Monso County Supes, staff take victory lap with pay hike

By Crocetti

The Mono County Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday, June 15 to finalize the budget for the 2021 fiscal year.

This included approving salary increases for the county’s 40 at-will employees.

It also included the board itself voting on its own salary increase, not included in the original budget breakdown.

The salaries of board members will increase from $49,308 to $57,504, or 17%. The board chairperson’s wage will increase from $53,544 to $67,244.

The overall budget passed 5-0. However, the vote on the board salary increases was not unanimous.

The board passed its salary increase by 3-2. Dissenters were Supervisors Bob Gardner and Stacy Corless.

Gardner’s reasoning was that the board members should not be allowed to increase their own salaries during their term without letting the taxpayers deliberate first.

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SUPER-SIZED RAISES

Inyo Supes hike own pay by 26%

Well, everybody’s doing it.

Businesses have been buoyed by government grants and loans. Individuals have received augmented unemployment benefits and emergency checks from Donald and Joe.

So now, it appears to be government’s turn to pay itself.

Inyo County Supervisors approved the second reading of resolutions and ordinances on Tuesday granting Supervisors and upper management staffers raises ranging from 4 to 40% depending upon the position.

Inyo Supervisors granted themselves a 26% pay hike. They will now receive $72,060/year for their part-time jobs, about a $15,000/year bump.

It also sparked some unusual discord from a board which typically keeps its differences to itself.

Supervisor Jeff Griffiths voted against giving himself a pay raise.

Fellow Supervisors suggest this was a grandstand play and that he’s happy to take the money - he just doesn’t want to own the vote.

Or perhaps his fellow Supervisors are merely upset that Mr. Griffiths did not follow the Bro Code. Isn’t there supposed to be honor among thieves?

Supervisor Jen Roeser, whom I would suggest could call the “Smiling Assassin,” was clearly perturbed by Griffiths vote.

After all, she was the one who magnanimously offered to skip the pay raise for the first year because she’s only sat on the board for six months.

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He said he would donate the extra $15,000 to causes/charities of his choice.

It was somewhat ironic that Roeser was going after Griffiths while her other three colleagues on the board are all double-dippers (Supervisors Kingsley, Pucci and Tootheroh all currently receive retirement pensions from other jobs while they get paid for this one).

The $15,000 bump in pay, by the way, will translate into a $3,000/year bump for the above Supervisors once they leave office and begin tapping their (sec-ond) county pensions.

Supervisors Kingsley and Pucci were members of the subcommittee (along with various elected department heads) that spearheaded the push for the proposed salary “adjustments.”

In board discussion at the June 8 meeting, Supervisor Kingsley described the process and methodology arrived at as “simple but brilliant.” Supervisors Tootheroh and Roeser also used the term “brilliant” while dish- ing out effusive praise for the “draft analysis strategy developed by Auditor Controller Amy Shepherd.”

Everyone’s always got a better idea for a mousetrap.

From CAO Clint Quilter’s staff report: The key element of this analysis was to select a benchmark position that was very similar for every county and to then determine how other positions were compensated in comparison to that benchmark. The benchmark position chosen was the County Administrative Officer.

Translation: All positions are compensated at a percentage of what the CAO makes.

Then the County embarked on a survey of other counties.

Again, from Quilter: The counties initially chosen for comparison were San Luis Obispo, Monterey, Nevada, Mariposa, Mono, Ventura, and Calaveras. These were initially chosen due to ease of obtaining information and hav-ing the necessary positions. Subsequently, we were able to identify an easy mechanism to access the information from most counties. In order to test the validity of our method, different groups of counties were used in a similar analysis for a sampling of positions. This was done in 3 ways. First, an analy-sis was done using the first California county alphabetically and every sev-enth county thereafter in an alphabetized list. Second, an analysis was done using the fourth California county alphabetically and included every seventh county thereafter in an alphabetized list. Finally, an analysis was done using the 18 California counties beginning with the letter S. All three of the analyses gave results that were within 2% of the analysis using the original counties.

Once the analysis was completed, positions were grouped into bands in or-der reduce the number of different salary schedules required and to maintain consistency between positions with similar responsibilities. These banded percentages are the recommended percentage of the County Administrator Salary for each position.

Which all sounds so groovily scientific.

But what struck me … some of the comparison counties are awfully pricey, particularly in terms of real estate values. A cursory bit of Lunch research determined (numbers courtesy realtor.com as of April/May 2021) that the median home sales price for the comparison counties was $601,429/$383 per square foot.

Inyo County’s median sales price was $443,000/$265 per square foot.

So Inyo County’s housing costs are 25% less on average than the selected peers, and yet, we wish to pay ourselves on par with our peers.

Sounds like a pretty good deal.

But hey, why would Messrs Kingsley and Pucci and the rest of their fine subcommittee wish to dither in such mental gymnastics if it threatened to get in the way of a 26% raise?

Kingsley said at both the June 8 and June 15 hearings on the matter that he’s happy to talk with his constituents about how hard he works and how the raise is appropriate.

We set up a system and applied it fairly across the board, he said.

Tootheroh piped up by saying that his discomfort in handing himself such a fat raise was “made significantly less by the process.”

Kingsley said at the June 8 meeting that he hopes the bump in pay will in-spire more qualified people whom are smarter than he is to run for office.

According to County Counsel Marshall Rudolph, the public has sixty days if it wishes to circulate a petition and seek a referendum on the Supervisor pay hikes.
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Here is a breakdown of the increases awarded to Supervisors and other upper management staff.

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And this is what their respective benefits packages cost as a percentage of salary:

- Ag Commissioner: 46%
- County Counsel: 34%
- Child Support Dir.: 32%
- Envi. Health Dir.: 36%
- Water Director: 47%
- HHS Director: 44%
- Planning Director: 35%
- Chief Probation Off.: 45%
- Public Works Dir.: 31%
- Assessor: 31%
- Auditor-Controller: 39%
- Clerk-Recorder: 43%
- District Attorney: 35%
- Pub. Admin/County: 45%
- Sheriff: 66%
- Treas./Tax Collector: 38%
- Supervisor Griffths: 23%
- Supervisor Kingsley: 19%
- Supervisor Roesor: 21%
- Supervisor Totheroh: 19%
- Supervisor Pucci: 11%

So the Ag Commissioner’s benefits, for example, cost approximately $156,720 or another $72,000 on top of his salary.

Note: Like the rest of the state, the County’s pension obligations are not fully funded. Far from it.

Raising salaries, ironically, means that faces adversity ... In any society, making sacrifices is crucial to any group that faces adversity. Those who shift from a good mood to an angry one during the negotiation often achieve good results.

And then ... “In modern democracies ... an ethos of public sacrifice is rarely needed because freedom and survival are more or less guaranteed. This is a great blessing but allows people to believe that any sacrifice at all – rationing water during a drought, for example - are forms of government tyranny. They are no more forms of tyranny than rationing water on a lifeboat ... the idea that we can enjoy the benefits of society while owing nothing is literally infantile.”

Finally, on leadership: “[Democracy’s core virtue of insisting leaders be accountable to others is] necessary to make sacrifices is crucial to any group that faces adversity ... In any society, leaders who aren’t willing to make sacrifices aren’t leaders, they’re opportunists, and opportunists rarely have the common good in mind. ‘They’re easy to spot, though: opportunists lie reflexively, blame others for failures and are unapologetic cowards.’
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not been any increases made to salaries in the past decade.
This ignores raises the County gave just two years ago.
In April 2019, there was a $226,984 increase in salary expenditure for certain at-will employees. The Sheet’s Jack Benham covered this story and it can be found here: https://thesheetnews.com/2019/04/21/who-wants-to-be-it/. Substantial increases were granted to the County Administrative Officer, the Human Resources Director, Risk Manager, County Counsel, Public Works Director, Emergency Medical Services Chief, Community Development Director, Probation Chief, Behavioral Health and Social Services Directors, Public Health Director, Treasurer/Tax collector, and Information Technology (IT) Director.
The only difference this time around is that the county hired an outside firm to do the analysis.
Back in 2019 the board hired a third party at first, but then ditched the consultant and negotiated with each at-will employee on a 1-1 basis.
A notable salary increase from 2019 was for the position of Information Technology (IT) Director Nate Greenberg, whose salary increased from $114,180 to $150,000—a $35,820 or 31.4% increase.
According to the “study” used in 2019, the median salary for IT directors in comparable counties was $121,780.
The salary incorporating cost of living was $135,541, still almost $15,000 less than what Greenberg ultimately received.
In the most recent payola approved by Supervisors, Greenberg’s salary increased from $154,872 to $162,156.
That’s a $48,000 per year increase in two years.
On Tuesday, Sheriff Ingrid Braun made the biggest score, receiving a $19,000 raise.
In other news, the Mono County Behavioral Health (MCBH) presented both its 2021-2022 annual update and its 2020-2023 3-year plan. MCBH presented a Community Program Planning survey administered across Mono County, consisting of 115 participants diversely dispersed, in light of the recent increase in death by suicide across the county. MCBH identified the current most at-risk suicide demographic in Mono County to be white females between the ages of 25 and 35.
Respondents were from every community throughout the county, with over 20% from the LGBTQ+ community, and approximately 10% American Indian or Alaskan Native, 13% African American or Black, 17% Hispanic or Latino. Cultural competence and racial equity were big themes in Behavioral Health’s update.
A need to create more social opportunities that do not have alcohol involved in order to be connected was also emphasized.
Hugh-J Smokeout

On June 10, 2021, at approximately 5:14 A.M., the Mono County Sheriff’s Office (MCSO) received reports of a structure fire at the Lee Vining Motel. Lee Vining Fire Department, June Lake Fire Department and Mono City Fire Department were dispatched. It was determined the cause of the fire was suspicious in nature. While firefighters worked to extinguish the fire, law enforcement, with help from the public, was able to locate and detain a male suspect nearby.

The male suspect was later identified as Hugh J. Sloan III from Bishop. Sloan was placed under arrest for: 451.5(a) PC - Aggravated arson 451(b) PC - Arson of inhabited building 451(d) PC - Arson of property

A Cal Fire Arson Investigator was requested to assist in the investigation.

Hiker Rescued on Mount Tom

On Sunday evening, Inyo County Sheriff’s Dispatch was contacted by a stranded hiker on Mount Tom. According to the hiker, he and his partner split up since they hiked at different speeds and in order to lighten his load, he dropped his daypack at the base of the last steep section (1,600 feet below the summit). From there he proceeded with a water bottle and one warm layer. At some point, the stranded (lead) hiker made the decision he would turn around rather than get too tired or hurt himself. However, he took a turn down the wrong side of the southwest ridge and from there, descended off-route down a steep gully. After a long while, he realized his mistake and turned around.

With water long gone and no food, he became too exhausted and got cramps due to dehydration. His partner, who had already summited and was on the descent just above Horton Lakes, received a message from him via satellite messenger and tried to hike back up to help him. But after nightfall, he decided it was too dangerous to proceed and therefore never reached him.

A helicopter from CHP Inland Division Air Ops arrived in Bishop Sunday night and picked up an Inyo County Search and Rescue (SAR) member and attempted to rescue the stranded hiker. No suitable landing zone could be found to place him on the summit. With water long gone and no food, he became too exhausted and got cramps due to dehydration. His partner, who had already summited and was on the descent just above Horton Lakes, received a message from him via satellite messenger and tried to hike back up to help him. But after nightfall, he decided it was too dangerous to proceed and therefore never reached him.

A helicopter from CHP Inland Division Air Ops arrived in Bishop Sunday night and picked up an Inyo County Search and Rescue (SAR) member and attempted to rescue the stranded hiker. No suitable landing zone could be located, so the mission was put off until sunrise.

On Monday morning, CHP returned, picked up another member of Inyo SAR, and flew to Mount Tom. Despite the altitude of 12,700 feet and increasing gusty winds, they managed to lower the SAR member to the hiker. The SAR member placed the hiker into a “hot seat” - a special seat for hoisting persons - and he was ex- tracted from the mountain. CHP then returned to Mount Tom to pick up the SAR member.

Mas Masks at Mammoth Hospital

Mammoth Hospital reminds the public that the new guidelines for California “Moving Beyond the Blueprint” does not include healthcare settings. On top of state guidance, the CDC has still NOT removed its recommendation regarding masking in hospitals.

What that means is that we all need to continue to mask while we are in any Mammoth Hospital building or clinic, and that this includes staff, patients and visitors.

Events are Brewing

With California's June 15 Covid-19 reopening date now in the rearview mirror, summer and fall events in Mammoth Lakes are preparing to kick back into gear.

Many annual/traditional events are returning.

Leading the way in terms of size and scope, and the celebration of the festival’s 25th anniversary is the Mammoth Festival of Beers & Bluesapalooza, Mammoth Lakes’ largest ticketed summer event. Organizers have confirmed that they are moving forward with the premier four-day festival, scheduled this year for Aug. 5-8.

“To our knowledge, this is the first large scale beer festival in the state of California since the start of the pandemic and our goal is to set a standard for future beer festivals in the state and beyond,” said Mammoth Brewing Company owner and event organizer, Sean Turner.

Signature summer and fall events in the Village at Mammoth Lakes moving forward include Villagefest, the Reggae Festival, Mammoth Rocks, Oktoberfest, and many others.

Endurance events are also a go, with well-known rides such as the Mammoth Gran Fondo scheduled to take place in September, as well as the June Lake Triathlon, scheduled for July.

Also look for the Mammoth Yoga Festival in September.

“We are extremely excited to welcome events back to Mammoth Lakes this summer in a safe and sustainable way,” said Mammoth Lakes Tourism’s new Special Events Manager, Dakota Snider.

Red’s now green for visitors

Red’s Meadow opened to the public on June 17.

However the Reds Meadow Shuttle Service, provided by Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA), doesn’t begin service until July 2.

Before the shuttle starts running, expect parking to be very limited in the area.

On July 2, all regular rules and fees will be put in place, including mandatory use of the shuttle bus.

Information on fees, the mandatory shuttle bus and exception vehicles can be obtained on the Inyo National Forest website.

Schedules and fares can be found on the ESTA website.

The Devils Postpile Ranger Station and Campground, operated by the National Park Service, will not be open this season.
In order to make ski beach access possible for guests of the new development, planners are proposing a realignment of SR 203 that would have the road looping to the right, between the two parcels. In addition, a new transit plaza would be put in along 203, adjacent to the existing Mammoth Mountain Chalets to provide public transportation access to the new development as well as continued service to Devil's Postpile and Red’s Meadow.

1,443 parking spaces will support the project, with a mix of spots added along 203 and additional parking underneath proposed structures.

Alterra Chief Operating Officer Mark Brownlie said of the project, “It’s been a long process to get to this point” that represents “twenty years of collaboration between the Forest Services, the Town [of Mammoth Lakes], agencies, and Mammoth Mountain.”

Brownlie said that Alterra’s project is an opportunity to continue the partnership between ski area and community that has been built over the years. “We’re really custodians of Dave McCoy’s legacy as we think about this,” Brownlie said, “We want to make sure we do something that’s absolutely uniquely relevant to our environment.”

The vision, he added, is about integrating the wilderness with the new developments and making the area accessible to casual/first-time outdoor recreators as well as lifelong enthusiasts. Team Cochrane, Principal at DLDT Associates, said that the first draft of the Environmental Impact Review should be completed by December 2021, with public review and comment coming in spring 2022.

By spring 2023, Cochrane said, development at the site is expected to begin. Cochrane gave 2028 as an optimistic completion deadline.

Eron Ashely, partner at planning firm Hart Howerton, then spoke. Ashley explained, in a “smart way that leverages that unbelievable address and does right by those adventure seekers and people who’ve always sought out Mammoth.”

In addition to the proposed hotels, retail/dining, and ski services, Ashley said that the group was also considering a year-round “adventure concierge” and training center for mountain/outdoor activities. The goal is a place “where the Village at Main Lodge becomes sort of a microcosm of the bigger adventure offered by Mammoth.”

The 1,500 foot-long ski beach would be one of the largest in North America, Ashley said.

Ashley also went into the proposed “Big Bend” development to the east of the ski beach.

Accessible via chairs 2 and 10 out of the Mill and coming down to the beach/village area, Big Bend is aimed at pure beginners.

The idea, Ashley explained, is to give space for new skiers to practice and build skills during their first hours at the mountain before moving onto bigger terrain.

For parking, Ashley said that the goal is to provide enough parking so “it functions efficiently ... but we don’t want to be in the parking business for the sake of parking.”

PEDC Vice-Chair Jennifer Burrows kicked off the questions/comments portion by asking about how Parcel B development would impact the forest and where the mountain planned to house the new employees needed to staff the development.

Cochrane said that the area around the ponds is already very open and wouldn’t need much clearing.

On housing, Mammoth Mountain Ski Area (MMSA) Vice President Tom Hodges said, “We have every intention of complying with the Town’s affordable housing regulations as they exist today.”

Councilmember Sarah Rea was not impressed by Hodges’ answers. “I’m frankly disappointed by ‘we’ll abide by everything that the town has on the books.’ We all know what that the town has on the books is not adequate.”

“As long as I’m sitting on council, I’m not going to approve a project that does the bare minimum on housing,” she continued, “I know you don’t want to be in the parking business and housing business ... unfortunately, every major employer in town is in the housing business and parking business.”

“I want to assure you we’re going to comply with housing mitigation ordinances as a starting point,” Hodges replied, and referenced MMSA’s plans to complete a 22-unit project on Arrowhead Drive by the end of 2022.

For more information, please see MAIN LODGE, page 9.
“We recognize as well as anybody that housing for employees is critical to our success,” he said, “it’s an incredibly complicated subject and I don’t have time to get into all the opportunities that this project brings.”

He did tantalize the associated Councilmembers and Commissioners with the promise of TOT riches - worry about the details later.

“It’s going to be a partnership of all of us together to figure this out,” Hodges said, “We first and foremost recognize the need to do this right and to have a solution that works for the community as a whole.”

Cochrane added his voice to Hodges’s assurances, saying “I can tell you that we are more than willing and anxious to talk to all the stakeholders about create ways to address problems that maybe aren’t as cut and dry.”

PEDC Commissioner Greg Eckert asked where the retention ponds would be relocated to once development began.

Cochrane said that they are evaluating two options.

1. Annex the wastewater outflow into the Mammoth Community Water District.

2. Develop an onsite wastewater treatment plant.

The choice, based off of work done by a waste water consultant, will be made by the end of July, said Cochrane.

Mammoth District Ranger Gordon Martin joined the meeting to say that he had finished reviewing the Memorandum of Understanding between the Forest Service, Town, and Mammoth Mountain to pay for environmental review consultants. That process, he said, should be moving forward.

Martin also said that the Forest Service is still waiting on a master development plan associated with the project. “Keep in mind that we ask everybody who wants to do stuff on National Forest land: can this happen on private land?”

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**June 26, 2021**

10:00-12:00 pm

Shady Rest Park

Sawmill Cutoff, Mammoth

- Car Seat Installation Checks
- Bike Helmets
- Children’s books
- Oral Health Supplies
- Safety and poison prevention information
- Local services & agency information

**26 de Junio de 2021**

10:00-12:00 pm

Shady Rest Park

Sawmill Cutoff, Mammoth

- Revisiones de Asientos de Seguridad para autos
- Cascos de seguridad para bicicletas
- Libros para niños
- Suministros de salud bucal
- Seguridad, y prevención de intoxicaciones
- Información y servicios de organizaciones en la comunidad

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Services provided by: Los servicios son proporcionados por: Mono County, Behavioral Health; Social Services; Public Health; WIC; Mono County Library; CA Highway Patrol; Mammoth Lakes Police Department; and Safe Kids CA Mono Partners; First 5 Mono.

Questions? Preguntas? First 5: 760-924-7626
A Mammoth Unified School District (MUSD) Board Meeting in late May, parents from across the district made their voices heard about the direction of the high school.

Some felt that the school’s direction towards college classes/credits was a step in the right direction, enabling kids to earn degrees and credits that would otherwise require steep payments and loans; others argued that the district wasn’t doing enough for honors and AP students and relying on the college to provide advanced classes.

The latter argument has gotten to the point where some parents are considering sending their kids to school elsewhere or have already committed to doing so.

MUSD, they say, is struggling to provide more rigorous high school class options for their kids. And the options that are available aren’t very desirable.

MUSD is on the path to becoming an early college high school, where students take some of their classes through a local early college high school, where students are available aren’t very desirable. And the options that are available aren’t very desirable.

Some of those classes are taught by college professors online or in a college classroom while others are taught by qualified high school teachers in high school classrooms.

This comes as Mammoth High School (MHS) is getting ready to welcome one of its largest-ever student bodies - there’s a huge 8th grade bubble entering high school and lot of transfers coming in.

“I think I would’ve never even considered boarding school without quarantine and Covid and everything,” said Allison McDonnell Page, whose son is going to school elsewhere next year. “It was never even on my radar.”

Had it not been for her son’s desire to apply, “We were okay with him going back to Mammoth High School,” she said.

As he put it, “It [his future school] has more.”

“I felt like he needed an adrenaline shot of experience after 16 months of online school,” she said, “They just need to do something that makes it not just the same old same old ... because going back to just the same thing is not going to work for a lot of kids.”

Other parents are on the fence but not entirely enthusiastic about the gradual shift.

Lara Walker acknowledged that there are benefits to the changes: flexible schedules, affordable higher education, a path to a career.

“It’s way easier for kids to get really high grades, get accepted to good schools,” Walker said, “but I don’t think it helps develop our children and prepare them for college.”

“I’m concerned about my child’s social-emotional development,” she said, “Her having online classes is depressing and frustrating ... and some kids maybe enjoy it but I’ve talked to seniors who don’t have a single in-person class.”

“I’m seeing my child bored, not pushed, and watching hours of tv everyday because she’s done all her homework.”

Both Walker and Page pointed to reduced AP offerings as a sticking point, as well as the new model for teaching classes like Honors Biology.

In the new system, all biology students are in the same classroom; the difference between regular biology and honors biology is only that honors students receive additional homework/work to do outside of class.

Other parents are highly supportive of the early college system being put into place. Comments from parents during the May 29 MUSD board meeting indicate that both they and the kids are excited and motivated by the opportunity to take college classes.

“My daughter is getting to experience what college classes are like. It gives her an insight of what to expect when she goes to college,” said Sandra Guillen, “It has been a great benefit for her. It will assist in keeping her focused and know she can receive a degree while in high school.”

“My daughter] never thought [taking college classes] would be something she could do while in high school,” said Irma Torres, “She is feeling excited to be part of MHS in the fall and wants to also take college classes. They feel more confident and motivated to go to a university after MHS.”

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HABIT FORMING

Nunsense into second weekend at Tri-County Fairgrounds

By Crocetti

“I don’t care if I am ever rich or famous, I just want to be a star!”

The production of Nunsense by Playhouse 395 debuted at the Tri-County Fairgrounds this past week. Bubbly and sincere, the cast did a fantastic job bringing spunk to this classic musical, which details the surviving Little Sisters of Hoboken following a terrible “culinary accident” at their leper colony.

The play takes place at the Mt. Saint Helen’s school auditorium, where the nuns are attempting to raise money to bury their remaining dead sisters by hosting community theater in an attempt for donations; the convent already spent the rest of their burial money on a flat-screen TV, so they have no other option.

I would describe the play as “wholesomely outrageous.” It showcases a subtly dry, rather dark, realist sense of humor alongside whimsical, imaginative cutaways. I mean, nuns have to stay celibate somehow, right?

To sum it up, nuns have FUN. And when there is no fun to be had, they make their own. The actors did a good job at enthusiastically bringing this wholesome non-sensibility to life on stage.

This was my first time at the Tri-County Fairgrounds. As an outdoor venue for a musical, it was really cool to have the mountains in the backdrop behind the stage. The 7pm showtime made it so the sun was setting as the musical proceeded, making the scenery even more spectacular.

I thought the set design was cleverly minimalist. The food and drinks being served were satisfying. Though it was very hot earlier in the day, by the time the show started rolling everything was cooling off.

A live community performance felt refreshing and uplifting following the Covid-19 shutdown. I, for one, have not been to a live performance since pre-quarantine. There is something special in general about a community performance—something that makes me smile and feel connected. And I know I have definitely been in need of that feeling these days. I think we all have.

“She’s done a tremendous amount…she’s bringing theater back to Bishop” says actress Karen Keehn (Sister Robert Anne) of Director and Producer Martha Reynolds. Hats off to Reynolds and the entire cast and crew for coming together to showcase their talent, share laughs, and bring to life the loveable story that is Nunsense!

The show will be running June 20, 21, and 22 at the Fairgrounds at 7pm. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. for “Supper with the Sisters.” Vendors offer food, beer and wine. Tickets cost $15 and are sold online at www.playhouse395.com and at the front gate.

L-R: Karen Keehn, Director/Producer Martha Reynolds, and Nina Potter
Help Wanted

Mammoth Hospital
Mammoth Lakes CA

Mammoth Hospital is currently hiring for the following positions:

Surgery Scheduler
Surgery and Oncology Coordinator
Environmental Services Technician
Housekeeping
To view more open positions and to apply, visit: https://mammoth-hospital.jobery.com/beh/.

Alpenhof Lodge
Housekeepers Wanted in Mammoth Lakes

Seeking experienced cashier/customer service associate. Must be honest, personable and enjoy making customers smile! Day and evening shifts available.

$17.50 per hour starting pay & vacation benefits for qualified individuals.

Please apply in person or call 760-934-1811.

East Side Bake Shop

Seeking experienced staff passionate about community and good food. Bakers, counter associates, dishwasher, food prep. So come to work for us! www.shopgma.com, or call 760-914-2966.

Sweetwater Plumbing Inc.


Shilo Inn is accepting applications for full time housekeepers.

Full Time Housekeeping Worker

Front desk/night auditor

Please call Donna or JC at 760-965-0544

Housekeeper Mammoth Mountain Chalets is looking for our next teamkeeping hotel staff. Duties include cleaning, scrubbing, sweeping, mopping, vacuuming, disinfecting. Ensure the work and cleaning schedules are followed. To apply: reservations@mmchalets.com or call 760-934-8518

Front Desk Agent responsible for providing attentive, courteous and efficient service to all guests during their stay. Coordinating with maintenance and housekeeping for Chalet readiness. Greet, process & serve guests. Pay dependent on experience. Please contact us at info.skadi@gmail.com or text us at 760.915.0962

Mammoth Museum History Trolley - mammothmuseumhistorytrolley.com - is hiring for current, licensed CNAs, LVN’s and RN’s - Full time or Part time positions available with benefits (401k, paid vacation & more.). All shifts available to support and care for residents in our Skilled Nursing Facility. All experience levels are welcome. Our team is like a family, our pay is excellent, this is an opportunity worth looking into.

To apply: Contact tpuckett@plum.com or call 760.872.1000.

Bishop Care Center is looking for an

Hospice Volunteer Coordinator

Job Duties: The Hospice Volunteer Coordinator is a key member of the Hospice Team and reports to the Hospice Administrator. The Volunteer Coordinator is responsible for promoting and recruiting volunteers, processing and maintaining volunteer information, training volunteers, and ensuring they have the necessary tools to complete their volunteer activities. Additional responsibilities include the processing of all volunteers through the background check process, ensuring volunteers have the appropriate training, and scheduling volunteer availability.

Mammoth Museum History Trolley

We are looking for an enthusiastic team player with a passion for history. This individual will report to the Museum Director and work to support the Museum’s mission to tell the story of Mammoth. The ideal candidate will be a self-starter with the ability to work independently, have excellent communication skills, and be energetic and comfortable engaging with the public.

Please apply to hipov@monoinn.com.

East Side Bake Shop
Applicants for the position of Barista will need to have a desire to provide quality customer service in a fast-paced environment. Must have effective communication and problem-solving skills, the ability to work well as part of a team, and the ability to work a flexible schedule. Must be able to lift 20 pounds.

Please apply in person or call 760-924-7727.

Tonik is hiring FT/PT

Seeking an experienced Sous Chef, starting at $18/hr DOE. Line cook starting at $16/hr DOE. Candidates should be professional with appropriate experience. Please contact us at info@tonikmammoth.com or call 760-934-8518

Sweetwater Plumbing, Inc.
ольд Стрит Електрик

Seeking an experienced electrician. Must have a valid electrician’s license, basic computer skills, and must be able to lift 100 pounds.

Please apply in person at 6080 Main Street Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546.

Ski Patrol

Established full-time position. Qualifications include: Excellent skiing and snowboarding skills, ability to judge conditions, and experience teaching and coaching. Mon - Fri, 8am to 4pm

Please apply in person at 6080 Main Street Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546.

East Side Bake Shop

Bake Shop Coordinator

Supervise and train staff passionate about community and good food. Pay dependent on experience. Please contact us at info@eastsidebakeshop.com or text 760.934.0960.

East Side Bake Shop

Bus Person

Applicants must be able to work weekends and have a valid driver’s license. Must be able to lift 20 pounds.

Please apply in person at 2987 Main Street Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546.
calendar of events

TOWN STUFF

June 19-27
Monster Energy Mammoth Motocross is back! Catch races and practices throughout the week at the track off of Sherwin Creek road. Event times and additional information can be found at mammothmotocross.com

Saturday, June 19/
Skandar Reid Celebration of Life.
Social hour: 5:30 p.m. Open mic: 6:45 p.m. Location: Millpond
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.
Rush Creek and June Lake Loop Annual Clean Up. Interested volunteers meet at 8 a.m. at the Silver Lake boat ramp in the June Lake Loop.
Fly Fishing Film Tour makes a stop at the Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop. Gates: 6:30 p.m. Show: 8 p.m. Price: $30/car or $10 for individual walker/biker.
Info: www.mammothlakesrecreation.org.
C5 Studios Nature Journaling Workshop hosted by Lauren Newey. Part 1 of a two-part series, with the second part on June 26. Time 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Go to c5studios.org for registration and info, $55 to attend.

June 20-22
Playhouse 395’s production of “Nunsense” takes place at the Tri-County Fairground. Gates open: 5:30 p.m. Curtain at 7 p.m. Get tick @ www.playhouse395.com. See Crocetti’s review p. 11.

Sunday, June 20/
June Lake Brewing 7th Anniversary Celebration featuring new beer and merch along with live music throughout the day. Party starts at noon.

Monday, June 21/
Mammoth Lakes Lodging Association meets via Zoom at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88670501007. Time: 10-11 a.m.
Mammoth Lakes Restaurant Association meets via Zoom at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83566397993?pwd=vQT09. Time: 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Bowling ‘n Beasts @ Mammoth Rock’n Bowl. Time: 9 p.m. All ages, but bar 21+.

Tuesday, June 22/
Boyz n’ tha Woodz plays at Liberty Bar in Mammoth. 4-7 p.m.
Trivia Night at Mammoth Brewing Company. The games begin at 7 p.m. sharp.

Wednesday, June 23/
Wine Wednesdays @ Liberty Bar in Mammoth, featuring live jazz and wine tastings. Time: 4-7 p.m.

Thursday, June 24/
MLT Community Coffee begins at 8 a.m. Head to one of the participating vendors (Looney Bean, Black Velvet, Starbucks, Stellar Brew) to claim your free cup of coffee. The discussion this week will be focused around the upcoming 4th of July celebration in Mammoth.

Full Moon Women’s Circle @ Horseshoe Lake. Time: 7 p.m. Cost: By donation. Info: tanyarosemarie@gmail.com.

Pleasant Valley Plateau Conservancy presents: “Back on Track” and FULLY OPEN. Indoor and Outdoor exhibits are now open to the public. Visitors welcome EVERY DAY from 10-4 p.m. Info: 760.873.5950/
lawsrailroadmuseum@gmail.com.

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Mama’s Angels of the Eastern Sierras presents “Back on Track”. July 9-31. Time: 10-11 a.m. Date: July 28, Location: Shady Rest Park. Time: 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Town Stuff

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Ongoing

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Notice of Public Hearing

Mono County Board of Supervisors

Notice of Public Hearing

Proposed Fee Schedule - Emergency Medical Services

Notice is hereby given that the Mono County Board of Supervisors will Conduct a Public Hearing on July 6, 2021, at The Hour OF 9:00 AM, as Soon As Possible Thereafter, To Consider Whether To Adopt A Resolution That Would Increase Various Fees Charged By Mono County For Providing Emergency Medical Services To Residents And Non-Residents Of Mono County.

Teleconference Information: The Hearing Will Be Held In Person And Via Teleconferencing, As Authorized By Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-20-20, March 17, 2020, With Members Of the Board Attending And Voting Remotely. A Hybrid Format Recognizes That the State is Moving Beyond the Blueprint For A Safer Economy Beginning June 15, 2021.

Members Of the Public May Participate In Person, Or Via The Zoom Webinar Meeting (Using Listening, To The Meeting And Public Comment, By Following The Instructions Below. If You Are Unable To Join The Zoom Webinar Of The Board Meeting, A Live Stream Of The Meeting During http://www.mono.gov/zoom. 

To Join The Meeting By Conference Call

Visit https://www.mono.gov/zoom. 

To Join "Just a Meeting" And Enter The Zoom Webinar Id 90145692 3496. 

To Provide Public Comment (At Appropriate Times) During The Meeting, Press The "Raise Hand" Button On Your Screen. 

To Join The Meeting By Telephone:

Dial (909) 926-8503, Sharename Webinar Id 90145692 3496. 

To Provide Public Comment (At Appropriate Times) During The Meeting, Press "To Raise Your Hand And To Vote/Unvote"

The Fees That Would Be Established By The Proposed Resolution Are Set Below And Are Based On The Standard Time And Cost To Provide The Services For Which The Proposed Fees Would Be Charged.

If the Board Determines At the July 6, 2021 Public Hearing, The Board Will Consider, Among Other Things, Whether The Proposed Fees Will Meet The Estimated Reasonable Cost To Mono County Of Performing The Services For Which The Fees Would Be Changed And Whether To Charge Higher Fees To Non-Residents Of Mono County. Data And Other Information Concerning The Costs To Provide The Services And The Sources Of Revenue The County Anticipates Using To Fund Those Services Are Available For Public Review At The Office Of the Clerk Of The Mono County Board Of Supervisors Located In Courthouse Annex One In Bridgeport.

Advance Comment From The Public Is Welcome And May Be Submitted To The Board Via U.S. Mail At P.O. Box 71, Bridgeport, CA 93517 Or Via Email At ClerkofMonoCounty.gov. Oral And Written Comments May Also Be Presented At the July 6, 2021, Public Hearing.

If The Board Determines At the July 6, 2021, Public Hearing That It Will Adopt The Proposed Schedule Of Fees, The Board May Adopt A Resolution To That Effect And Make Decisions To Effectuate Its Intent To Adopt Such Proposed Fees.

Fee Rates Proposed In The Resolution Are As Follows:

Proposed Ground Ambulance Rates For Mono County Residents

Advanced Life Support (A) Base Rate (All Inclusive) $2,434.44
Non-Transport Emergency Fee $92.50
Emergency Oxygen $87.50
Night Charge $262.30
Mileage (Per Mile Or Fraction Thereof) $0.46
Wait Time (Per 15-Minute Interval) $89.49

Total: $2,434.44

Proposed Ground Ambulance Rates For Non-Residents Of Mono County

Advanced Life Support (A) Base Rate (All Inclusive) $2,941.84
Non-Transport Base Rate (B) Rate $2,434.44
Base Rate: Life Support (B) Rate $717.65
Emergency Oxygen $222.76
Night Charge $24.62
Critical Care Transport $2,346.96
Mileage (Per Mile Or Fraction Thereof) $0.46
Wait Time (Per 15-Minute Interval) $91.84

Total: $2,941.84

Current Fee Rates As Follows:

Current Ground Ambulance Rates For Mono County Residents

Advanced Life Support (A) Base Rate (All Inclusive) $1,652.98
Non-Transport Base Rate (B) Rate $1,371.45
Base Rate: Life Support (B) Rate $92.25
Emergency Oxygen $170.74
Night Charge $207.50
Critical Care Transport $1,082.68
Mileage (Per Mile Or Fraction Thereof) $0.45
Wait Time (Per 15-Minute Interval) $76.77

Total: $1,652.98

Current Ground Ambulance Rates For Non-Residents Of Mono County

Advanced Life Support (A) Base Rate (All Inclusive) $2,038.28
Non-Transport Base Rate (B) Rate $1,272.78
Base Rate: Life Support (B) Rate $79.67
Emergency Oxygen $170.74
Night Charge $228.25
Critical Care Transport $2,346.96
Mileage (Per Mile Or Fraction Thereof) $0.45
Wait Time (Per 15-Minute Interval) $91.84

Total: $2,038.28

For additional Information Regariding This Hearing, Contact Anne Freeman at 760-924-7207 Or By Email At Ambulance Mono County@ca.gov Or Chris Mokravec At 760-924-4638 Or By Email At Ambulancemono County@ca.gov

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Notice of Public Hearing

TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, CALIFORNIA

NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX DELINQUENCY AND IMPENDING DEFAULT (Rev. &Tax. Code, Section 3351 & 3352)

Oxygen

Emergency Fee

Advanced Life Support (Als) Base Rate (All Inclusive)

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Wait Time (Per 15-Minute Interval)

Emergency Fee

Basic Life Support (Bls) Rate

Als Non-Transport

Advanced Life Support (Als) Base Rate (All Inclusive)

Current Ground Ambulance Rates For Mono County Residents

Critical Care Transport

Emergency Fee

Proposed Ground Ambulance Rates For Mono County Residents

Proposed Ground Ambulance Rates For Non-Residents Of Mono County

The Town of Mammoth Lakes hereby notifies all bidders that it will meet the estimated reasonable cost to Mono County of performing the services for which the fees would be charged, and that the fees and charges stated herein are substantially complex, and therefore a retention of 5% will be withheld from payment until after the work is complete.

Technical questions should be submitted via the Town’s Online Bid Portal, located at https://www.Sanmiguelambulance.com/BidCenter. Any questions or comments should be written in writing and sent to the person listed above, by e-mail, or by calling (760) 965-3650 and should be identified as relating to the specific project. Bidders may be allowed to “Follow” this bid to receive an email notification when certain changes or updates are made to the document or project. To check the Online Bid Portal for answers to inquiries.

TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, CALIFORNIA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ADOPTION THE 2021-2022 ANNUAL BUDGET DELINQUENCY RELIEF 

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Burbank Community Services District will hold a PUBLIC HEARING at an open meeting on June 21, 2021, to consider the annual delinquency and annual water rate report. The public hearing will be held on July 6, 2021 at the Crowley Lake Community Center, Crowley Lake Drive, Crowley Lake, California. The meeting and the hearing will also be available for inspection after June 14 at Owens Urgo, Town of Mammoth, CA 93546-0001.

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The Following Person Is Doing Business As: Sierra Resources, Inc.

RDE Engineering, Inc.

PO Box 472

Lake Circle Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

This business is conducted by a Corporate Business under the fictitious business name listed above. This business was registered in Dec. 23, 2020. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on May 25, 2021.

I saw you ... are looking for a Father's Day gift. Here's an idea. Don't ask your mom to trytip?

I saw your ... are hosting a graduation bbq. Would it be okay to ask

I saw your ... parents are hosting a

Dad's Day gift. Here's an idea. Don't ask him for

I saw you ... are looking for a Father's Day gift. Here's an idea. Don't ask him for

Respect for the foregoing, the contractor registration requirements mandated by Labor Code sections 1725.2 and 1771.1, a public works project which is exempt pursuant to the above referred to Labor Code sections 1725.2 and 1771.1.

Pursuant to Public Contract Code section 22080, the surety will not be released, and the surety will not be relieved of its obligation to indemnify the Town for losses or damages notwithstanding the foregoing, the contractor registration requirements mandated by Labor Code sections 1725.2 and 1771.1.

This Project is subject to prevailing wage compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. In bidding on this project, a bidder will be required to submit a Certificate of Responsibility to the Department of Industrial Relations. The Certificate of Responsibility will be issued by the Department of Industrial Relations. This Certificate of Responsibility will be submitted to the Department of Industrial Relations for the duration of the Project.

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

Notice Inviting Bids

CAP-21-002

The Town of Mammoth Lakes will receive sealed bids for the work shown on the plans entitled

TS-2201-0095

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