementary) and Dad, Walt, a now-retired engineer, privately bet she’d last a month.

Weeks later, she boarded a plane with two suitcases. She had $3,000 in a bank account. She remembers spending the last of her cash on a Heineken on the flight.

She and her roommate Rachel moved into a 6th-floor walk-up near Columbia University on the Upper West Side. Jenny soon landed a job as an Analyst’s Assistant at Credit Suisse.

About a year later, in the winter of 2005, she had an appendectomy (ah, the appendix). In the hospital, she couldn’t help but observe that her roommate, a woman in her late 80s, was entertaining a steady stream of admirers.

Turns out the woman, Mary Anthony, was a legend of modern dance. The year before, she had been given the Bessie Award for lifetime contribution to her field.

As Jenny said with great understatement, “It turns out she was a really big deal.” The two bonded.

And the “big deal” ended up introducing Jenny to all her friends in the modern dance world.

And the reason this matters? Let’s fill in a little more of the story.

Jenny Pachucki didn’t move to New York City to work in finance. She didn’t even really move to New York City for New York City. “I didn’t know what else to do with myself at the time, so it seemed like a fine temporary plan,” she admits. “I hadn’t thought at all about it.”

What she had thought about, at least in the longer term, was chasing an admittedly impractical and hardly lucrative interest in history. And now that she was in New York City, she applied and was accepted to New York University’s Masters Program in Archives and Public History.

One of her first projects was an extensive oral history of the Museum circa 2014.

Jenny Pachucki leading a tour of members of the New York Giants football team through the National 9/11 Museum circa 2014.

TOWN OFFERS RELIEF
Mammoth Council approves $750,000 in assistance

By Page

I n the 1980s, Rolaids, a maker of antacids, sponsored Major League Baseball’s Fireman Award for top relief pitcher. How do you spell relief? R-O-L-A-I-D-S.


Mammoth Lakes Town Council unanimously approved a proposed $750,000 funding allocation for local assistance programs on Tuesday night, providing much-needed relief for beleaguered business owners headed towards a second, widespread stay-at-home order.

This comes after the state announced new Covid-19 guidelines to combat the spread of disease, which separates all California counties into one of five regions. If the ICU bed capacity in any region falls below 15%, a new stay-at-home order goes into effect and additional businesses must close their doors. That order went into effect for the Southern California region, into which both Mono and Inyo County are grouped, at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday night.

Tuesday’s emergency meeting of the Mammoth Lakes Town Council meeting began with a rundown of current Covid statistics and a summary of the new state guidance by Town Manager Dan Holler and Mono County Public Health Officer Dr. Tom Boo.

Boo did not mince words when speaking about the current surge in cases.

“I can’t overemphasize enough how grave this situation feels,” he said. “Cases have been increasing exponentially, doubling at a really alarming rate. Hospitalizations have definitely increased.”

He explained that even the data being presented was about a week behind and that the current situation may be much more extreme than it appears. He also underscored a point that he has made repeatedly, that despite the overall survival rate of the disease being high, 12% of patients end up hospitalized as a result of the symptoms.

With case rates spiking, that any local healthcare providers are unable to meet the demand.

“These are very hard times,” Boo said. “It’s been said repeat-edly that this winter of 2020-2021 is sure to be among the darkest times in the history of American public health … having that vaccine coming is profoundly important, but it’s not coming fast enough to prevent a lot of harm, death and economic devastation.”

In reference to the vaccines, he said, “There’s a great light at the end of the tunnel but it’s a real dark tunnel between now and when we can get some relief from the pandemic.”

After running through the numbers, Holler turned to how Town staff planned to help resi-dents in need.

The first program up: the Housing Assistance Program run through Mammoth Lakes Housing. Previously, $600,000 had been put into this program, compiled by allocations from the Town, Mono County and private donations. Holler’s latest ask: $250,000, to be pulled from the General Fund, Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) revenue and housing reserves.

The second iteration of the program would be similar to previous editions, with $500 per month given to qualified applicants to assist with rent payments. This version would likely be limited to 3 payments, all of which would go directly to the applicant’s landlord.

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SWING AND A MISS

Working off a hot tip, I decided to visit a few local lodging establishments on Wednesday evening. I’d heard the county was ignoring the health orders and booking rooms.

First stop: Shilo Inn. Walked in and asked if they had a room. The woman at the desk asked if I were an essential worker. I said no. She said sorry.

Next stop: Motel 6. Now this looked more promising. There were perhaps 20 vehicles in the parking lot (The Shilo had had maybe three in view). There was a couple by the door; I asked if they had a reservation. They said they’d made one online. The reason they were waiting outside is because there was a limit of one person at a time in the lobby.

Two young gals walked out. I asked if they’d gotten a room. They looked at me like I was an old creeper. Definite profiling. They got into their car and left.

I walked around the side of the motel, counting cars. When I got back, there was a guy who’d taken my place in line. I asked him if he had a room. He said, yeah, his employer was picking up the tab. He was an essential worker - working on the school construction project.

He lives in Reno. Visits four days a week to work, and then has three days off. I asked him about the job. He said it was the easiest money he’s ever made. Prevailing wage. Not terribly physical.

The couple exits the lobby. They’re placed in room 167 (literally ten feet from the lobby entrance).

When it’s my turn, I ask if there are any rooms available. I’m told no. That I have to reason they were waiting outside is because there was a limit of one person at a time in the lobby.

Serendipitously, the guy in 167 walks out his door as I’m exiting the lobby. I told him they wouldn’t give me a room because I’m not an essential worker. Are you an essential worker? I ask.

He says he’s not an essential worker and they never asked him about it.

I’d run an experiment and book online and check the result if I could afford it.

Final stop was the Quality Inn. There were maybe six cars in the lot. Not promising. The guy in line in front of me said he was a plumber and provided the front desk person a copy of his contractor’s license. When it was my turn, and I asked for a room, the woman at the front desk - it broke her heart to turn me away.

On the Airbnb side, my wife had to cancel all her reservations this week after the order went into effect. Wiped the calendar clean and then started over, in case essential workers wanted to book.

Then received nine inquiries over the next 24 hours.

One guy said he needed to come up to close a real estate deal – essential to him.

One of the nine calls was actually from a person who was essential and had the documentation to back it up.
Quit Being A Grinch
Mr. Lunch:

It’s time to step up.

I appreciate that your intent with this newspaper is to keep shining light on our local governments to ensure they are responsible and honest, to point out any possible misdeeds before they become scandalous (those are my words paraphrasing what I’ve heard from you). I know that you’re wicked smart. You know I’ve been lobbying you for the better part of a year to be a force for good. Your newspaper and your editorialists have tremendous influence as a local voice. You have a responsibility as a journalist, especially as a local source for news in this small community.

Now is the time ... we’re in a desperate situation with this pandemic, both from a public health and an economic point of view. Rather than using the snark and taking aim at any mistake that any public servant makes, consider:

We’ve been in this pandemic since mid-March. We are lucky in Mono County that an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was set up immediately. Those public servants, and all the support people in our local government, from Town Council and County Supervisors on down to the staff we never see, have been working long hours like crazy to communicate with us the public, keep rumors from running rampant, and keep things under control. They have done a stupendous job. The community Zoom meetings about Covid-19 are terrific, as are the Behavioral Health Zoom gatherings. Many agencies including the library and Behavioral Health for just two examples, have set up regular presentations on Zoom and/or Facebook available free to the community.

There are so many people who are working so hard and have been for so long. I can’t list them all, but consider: the public health nurses and staff who do Covid-19 testing weekly and contact tracing of new cases, the EOC staff who are trying to stay ahead of this crisis, the Vons employees who face the public daily, the teachers who are trying heroically to provide some stability and education, the business owners who are seeing their hard work and dreams destroyed, all the people who support just those few I’ve mentioned here.

How about highlighting one of the hard-working EOC staffers? How about presenting some encouraging news about how people are supporting each other. Or how about highlighting some of the people and businesses who are going out of their way to support the community while fighting desperately for their business’s survival. Here are just a few possibilities for you to pursue:

• Carol Blanchette, the director at the UC Reserve SNARL, has offered Mono County Public Health use of one of their very low temperature freezers to store vaccines. Her staff is going to deliver it and help to set it up. That makes a difference!
• On June 1 Bleu concluded their free Tuesday Community Soup offerings after having served over 1,200 soups and their Complimentary Day-Old Bread program after giving away over 200 loaves! While fighting for their own business to remain viable.
• Doorstep Deliveries perseveres in providing their service in town.
• Mammoth Lakes Tourism - although they are the agency you love to hate, they stepped up to organize, engage their contacts in industry, and help run the food bank in the first shutdown. I know ... that was in the last shutdown, what have they done lately? Now they’ve pulled all their ads and are working with the Town to get out the current message.
• Both the Mammoth Lakes Town Council and the Mono County Supervisors have implemented grant programs to support rent relief and direct grants to businesses. They are using money where it counts to help our towns and county survive this extreme situation. Can we see some credit for things that individuals, organizations, and government entities are doing? So many are trying to support the community and get us through this. No one has done this before. Everyone is making it up as we go along. It’s tough. So much is at stake.

We need to come together in this desperate time. This is your opportunity to help build a community that works together for everyone and doesn’t attack at the slightest provocation. Please.

Thanks for reading my plea.

Kate Page
Mammoth Lakes

Super dedicated

Dear Mammoth Community,

One of the reasons I love being your school superintendent is because I am continually awed by the support and dedication this community has for its children. In addition to maintaining a high quality academic program, my commitment is to serve the community with hard work, integrity and care for all students and staff. A healthy and happy school district reflects a healthy and happy community!

As we approach the holidays, I want to thank MUSD teachers and staff for their hard work to make this highly unusual school year as successful as possible. This is not the year that any of us had planned for, and it certainly is not one anyone wished for. In spite of all of the obstacles we have faced, MUSD staff continues to wrap their virtual arms around the kids in this community.

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We know you miss your friends and your teachers and that sometimes this may feel overwhelming. We SEE you and we miss you, too! The pandemic won’t last forever and we can’t wait to see you in person again.

There has been nothing easy about the shift to remote learning. We made the very difficult decision last March to close the physical school buildings due to the pandemic, but the district has remained in operation. While other districts spent weeks or even months scrambling to switch to distance learning, MUSD teachers and students made the shift in a single weekend. We have spent the past year improving our distance learning programs. MUSD staff works as a team to try to make sure that no student gets left behind. While many students may struggle in distance learning, many of our kids are thriving. Many of our students love the technology, flexibility and individualization of online learning.

During the past nine months, the MUSD School Board, administrators and I have worked hard to make many critical decisions during the pandemic. We have also involved community stakeholders, parents and health experts. The board has courageously stayed the course in setting clear criteria for a reopening plan and timeline. Every decision has been made with painstaking focus on keeping our students and staff healthy and reopening schools as soon as it is safe to do so.

The question I am most often asked these days, “Why are MUSD students not back in-person at school yet?” The answer is as complex as our community. Mammoth is unique and so are our schools. We live in a close-knit community with high COVID transmission rates and positivity rates that are soaring above the rest of the state. District decisions are based on national and state guidance documents, the best predictions we can make about the trajectory of the disease, and the ongoing support of our amazing local public health department. We continually weigh the risks with our response, and although the public health situation remains a moving target, our district leadership will remain steady.

The goal of reopening our schools has proven to be especially challenging in an uncontrolled pandemic. We all want things to get back to “normal,” but schools will not be normal until the pandemic is over. Due to the size of our classrooms and the limited number of staff, a hybrid school program will mean that students can attend in-person just two half days a week. Students will sit separated from others by masks and desk partitions. “Normal” school activities such as clubs, games and dances will still not occur until health restrictions are lifted.

The CDC was recently directed to remove their school reopening guidance documents because their reports of COVID-19 effects on children were inaccurate and politically motivated. Reopening schools for in-person learning comes with the risk of exposure to the virus, illness, and even death. While distance learning may be difficult, it results in no health risks to the lives of our students and staff.

One thing that may not be apparent to those outside of a school setting is the devastating effect of repeated school closures. As an example, Eagle County School District in Vail, Colorado (which was the focus of a letter to the editor dated December 5, 2020), has had 15 of its 20 schools closed one or more times due to COVID-19. Eagle School District reopened for a hybrid school program on August 25th and the first positive COVID-19 case was August 29th. Nearly 150 students and staff were sent home on only the fourth day of school. Since then, there have been over 1,900 students and 150 staff members sent home for weeks at a time in Eagle County Schools due to the virus.

Many of our neighboring districts are also currently experiencing school and district closures. We have learned from districts near and far that when schools have reopened, they have also re-closed. The effects of re-closing schools include disruption of teaching and learning, interruption of school and work schedules, and negative impact on students’ social-emotional well-being. When schools re-close, even for just a couple of weeks, it causes additional stress and trauma for students, families and staff.

The MUSD School Board has approved school reopening plans with a target date of January 19th. However, while Mono County is in the purple tier on the California Blueprint, we are not allowed to reopen our schools. We are committed to reopening schools when allowed, when health conditions meet our board criteria, and when the threat of community virus spread subsides. The spread of the virus in schools and communities is ultimately connected and we recognize our great responsibility to keep students, staff and the entire community safe and healthy.

As always, the path of the virus will continue to guide our decisions. We are asking you, as part of our community, to respond to the local health crisis in ways that continue to show your care and dedication to our students, including wearing masks, social distancing, avoiding congregating outside of your homes, and encouraging our kids to do the same. We anxiously await a vaccine that will protect MUSD staff as essential workers, and eventually our students as well. In the meantime, the one thing we will never compromise is the health and safety of our schools and our community.

Wishing you and yours a happy, healthy and safe holiday!

Dr. Jennifer Wildman
MUSD Superintendent
S urge in Covid-19 cases and hospitalizations have led California state officials to institute a new regional stay at home order that divides the state into 5 regions. If the ICU bed capacity dips below 15% in a given region, the new order goes into effect.

As of Thursday, 3 of the 5 regions have fallen under 15% ICU capacity and are subject to the order: Southern California (9.0% ICU Capacity), Greater Sacramento (14.3%) and the San Joaquin Valley (4.2%). Southern California and San Joaquin Valley were placed under the order at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, December 6; the order went into effect in Greater Sacramento at 11:59 p.m. on December 10.

The Bay Area opted to follow the order last week despite ICU capacity holding above the 15% cutoff. Northern California had 27.1% capacity as of Thursday. With the new order comes a new round of guidelines and business closures. Gyms and places of worship must operate entirely outdoors, retail stores and shopping centers are restricted to 20% capacity, grocery stores to 35%, and restaurants may be open for takeout only.

Businesses that must close during the duration of the order include hair salons and barbershops, museums, movie theaters, breweries and distilleries, live audience sports and amusement parks. The order will last a minimum of 3 weeks; after that time, a region’s ICU capacity will determine its ability to re-open and expand business operations.

Mono County had recorded 400 cases of Covid-19 by Thursday morning. The county has seen 106 new cases since the beginning of the month. Inyo County has 73 active cases (a statistic that Mono does not report on), with a grand total of 357 (as of Thursday) since the pandemic began.

The reported case number was 328 on December 4. At Inyo County’s Board of Supervisors meeting Tuesday, Health and Human Services Director Marilyn Mann predicted ICU capacity will be reached within 7-10 days and said Renown Medical Center in Reno treated 34 patients out of an enclosed garage within the past week.

Inyo County Supervisor Jeff Griffiths added grimly, “We’re not going to see patients out of an enclosed garage within the peak for 3-4 weeks and we’re all out of hand.”

Inyo County Supervisor Jeff Griffiths also discussed local case numbers and the new stay at home order.

While the distribution of cases around the county roughly follows population density, Boo explained that the number of cases in Mammoth “far exceeds the proportion of county residents who live in the Town of Mammoth Lakes compared to folks who live in other parts of the area.”

Translation: Mammoth is outperforming expectations in the wrong way.

Even with expanded testing capacity, Boo explained that the number of positive results turning up “has just gotten out of hand.”

He also emphasized that while local hospitals in Mono and Inyo counties are “in the green” in terms of Covid-19 capacity, that status depends on the ability to manage ICU cases locally and the ability to send cases to other hospitals in northern Nevada and southern California.

“It’s pretty easy to see that with our small 17 bed hospital, 2 ICU beds … that before the end of this month, we could have a really bad situation with more cases needing to be admitted than can be easily cared for,” Boo said.

Mono County Health Director Bryan Wheeler said that access to additional tests has already met increased demand, with 122 administered on Monday, December 7 as part of the new testing regime. Wheeler also said that 20 people had to be turned away on Monday and were directed to testing opportunities on Wednesday and Friday.

He also addressed the Covid-19 vaccines that are expected to arrive soon, explaining that Inyo and Mono will initially be splitting the doses that they order, as the minimum amount is 975, which is greater than the number of 1a (frontline) priority individuals, at least in Mono County.

Supervisor John Peters gave an update on advocacy efforts on behalf of the county and other rural jurisdictions through the California State Association of Counties. He said that he, along with other supervisors from similar counties, have pushed for increased local control for rural areas. Peters explained that the Southern California region, which Mono and Inyo counties are a part of,
has started a joint effort to move the region out of the stay at home order. That effort is led by Riverside County supervisor Chuck Washington.

In regard to the stay at home order, Mono County Counsel Stacey Simon pointed to the state’s usage of the word “shall” as opposed to “should” is “maybe a signal that the state may be interested in some enforcement.”

A number of supervisors and members of the public questioned why short-term lodging has been significantly restricted and referenced the situation in Big Bear, which has allowed short-term rentals for single families.

Simon responded that there is always ambiguity in what the state mandates, and that a jurisdiction may interpret orders in any way it likes. That said, such orders cannot be modified by county officials unless more strict guidelines are desired.

The board ultimately directed staff to come back with additional information or reasoning for the current interpretation of the health order. Simon also spoke to the board about enforcement of Covid-19 guidelines.

There are three tools the county can use for enforcement: civil litigation (most common), criminal citation for violations, and an administrative process that Simon described as “the least heavy-handed of our enforcement tools” which eschews courts and criminal penalties altogether. Simon also explained that the administrative process is tailored more towards use in building and land use code enforcement and as a result is an awkward fit for Covid-19 violations.

The current structure calls for escalating fines for each day that a business or entity is in violation: $100/day for the first five days and $500/day for each subsequent day. This comes after extensive outreach and education on the part of the county.

“Meanwhile, Mammoth intends to fine folks $1,000/day for the first offense and 12-month suspension of business license for the second offense for those who illegally rent lodging properties.”

Simon suggested a single fine amount of $250/day for individuals and non-commercial entities with a larger fine structure implemented for commercial activity: $500 for the first violation, $1,000 for the second, and $2,000 for each subsequent violation. She also expressed her opinion that any enforcement ordinance not apply to the Town of Mammoth Lakes unless requested by the Town.

Some existing factors already hamper enforcement efforts: those best suited to enforcement are already busy handling other aspects of the pandemic and have skill sets that skew more towards education than rote enforcement. In addition, HIPAA keeps certain information private and makes enforcing quarantine orders much harder.

One person making public comment referred to the county’s authority to impose any sort of ordinance, be it enforcement or otherwise, and compared the supervisors to Hitler and Stalin for even considering enforcement actions.

Another asked for data evidence that single families in short-term rentals spread disease any differently than if they stayed at home.

Supervisor Fred Stump felt that the ordinance suggested by county counsel be further tweaked to ensure a fair process.

Peters agreed with Stump. “I think it needs more time and potentially we need to focus a lot more energy on educating the public and to better understand the relationship between our communities, economic devastation, and following all the orders,” Peters said.

Supervisor Jennifer Kreitz said creating an entirely new ordinance just for a single pandemic might be unnecessary and expressed concern that the county is now burdened with enforcing the state’s policies.

The board ultimately asked counsel to return with an adjusted ordinance that met their qualifications.

Mammoth Lakes Town Manager Dan Holler answered questions about the stay-at-home order at Tuesday’s special Town Council Meeting. He was asked the same question that was asked of the Supervisors earlier in the day: why can’t single families be allowed to stay in short-term rentals?

Holler’s response was two-fold: from the town’s standpoint, even with contactless entry, it’s difficult to verify that a guest isn’t misrepresenting their group (i.e. not actually a single family). Second, and arguably more importantly: “the state actually wants people to stay home,” Holler said. “It doesn’t want them coming to Mammoth Lakes or Mono County or Inyo County.”

The Wannaha Casino located in Bishop Town is owned and operated by the Bishop Paiute Tribe under the authority of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and the State of California through a mutual Compact agreement.

Although the State of California has put a stay-at-home order for the region stopping all non-essential services, the Bishop Paiute Tribe has determined that all Tribal enterprises are essential services. The revenue generated by commercial operations such as the Casino is crucial to Council’s duty to provide services to the community through many community programs.

Without the income from the Casino and other operations, many programs and services would go unfunded.

Based on this position, the Bishop Paiute Tribe will maintain the Wannaha Casino operations with modifications for the foreseeable future. Starting immediately, the Casino will operate from 6 am until 7 am Monday through Thursday and 6 am until 6 am on Friday and Saturday.

Additionally the TuKaNioReastaurant will be open from 7 am until 9 pm weekdays and until 10 pm weekends with limited indoor and outdoor seating. The Wannaha Lounge will continue to serve beverages from 10 am until 2 am with limited seating in the Lounge.

In an effort to protect all those that come through the Casino doors we are taking extraordinary measures by going above and beyond the recommendations of the CDC, The State of California and other experts in implementing health and safety protocols. Along with other Tribes in California who have made similar decisions to maintain operations, we have instituted several measures to protect everyone including, but not limited to:

-Staff hand washing requirements
-Staff temperature screening
-Social distancing in all areas
-Sanitation stations in many locations
-Separate designated smoking areas
-People wearing masks throughout the Casino
-Closure and deep cleaning nightly from 2am until 6am
-Staff training on proper procedures
-Reduced occupancy in all areas

It’s Calendar Time!

Gathering for fun and festivities has been an integral part of life in Inyo County for more than 150 years. Parades, parties and picnics have been enjoyed by groups of county residents as a way to celebrate notable occasions, mark annual events or simply to enjoy each other’s company.

The 2021 Eastern California Museum Calendar brings into focus some of those many gatherings and celebrations. Historic photos from the museum collection highlight community events ranging from parades to marquees for events like Mammoth’s Memorial Day or the annual Harvest Festival to Easter services at the Depression-era Civilian Conservation Corps camp in the Alabama Hills.

Due to current covid-related restrictions, the Museum will be processing calendar purchases by taking credit card orders over the phone, at 760-878-0258, or through email at cmuseum@inyoounty.us. The cost of the calendar, including tax and postage, is $13.

The calendar is also available in Bishop at Spellbinder Books, Dwayne’s Friendly Pharmacy and the Bishop Chamber of Commerce.

The Year Without A Light Parade

The Bishop Chamber of Commerce and Tri-County Fair & Event Center gratefully announce cancellation of the holiday events that were scheduled for this coming Saturday, December 12th. Organizers had planned a Crafters’ Market, Drive-Through Light Parade, and Drive-In Movie to be held at the fairgrounds. All three have now been cancelled due to new protocols meant to slow the spread of COVID-19.

“This was a difficult decision,” said Tawni Thomson, Bishop Chamber Executive Director. “After speaking with some vendors and participants, as well as Inyo County Public Health and the State of California, it’s clear this is the best decision for the safety of our community.”

“We’re sorry to disappoint by cancelling these events, but we promise to have more fun things to look forward to just as soon as it’s safe,” said Fairgrounds CEO Jen McGuire.

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JUNE LAKE BREWING
The state’s recent regional stay-at-home order has and will continue to hit local businesses hard, as those normally looking toward the holiday season as a boom are facing losses to end the year.

Restaurants have been hard hit by the pandemic and subsequent local and state guidance, a point that Mammoth Lakes Restaurant Association Co-chair Brendan Brocia spoke to at the group’s Monday afternoon meeting.

“As a restaurant community we do not get appreciated enough for the hard work we just did for the last eight months,” Brocia said, “I don’t think it’s hard work we just did for the last eight months, “ Brocia said, “I don’t think it’s something we can beat ourselves up about too much … hopefully we can keep this [conversation] as positive as possible.”

As part of that effort to stay positive, Brocia discussed the possibility of organizing free community meals at local restaurants akin to a soup distribution project undertaken at Bleu earlier this year.

He said that part of his desire to do was driven by employees that had been laid off. Brocia explained that he had had to lay off 22 employees in the days preceding the meeting.

The association also sought clarification on the state ordinance, asking what they should be doing with outdoor seating set-ups. Mammoth Lakes Mayor Bill Sauser explained that setting up tables outside of a restaurant for guest accommodation is a violation of the order.

Sausser also had a message for business owners: impress upon employees the need to follow safety guidelines in their down time.

“As the leaders of the community, it is imperative that you take your employees aside and say ‘look, if you want your job to continue, if you want the business to stay open … you have to stop going to someone’s house and having a party without masks on.’”

Mono County Behavioral Health Director Bobin Roberts joined the meeting to give a talk about managing stress in daily life. Roberts said that her work primarily is to “teach people how to stand in a storm and keep their eyes open and hearts open.”

Her key tips: connect with those around you and check-in with people, write-down and re-emphasize your personal values, and be aware of your own feelings.

“When we hold in heartbreak, it leads to chronic sadness and that leads to depression,” Roberts said, “When we hold in anger, it leads to bitterness, and that leads to hopelessness and that leads to depression.”

Mammoth’s Planning and Economic Development Commission recommended approval of plans for The Parcel project, including the initial building phase, at its meeting on Wednesday afternoon.

Chandler Van Schaack, senior planner with the Town’s Community and Economic Development Department, gave a presentation on the project that sought to resolve any issues that may exist within Parcel planning.

In summary, Van Schaack and co. found all plans consistent with the required codes and Town General Plan. Pacific Companies, the development partner for the project, also gave a brief presentation on the matter, highlighting two key concerns from workshops: parking and the onsite daycare facility.

In Phase 1, the project will have around 113 parking spaces, both on and off the street, with designated parking under a number of buildings. Planners also updated the project to include bus stops in close proximity to the development.

The first phase will comprise 81 units, 1 of which is designated for a caretaker, and will be comprised of a mix of individual and family units. The site will not allow short-term rentals.

There was a push to include language that would ensure that some tenants could outright own their respective units. Representatives from the Pacific Companies explained that ownership for residents earning under 120% of the area median (aka those eligible for the parcel) is extremely difficult in mountain communities and would require excess local funding.

The board voted to approve the recommendations unanimously 4-0; Commissioner Greg Eckert was not in attendance.

All expressed a desire to get the project moving forward as quickly as possible. Public comment came mostly from neighboring residents, and took issue with traffic, density/evacuation plans, and habitat destruction associated with the project.

Town Council will have the final say on the Phase 1 of the project at a public hearing in January. If approved, and sufficient financing is secured, the building process could begin by Spring 2021. If not approved or not sufficiently backed, the start date would likely kick back to 2022.

In other news…

I went to get a Covid test at the Mammoth Rec Center on Monday morning. I arrived at about 10:20 and was instructed to join the end of a line wrapping through the parking lot and into the surrounding trees.

At one point, a volunteer came through the line counting people and asked someone to step out as the person he was behind was number 120 (the testing limit). The person in question was four spaces behind me in line.

I finally got tested around 12:45 p.m.

The experience underscored the local demand for testing. A number of people in line/waiting were visibly and audibly ill and others needed the test just to be able to go to work.

I got my negative result on Thursday morning.

There were 43 positives reported over Wednesday and Thursday.
II RELEVANT

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ometimes, you just have to remind yourself that your circumstances, whatever they are, could be a whole lot worse.

And that life, no matter how anti-septic we’ve tried to make it, is more Hobbesian (naughty, brutish and short) than a Facebook feed would ever betray.

So if you need to get over yourself, and want a reality check, try reading some wartime nonfiction.

The Splendid and the Vile
Erik Larson
Crown
503 p.

Larson’s bestseller, which came out this year, is subtitled “A Saga of Churchill, Family and Defiance During the Blitz.”

A good read for many Americans, who generally feel history doesn’t begin (or even exist) without them, and consider the bombing of Pearl Harbor as the start of World War II.

But without the English standing up to Hitler in 1940-1941, there may not have been a war to join in December, 1941. And the world would certainly look and feel a whole lot different.

The central figure is, of course, Winston Churchill, who becomes England’s Prime Minister in May, 1940.

A month later, France capitulates. By September, the German Air Force, the “Luftwaffe,” had taken the war to the English mainland.

The central question: Would the British Public be able to endure the assault? “Morale,” read the report by Churchill’s Chief of Staff, “will be subjected to a heavier strain than ever before.” Therefore, the report recommended “informing the public of the true dangers that confront us.”

*An interesting contrast to the U.S. handling of public outreach during the coronavirus pandemic.*

When Churchill took power, it was assumed that the Luftwaffe held a 4:1 superiority over the RAF (Royal Air Force). It was also assumed that a German land invasion was imminent.

There was a lot of reason for gloom and despair.

But Churchill was the man for the moment. A 66-year old eccentric who drank prodigiously (“I have taken more out of alcohol than alcohol has taken out of me.”), regularly worked out of his bathtub, and would occasionally climb up to the roof at the PM residence on 10 Downing Street (while most everyone else was heading to the bomb shelters) to observe the German bombing of London, Churchill was nevertheless a brilliant tactician and an inspired leader.

He would often show up unannounced to comfort his countrymen after the worst of the bombings.

He would talk his Air Minister, Lord Beaverbrook, out of resigning every other week. Beaverbrook was brilliant when it came to ramping up aircraft production, which meant absolutely everything. He also had no tact, and no patience for those more bureaucratic and less talented. But Churchill knew his value, and knew how to coax him forward.

Similarly, Churchill charmed American envoys like Harry Hopkins and Averill Harriman. Hopkins was the most important— the closest confidante of Roosevelt’s. But from outward appearance, he was a most unlikely savior.

Churchill’s daughter-in-law Pamela was “shocked by his appearance at their first meeting, her impression of ill health reinforced by the crumpled unlit cigarette he held in his mouth.”

Further, observed Churchill’s Military Chief of Staff Pug Ismay, “He was deplorably undignified; his clothes looked as though he was in the habit of sleeping in them, and his hat as though he made a point of sitting on it. He seemed so ill and frail that a puff of wind would blow him away.”

But Churchill knew the only chance in hell Britain had for long term survival was to get the Americans into the war. And he and Hopkins developed a special bond.

As Hopkins said as he neared his departure from England to return to Washington, in quoting the Book of Ruth, “Whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God.”

At this, Churchill reportedly wept.

This book follows a number of characters, a decent amount of attention also went to Hermann Göring, the chief of the German Air Force, and Joseph Goebbels, Hitler’s Minister of Propaganda.

Goebbels is certainly someone, after reading this book, that you’d like to know more about. He was damn good at his job.

“Mistrust be sown of the Plutocratic ruling caste, and fear must be instilled of what is about to befall. All this must be laid on as thick as possible.”

But no matter what aspersions Goebbels tried to cast, Churchill rose above, and his people loved him. What a leader.

Bastard’s Brigade
Sam Kean
Little, Brown
428 p.

Bastard’s Brigade (2019) serves as a bookend of sorts to Hopschild and the Vile.

Bastards is about the latter stages of the war, and the race to build the atomic bomb.

The Bastard’s Brigade refers to a group of spies meant to uncover details of Germany’s Atomic Bomb program, and to capture scientists and/or derail progress as opportunity arose.

Along the way, one gets a few physics lessons (Physics for Dummies!) as well as a real feel for the highs and lows of being a spy.

And forget James Bond. You won’t find James Bond fishing in a latrine for documents stored in a steel drum.

German scientist Carl von Weizsacker, upon his capture, told American spy Samuel Goudsmit about the drum. The lucky soldiers ordered to conduct the fishing expedition got their revenge by “dumping the Biff-streiked drum beneath the window of Goudsmit’s room... after hemosing the drum down, Goudsmit pried the lid off and discovered virtually the entire archive of the Nazi atomic bomb project.”

Nice haul.

The book also does a great job of conveying the doubt that existed during the war about the bomb and who might complete it first. The Germans, after all, had a two-year head start.

There’s also the thrill, at war’s end, as American and Russian troops race to claim bomb material (in particular, uranium) stashed in Germany.

The book also delves into the complicated redemption of the Kennedy family name.

Joseph Kennedy had been the American Ambassador to England, and did not advocate standing up to Hitler.

In the words of one historian, “He moved from neutrality, to appeasement, to defeatism, to surrender, to the exchange of democracy for fascism - and all before a single shot had been fired.” He was no Harry Hopkins.

But he’s ultimately redeemed by sons Jack and Joe Jr. - in large measure be-cause he’s such a difficult man to please and so emotionally frosty that his sons literally place themselves in as much danger as possible to win his approval.

Which is what ultimately kills Joe Jr., who volunteers to fly a dozen missions into German bunkers in northern France. He’s supposed to set the explosives and plane trajectory before crawling out of a hatch and parachuting into the English Channel.

The plane blows up before he can exit.

In grief, Kennedy Sr. all but withdrew from public life.

But a son became president, if not the one he may have expected.
HARTLEY V. TRE’
By Hartley

The Sheet received the following letter last week from Daniel Ransom:

“It’s become more than obvious that you should sack Hartley and the football column due to the fact that he clearly does not know what he is talking about. This is evidenced in the Dec. 5th edition of The Sheet. Look at these predictions! My 3 year old could have done better.

So this week, Tre’ Ransom will pick against our football writer. Dad had him choose based on name/mascot. The Sheet will donate $100 to Tre’s college fund if he can best our “expert.”

So my picks have been chided and ridiculed by a reader. He has gone so far as to pit his kid against me! Well done, sir. Well done. A couple notes on this. My weekly rant should come with a disclaimer that reads:

The views of this “writer” are not representative of this paper and should therefore be taken with a grain of salt ... and a shot of Wild Turkey 101, of which he consumes a considerable amount in the weekly construction of his “article.”

If you take his picks seriously or as a reason to spend your hard earned mon– why you MIGHT need to send your 3 year old to college, maybe you should not be gainfully employed, or trusted to raise a 3 year old.

Who Dat! Tre’ Ransom

Jalen could hold his blanket in one hand while covering him. Harold: Rams. Tre’: Patriots.

Giants -1.5 points v. Cards at home.

What is a half point. Well, whatever it is, I don’t like it. Don’t like this game. Card QB Kyler Murray has been struggling lately. I think teams finally figured out he is barely tall enough to be out of a car seat and are making him stand in the pocket instead of running around like Speedy Gonzales (yeah, I’m old) and they are crushing his creative spirit. If I had money from grammy for my birthday, I wouldn’t put it on this game, but if I had to choose, I’d take the Cards, especially if Danny “Pumblefingers” Jones starts for New York. Hartley: Cards. Tre’: Cards.

Bengals +3.5 at home versus Dallas.

Well, the Cowboys are America’s Team so I guess they’re gonna win. And longtime Bengal QB Andy Dalton returns to face his old team. To be fair, they should let him QB the Bengals one last time so he can wear a helmet that matches his hair color. Harold and Tre’: Cowboys

Carolina Panthers -3.5 versus Denver.

Bronco QB Drew Lock has a pie face. His face is perfectly round and there’s always a stupid look on it. Kinda like Howdy Doody. Funny cuz he was drafted by GM John Horseface Elway. Count on the Panthers to win this game by more than 3.5. Count on Howdy to play like horse manure. Hartley: Panthers. Tre’: Broncos.

Bears +1 at home versus Texans.

The Texans have a great QB in DeShaun Watson. He is fun to watch. Their coach, Romeo Crennel, also looks like a character from a kid’s book. He is a jolly, little chubby fellow. He could put on a suit and be Black Santa. The Bears QB, see NFL, page 10.
Mitch Trubisky, a Future Santa, since he loves giving the ball away to the other team. If you played for the Bears I would have Corona symptoms every Friday so I didn't have to play. Hartley: Texans. Tre': Bears.

Kansas City -9 versus Dolphins. The Dolphins QB has a cool name. Tua Tagov... Tua many letters for me. But his name is better than his play thus far. They say he isn't injury prone, but he has been hurt a lot. That confuses me. The other QB is Ryan Fitzpatrick. If he plays they will probably try to prove he can be a sledger like Mahomes. Problem is he's just as likely to hit a peasant voucher as a receiver. And his beard looks like it has leftover Hot Pockets in it. Hartley: Chiefs. Tre': Dolphins.

Tampa -6.5 versus Minnesota. Tampa QB Tom Brady's kryptonite is throwing the ball to the NO PASS RUSH. Viking QB Kirk Cousins' rush, but the Vikings biggest weakness is QB Tom Brady's Kryptonite is a good pass. That's what he looks like... gyro lamb shaped. And he plays like someone shaved his head, cut open his skull like Frankensteen and pulled out anything resembling brain matter too. I mean, when you are playing a bad team, you don't have to throw the ball 34 yards on 3rd and 3 so you can give them as many opportunities as possible to get the ball back. The Stupiders cannot run the ball, cannot make adjustments routinely, do not plan for other team's weaknesses - they just keep playing STEELER football. Which is, let the gyro-lamb shaped bust in the Hall of Fame. Oh the Bills beat the Steelers by 6. The Stupiders skip all team meetings this week and walk throughs to watch Barney and eat snacks. Hartley: Bills. Tre': Steelers.

Browns +1 versus Ravens. The Browns have a QB WHO I DO NOT LIKE. He doesn't seem very honest. I mean, when you say you don't care about the outside noise and what other people say about you, and you say it a lot, it means you care a whole lot about the outside noise and what people say about you. And once a frontrunner trips, things can go south very quickly, Browns trip here. Hartley: Ravens. Tre': Browns.
TOWN STUFF


Saturday, December 12/ Virtual Lake Cook Off hosted by Chabad of Mammoth Lakes. Ingredients list and zoom info available at https://www.chabadmammoth.com. Time: 7-8 p.m.

Sunday, December 13/ Drive thru Menorah Lighting at Main Lodge, hosted by Chabad of Mammoth Lakes. All Covid-19 precautions will be observed. 4-5 p.m.

Monday, December 14/ Bishop City Council meets at 6 p.m. Viewing available online at cityofbishop.com Mammoth Lakes Lodging Association meets at 10 a.m. Viewing available thru Zoom at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88670501007

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IF YOU GOTTA BE HOME, MIGHT AS WELL DRINK QUARANTINIS

Beer lovers’ candy store
Selection of more than 300 beers
MAMMOTH LIQUOR
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Mammoth Spa Creations is looking for an additional member for its team. We currently have an immediate opening for a spa Maintenance Technician position, we are also hiring an Office Assistant. These are fully Time Positions (Monday through Friday). These positions offer vacation accrual, benefits and paid holidays. Experience is preferred, but not required. Heavy lifting is required. Please call 760-924-3891 or stop by the store located at 1401 Tavern Road Mammoth Lakes for more information and to pick up an application. Resumes can be e-mailed to mammothspa@aol.com.

Mammoth Taxi is accepting resumes for experienced drivers with great customer service and clean driving records. We are also looking for office staff for the right person with great organizational skills and customer service background. Please inquire with Scottie at 760-914-7433. www.mammoth-taxi.com.

Superior Court is hiring
This is an at-will, part-time professional level contract position that serves at the pleasure of the judges of Inyo and Mono Superior Courts. The Child Support Commission will primarily hear matters brought by the Department of Child Support Services in Inyo and Mono Counties as part of the Title IV-D child support enforcement program. For additional information go to https://www.mono.co.us/ca/generalfinance/employment.htm.

Second Chance Thrift Shop is looking for a bright, energetic person who is ready for front line retail with potential to grow. Must be able to safely lift 50 lbs., have excellent customer service skills, and desire to learn. Wage DOE. Email resume and cover letter to cleple@disabilitysouthernsierra.org or fax to 760 934 2745.

Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546
Wagner’s Property Services LLC
2020-0203 (11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19)
Is An Equal Opportunity Employer
Go to Website for Job Description & Application at: www.imaca.net or 760 873-8557 ext.111 or IMACA office at 137 E. South Street, Bishop, Ca. 93514
Applicants must complete an IMACA application form.

Sierra Employment Services, Inc.
Mr. Paul E. Sarten
502 South Main Street
Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546
(760) 924-0700
Is seeking a maintenance worker to join its team.

The Sierra Club Range of Light Group is hiring a Communications and Newsletter Coordinator in the Eastern Sierra. The Coordinator will recruit members and assist efforts to promote conservation action and education through strategies and communications to Sierra Club supporters, the public and public officials. 10 hours weekly average through 2021. For additional information and to apply: https://tinyurl.com/SC-ROLC. Email chairro@gmail.com

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In search of... “business” assistance? I'll happily give you some “business” if you swing by my place tonight. To apply: All you’ve got to do is divulge two cheeks worth of assets. I saw you... are really excited to throw a big New Year’s party. Well, even if Covid kills those plans, I’d say we only need the two of us to have a ‘super spreader’ event. I saw you... want to knock down the positivity rate. Here’s the idea: Read The Sheet!

IMACA (Inyo Mono Advocates For Community Action) is looking for a Family Services Specialist in our Community Connection for Children Program who wants to join our team located in the beautiful Eastern Sierras. Position will be open until filled Go to Website for Job Description & Application at: www.imaca.net or 760 873-8557 ext.111 or IMACA office at 137 E. South Street, Bishop, Ca. 93514
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person Is Doing Business As:
Wagner’s Property Services LLC
Wagner’s Property Services LLC, 1451 Mammoth Rd., Box 8300
Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company that 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 October 19, 2020. File Number 20-190. 2020-0199 (11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19)

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person Is Doing Business As:
Book Chalet
Paul Malcom Sarten
1820 HWY 6
Hammil Valley, Ca. 93514
This business is conducted by an individual. The person is not to be transacted business under the fictitious business name listed above in 1998. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on November 10, 2020. File Number 20-192. 2020-0203 (11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19)

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person Is Doing Business As:
Kiwi Construx
Paul Malcom Sarten
1820 HWY 6
Hammil Valley, Ca. 93514
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person Is Doing Business As:
Wagner’s Snow Removal
Wagner’s Property Services LLC
1451 Mammoth Rd., Box 8300
Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546
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Statement Of Abandonment
Of Use Of Fictitious Business Name
Book Chalet
The following persons have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: Mammoth Lakes Friends of the Library 645 Old Mammoth Rd #69, P.O. Box 1468 Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546
This business is conducted by a Corporation. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on October 9, 2020. File Number 19-161. 2020-0205 (12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 12/26)

For Rent
2 BDR/1 BA unfurnished ML. apt. Wood stove, propane furnace upstairs. 1 car garage. I year lease only 1,900 299 manzanita.
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DALLAS TIMES, SAME WONDER

The message on the MLT poster above the door at Vons says, “Different Times, Same Wonder.” Which perhaps refers to the common refrain, “Wonder how long it’ll take to get in and out of Vons.” The new health order restricts capacity in Vons to 35%. Photo above is from the line waiting to get inside last Sunday afternoon.

ASSISTANCE

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Holler said that people who had previously received rental assistance would be able to apply for the funding. They would still owe the remaining rent to their landlord, with no structure in place to ensure that a tenant cannot be charged interest on their rent. There is currently a moratorium on evictions that extends through March 2021.

Patricia Robertson, Director of Mammoth Lakes Housing, explained that the town’s previous allocations to the program had assisted with 668 rental payments while Mono County’s contribution of $80,000 took care of 162 payments. The proposed amount of $250,000, she explained, would amount to 500 payments, potentially stretching 2 to 2.5 months.

The allocation would leave approximately $150,000 in the Housing Reserve fund.

Next up: the Business Assistance program, operated through the town’s community development department. This allocation was the largest proposed, $400,000, 75% of which would come from the General Fund and the remaining coming from non-restricted capital funds.

Holler announced that there would be some changes to this version of the program, with an expanded scope and easier thresholds to meet.

Previous business assistance grants were limited to businesses that generated a maximum of $1 million annually. This restriction excluded a number of depleted businesses, mostly restaurants, from receiving any funds. This time around, the cap would be $3 million.

In addition, past funding was withheld from businesses without a physical storefront or residence. That condition has also been struck.

Holler explained that internal discussions had circulated about moving funds out of the Tourism reserve to help back the program, but it was decided to hold off on making that move. “Ultimately as we come back out of Covid, do those funds need to be leveraged back into the community either from marketing side or what type of investments do we need to address?” Holler asked rhetorically.

Town staff also recommended allocating $75,000 for local food bank assistance and $25,000 for the Right to Recover program, which provides financial assistance for those out of work/duo quarantining due to a direct Covid impact (they or someone close to them tested positive).

Mammoth Lakes Tourism Executive Director John Urdi said that while MLT is not bringing back the food bank it ran from late winter to early spring, Urdi said that he has been in discussion with IMACA about directing resources their way. He explained that food distribution via IMACA has been upped to twice a month and that while the organization normally serves 50-60 families, outward projections show as many as 200 families needing IMACA assistance down the road.

In response to questions about people gaming the food bank system or taking items that they may not actually need, Urdi explained that IMACA requires applicants to demonstrate need before they are served. MLT’s food bank served whom–ever showed up, no questions asked.

The Right to Recover program will be mostly unchanged with exception of a decrease in allocated funding to those affected. Those demonstrating need/lack of work will receive a one-time payment of $500 via prepaid Visa gift card; previously, $1,500 was distributed.

Councilmembers were unanimous in their support of the allocation. Sarah Rea cited a recent national study that found nearly 12 million American renters will owe an average of more than $5,000 by January as evidence that financial support is greatly needed.

“The community can really rest assured that the values of the council are in this place,” John Wentworth said. He referenced current holdups in aid distribution at the federal level and urged town staff to take stock of what may or may not be on the way from the federal government in the coming weeks.

The proposed allocations were approved 5-0.
Mary Anthony and modern dance - despite the fact that Jenny knew precious little about dance.

But by the time she was finished with her Mary Anthony project, she had learned to get her stories out there.

She was a guest on Jenny’s podcast titled, “Our City, Our Story.” She told me about half of them herself. She was with the 9/11 Museum a decade. Her final job title: Content Strategist.

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Jenny currently works for Local Projects, an exhibition and media design firm for museums and public spaces. Her latest project: The Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library being built in North Dakota.

Jenny took a circuitous path to get to Local Projects. She did come home to live with her father in Bishop for six weeks last summer.

She lives in Brooklyn these days and her office is in lower Manhattan, though she says she’s only been to Manhattan a handful of times. She’s never been to the Empire State Building.

I plot my escape all the time, she says. She says she’s only been to Manhattan a handful of times. She’s never been to the Empire State Building.

*Imagine your initial reaction was much the same as mine: Why is native New Yorker Teddy Roosevelt’s library going to be located in North Dakota?* said Jenny. “I couldn’t believe it.”

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Roosevelt Library

Jenny

Pachucki: From my observation, no one who gets their PhD is happy. Academics are miserable people.

Roosevelt Library

Bea Beyer, (a former) high school English teacher who ran the Mock Trial program with Dean Stout, was one of my most important mentors. She drove me to Crowley to be at BUHS every day by 6:30 a.m. for a zero period class to prep for competitions. Dean had a very demanding job but gave and gave and gave. He is a critical person to my life.

As Jenny explains, Roosevelt’s beloved first wife, as well as his mother, died on the same day, February 14, 1884.

A devastated Roosevelt responded by purchasing a ranch in Medora, North Dakota. He literally planned to become a rancher and disappear into the nation’s heartland. And while he eventually didn’t disappear forever, one could say North Dakota rejuvenated him.

If my 20-year old self about were told I’d be a part of this project, I would have peed my pants,” says Jenny. And probably would have done the same thing if you told her that she could obtain a Master’s degree in an ob-scure specialty and make it work in the biggest, baddest city in the world.

Local Mentors

From Jenny: “I wanted to mention some important and formative reasons that I think my path has wound the way it has. There were a few dedicated teachers and mentors that highly influenced me and fought hard, giving a lot of themselves, their time and personal resources to create opportunities and exposure that is really important to give kids from small towns.

Irene Sorensen, an 8th grade history teacher who ran the History Day competition program. She, and her husband Don (recently passed), were a huge reason that I developed an interest in history and public history (before I knew what that was).
HOROSCOPES

By Clouds McCloud

Sagittarius: On this year’s Winter Solstice, December 21st, the extremely rare “Christmas Star” will appear. Jupiter and Saturn will be as close to earth as they have been in over 800 years. They will look like one big star in the southwestern skyline, usually best seen in the early evening. The “Christmas Star” is said to symbolize hope for humanity and the fulfillment of prophecies. This is a great sign to begin the next year of your life, so you’re not allowed to do any whining, no matter what you get or don’t get for the holidays.

Capricorn: When people ask Clouds what kind of gifts to get for Caps the answer is that whatever you get them, make sure it’s of good quality. Caps don’t like cheap or poorly made stuff. In fact, Caps usually know what they want better than we can guess, so gift cards are always a good idea—although they’re usually not too fun, unless they’re from Frederick’s of Hollywood or Footloose Sports.

Aquarius: In honor of the recent passing of fellow Aquarian, Chuck Yeager, any gifts to you this holiday season should include things that go fast or are from Frederick’s of Hollywood or Footloose Sports.

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