Mono County Supervisors were faced with the age-old dilemma at their regular meeting Tuesday.
Pawn off difficult, politically sensitive work on others, or buck up and do the job one is elected to do.
By the squishiest of 3-2 margins, Supervisors decided on the latter.
Squishy because the swing vote (Rhonda Duggan) almost self-combusted in a haze of doublespeak during board deliberations.
The task at hand Tuesday: to determine whether this year’s decennial (every ten years) redistricting would be a board-driven process or whether the board would punt and create either an independent or advisory commission to do the job/help.
The advantage of a board-driven process? Supervisors making the ultimate decision on redistricting (how to best draw the geographical lines of all five political districts in Mono County) are on the pulse of the issue and involved throughout.
The downside? There’s an inherent conflict-of-interest in helping to draw one’s own legislative district.
Supervisor Bob Gardner said 13 California counties used independent commissions for the 2011 redistricting while 45 did not.
Statewide, California uses an independent commission to draw congressional and state legislative districts.
Gardner, along with fellow Supervisor John Peters, were in favor of a commission-driven process.
Gardner wanted an independent commission, removing Supervisors entirely from the equation. Peters favored an advisory commission with Supervisors retaining final authority.
As Peters said, an advisory commission would “protect us from each other and perceived bias.”
Supervisors Kreitz and Corless favored a board-driven process. As Kreitz suggested, why appoint proxies [to make the decision] when you can have the real thing?
‘This left Duggan. She hemmed, hawed, dissembled, pivoted and twirled.
It was like watching Daffy Duck as Robin Hood all over again. Ho! Ha! Ha! Guard! Turn! Parry! Dodge! Spin! Ha! Thrust! see DAFFY, page 2

Believe it or not, the driver and two passengers involved in this single-vehicle rollover accident on Friday, January 15 walked away with only minor injuries (and their coolers intact!) According to the California Highway Patrol, driver Gevorg Arutyunyan, 33, of North Hollywood drifted off the road due to fatigue and hit a snow pole before rolling his Jeep into a ditch while driving northbound on Highway 395 just past the McGee exit. The accident occurred at approximately 12:20 p.m.

REDISTRICULOUS
Mono Supes fumble their way into redistricting process
By Lunch

AN ODE TO MR. INYO
Chuck Kilpatrick, 1935-2020

You would think that a person would revel in a nickname like “Mr. Bishop,” but even though it was a moniker that rolled off the tongue, Chuck Kilpatrick wasn’t quite satisfied with it.
More than a few times over the years, when approached about doing a profile for this paper, Mr. Kilpatrick would demur. He didn’t have the time to sit still for an interview. He really didn’t. Just consult the list of activities in his official obit which appears on page 14. But he did remark, at one point while he was volunteering at yet another function, pouring yet another drink, exchanging yet another pleasantrty that perhaps Mr. Bishop was too limiting.
He wanted to be Mr. Inyo County. And one could certainly make a case for it.
And for our purposes, I see no reason why we shouldn’t update the name to honor his passing.
Mr. Inyo died last month with his wife Mary Mae and daughter Tammy by his side. He was 85.
The Sheet spoke to many folks about Mr. Kilpatrick this week. This is what they had to say:
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“Put that search into YouTube and enjoy."
Mercifully, the vote was soon called and she was only left with two words: yes or no. Now that the process has been determined, Supervisor Gardner outlined in a phone conversation Thursday one of his top priorities, which is a push for inclusion of the hispanic population in a meaningful way.
He noted that Anaheim recently had a lawsuit to redo its district boundaries upon determination that there was a dispersion of minority population through districts where it would be unlikely that a hispanic candidate would gain a seat in any one district.
In Mono County, he said, we have a 27% hispanic population. You’d figure that would be reflected in the composition of the Board of Supervisors. It is not.

The saga of Saccullo is not yet dead in Inyo County: the Inyo County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously for conditional approval to extend David Saccullo’s permit for Old Spanish Cannabis and Commercial Park on Tuesday, January 19.
For background: Saccullo’s travails at the Board’s January 5 meeting were documented in last week’s edition of The Sheet. To sum it up, Saccullo hadn’t paid an outstanding annual fee for a cannabis business license and suggested he might not pay it he didn’t get an extension first. The Supervisors, predictably, were not amused but gave him a two-week extension to get the check to Inyo County.
Agriculture Commissioner Nathan Reade opened the public hearing on the matter by stating that he had received a notification from Saccullo showing that the check had been sent via UPS Overnight service, with tracking number provided.

Kingsley: “And you overnighted that check?”
Saccullo: “Yes, sir.
Kingsley: “That means you didn’t send the check until Saturday?”
Saccullo: “After a brief pause” “Uh, Friday.”

Board Chair Griffiths intervened before the questioning could continue.
“I basically adhered to the timeframe identified,” Saccullo pleaded as Kingsley could be heard saying “you kind of did, you kind of did” in the background.

Supervisor Jen Roerser said that while she is generally sympathetic to the plight of small business owners, in the case of the cannabis industry, she felt that rules and regulations absolutely had to be followed to a tee. Saccullo’s delays, she said, were setting a bad precedent for the county, and she made a motion to revoke the license, seconded by Kingsley.
Saccullo asked that the board consider the extenuating circumstances (family emergency, constant travel). “I would greatly appreciate it if you give us the opportunity to succeed in Inyo,” he said, “We will inevitably be a very productive part of the county.”

After he spoke, Kingsley withdrew his motion and proposed another: if the check (for $8,850) clears, the license will be reinstated. If it does not, it will be revoked. The board voted to approve Kingsley’s motion, with Roerser asking that Saccullo be respectful of all the county employees he interacts with.

In his closing remarks, Saccullo had nothing but good things to say about the staff he had met with over the course of the licensing process. “I’ve been in cannabis for 40 years,” he said, “It is on a hyper-sensitivie, next level standard and I fully agree with you and it is a precedent that we should set.”
**Pre-Register for the Vaccine**

**STEP 1**
Pre-register yourself to be vaccinated by completing the online confidential Vaccine Questionnaire. Hold your camera to the QR code and open the Vaccine Questionnaire, or visit webapps.mono.ca.gov/covid19/vaccinate-mono-form. You will receive a confirmation email when it is submitted correctly and received by the Public Health Department.

If you are unable to complete the vaccine questionnaire online, or you have questions, please send an email to COVID19help@mono.ca.gov. You will receive a reply within 24 hours of your email.

The completion of the vaccine questionnaire does not automatically register you for your vaccination. Vaccines arrive in batches and not all at once, so we ask that you be patient and wait for your vaccination appointment.

**STEP 2**
Once clinics are scheduled for each tier/phase, you will receive an invitation at the appointed time to register for your first and second vaccination. Please do not arrive at any clinic unless you have an appointment. On-site registration is not available at this time and slows down the vaccination process for others.

**STEP 3**
Arrive at your clinic at your appointed time. Wear a t-shirt under your layers. You will receive your vaccination card on-site, which you will need for your second vaccination.

**STEP 4**
Continue to keep wearing a mask, wash your hands, stay 6 feet apart, and do not gather indoors with those outside of your immediate household unit until the vaccine has been widely distributed. #StaySafeToStayOpen!

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**Preinscripción para la Vacuna**

**PASO 1**
Complète el cuestionario (Vaccine Questionnaire) en línea para preinscribirse para la vacuna. Sostenga la cámara sobre el código QR y abra el cuestionario, o visite webapps.mono.ca.gov/covid19/vaccinate-mono-form. Recibirá un correo electrónico de confirmación cuando se envíe correctamente y el Departamento de Salud Pública lo reciba.

Si no puede completar el cuestionario de la vacuna en línea, o si tiene preguntas, por favor envíe un correo electrónico a COVID19help@mono.ca.gov. Recibirá una respuesta dentro de las 24 horas de su correo electrónico.

Al completar el cuestionario de la vacuna no lo inscribe automáticamente para su vacunación. Las vacunas llegan en lotes y no todas a la vez, por eso le pedimos que tengan paciencia y espere su cita de vacunación.

**PASO 2**
Una vez que las clínicas estén programadas para cada nivel y fase, recibirá una invitación a la hora designada de su inscripción por su primera y segunda vacunación. Favor no llegue a ninguna clínica a menos que tenga una cita. Inscripción en el sitio no está disponible en este momento y retrasará el proceso de vacunación para los demás.

**PASO 3**
Llegue a su clínica a la hora indicada. Use una camiseta debajo de sus capas de ropa. Recibirá su tarjeta de vacunación que necesitará para su segunda vacunación.

**PASO 4**
Continúe poniéndose la mascarilla, lavándose las manos, manteniéndose 6 pies de distancia, y no reunirse adentro con personas que no sean parte de su hogar inmediato hasta que la vacuna se haya distribuido ampliamente. #MantenteSeguroParaPermanecerAbierto

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**STAY INFORMED: VACCINATE MONO WEBSITE**

For updated Mono County COVID-19 vaccination information, community resources, a vaccine dashboard, immunization schedule, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ), informative videos and more, please visit coronavirus.monocounty.ca.gov/pages/vaccinations, or hold your camera to the QR code.

**MATENGASE INFORMADO EN EL SITIO WEB DE VACUNAR MONO**

Para información actualizada sobre la vacunación contra el COVID-19 en el condado de Mono, recursos comunitarios, el panel de datos de la vacuna, el calendario de vacunación, preguntas frecuentes, videos informativos y más, visite coronavirus.espanol.monocounty.ca.gov/pages/Vacunas, o apunte su cámara sobre el código QR.
School reopening status

Dear Editor:

During winter break, the California Department of Public Health released new in-person school reopening requirements. Through the hard work of our unions, administrators, teachers and staff, MUSD has submitted all the required plans and checklists to reopen schools for in-person learning as soon as we are allowed to do so.

Up until now, the criteria for reopening schools was the product of partnerships between local public health departments and individual school districts. Each district operated separately under its own health guidelines. That is the reason that districts, even those in the same county, had some schools that opened and some which could not do so. Finally, the state has released evidence-based minimal thresholds at which districts can reopen schools for in-person learning.

The new COVID positivity threshold for opening elementary schools for in-person learning is 25 out of 100,000 cases. The threshold for opening middle and high schools in-person is the red tier, or a maximum of 7 out of 100,000 case positivity rate.

Research on COVID case rates has shown that when community transmission is high, school transmission is also high. Mono County currently has a COVID case positivity rate of 111.7 out of 100,000, which is the fourth highest positivity rate in California. That is almost four and a half times the rate at which we can open elementary schools for in-person learning and 16 times the rate at which we can open middle and high schools. The only way to open schools for in-person learning is to work together to reduce community transmission rates. This will take time and effort!

As Mono County is still in the purple tier on the California Blueprint, schools which have not opened may not open. Dr. Boo, Mono County’s Public Health Officer, has confirmed that MUSD may not open our schools for in-person learning until we reach the appropriate thresholds. However, I want to emphasize that this does not mean that MUSD folks are not working; the exact opposite is true. Our staff is hard at work in district and school offices or remotely every day. Administrators are supporting classroom learning and helping to watch out for students who need extra help.

Our amazing teachers and students are hard at work, either in distance learning or small in-person and virtual intervention groups. Parents are working hard to keep kids engaged in their online classes. Every member of our school community is doing their part to keep MUSD running as effectively as we can under very challenging circumstances. I am hopeful about our long-term future. The COVID vaccine will add an extra measure of safety for our staff and eventually our students as we reopen schools and bring back at-risk students for small group in-person interventions. (Note that state reopening guidance does not yet specify how the vaccine will affect school reopening plans.)

However, we all have to work very hard to get our COVID positivity rate down so that we will be allowed to reopen schools for in-person learning. We are not out of the woods yet. School districts near and far are struggling to reopen or stay open. (For example, Bishop schools are re-closed due to COVID exposure.) All but four counties in California are still in the purple tier, with most experiencing a restrictive stay-at-home order. Already, 44 MUSD staff and students have been COVID positive since we began the MUSD COVID tracking system this fall. The only way to open schools is to reach the state thresholds.

Jennifer Wildman
MUSD Superintendent

Government does something right

Dear Editor:

Now and then our government deserves a comeuppance but when the government does something right, we often fail to notice. So, if you want to witness/experience a smooth, efficient government group at work, go to Cerro Coso College, 120 College Parkway. Our Mono County Health Department (MCHD) is testing county residents for Covid-19, free, every Monday and Thursday from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Please pre-register online at site: (https://webapps.mono.ca.gov/covid19/vaccinate-mono-form/). If you’re pre-registered, the actual testing procedure will take less time. The number of cars in line before you will determine how much wait time you’ll have before your test.

MCHD and Mammoth Hospital received the first coronavirus vaccine in December and began giving vaccinations to Tier One, hospital/medical personnel, police, fire and county health personnel immediately. As a nurse said, “The vaccine does no good just sitting in a box.” As more vaccine has arrived, residents have been vaccinated. If you want to be vaccinated, register online at https://webapps.mono.ca.gov/covid19/vaccinate-mono-form/ . You will be notified for your appointment.

We’re all working together to defeat public enemy number one, the coronavirus. Heartiest thanks and many kudos to our Emergency Operations Command (EOC), Dr. Boo and our Mono County Health Department for a job very well done. Stay masked, distant, safe and sane ... there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

Sharon Raven Clark
Mammoth Lakes
LOCAL BRIEFS

Round Four Business Awards

The Mammoth Lakes Town Council continues to financially support a Business Assistance Program to provide grants to small businesses adversely affected by COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and the on-going Regional Stay-at-Home Order.

The Community First program invests Town funds into small, local businesses to retain local jobs, preserve active, tenanted commercial spaces, prevent blight in the Town’s commercial sectors, and assist in sustaining the local economy.

Program Administrator and Mammoth’s Community Development Director Sandra Moberly said businesses were able to receive a second grant (thus some familiar names on the list below) but double-dippers were capped at $5,000.

The Town has completed four rounds of funding for the Program which has resulted in a total program award of $474,500. Round four recipients include:

- Black Tie Mammoth: $20,000
- Ananya: $10,000
- Morrisons: $17,500
- Burgers: $20,000
- MAWS Transportation: $5,000
- The Powder Room: $10,000
- Minaret Cinemas: $5,000
- Rafter’s Restaurant: $19,500
- Green Fox Events: $5,000
- Bleu: $20,000
- Red Lily: $5,000
- Clocktower: $19,250

-Press Release

Death in Death Valley

Inyo County Sheriff’s Office and the National Park Service reported an accidental death of a man at Saline Valley Warm Springs on December 20, 2020. Donald Vanneman III, a 63-year-old resident of San Francisco, Warm Springs Campground, along with all other Death Valley National Park campgrounds, is temporarily closed due to California's Regional Stay at Home Orders. The volunteer campground host noticed Mr. Vanneman’s vehicle, but was unable to find him early on December 20. Later that day, two park visitors discovered his body in the Palm Springs source pool.

National Park Service regulations prohibit entry directly into the source pool at Palm Springs. Bathing is normally allowed in the man-made soaking tubs, however those are currently drained and closed due to COVID restrictions.

-Press Release

Blame Game Underway: Lawsuits filed over Mountain View Fire

On Tuesday, January 19, 2021, Mono County, Antelope Valley Fire Protection District, Toiyabe Indian Health Project and Bridgeport Indian Colony filed suit against Liberty Utilities, a subsidiary of Algonquin Power, for injuries and damages related to the Mountain View Fire, which burned through 20,385 acres and destroyed or damaged nearly 100 homes and close to 50 other structures in the Walker area of Mono County. The suit was filed in Los Angeles Superior Court, where the courts have recently handled complex wildfire litigation.

The lawsuit alleges Liberty Utilities negligently managed its utility infrastructure, including failing to upgrade its aging infrastructure and failing to shut off power during known and predicted high wind events. The lawsuit describes legal liability based on negligence, inverse condemnation, nuisance, and other legal and statutory causes of action.

“Mono County joins its community in seeking to repair and rebuild in the aftermath of the Mountain View Fire, which devastated nearly 100 homes and caused significant injury, damages and the loss of a life,” said Mono County Board Chair Jennifer Kreitz. “Liberty Utilities is legally responsible for the damage to public resources and public infrastructure, and it’s important to our community to receive reimbursement for these lost public resources so that the burden of responding and rebuilding does not fall on our taxpayers.”

In addition to Mono County, the Antelope Valley Fire Protection District suffered damages as a result of and due to fighting the fire. The Bridgeport Indian Colony suffered damages, and the Toiyabe Indian Health Project, Inc. lost an entire clinic building, which served the community’s health care needs – a crippling blow to the community during a global pandemic.

While the cause and origin of the fire is under an official investigation, the outside law firm, Baron & Budd, claims it has obtained information and evidence that points to specific Liberty infrastructure as the cause of the fire.

-Press Release
**BIG DEMAND, LITTLE SUPPLY**

Few vaccine shots available. Meanwhile, pastors take shots at restrictions

With news coming last week that Covid-19 vaccines would be available to more folks in the general population, many local residents placed calls to county health departments looking to schedule an appointment.

Marilyn Mann, Director of Inyo County Health and Human Services, told the Inyo County Supervisors on Tuesday morning that the rural health phoneline, set up to help county residents register for the vaccine, had received approximately 10,000 phone calls since opening. Although she suspected many were repeat callers, the bombardment of the phone line made scheduling a difficult task for those manning it.

Mann said that lowering the age requirement to 65 increased the eligible population by about 2,000 people. Once county residents are registered, they will receive an email confirming their registration. They are then instructed to wait until they are contacted about their appointment.

Anna Scott, IHS Deputy Director said that while the county is working through the process of building out vaccine-related systems and infrastructure, “allocations statewide are lower than demand and lower than we were expecting.”

Inyo County received 100 new doses last week, not nearly enough to get through any significant chunk of the eligible population. Scott said that roll out has been slow nationwide, not only in California, but “for Inyo County, our distribution is not contributing to that problem but we are eager to help ID what those issues might be statewide.”

“We want to reassure the public that as that vaccine is coming in, it’s going out,” Scott said.

“There’s about 8,000 people in Inyo County in [tier] 1b and we got 100 doses last week,” Supervisor Jeff Griffiths said, “Until we get the doses, it’s going to take awhile.”

As of Tuesday, the county had received 2,131 doses: 1,415 first doses and 715 second doses, with about 1,000 of those primary doses and around 350-400 secondary doses already administered.

The county is working to get additional providers, like Vons Pharmacy, operational for vaccine distribution while enlisting more potential providers to aid the cause. One of the problems facing Inyo County officials is the task of vaccinating rural populations: the vaccine has to be kept extremely cold and used relatively quickly once removed from the freezer. This does not pair well with sometimes lengthy drives to communities in the county. On the other hand, getting rural residents into community clinics can also be difficult.

The supervisors also heard from county residents who were displeased by local orders affecting gatherings at places of worship. One public commenter argued that the county’s imposition of restrictions on churches violated first amendment rights as they relate to religion.

Another said that members of the faith community had been singled out specifically by the county, which they felt was unfair as that community is involved in helping many local residents. They, and the members of their respective congregations, were no longer able to do the things that they used to and engage in the same activities that had marked their schedules.

“Maybe almost as bad are the 29 people that can no longer do things they used to do,” Supervisor Dan Totheroth responded, referring to the county’s death toll from Covid-19.

Pastor Rick Klug of the Calvary Baptist Church in Bishop said that as much emphasis should be placed on mental and emotional health during the pandemic as there is for physical health. Klug said anecdotally that the retirement community where his congregation who feel isolated and alone and he expressed his worries about their overall health.

The bottom line for Klug was that prior to houses of worship being completely shuttered, there had been no evidence of Covid-19 spread at events within his congregation; members of the congregation who have contracted the disease contacted it outside of the church.

Although no concrete action was taken by the Supervisors at the time, Supervisor Jen Roeser expressed her support for the faith-based community and encouraged them to continue to support one another until changes can be made.

At Mammoth Lakes Town Council’s meeting on Wednesday, January 20, Town Manager Dan Holler gave the council an up-to-date rundown on what’s going on for the town and Mono County. The majority of Holler’s presentation was also given at Tuesday’s Mono County Board of Supervisors meeting.

Holler reported that between the town, county, and other donations, $885,188 had been made available for rental assistance funding. That figure does not include new community development block grant funding from the state.

In addition, the town’s business assistance program has helped 50 businesses through its first four rounds, with a fifth round already underway. That program is overseeing distribution of approximately $1 million in funding.

As for local spread, Mono County has recorded 214 new cases of Covid-19 since January 1, with a case rate of 111/100,000 people for the week of January 9, and a current test positivity rate of 18.5%. The state average is 12%.

While Mammoth Hospital has been largely unaffected by the pandemic, other jurisdictions in the Southern California continue to log high rates of Covid-19 spread. In Los Angeles County, positivity rates are low but severe hospitalizations remain high. San Bernardino and Riverside Counties are both reporting high positivity rates.

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The second round of Paycheck Protection Program loans opened for applications on Tuesday, January 19, the result of a bipartisan effort in Congress to get more money to businesses suffering economic losses from the pandemic. This comes after 140,000 American jobs were cut in December as Covid-19 case rates were spiking across the United States.

The goal of the program is to help with employee retention for businesses suffering pandemic-related losses. 60% of the loan amount is required to be used for payroll while the rest can go towards other expenses (i.e. mortgage payments, rent, etc.).

$525 billion in forgivable loans was distributed through the program in the first phase over the course of four months; the American Small Business Administration (SBA) estimated that those loans saved 50 million jobs. The program closed to new applicants in July with about $38 billion remaining in the fund.

Some major differences from the first round: first-time applicants have the same eligibility rules as before but businesses looking to receive a second loan must have fewer than 300 employees, second loans are capped at $2 million, and businesses must provide evidence that they saw at least a 25% reduction in revenue between a quarter in 2019 and a quarter in 2020.

$40 billion has been set aside for businesses with 10 or fewer employees and loans for businesses in low-income areas, capped at $250,000.

Kelly Bearden, Director of the CSU Bakersfield Small Business Development Center, hosted a webinar on the afternoon of Wednesday, January 20, to talk about the second PPP drawing in addition to a number of other stimulus/relief options available to business owners.

Bearden gave eight key takeaways from the recent economic aid packages made available, including PPP loan availability to first and second time applicants. In addition, Bearden listed grants for shuttered venues, Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) advances and a new grant, PPP forgiveness, tax deductions for the first round of PPP loans, pandemic unemployment assistance for contractors, and the employee retention tax credit.

He addressed the tax credit first, which rewards businesses with a tax credit up to $14,000 per employee. The program is for those who were able to retain employees without any PPP assistance. Bearden explained that the new legislation for the credit designates it for those who do not receive a second PPP loan OR those who did and used the funds for more general purposes.

Eligible businesses must demonstrate a 20% loss in revenue from a single quarter.

For PPP part II and shuttered venues assistance, 25% loss must be demonstrated.

And for the EIDL grant, 30% loss is required.

Bearden focused on the EIDL advance as a key change to the policy. Those who had applied for and received a grant between $1,000-$9,000 can get an advance on their loan if they are a) located in a “low-income community” and  b) can demonstrate a 30% loss in revenue over an 8-week period.

EIDL applicants, Bearden said, don’t have to do anything; the SBA will get in touch with those who qualify.

$15 billion has been made available for the shuttered venues grants, which can go as high as $10 million for live venues, independent movie theaters, and cultural institutions (i.e. museums).

Bearden said that these cannot be combined with a second round of PPP. He encouraged those eligible to weigh the benefits of a shuttered venue grant vs. a PPP loan to determine which is more viable for their business.

For the second PPP drawing, the forgiveness process has been simplified for loans of $150,000 or less, EIDL advances are no longer deducted from the PPP forgiveness amount, entities with ties to China are ineligible, and seasonal employers are instructed to use average payroll costs for a 12-week period between the dates of February 15, 2019 and the same day in 2020.

The CSU Small Business Development program has a number of resources for figuring out how to navigate the application process for these various grants and loans.

A new stimulus package is also in the works which features a $1,400 stimulus check for individuals, an increase in unemployment insurance to $400 weekly, expanded paid leave and child care tax credits, and additional funding for vaccine distribution and local and state governments. The fate of that package is unknown, as it has not yet passed through Congress.
WHAT A RELIEF
Mammoth’s lodging, restaurant communities resting a little easier after change in guidelines

By Page

Monday’s Mammoth Lakes Lodging Association meeting marked the first since the town’s decision to permit occupancy up to 30%, provided that any guests are considered “essential.” Although Sierra Nevada Resort General Manager Brent Truax said that, “30% felt like nothing,” the general sentiment amongst lodging operators trended towards hopeful.

The Town’s decision came at the end of the week, meaning that most operators were below capacity for last weekend. Truax and others said that they had previously cancelled reservations for Martin Luther King weekend and had to work backwards to rebuild guest logs.

Lodging Association Chair John Morris asked the attendees about how the first weekend under the reopening guidance had gone. Cheryl Witherill of 1849 Chambers said that she had experienced pushback from guests on signing the agreement certifying themselves as “essential.”

Rich Sanfilippo, President of Mammoth’s Chamber of Commerce and owner of Perfect Clean, reported similar interactions with guests who were wary of which entities would be vetting the information. Some had opted to sign the forms with a fake name like Donald Trump or Mickey Mouse.

He also said that his company had been booked for 67 departure cleans at the end of the weekend over the 180 units who use Perfect Clean’s services.

By comparison, Sanfilippo said that his crews had done 167 departure cleans at the end of MLK weekend in 2020.

Teri Stehlik of Seasons Four Condominiums reported that MLK weekend was slow, with the following weekend already at 30% capacity. She also experienced pushback from guests, who didn’t want to sign the form because it would be filed with the Town and could potentially get them in trouble for lying about their intentions/status.

Vacasa’s Richard Plaisted wrote, “Vacasa will be abiding by the state order. We will verify every essential worker to limit our liability.”

Projecting outward, many reported that they were already booked to 30% capacity for the coming weekend.

Morris said that 80-90% of the guests coming to Snowcreek in February and March had filled out the form and returned it. “They want to know exactly what the form means,” he said.

In addition to the pandemic, Morris said, a number of other factors were stacked against the town for the preceding weekend: the weather has been warm and sunny in Southern California, the snow hasn’t showed up locally, Ikon base passes were blacked out, and there was a short turnaround time to get bookings in ahead of MLK weekend.

Witherill asked those in attendance who also run restaurants what they should be telling guests about dining out. Truax said that “restaurants do not have outdoor table service, they do have outdoor public spaces” where any member of the public can sit, regardless of whether they’ve ordered food at the adjacent restaurant. Private decks, on the other hand, are not considered public spaces.

Many restaurants have fliers in their windows informing the public that there is no table service available but that anyone who wants can sit at the outdoor tables and order something if they like. The fliers are stamped with the Town of Mammoth Lakes’ logo.

Mayor Bill Sauser joined the call towards the end to encourage lodging operators to get their employees registered for Covid-19 vaccines, as the industry falls under one of the upcoming priority tiers.

Getting frontline workers vaccinated, he said, is a key component in lowering Covid-19 spread in the area.

Later in the day, the Mammoth Lakes Restaurant Association met to discuss the vaccines as well, among other items. Restaurants and grocery stores are in tier 1b of Phase 1 of the rollout, which Mono County is currently working through.

Association Co-Chair Brandon Brocia made a similar pitch to Sauser’s, urging restaurateurs to get employees registered and ready to be vaccinated. Brocia suggested using a common computer in the workspace, for use by anyone working in the restaurant, as a way to mass register employees.

Cathleen Calderon, who operates Doorstep Deliveries, reported that she had signed up for the vaccine and was scheduled to receive her first dose on January 20. The list of questions she had to answer in order to confirm her appointment was extensive, Calderon said.

John Morris said that he was “very very fortunate last week to actually get a vaccine.” His office is about 100 yards from Fire Station 2, where the vaccine clinics are conducted.

Morris said that he received a call towards the end of the day sometime last week that the clinic had a single shot remaining, and asking if he wanted it. He took them up on the offer.

He said that apart from some minor aches, he was feeling fine and scheduled to receive the second dose in four weeks.

“Let’s encourage everybody to get those vaccines as soon as they can,” he said.

One restaurateur said that she and her manager had signed up all of their employees to get the vaccine, and that the two of them opted to go through the process first so that “we can hold everybody[else’s] hand” as they work through it themselves.
The NFL is King. Nothing can kill the NFL. Not Covid. Not concussions. Parents still want that money their kids can make playing football and LOVE FOOTBALL. Even Trump couldn’t kill football.

Last week’s games

The Ravens thought they had won the Super Bowl when they beat the Titans in their first playoff game. Acted like complete asses. Refused to shake hands after the game. Punks. Led by a QB, Lamar Jackson, who apparently visits the local prison to get his hair braided by RayRay. This week, Jackson reverted to form as his team put up three points. Meaning, he has played poorly in 4 playoff games, losing three. Jackson is a nice little gimmick QB but not a QB you playoff games, losing three. Jackson is a head case. IF you trust QB Baker Mayfield to keep his ego in check.

Chiefs beat the Saints. Signaling the end of the Drew Brees era. And during the last game, they had to bring in Jameis Winston to throw the ball more than 16 yards. Postgame, we learned Brees played with a torn rotator cuff all year. But it’s time to BLOW IT UP. And don’t try to sell me on Taysom “Tebow” Hill. Stop it. Also, if anyone will take an albatross of an extension. For, you’re toast. And they signed Goff a big QB problem. If you’re debating whether to start Goff versus John Wolford, you’re toast. And they signed Goff to an albatross of an extension.

This week

Packers laying 3 to the Bucs. In Green Bay. Great matchup. Supposed to be 29 degrees. Brady back in another championship game. Damn GOAT. I guess he’s more than just a product of the Patriot system, huh? But Packer QB Aaron Rodgers is playing his ass off, and while I don’t trust the Packers defense much, the Bucs scored last week because Drew Brees kept turning it over. Rodgers won’t do that this week. Take the Pack and lay the points. I would like to see Brady win, but I don’t think the Bucs stop the Packers from scoring. One bonus if the Bucs lose: I won’t have to hear Bruce Arians run his mouth anymore this year. Enough of that idiot.

Chiefs laying 3 to the Bills. Lay the points if Mahomes plays. The guy is not human and the Chiefs are so versatile offensively that they are tough to beat. And the Bills defense is feast or famine. Depends on turnovers. And Mahomes is too good to give it away like Phil Rivers and Lamar Jackson.

News and Notes

Lot of personnel moves as the offsea-son is in full swing for the other 28 pre-tenders. The Steelers fired their offensive coordinator, defensive backs coach and offensive line coach. Unfortunately, they didn’t fire the moron head coach. They should have announced they don’t want the QB back either. But they kept the defensive coordinator. Why? Some reports say they kept him because he is a great LB coach and that Tomlin calls all the defensive plays anyway. Wow. Maybe that’s why the Steelers gave up 48 points to the Browns in that playoff game. Well, 41. Can’t blame the de-fense for the offense’s endzone fumble. And there are reports that the current Steelers QB coach is being promoted to Offensive Coordinator. Of course. In promoting another guy to OC who was already in-house you are just keeping more people around you that NO ONE else will hire. This guy, Matt Canada ... maybe he will be great.....but before the Steelers hired him as QB coach he was fired by five different college teams. COLLEGE TEAMS. This is a continua-tion of Tomlin keeping coaches around who represent no threat to his job.

Philip Rivers retired this week. Said “it was time.” Well, he is right, if not chronologically challenged. It was time four years ago. Lots of folks on social

By Harold Hartley

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media and TV talking about their favor- ite Philip Rivers moment. They should have all DBs talking about their favorite Philip Rivers interceptions. That could be a whole 30 for 30 series. Rivers threw picks like Halloween candy.

The Dallas Cowboys had a histori- cally bad defense last year. So they fired their defensive coordinator. Logical. But then, they allowed Head Coach Mike McCarthy to hire the next one. Not logical. McCarthy had bad defenses in Green Bay for years. And he ruined the Cowboy defense last year, by hiring Mike Nolan. So given a chance to redeem himself what does he do? Hires former Falcon Head Coach Dan Quinn, who had a historically bad defense in Atlanta last year.

But ... after Quinn’s firing, the Falcon defense improved markedly over the remainder of the season.

You know you’re in trouble when ad- dition by subtraction is far preferable to addition by addition.

This would be like someone hiring me as an AA counselor or Sex Addiction counselor.

I cannot wait to see the look on Cowboy Owner Jerry Jones’s face during games when that cast of overpaid play- ers he has is giving up another 30-spot in week one next fall.

I hear Ravens fans and coaches blame the wind for the bad play (Jackson interception returned for a TD) last week. Yeah, the wind was wearing jersey num- ber 8 if that is the case because the QB sucked. I noticed the other team played the wind too. The wind only blew sucking. I noticed the other team played

The Lions just hired some guy named Dan Campbell. Yeah, I remember him as an interim coach for the Dolphins years ago. HE gets another job. Black guy gets fired and that is his ONLY chance. I am disturbed by the systemic racism some of these owners exhibit.

Speaking of retread coaches, former Dolphin and Jet Head Coach Adam Gase just interviewed for the Seahawks Offensive Coordinator job. What? This is the same guy who chased his best de- fensive player (Jamal Adams, ironically now with the Seahawks) out of town because no one can get along with Gase. Ryan Tannehill could NOT play for Gase and is tearing it up with the Titans. And the Seahawks want to bring in this guy? What, so franchise QB Russell Wilson will demand a trade?

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State Farm bought the Super Bowl. Who approved all the advertising for the Super Bowl? I have no idea. But I do know that State Farm is paying big money to advertise. And it is working. The Super Bowl is one of the most-watched events of the year. So it makes sense for companies like State Farm to spend big money on advertising.

Random NBA observation: Does Kevin Durant have a mirror in his house? Can he not see how his hair looks? Good God man, cut that s&$t off. His hair is so sparse it looks like random raisins in a bowl of chocolate pudding. Does he not have a wife? A girlfriend? Somebody just show him a picture of his dome.

New Lowes

I live in a land of big boxes. Had to go to Lowes to return something last night. I get to the store and there is a line of people that extends out the door. Okay, there is the CoGo, so I get it. But then, I realize this is just the returns line. I wait a minute. The people in front of me keep looking inside and checking on the line. There’s one person assisting a cus- tomer and the other registers are empty.

After a couple minutes, I see two other Lowes employees come assist the one overwhelmed person assisting a customer with a return. I ask the guy in front of me if he’s been waiting a while and he says “about 30 minutes and she has been with the same guy the whole time.”

I am incredulous on two fronts. First why is it taking so long and second, why has the guy in front of me been pas- sively standing there for 30 minutes. I ask him about other employees and he says there was one, but after helping a bit, they just left.

While I am standing outside and 4 people stack up behind me, about 5 Lowes employees walk by us. They say nothing and keep going. Two of them approach the return registers, look around, and walk away. What the hell.

So I start looking for Lowes employees and one walks right by me. I ask them if they know all these people are outside and that the clerk has been with the same guy for 30 minutes and he still has 4 bags of stuff in his cart to return while they have no other registers going and people keep walking by the line. The person says, “OH. Let me see what we can do.”

About forty seconds later someone opens another register and within a few minutes the line is magically gone. No mention of thanking people for waiting. No “sorry for the delay.”

Lowes is the worst.

Over the years I have consistently had bad experiences with Lowes. Sometimes I boycott them for awhile and try to use a smaller local store only to find they don’t have what I need and they literally advise me to “check Lowes be- cause they have a bigger selection.”

That or I drive 30 minutes to Home Depot. Damn. But Lowes is the DMV of retail. They know you are coming back because you have to for some things. They are clueless about customer ser- vice because you are captive. You want your lumber? Where are you gonna go? You want some Trex decking? You’ll be back. You wanna know what to do with it or get it delivered on time? Good luck. Screw Lowes. I like the 10% prior military discount and all but that’s about all I like.
**TOWN STUFF**

**Friday, January 22/**

*Sierra Classic Theatre presents an original one-act comedy written by Jesse Steele titled, “Church of Bob”*

*Time: 7 p.m. Free. Attend via Zoom. [www.sierraclassictheatre.org](http://www.sierraclassictheatre.org) or Sierra Classic Theatre’s Facebook page.*

**January 22-23/**

*Sage to Summit Virtual 5k Race Series hosted by Inyo Search and Rescue. This is the first race in the series, to be run any time during the week from Sunday-Saturday. Registration and information available at [http://inyosar.com/winter-race-series/](http://inyosar.com/winter-race-series/), suggested donation is $20.*

**Monday, January 25/**

*Mammoth Lakes Lodging Round Table meets 10-11 a.m. [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88670501007](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88670501007).*

**Tuesday, January 26/**

*Inyo County Supervisors meet. 10 a.m. Visit [www.inyocounty.ca.gov](http://www.inyocounty.ca.gov).*

**Wednesday, January 27/**

*Mammoth Lakes Retail and Personal Care Services Round Table meets 9-10 a.m. [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88670501007](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88670501007).*

**Thursday, January 28/**

*Sierra Classic Theatre presents an original one-act comedy written by Allison McDonell Page titled, “Kicking the Bucket.” Time: 7 p.m. Free. Attend via Zoom. [www.sierraclassictheatre.org](http://www.sierraclassictheatre.org).*

**Upcoming**

*The UCCE Inyo and Mono Counties Master Food Preservers are looking for people interested in taking our virtual training course w/online classes March-August to become a Master Food Preserver. Apply by Feb. 7. Info: Melissa 760.873.7854/melyeager@ucanr.edu Volunteer Eastern Sierra will host the next wild ‘n crazy Not Your Grandma’s Zingo, our first ever Virtual Zoom Bingo Night on February 2! Proceeds will benefit the Mountain View Fire Victims. Special Warning Hut food and drinks will be available for pre-purchase and pick up. Go to [https://givebutter.com/p9yDXm](https://givebutter.com/p9yDXm) to sign up for Zingo and reserve your online Zingo Cards. Zoom link opens at 5:30 pm with first game at 6. Info: Annemarie @ 949.636.4003*
Charles J. "Chuck" Kilpatrick was born in West Atlantic City, New Jersey, to Lillian and Charles Kilpatrick.

Chuck's life took a rapid turn when his father died at just 32 years of age. Chuck was 13 at the time.

His mother moved he and his two younger sisters, Betty and Dorothy, from New Jersey to Goldfield, Nevada to be with their grandmother, Nettie Wills, who was postmistress and ran a boarding house.

At the time of the move, Chuck had a girlfriend in the eighth grade by the name of Mary Mae Gibson. That romance was anything but over.

In Nevada, Chuck's mother remarried a remarkable geologist, Clair Kunkel, a WWII Bronze Star Medal veteran, who soon became a surrogate father to Chuck and the girls.

In 1950, the new family relocated to Rovana, a small mining village in California, at the foot of the Sierra Nevada mountain range (Mt. Tom). It was here, attending the Bishop City Park Pool, timing events for his daughters’ swim meets.

Chuck and the girls.

Chuck was postmistress and ran a boarding house.

In high school, Chuck was social before there was social media, a popular figure who became co-captain of the football team his senior year.

Upon graduation, Chuck went to work for Union Carbide as a clerk. He then volunteered for a tour of duty in the U.S. Army 178th Replacement Co. from 1954-1956 and was stationed in Germany, returning to New Jersey in November to marry his childhood sweetheart Mary Mae Gibson.

Chuck then returned west with his new bride, and also returned to his job with Union Carbide while Mary Mae accepted a teaching position at Round Valley Elementary School after graduating in June 1957 from New Jersey State College.

During Chuck’s years at Union Carbide, he fathered and welcomed his two daughters – Kimberly & Tammy.

He was involved with the Pine Creek Lions Club, was a fast-pitch softball catcher and tournament announcer, coached women’s softball, refereed basketball games and tournaments for Rovana and Bishop and worked part time for John Manterola's and Tony Alva's Texaco station and later, was a fixture at the Bishop City Park Pool, timing events for his daughters’ swim meets.

One of the joys of his life for 37 years was taking care of people in his State Farm Insurance Agency and for many of those years, daughter Tammy worked by his side.

Chuck’s volunteer schedule seemed to multiply exponentially as he grew older, accelerating (if that’s possible) in retirement.

He literally did it all. He served on the Inyo County Sheriff’s Posse. He enjoyed being a member of the barbershop community singing bass in his own quartet, The Four Tune Tellers and sang with the Chet Ullom Singers, The Presbyterian Choir, numerous Playhouse 395 productions and most recently in the First United Methodist Church Choir. He also sang the National Anthem on the High School Rodeo, Destruction Derby and Mule Days and until now, for decades, was one of the parade announcers and volunteers for both Mule Days (honored as Best Friend of Mule Days in 2017) and the Lone Pine Film Festivals.

He was past president of the Bishop Union Elementary School Board. Past president of the Bishop Chamber of Commerce. He served and was instrumental on committees such as: Blake Jones Trout Derby, Trout Opener Press Reception, Christmas Program - a beautiful Santa Claus, and the California High School Rodeo Association.

Many of these events over the years saw Chuck cutting and serving bread and goodies donated by Erick Schat’s Bakery.

In 2009, Chuck was named Inyo County’s Citizen of The Year. He was publicity chairman for Bishop Community Concert Assoc; chairman of Bringing Businesses To Bishop; committee member for the Kern Hudson Medal of Honor Monument in front of the Chamber of Commerce building and a proud member of the American Legion Inyo Post #118.

A member of the First United Methodist Church, Chuck was chair of the endowment committee, a member of the building committee and assisted the church auctions as Emcee.

Bishop, the Owens Valley and Inyo County were Chuck’s very being. He pursued all this valley has to offer.

He enjoyed pheasant hunting with his Brittany, camping and fishing with his family and dear friends, and later traveling in the motorhome with Mary Mae.

You never really heard Chuck ask if you needed help. He just helped. Thank you for loving him.

A titan, genuine, unrelenting and exceptional, Chuck loved his family and this community.

Chuck is predeceased by his mother and step-dad Lillian and Clair Kunkel and daughter Kimberly Mae Kilpatrick.

He is survived by his wife and childhood sweetheart Mary Mae, daughter Tammy Kilpatrick Stottlemeyer (Dave); granddaughter Cambria Robbins (Mike); grandson Ryan Orr (Chelsea); granddaughter Katlynn Starr (Shane); great-grandchildren Landon Starr, Kinley Robbins, Emeric Starr, Hasten Robbins, Lyric Orr; sister Dorothy Cleland (Denton); brother Clair Kunkel (Sharon); sister Betty Langwest and his loving nieces and nephews.

In the future, when the pandemic lessens, a memorial celebration of life will take place September.

In lieu of flowers, if you wish, make a donation to the Northern Inyo Hospital Foundation.
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David Bhakta: We moved to Bishop in '89, having bought the old Schat's Inn next to the park. From the moment of our arrival, he was so welcoming ... and on Halloween, our kids always wanted to visit the Kilpatrick house because they stocked regular sized candy bars. And for Christmas, he would always play Santa at our Christmas parties. He'd get there midway through, sack, outfit, names and gifts ready to go. It was just something he did. He would even bring an elf with him. He was a part of the family. You couldn’t say no to him. Over Mule Days, if we’re getting $300/night for a room and Chuck calls because there’s a special guest who needs a comp, you just did it, because you knew he was the type of guy who’d go the extra mile for you.

Linda Arcularius: Chuck was a treasured friend to my entire family. We loved him and will miss him deeply. Chuck knew what it meant to work for a cause and not for applause. He had true humility and he genuinely loved people.

There is a saying that goes, the meaning of life is to find your gift, and the purpose of life is to give it away. Chuck found his gift and he gave it away unselfishly to his family, friends, community, faith and country. He will be deeply missed and his example to others will be a part of our community and our hearts always.

Tawni Thomson: Chuck was just wired differently. He truly cared about the other guy over himself.

At Chamber mixers, when I first started, he'd just jump in and start helping and I was like, "Who is this guy?" April (Leeson, who also works at the Chamber) described him best, "Chuck's just Jesus." He knows to show up just when you need the help.

And he truly welcomed visitors for who they are. Not just for their dollars and cents. I've been getting emails from people who they are. Not just for their dollars and cents. I've been getting emails from visitors out of the area expressing their condolences [ever since his passing].

Jennifer Roeser: His involvement with Mule Days goes back over 30 years to the days when Mule Days volunteers were a committee under the Chamber of Commerce. Over the years he has watched and worked with pride as Mule Days has grown into the event that it is today. Chuck also is a major supporter of the California High School Rodeo State Finals which have been held in Bishop since 2005.

But here's a funny little anecdote. When Chuck was named Best Friend of Mule Days for 2017, he insisted on riding "tall in the saddle" during the parade. This had the board and Fairgrounds staff in a mild panic: he was 82. No spring chicken. And most dignitaries his age would ride in a wagon. Not Chuck.

The issue we had was during the Grand Entry, where Chuck would have to dismount in the arena to go to the announcer's booth to make an announcement, and then come back and get back on his mule. Problem was, the mule was tall and Chuck was not so tall, and he was worried that it might be a tad embarrassing trying to get back on the mule without help in the middle of the arena. So we arranged to have him re-mount off to the side, obscured by the 20-Mule team. Turns out we didn’t need to take the precaution. He just made a swing at it and got up on the first go.

Julie Faber: It was like Christmas every day for Chuck. He had crystal clear vision through his bright blue eyes and he saw joy and light. He had such an appreciation for life and the people around him. It’s rare to find a true gentleman: Chuck embodied that phrase.

John Camphouse: I sang with him in the choir at the Methodist Church. Chuck was a terrific singer - and a great coach, too. While we sang, he'd have his hand below where no one could see it, lifting it higher or lower to help me modulate my voice ... he also served as Master of Ceremonies for many years at the community auction, and the reason he was so good was because he knew virtually every person bidding and would always have a story. He made the event come to life.

From Joe Pollini: Chuck was always expressing humorous quips. He loved to send people to restaurants like the Bowling Alley where he'd tell guests the food was great but the waitresses were ornery (while giving a wink and a nod). And when guests would come into the Chamber asking for a water spigot to fill their RV tanks, water containers, etc., he would always tease them and ask if they wanted the $5.00 water or the $10.00 water.

... Chuck had an uncanny ability to know families and their lineages within and around Bishop especially the Rovana area. So guests would come in looking for a long lost relative and Chuck would generally be able to figure out if that relative was still around and hook them up with them.

... Chuck placed a big emphasis on creating positive first impressions in anything he or the Chamber did. He was very meticulous in placing Visitor Guides in mail envelopes a certain way so when it was opened, the Visitor Guide front cover would be the first thing the recipient would see because of how it was placed in the envelope. He was very precise about making sure all envelope labels and postage stamps were straight, not crooked.

One of Chuck's favorite sayings was "you only have one chance to make a first impression" and he lived by that motto in his appearance, behavior, and conversations with others. He projected that philosophy into Chamber operations as well.

Chuck was a very proactive person. He would see something needs to be done and just go out and do it. For example, the Chamber had a box of brochures about Kern Dunagan, a military war hero, who received the Medal of Honor. Chuck knew Kern while they were in high school and took the initiative to install a brochure dispenser in front of the monument outside the Chamber so interested vets, guests, and military personnel could bring a print brochure home with them instead of having them languish in some closet.

Chuck was a wonderful person to work with. He was reliable, affable, considerate, proactive and he worked like a mule. And he was in his 80s I grew to admire his qualities as a person. I would often remark that Mule Days was really in honor of him because he would always work as hard as a mule in anything he did. He made my life at the chamber so much easier. He is truly irreplaceable. I miss him so much. I could not be who I am without having had his presence in my life.
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