SPEED TO ABATE ON 158?
June Lake looking to slow traffic around the loop
By Page

Calls for action on State Route 158 in June Lake regarding pedestrian safety and traffic became a focal point at the June Lake Citizen’s Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting on June 2.

Lianne Talbot, safety engineer with Caltrans, discussed the issue with the CAC and fielded questions about what the transit authority is able to do to help out.

Talbot said that Caltrans had fielded a request to look into potentially installing crosswalks in June Lake, a task that she said will require an engineering study.

Encompassed in that study are pedestrian counts, collision history, and traffic volume. To aid the study, she asked for input from residents about where they felt safe crossing zones were needed within the Loop.

Talbot said the study could take place within the 2021-2022 fiscal year over a span of one to three months, adding, “We have to get up there and deploy and do an actual pedestrian count.”

The process for doing so involves installing cameras, capturing footage of the areas in question, and processing the data that the footage reveals. “I’ve long wanted 25 miles per hour [mph] flashing signs on either end of the village,” CAC member Ann Tozier said, citing the signs along 395 on both sides of Lee Vining as an effective calming measure.

“That’s something we can explore,” Talbot said, adding, “We did do engineering and traffic study for speed limits last year [on SR 158] and 85% of the vehicles are going 27 mph or less.” According to Talbot, that study took place in June 2020.

Mono County Community Development Director Wendy Sugimura said the county has sustainable transportation goals for the future and that an engineering study would be needed.

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SENIOR MOMENT

The Mammoth High School Class of 2021 had its Senior Walk on Wednesday morning, June 2. One teacher told The Sheet it was the first time all year that the students had gathered as a class.

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WHEN IS ENOUGH, ENOUGH?

I had no idea what the editorial should be for this week, until I reviewed a letter I wrote this past Saturday to Robert Schaubmayer Sr. and realized ... I could lift that whole section and print it verbatim. So thank you Mr. Schaubmayer for the inspiration!

I write you on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. The roads make it seem much more like the 4th of July. Jammed. The whole area just has a different feel. I probably won’t leave my property in Bishop for the entire weekend. I am grateful for the luxury of having such a sanctuary.

It is a weird feeling to walk the world as a living dinosaur. I operate a business in a declining industry. My values seem outdated and foreign - and I’m not sure the paper reflects the values of my larger community.

I was back east visiting family and friends a few weeks ago, and I’ll share one conversation I had with a buddy from college who has literally been working as an investment banker in New York for three decades.

And what’s interesting about this buddy - he’s been there three decades but was never made a partner at his firm. Reason being, I think, is because he’s honest - he puts the interests of his clients ahead of the bottom-line interests of “The Bank.”

Normally, they find a reason to fire these kind of people - a combination of snide concerns over “productivity” (If they’re not aggressively fleecing the clients, that means less money for the partners) as well as ... thieves don’t like to be surrounded by men of character. It unnerves them.

But for whatever reason, they haven’t whacked my buddy. Maybe they can’t find someone soulless enough to do the deed, I dunno. But he’s still there. And he told me a little story to illustrate a point. While he told it a little differently, I found the following version online. It’s pretty close.

The Parable of the Mexican Fisherman and the Banker

An American investment banker was taking a much-needed vacation in a small coastal Mexican village when a small boat with just one fisherman docked. The boat had several large, fresh fish in it. The investment banker was impressed by the quality of the fish and asked the Mexican how long it took to catch them.

The Mexican replied, “I sleep late, fish a little, play with my kids, take siesta with my wife, stroll to the village in the evenings where you could sip wine and play guitar with your amigos: I have a full and busy life, señor.”

The American laughed and said, “That’s the best part. When the time is right you would announce an IPO and sell your company stock to the public and become very rich. You could make millions.”

To which the investment banker scoffed, “I am an Ivy League MBA, and I could help you. You could spend more time fishing and with the proceeds buy a bigger boat, and with the proceeds from the bigger boat you could buy several boats until eventually you would have a whole fleet of fishing boats. Instead of selling your catch to the middleman you could sell directly to the processor, eventually opening your own cannery. You could control the product, processing and distribution.”

Then he added, “Of course, you would need to leave this small coastal fishing village and move to Mexico City where you would run your growing enterprise.”

The Mexican fisherman replied, “I have enough to support my family’s immediate needs.”

The American then asked: “But what do you do with the rest of your time?”

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The Mexican fisherman asked, “But señor, how long will this all take?”

To which the American replied, “15-20 years.”

“But what then?” asked the Mexican.

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“Millions, señor? Then what?”

To which the investment banker replied, “Then you would retire. You could move to a small coastal fishing village where you would sleep late, fish a little, play with your kids, take siesta with your wife, stroll to the village in the evenings where you could sip wine and play guitar with your amigos.”

I think we all wrestle with that - the concept of “enough.” And what we’re seeing right now in the Sierra is what happens when we overlay our hand. And enough morphs into way too much and we invite the destruction of our small coastal fishing village.

Never mind that along the way we all work to the point of exhaustion and get sick - especially now since you can’t find anyone who wants to work anyway so you do it all yourself.

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LETTERS

Anti the Anti-Anti Guy

Dear Editor,

We read John Rogitza’s letter in the May 29, 2021 edition of The Sheet, in which he seems to be responding to our letter in the previous edition. We have no idea what Mr. Rogitza’s point is. To paraphrase the main character in John Knowles’ novel A Separate Peace, “Sarcasm is the protest of the weak.” In other words, it is not uncommon for writers and speakers to resort to sarcasm when they can’t make clear arguments otherwise. We continue to believe that you should not have published letters with demonstrable lies, written by an anti-vaxxer lobbying organization and its supporter, without at least a disclaimer to alert readers that they should not accept the organization’s (or its supporter’s) statements at face value. There are gullible people who will assume that a letter is truthful and reliable because it is published in The Sheet. Whether that’s your intention or not. The issue is the potential consequence of such gullibility. Usually it doesn’t matter, but in this case the potential consequence is the spread of COVID-19 among the unvaccinated. That is an unacceptable risk.

Our thanks to Dr. Kyle Howell of Mammoth Hospital, whose clear, expert letter refuting the claims of Lynn Altieri-Mammoth Hospital, whose clear, expert risk.

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For those of you who give me disproving looks or even comments for declining to wear a mask in public places such as the post office or markets, that is fine, express yourself. I will do the same. The President of the United States and the CDC (Center for Disease Control) told us recently that if you have been vaccinated and completed the waiting period it is NO LONGER necessary to wear a mask in or outdoors except in specific situations or fear close proximity to unvaccinated people.

I choose to not let a governor that had no problem sitting in expensive French restaurants with his best friends at the height of the pandemic, all without masks, overrule the president and the CDC and tell me to continue to wear a mask. We can think for ourselves or be “sheeple.” I’ll think for myself. Allen Brown

Mammoth Lakes

Unmasked disdain

Dear Editor,

IT’S A DOG-EAT-OUT WORLD

By Lunch

Mammoth Lakes Town Council voiced unanimous support for maintaining relaxed outdoor dining regulations through this summer. Community Development Director Sandra Moberly said expanded outdoor dining (at the expense of some parking) will be allowed, via administrative permit.

Councilman John Wentworth said he is strongly supportive, in part because of the town layout. “There is no downtown,” he observed. “Let’s give this a shot and see what it looks like.” Mayor Pro-Tem Lynda Salcido said the enhanced outdoor dining not only provides “animation,” but “it allows you to bring your dog [to dinner].” Councilmember Sarah Rea said she would like the expanded outdoor dining to extend indefinitely.

In other action, Council received a report from In-House Special Projects Manager Grady Dutton and others regarding life after commercial air service at Mammoth Yosemite Airport. Dutton said it was important to keep investing in the airport to maintain its Part-139 certification, just in case a commercial flight or two may ultimately be reinstated. But without the commercial enplane-ments the Town has become accustomed to, maintaining the airport will require even greater General fund subsidy - hundreds of thousands of dollars in additional support.

An airport that produces 10,000 passenger enplanements per year is eligible for a $1 million federal subsidy. Hot Creek Aviation’s Pat Foster put a positive spin on scheduled charter service, which he described as a “red carpet” experience.

And Mayor Bill Sauser noted that concert-goers are the types of well-heeled folks who travel to Mammoth via chartered aircraft.

Mammoth, however, currently offers scheduled charter service only during the ski season. Foster did cite other opportunities that could present themselves now that the airport is free of commercial air service obligation.

For example, he said the airport had explored a deal to host some film production for the “Top Gun” sequel a few years ago, but the commercial operations going on at the time prevented it.

Public Works Director Haislip Hayes gave a presentation regarding a five-year, $34 million capital improvement program.

A whole $275,000 of that program was presented to Council as discretionary. Council was supportive of the two discretionary items: 1.) $100,000 to go towards a dog park. 2.) $175,000 to go towards Suite Z and administrative office upgrades.

Mayor Sauser described a need to improve “poor [work] conditions for a great staff.” He also thinks the $175,000 number is probably low.

Tennis fans will likely be disappointed by Council’s attitude toward community tennis courts on Forest Trail.

Two of the six courts are currently unplayable because of deteriorating conditions and lack of maintenance.

Town Manager Dan Holler said it would cost $1-1.5 million to reconstruct what we have today, and that the Town has been looking for a potential alternate site at a lower elevation.

Council didn’t seem too broken up over the decline of tennis. Sauser likes sports where he can use a cart to chase after the balls.

Finally, Council lavish praise upon former Public Health Officer Tom Bo and current Town Manager Dan Holler for their work during the pandemic. “You didn’t sign up for this [pandemic] as a public health officer,” said Mayor Pro-Tem Salcido.

“Exactly. No one signs up to be a public health officer thinking there’s going to be, you know, a lot of work involved.

These days, as a public employee, it is considered heroic to simply do one’s job. According to Transparent California, Dr. Bo made approximately $139,000 in salary and benefits as Public Health Of- ficer in 2019 - the latest data available.

That was in a slow year.

The Public Health Officer is supposedly the highest paid government official in Mono County based on hourly rate.

“Ed. note: Just got a copy of the Boo contract. It pays $105/hour. And there are a few benefits, like a retirement plan and vacation accrual”

He also works as a family medicine provider at the Rural Health Clinic in Bishop.

I imagine last year while his practice was slow he was banking significant hours for his public work.

As for Holler, who makes $3,817/week or approximately $198,500/year, he was awarded a 2.5% pay bump on top of that for 2021 and another 2.5% bump for ’22.

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grant money available for SR-158 and the June Lake Loop in the coming months. Money from that grant, she explained, cannot go towards multi-modality facilities, traffic calming, pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

Tozier also brought up the question of crossings outside of June Lake Village, and pointed to the section of SR-158 near Rush Creek as an example.

The current speed limit in that area is 55 mph. “That’s insane,” Tozier said. “It really should be 45 miles per hour.”

Changing that number, Talbot explained, can be considered but is easier said than done.

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Heckman asked, “We don’t need the highway; it’s actually on our list to relinquish.”

“Why would we do that?” Mono County Supervisor Bob Gardner responded.

According to Sugimura, taking on the responsibility would be outside of the CAC’s authority, although it could make a recommendation to the proper authority. She also noted the ongoing conversations and complications surrounding responsibility of State Route 203 in Mammoth as evidence of what that path can look like.

Heckman said that those parts of the relinquishment are negotiated during a memorandum of understanding (MOU) process.

One issue that CAC member Sarah Brown brought up is the avalanche mitigation system along SR-158. David Rosky suggested, in the event that the county assumes control of SR-158, that Caltrans and the county could divide sections of the road between them.

Ultimately, no significant motions were made regarding the matter. Regarding the crosswalks, the CAC committed to gathering input from June Lake residents about the best spots for crosswalks, to be completed and brought back to Caltrans within a matter of weeks.

In other CAC news …

Supervisor Gardner gave a rundown of the issues at Grant Lake. He said that volunteers have removed 70-80 fire rings around the lake and hauled out an assortment of trash, including a full bathtub, from the waterfront.

Fires, he said, were a constant threat over Memorial Day weekend. 3 fires were reported Friday, 5 were reported on Saturday, and 10 were reported on Sunday. “To my knowledge, no one was cited,” Gardner said. “We’re hoping that people will get the message. “I don’t understand the reluctance to fine people,” said Tozier. “You’re not necessarily getting repeat people … If a fire goes up, all of our homes could be destroyed, then there would be no visitors in a burned out Loop.”

Said Gardner: “I think we’re headed in that direction sooner rather than later.”

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### LOCAL BRIEFS

#### Rodeo Returns

The California High School Rodeo State Finals Championship will return to the Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop next week, June 7-12. Rodeo Buttons and tickets are available now at the Bishop Chamber of Commerce. Morning shows Tuesday through Friday are free for spectators. Admission to any single evening show Wednesday through Friday, or the Saturday afternoon championship round is just $8.00. A collectible CHSRA rodeo button is just $25 and includes admission to all performances. The Bishop Chamber of Commerce is located in the front of the Bishop City Park at 690 N. Main Street. Office hours are Monday through Saturday 9am to 5pm and Sunday Noon – 4pm. Hope to see you at the rodeo!

#### Fee-ling Good

On June 1st, Mono County Library System will stop collecting daily fines for overdue library materials and current overdue fines, which had been put on hold during the pandemic, will be waived. In April, the Mono County Library Authority Board approved a proposal by the Library to join the nearly 80 public libraries across California who have already made this change.

If you have overdue library materials at home, you can return them with no overdue charges and no questions asked!

Simply drop them into our outside book returns available at all 7 library locations. If you have lost or damaged an item, the Library will still charge a replacement fee. We recommend you visit the library to let us assist you in resolving it.

The lending period for library materials will not change and you will still be able to renew items if no one else is waiting for them. If your checked out item goes overdue and unrenewed for a period of 4 weeks, your account will be placed on hold until you bring the item back. More information can be found at www.monooolibrary.org.

While fine revenue represented less than 1% of the annual budget, the impact of overdue fines on individual households has been shown to be a deterrent to using the libraries, especially in lower income households.

This issue has gained such widespread attention that the American Library Association approved a resolution in 2019 encouraging libraries across the United States to remove the barrier of fines and recognize that doing so will result in more people signing up for library cards and using their library.

Prior to this change, more than 4,000 Mono County Library users had overdue fines. Of those, 1,100 — including over 330 children and students — had their accounts blocked due to excessive overdue charges. By removing the overdue fines, we are excited to welcome back as many of these people as possible.

#### Sick Fish at Hot Creek

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has suspended all fish hauls from the Hot Creek Trout Hatchery in Mono County as a bacterial outbreak has been detected at the facility. Fish pathology experts have confirmed an outbreak of Lactococcus garvieae in some trout at the hatchery. CDFW has quarantined the facility, halted all fish planting, and is preparing to test and to vaccinate the fish stocks.

Lactococcus garvieae is the same disease that forced the quarantine and suspension of fish planting last year at three other CDFW trout hatcheries in Southern California and the Eastern Sierra — the Mojave River Hatchery, Black Rock Trout Hatchery and Fish Springs Trout Hatchery. That outbreak ultimately forced the euthanization of 3.2 million trout at those hatcheries.

"Unfortunately, the timing couldn’t be worse with, a lot of people coming to fish the Eastern Sierra this time of year," said Jay Bonam, Acting Fisheries Branch Chief for CDFW. "We don’t yet know the extent of the outbreak at Hot Creek Hatchery, but we do have the advantage of some additional tools in our toolbox now versus a year ago, including recently developed vaccines that we started rolling out to fish at the three previously infected hatcheries earlier this month."

The outbreak of Lactococcus garvieae, which is similar to streptococcus, has been reported in cattle and poultry farms as well as fresh and saltwater fish and shellfish hatcheries around the world. It had never before been detected in fish in California until the hatchery outbreaks last year.

Hot Creek Trout Hatchery was originally quarantined with the other three hatcheries last year out of caution, but the quarantine was lifted after testing found no evidence of the disease.

Fish that are infected with Lactococcus garvieae can show symptoms including bulging eyes, lethargic or erratic swimming and increased mortality, or be asymptomatic and show no signs of infection depending on several factors including water temperature and stress. Fish-to-human transmission of this bacteria is rare and unlikely but there are several documented instances associated with immuno-compromised people consuming infected raw fish and unpasteurized milk products.

CDFW’s Hot Creek Trout Hatchery is located in Mammoth Lakes and raises four species of trout — rainbow trout, brown trout, Lake Trout and Lahontan cutthroat trout — for recreational fishing. Fish from the hatchery are stocked in Mono and Inyo counties.

For real-time stocking updates, California anglers can refer to CDFW’s Fish Planting Schedule. This schedule is updated directly by CDFW hatchery staff. Although it contains current information, all fish plants are subject to change depending on road, weather and operational conditions.

For additional information, please see CDFW’s frequently asked questions about the L. garvieae outbreak. Also, members of the public can email questions to hatcherybacteria@wildlife.ca.gov.

$34.9 Million in Pot Seized

On March 10, 2021, the Inyo County Agricultural Office was notified of a large illegal marijuana cultivation operation in the Charleston View area of Inyo County. The operation had no county or state permits to cultivate marijuana. Inyo County Sheriff’s personnel conducted surveillance at the locations and determined there were three active illegal marijuana cultivations operating in the Charleston View area.

Investigators obtained search warrants and on May 27 the Inyo County Sheriff’s Office with assistance from the Drug Enforcement Agency conducted a raid at the Charleston View area and seized an estimated $34.9 million of marijuana.

Some 6,700 pounds of marijuana, valued at more than $34.9 million, was seized and is in the process of being transported to the Inyo County Sheriff’s Office.

#### OBITUARY

**JOANN ZILA 1934-2021**

Long time Mammoth resident JoAnne Zila passed away peacefully in her own bed at home in Carson City on January 11, 2021.

She was born on December 28, 1934 in Los Angeles. She attended University High School in LA. She married Frank Zila on June 6, 1953 and they were together until Frank’s passing on September 28, 2018.

JoAnne started skiing Mammoth Mountain in 1953. She and Frank moved to Mammoth Lakes from their home in Rolling Hills, California in 1985 after Frank retired and they finished raising their children. She worked at Mammoth Hospital and was a member of the Women’s Hospital Auxiliary. They later moved to Carson City for health reasons.

JoAnne was survived by her children Mark Zila, Robin Whitlock and Tracey McCarthy. She was proceeded in death by her daughter Erin Costa. Her grandchildren Michelle Accardo, Vince Accardo, Marina Zila, Cory Zila, Anna Costa, Christina Costa and Tony Costa. Great grandchildren Caleb Accardo, Olivia Accardo and Silas Costa.

There will be a celebration of life for JoAnne Zila at the Westin Monache in Mammoth Lakes on June 8, 2021 from 5-8pm. Please stop by to share your memories of JoAnne anytime during this event.
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CLEAN CALIFORNIA

By Page

On May 11, 2021, California Governor Gavin Newson announced a $1.5 billion investment into cleaning and beautification efforts on the state’s transportation corridors, titled “Clean California.” Representatives from Caltrans District 9 (Inyo, Mono, Eastern Kern) hosted a small event at the northbound viewpoint on the Sherwin grade on Thursday, June 3 to talk about what Clean California will bring to the state’s roads.

In addition, local officials were on hand to talk briefly about their efforts to mitigate trash educate the general population.

Terry Erlwein, deputy director of maintenance at Caltrans, kicked things off with a broad overview of the plan. The goal, Erlwein explained, is “driving a culture shift of shared responsibility and pride” while increasing sustainable opportunities for communities.

Clean California is projected to create approximately 15,000 jobs within the state. Many of those jobs will be aimed at people experiencing homelessness, at-risk youth, and formerly incarcerated folks.

Erlwein said that Caltrans picked up about 267,000 cubic yards of trash in 2020, equal to 18,000 garbage truck loads.

In 2021, the authority is targeting 1.2 million cubic yards, or 21 tons, of trash. That amount is equal to 81,000 truck loads.

If one were to lay the required bags end-to-end, the line would stretch across the continental United States.

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During the service of the search warrants, 15 cultivators were detained, interviewed and released at the scene. Additionally five handguns and one rifle were seized. Approximately 17,450 plants were eradicated from 31 grow structures from the three separate sites. The estimated street value of the seized marijuana was $34.9 million.

The Inyo County Sheriff’s Department will be requesting that charges be filed with the Inyo County District Attorney’s Office.

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Young guns

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Jamie and Phil Hirnshall

London and pack school coordinator Carissa Perrault

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Joanne Parsons, Bob Tallman and Jen McGuire

Emma teaching a group of young packers

Bryan Kaiser instructing

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Congratulations, Sydney!
MAMMOTH HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2021

Front row (starting with the colorful hair): Cecilia Bassler, UC Berkeley (Sociology); Taylor Williams, Long Beach State (Communications); Emma Dardenne-Ankringa, Montana State (Cell Biology/Neurosciences)

Back row: Jessica Bonich, Cal State San Marcos (Business); Isla Lackey, UC San Diego (Earth Sciences); Bailey Sokol, UC Davis (Political Science); Madison Jayne, Baylor University (Kinesiology); Erica Lynch, Gap Year (Skiing); Lizetta Dardenne-Ankringa, Montana State (Cell Biology/Neurosciences)

L-R: Leslie Fierro, Cerro Coso (Nursing); Karina Solorio, Undecided; Makenna Kumloe, UCLA (Ecology/Biology); Catherine Gacho, UCLA (Biology); Katie Wilson, Long Beach State (Kinesiology); Lauren Ramras, UC-Davis (Design/Architecture)
L-R: Logan Contaldi, Cerro Coso (Graphic Design); Jorge Laguna, UTI (Undecided); Ivan Gamez, UTI (Undecided); Cuahutemoc Del Toro, Cerro Coso (Business); Kathy Medina, Cerro Coso (Phlebotomy); Edgar Garcia, Real Estate; Isaac Garcia, Cerro Coso (Welding); Gonzalo Gonzalez, Cerro Coso (Architecture); Jose Ramirez, UTI-Long Beach (Diesel Mechanic)

Front row: Yazmin Godinez, Cerro Coso (Undecided/Music); Alexa Cruz, Cerro Coso (Medical Field); Raul Morales, Undecided (General Contracting/Electrician); Areli Ramirez, Cerro Coso (Phlebotomy); Anahi Camargo, Cerro Coso (Physical Therapist)

Back row: Bridget Galvan, Cypress Community College (Nursing); Michelle Villalpando, Cerro Coso (Undecided); Luisa Spezzia, Cerro Coso (Psychology); Ana Villalobos, Cerro Coso (Nursing)

Front Row: Elisabet Gastelum, Gap Year (Work); Ximena Serrano, Cerro Coso (Stenographer); Valeria Delgado, Cerro Coso (General Ed.); Monique Garcia, Cerro Coso (General Ed.)

Back Row: Angel Cabrillo, Undecided; Cesar Pina, CSU Northridge (Public Health); Joaquin Garcia, UCLA (Undecided)

Clockwise from top left: Gavin Anderson, College of the Sequoias (Kinesiology); Aidan LeFrancois, UCLA (Biology); Benny Wolfe, UC Berkeley (Physics); Devon Tenedora, Cal Poly Pomona (Undecided); Tyler Frazer, Cuesta College (Engine Tech); Kazuki Okamoto, CSU-Long Beach (Marine Ecology); Ryan Furrness, CSU-Chico (Undecided); Peter Zastoupil, CSU-Long Beach (Undecided)
MEMORIAL DAY IN BISHOP

Photos By Gayla Wolf

Pat Powell, First Vice commander, American Legion, and Kevin Hall, VFW

John Underhill, VFW Commander Post 8988

Longtime Memorial Day attendees Steve Stevens and his wife Marilyn

Bonnie Harvey, Olga Peters, Pete Peters

American Legion Commander Pete Peters, Carl Hoelscher, 2nd vice commander and Maurice Brisco

Bugler Bart Williamson, Senior Vice President, VFW 8988

Michael Vengua and Charles Keller

Carl and Kathy Hoelscher
**calendar of events**

**TOWN STUFF**

**June 5/6**
- Inyo Council for the Arts Community Art Days, Live music, food vendors, arts and crafts and more. 12:30-6:30 p.m. @ Bishop City Park on June 5 and Derby Park in Independence on June 6

**Saturday, June 5**
- Round Up at the Lake Fishing Derby at Convict Lake. Held every Saturday in May and the first two weeks in June. Time: 6 a.m.-5 p.m. register at convictlake.com
- Crowley Lake Perch Fishing Derby @ Crowley Lake Fish Camp. Held every Saturday until the end of the June. Must be registered to win, sign up at Crowley Lake Fish Camp Tackle Shop. 6 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Liberty Bar Five-Year Anniversary Jam featuring numerous local bands from 3-9 p.m.
- “Miracle Country” Book Signing with local author Kendra Alweck at @ Sharp Company. The games begin at 7 p.m.

**Sunday, June 6**
- Mammoth Events Roundtable meets. **Public session starts 10 a.m.**
- Inyo County Board of Supervisors meet. **Time: 3:30 p.m.**
- Mammoth Lakes Lodging Assn. meets via Zoom. Time: 10 a.m. Attend via the Mammoth Lakes Chamber website or via https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89745316677. **Meeting ID 894 730 771**
- Mammoth Lakes Restaurant Assn. meets via Zoom. Time: 3:30 p.m. Attend via Meeting ID: 855 663 9793 & Passcode: 832759
- Mammoth Events Roundtable meets. Time: 10 a.m. Attend via link found at www.mammothlakeschamber.org.

**Monday, June 7**
- Spellbinder Books in Bishop. Grab a signature. Time: 4:30-6:30 p.m.
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- Mono County Supervisors meet. Time: 3 a.m. Join by visiting https://mocounty.county.us/2019062814512. Trivia Night at Mammoth Brewing Co. The games begin at 7 p.m. sharp.
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- Lakes Planning and Economic Development Commission meets. Time: 2 p.m. Agendized: The Woodward bus turnaround
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Notice of Property Tax Delinquency and Impending Default (Rev. & Tax. Code, Sections 3351 & 3352)

L Janet Dutcher, Mono County Director of Finance/Treasurer/Tax Collector, State of California, certifies as follows: That at 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 2021, by operation of law, any real property (unless previously tax-defaulted and not redeemed) that has delinquent property taxes, fees, or other charges levied for the fiscal year 2020-2021, and/or any delinquent supplemental taxes levied prior to the fiscal year 2020-2021, shall be declared tax-defaulted.

That unless the tax defaulted property is completely redeemed through payment of all unpaid amounts, together with penalties and fees prescribed by law, or an installment plan is initiated and maintained, the property will become tax-defaulted and may be sold subsequently at tax sale to satisfy the lien. That a detailed list of all properties remaining tax-defaulted, an account of the delinquencies is on file at the office of the Treasurer/Tax Collector for the Taxing Agency, and that information may be obtained by telephone or through the initiatives of an installment plan for redemption of tax-defaulted property will be furnished at the request of any person or by the County Auditor/Controller, by Certificate of the Tax Collector. (Rev. & Tax. Code Section 3351)

Inquiries by phone may be directed to (760) 935-3480, by email to townofmammothlakes.ca.gov or by certify (declaration), and did penalty pay, that the foregoing is true and correct. Janet Dutcher, Mono County Finance Director/Treasurer/Tax Collector Attached at Bridgeport, Mono, California, on June 2, 2021

TS-2021-0094

Notice of Impending Power to Sell Tax-Delinquent Property (Rev. & Tax. Code §§ 3351 & 3352)

Pursuant to Rev. and Tax Code sections 3351 and 3352, it follows, that, in the name of, and by virtue of the power vested in the Mono County Auditor/Controller, by Certificate of the Tax Collector, pursuant to the power and requirements prescribed by law, the County Auditor/Controller hereby issues this Notice of Impending Power to Sell Tax-Delinquent Property, and in the manner prescribed by law, hereby: (ii) By operation of law, any real property (unless previously tax-defaulted and not redeemed) that has delinquent property taxes, fees, or other charges levied for the fiscal year 2020-2021, and/or any delinquent supplemental taxes levied prior to the fiscal year 2020-2021, shall be declared tax-defaulted.

The parcel listed herein meet one or more of the criteria cited above, and thus, will become subject to the tax collectors power to sell by June 1, 2021, at 12:01 a.m. by operation of law. The tax collector’s power to sell will arise unless the property is either redeemed or made subject to an installment plan of redemption (trailer as provided by law to cease of business on the last business day of the last day of the tax calendar. All information concerning redemption of the relationship installment plan of redemption will be vulnerable, upon request by phone at (760) 932-3480, or by email at tsmono@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

The right of redemption is forever, the property becoming subject to the power to sell, but it remains available for sale on a monthly basis. The property will remain available for sale on a monthly basis, and the terms of sale will be subject to the discretion of the tax collector. All interested parties are encouraged to contact the tax collector for further information.

The amount to receive, including all penalties and fees, and dates, at June 5, 2021 is shown opposite the parcel number and next to the name of the assessor.

PARCEL NUMBER SYSTEM EXPLANATION
The Assessor’s Parcel Number (APN), when used to describe property in this, refers to the assessor’s map book, the map page, the book on the map, and the individual parcel on the map page or in the book. The assessors’ maps and further explanation of the parcel number system are available in the assessor’s office.

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Notice of Availability/AHearing
Notice Of Availability Of Proposed 2021-2022 Budget Documents And Public Hearing Thereon By The Mono County Board Of Supervisors
Notice is Hereby Given that the Proposed Budget Financial Plan for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Will Be Available To Members Of The General Public On June 5, 2021, During The Hours of 8 (AM) and 4 PM, At The Mono County Administration Building, 451 Sierra Park Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546 For Delivery Prior To June 10, 2021, or via email at mgann@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov. The public may appear at the hearing and be heard regarding the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2021-2022. The public hearing will be held at the Mono County Administration Building, 451 Sierra Park Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546 for delivery prior to June 10, 2021, or via email at mgann@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

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Mammoth Spa Creations is looking for an additional member for it’s team. We now have immediate openings for a maintenance / technician position and an office position. These are Full 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 760-924-3091 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@.

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

Alpenhof Lodge is accepting applications for maintenance, housekeeping, front desk and night audit positions. We are looking for full and/or part time team members to fill year round and seasonal positions. Applicants must be able to work weekends and holidays. Please apply in person at 6089 Minaret Rd, Mammoth Lakes.

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Onsite Property Manager Wanted
100+ Unit Complex. Housing provided. Responsible for grounds, common areas, spas, pool areas & snow removal. Hiring for full and/or part time positions. Journeyman Plumber and Journeyman Electrician. Benefits for qualified individuals. Apply in person or call 760-934-8111.

East Side Bike Shop is seeking a full time employee who is passionate about community and good food. Bakers, counter associates, dishwasher, food prep. Send resume to eastsidebike-shop@.com or call 760-914-2696

Alpine Approach in Mammoth seeks team members. Full time and night audit positions. We are looking for our next housekeeping team member, Full time. Duties include dusting, cleaning, scrubbing, mopping, vacuuming, disinfecting, etc. Ensure the work and cleaning schedules are followed. To apply: reservations@mmchalets.com or call 760-934-8518

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NAKED DINING ... AT WENDY’S

By Hartley

I’ll start with the Jacksonville Jaguars. Head Coach Urban Meyer has already worn out his welcome before he’s coached a snap in the NFL. I’m done with his arrogant ass. He been hiring coaches who don’t deserve jobs and now he thinks he’ll turn 33-year old Tim Tebow into a TE? Stop it. Look at the lags coaching staff:

Hired a strength coach who is a reported racist and bully. Gone already.

Hired Darrell Bevell as offensive coordinator. He couldn’t work with Russell Wilson in Seattle. Got fired. His next gig was to lead the Lions offense - they regressed under him to the bottom of the league. Now he’s supposed to mentor Trevor Lawrence?

Defensive coordinator is Joe Cullen. According to a report in the Detroit Free Press, while he was coaching in Detroit, he visited a Wendy’s drive-thru and allegedly pulled his SUV to the window and picked up an order while naked. Now he wasn’t at a Jack In The Box or somewhere place half decent. Wendy’s. What about Wendy’s says: I WANNA EAT THAT, and specifically says I GOTTA EAT THERE NAKEED??

Meyer will last about 23 games and make $33 million.

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with his arrogant ass. He been hiring
defensive coaches are holding a meeting
and the coaches are throwing footballs
to the wrestlers. Stop it. Circus Act. And
where is wrestling huge? Down there.

And the Tebow thing: Tebow is a legend in
the Florida Gator community and Jacksonville is his area. So if you think
the Jags are stupid, you underestimate the idiocy of their fan base. Tim Tebow jerseys are the number 1 and 2 selling jer-
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think is - how did 21 people die in a sanc-
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Peter Zeldis passed away peacefully last week from lung and kidney failure. His ebullient personality and heart-warming smile are sorely missed by his wife Sandy, brothers Bill and John, and children Ross, Lee, and Grant. Pete (“Mr. Z” as most knew him) was born in Syracuse, New York. His family then moved to Los Angeles where his father worked at UCLA. He grew up with his three brothers in Santa Monica, Calif.

As a young adult, Pete helped form the Santa Monica Ski Assn. that descended upon June Lake each winter. Pete loved skiing and the outdoors, so he moved to June Lake where he taught skiing at the local ski resort and worked for the Forest Service.

Pete then moved back to Southern California, pursuing his teacher training and teaching credentials while driving a Pepsi truck to make ends meet. After obtaining his credentials Pete taught at the Lee Vining High School. He had found his calling in teaching. He then attended the California State University, Fresno achieving his Master’s degree in Special Education, and spent several years working at the Camarillo State Hospital and later the State Hospital in Porterville.

He then brought his knowledge and experience back to Inyo and Mono counties where he enriched the lives of countless students and families. Pete worked in the public schools as a substitute teacher in Bishop but then became a local Special Education teacher. He fondly remembered his years at the Lee Vining High School where he created his first workability endeavor with students called “Funky Fudge.” His dedication to children and young adults was evident when long graduated students sought him out to give their thanks and visit with him at the infamous orange juice booths.

Pete developed the orange juice booth as part of his work with the Kids on the Block educational puppets. He was inspired by his mother’s work with these puppeteers to further awareness and appreciation of diversity in others, including physical and mental challenges. Pete cared so deeply about his students that the skills, respect, and care he provided went beyond the classroom into their individual lives. Pete’s creative educational platforms allowed generations of students to succeed into adulthood. Many will remember the Snack Shop that operated out of his Special Education classroom in Mammoth during recesses. This non-profit entity allowed him to teach children how to receive money, count change back to students, write out checks, balance a checkbook, and overall to engage with their peers in an education-based learning experience. Pete carried these fundamental skills over into summer fundraisers.

The students, including his son Lee Hanover, would set up the orange juice booth, juice crates upon crates of oranges, blend smoothies, and enjoy the drinks while engaging with the public at the many music and art festivals in Inyo and Mono Counties. Part of this education was also involved by enriching children’s lives with cultural knowledge through art and music.

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Pete was an educator, a friend, a mentor, and caregiver to many people in the Eastern Sierras. But what people feel most about Pete is his huge heart, his empathy for others, and his kindness. He is alive in so many people’s hearts, memories, and the skills they carry forth into the future. That’s what his memory leaves us with. He is a legend in Mammoth and well beyond.
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