THE WORLD IS A STAGE

In Mammoth Lakes, everyone's Ruffled and no one wants dip

By Lunch

Mammoth Lakes Town Council talked a lot about housing at its regular meeting on Wednesday evening.

But ultimately decided not to move further resources into the housing column.

By a 3-2 vote, split along gender lines, Council decided to maintain its existing budget, versus transfer approximately $344,000 from its General Fund to housing.

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During the meeting, Urdi aggressively sought an accounting of all the TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax) overage dollars that have funneled to the Town.


DELTA FORCE
Covid returns with the ferocity of Chuck Norris
By Crocetti

The Mono County Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday to discuss possible new Covid restrictions for the coming months.

The rapid spread of the Covid Delta variant, especially in California, has led to the recommendation by Mono County Public Health for vaccinated and unvaccinated people alike to wear masks while in public, indoor spaces.

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**HUG WHAT YOU LOVE**

In the aftermath of Mammoth Council’s abortive attempt to manage its own money, I thought about Celine’s line from Journey to the End of the Night. *Am I allowed to quote Celine? I haven’t kept up with the master cancellation list.*

“And great Goethe, accepting the inevitable truth that human growth does not proceed in a straight line to its goal, compared the development and progress of mankind to the reeling of a drunken beggar on horseback.”

A tidy summary of Mammoth’s political history.

Before I forget … I’m so glad that Kirk Stapp kept his political commitment to the horse-and-buggy (Measure A, 1986) rather than update his commitment to the plane, train or automobile.

“Those aren’t pillows!”

Just to give you an idea of what a few peer resorts are doing when it comes to spending money on housing versus marketing.

According to its 2021 budget, Aspen is spending $45.7 million on affordable housing, and $2.4 million on resort promotion. Aspen’s marketing spend has remained flat for the past five years.

Breckenridge will spend $11.3 million on affordable housing and $4.2 million on marketing in FY 2021. Breckenridge spent $4.8 million on marketing in 2020.

Whereas the Town of Mammoth Lakes spends about three times as much on marketing as it dedicates to housing per its General Fund allocation.

You know what would have happened if Council had taken $344,000 from MLT? We probably would have lost out on our next #1 single.

In an email from Lara Kaylor which described MLT’s Sustainability Spend for Summer 2021, she highlighted the following:

- Media placements for Mammoth Lakes Love Song & Hug What You Love – $350,000 (includes agency fees for related placements - The agency makes approx. 15% commission on digital placements. For example only, if the budget is $350K, the agency makes $52,500 and $297,500 is media. This is not exact right now for the summer spend as the media has not fully run to reconcile and report on actuals. Media commission covers: planning, buying, trafficking, setup, management, optimization, dashboards, and reporting.)
- Production of Summer Sustainability Assets (Bleephole song, Love Song Video, In-Market Collateral, Hug Video, Bleephole Trade PR) – $43,500
- Summer Interactive dispersement map – $20,000

Total: $413,500

Overall, Kaylor said MLT has spent more than $1 million on sustainability and stewardship initiatives over the past year.

Which leads me to “The Perils of PR” piece I read in the July 3 issue of The Economist.

“Any big business may need a team to handle its public image and to deal with the ‘repulses’ of the press … but once you start employing PR people, it can be difficult to stop. In a variant of Parkinson’s law, ‘PR expands to fill the budget available.’ Companies can hire an in-house team while also choosing an external PR firm. And if bad news strikes, bosses often want to call in a firm that specializes in crisis management.

A company’s aim is to frame the narrative in a favorable manner. Any firm wants to be seen not as a money-grubbing corporation that pollutes the environment and exploits its workers but as an innovative pioneer with sustainable operations and a social conscience. An expert PR executive can hone such a message and identify the best way of communicating it to investors and the wider public, for example by selecting the journalists and publications which will lend it a sympathetic ear.”

“The second piece I’d like to mention is a review of Adam Grant’s “Think Again” by Phillip Delves Broughton which appeared in the Wall Street Journal. The book is about exploring how “rethinking” happens, how we change our minds and how we persuade others. Mr. Grant argues that the most innovative thinkers don’t just accept when they are wrong, they take genuine pleasure in it, and delight in having their intellectual world rocked.

Hedge fund manager Ray Dalio is quoted as saying: “If you don’t look back at yourself and think, ‘Wow, how stupid I was a year ago’ then you must not have learned much in the last year.”

Another little gem: “Psychologists find that people will ignore or even deny the existence of a problem if they’re not fond of the solution.”

But most important: “The absence of conflict is not harmony. It’s apathy.”

Mammoth Lakes is big business, but let me emphasize: No money-grubbing to see here! No housing, no problem! Move along!

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Bus saga

Dear Editor,

The Red Line bus turnaround saga continued this week with a Planning and Economic Development Commission meeting at which Town engineer Amy Callanan summarized all the potential places where a 40-foot bus meant for a highway could be turned around on rural roads in Old Mammoth. It turns out there really aren’t any, but if Woodman Street is widened by 15 feet, 5 trees are removed, and a corner lot is graded and paved over, then a turnaround would be possible with buses turning left across downhill traffic on Old Mammoth Rd, going through the lot, then out onto Woodman and right onto Old Mammoth Rd again. Residents at the meeting were impressed neither with the safety of this design nor with how well it would work in even a poor snow year, much less a good one. On the “bright side” — especially from their living room — the buses would come within 20 feet of the nearest single-family home, a rustic cabin owned by the Dutko family and built by their patriarch over 60 years ago. All residents of Old Mammoth could look forward to large empty buses 0.7 miles up Old Mammoth Road at all hours to Woodman St – is an absurd “solution” to the problem. Absurd regarding its negative and destructive impact on the neighborhood of Old Mammoth; absurd because of the lack of ridership west of Aspen Village; absurd regarding safety. This was not the right question. The right question is “If the Red Line cannot go west of Minaret Road, how can we provide service to residents of Aspen Village, Snowcreek condominium owners, and the occasional riders from Old Mammoth west of Aspen Village?”

This is a bus-route question, not a turnaround-engineering question. Transit planners, ESTA Eastern Sierra Transit Authority, and the Town Council must figure it out; that’s their job. One option is to design a new route that uses small buses or vans whose size is appropriate to the existing roads and potential turnaround spots and whose capacity is consistent with ridership. Another option is to jump at a chance to provide housing and eyesore hotels in town that may not receive allowance to do away with workforce housing.

1. Provide incentives to home/condo owners in order for them to open their homes for long term rentals.
2. Install tiny homes on the Parcel that can be strategically moved to accommodate construction phases.
4. Insist that future development do not receive allowance to do away with workforce housing.
5. There are few “less than desirable” and eyesore hotels in town that may jump at a chance to provide housing year-round. Monies could be allocated to fix up their property (a win for the Town), thus increasing owner’s property value in addition to a guaranteed income by way of employment housing.
6. Allow for rental units in the Industrial Center. Incentivize this.
7. Authorize Mammoth Lakes housing to administrate any of these ideas. They are a resource that is just chomping at the bit to make a real difference. Please, THINK OUTSIDE OF THE BOX NOW!

Lou Marguilles
Mammoth Lakes

Think Outside the Box

To Our Council Members,

I too am expressing concern with the current state of affairs as presented below.

What is the $334,000 that the Town is requesting going to be used for? Is there a line item that the monies will be directed towards? If so, is there a specific plan for that line item expenditure?

I also am a bit dismayed with the timing of this “redirect.” Since I have your attention: May I also interject: I imagine that MLT would agree to the $334k if there was a specific plan for the monies to help alleviate our housing crisis. Please, THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX!

I have hired a manager and there is nowhere for him to rent: his employ-

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Dave Leonard
Mammoth Lakes
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LOCAL BRIEFS

Winner Winner

Mono County has announced that it is thrilled to once again be recognized as a Digital Counties Survey winner by the Center for Digital Government for 2021!

The survey, conducted by CDG in partnership with the National Association of Counties (NACo), identifies the best technology practices among U.S. counties, including initiatives that streamline delivery of government services; encourage open data, collaboration, and shared services; enhance cybersecurity; and contribute to disaster response and recovery efforts.

"Top-notch counties are utilizing the governance frameworks, investment tools, broadband implementations and more that were put in place in response to citizen needs around COVID-19...then capitalizing on those going forward to support digital experience initiatives," said Phil Bertolini, vice-president of research at CDG. "The Center for Digital Government congratulates this year’s winners for their accomplishments and continuing efforts to use technology to make government better."

The coronavirus pandemic underscored the urgent need for bold, cutting-edge approaches to serving our residents, and technology has played a major role," said NACo Executive Director Matthew Chase. "This year’s Digital Counties Survey winners have demonstrated true leadership when it was needed the most. We applaud their innovation and expertise in leveraging technology to achieve county goals.

Local fires update

The Tamarack Fire started as a lightning strike in the Mokelumne Wilderness on a rocky ridgetop with sparse fuels and natural barriers to fire spread. Friday, July 16 high winds caused rapid down-slopes. The fire grew at least three feet in diameter cleared of flammable material. Smoking is only allowed within an enclosed vehicle, building, a jerrycan or pressurized liquid in a portable stove or lantern using gas, jellied petroleum or pressurized liquid fuel may be used with a valid wilderness permit. Campfires are allowed only in developed campgrounds.

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Payment made easy

The Mammoth Community Water District (MCWD) is excited to announce a new Customer Portal that allows customers or their property; such as hourly usage and the ability to monitor for leaks. The portal provides one convenient location to view/pay bills and track water consumption.

Sign up for the new portal on your mobile device or web browser at https://mcwd.dst.ca.us/. To sign up for this free service, simply enter your new MCWD account number found at the top right corner of your monthly bill or give us a call at 760-934-2206. In fall of 2021, the existing WaterSmart portal will no longer be accessible, so switch over today.

MCWD hopes all of its customers; locals, second home owners, and business owners alike, will take advantage of this valuable and easy to use tool. We look forward to working closely with each of you to make Mammoth Lakes a more sustainable and drought tolerant community.

Road Closures

Inyo National Forest and Mammoth Community Water District (MCWD) would like to inform the public of road closures beginning July 19 and lasting approximately six weeks, due to a well drilling project in the Laurel Pond area, located west of Mammoth Yosemite Airport.

Because the well rig will be staged on roads, the well drilling will require closing of portions of several roads, stated Mammoth District Ranger Gordon Martin. “We appreciate the public’s patience and understanding during the installation of these important monitoring wells.”

The MCWD operates much of their water and sewer system on National Forest System lands under a special use permit. Laurel Ponds receives treated wastewater from the MCWD treatment plant in town. The purpose of the monitoring wells is to monitor ground water quality around Laurel Pond.

The well drilling project consists of drilling four new monitoring wells to replace the current monitoring wells to provide better data. The old wells will be capped according to the California State Department of Water Resources standards. Drilling will take place seven days a week during daylight hours and will start on or about July 19, 2021 and take approximately six weeks to complete.

Please see this online map showing the locations of the road closures: https://go.usa.gov/xJFDS and the detailed schedule posted on the MCWD website: www.mcwd.dst.ca.us. Any questions or concerns can be directed to Jake Trauscht, MCWD Assistant Engineer, at (760) 934-2206 ext. 290 or jtrauscht@mcwd.dst.ca.us
Almost 2,000 extra pounds of rainbow trout will be stocked in Owens Valley waters by the end of the 2021 fishing season, courtesy of plants sponsored by the County of Inyo.

The approximately 4,000 additional fish that will be added to the fishing holes at Baker Creek, Tinnemaha Creek, Taboose Creek, and Independence Creek campgrounds come from the private rearing ponds at Wright’s Rainbows of Thatcher, Idaho. Inyo County will spend a total of $10,000 on the stockers as part of its ongoing efforts to supplement fish planting conducted by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Inyo County has been sponsoring supplemental plants for more than two decades, and purchasing trout from Wright’s Rainbows the past three years. Wright’s typically does three plants throughout the season, with approximately 600 pounds of trout released into local creeks each time.

The County, through its Parks & Recreation department, works with Wright’s to ensure the planting events are done at strategic, peak times to augment CDFW stockings in those same waters. The four campgrounds receiving the special deliveries are exceedingly popular among both local and visiting anglers. As such, the County views its long-time stocking efforts as both a public service and ongoing investment in the economy. “Fishing is a favorite family tradition, bringing generations of families together in the outdoors while enhancing our tourism based economy,” said Inyo County Supervisor Jennifer Roeser.

Rangers from California State Park units (Bodie and Mono Lake), Yosemite National Park, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Inyo National Forest will gather on the patio of the Mono Basin National Forest Scenic Area Visitor Center in Lee Vining on July 31st, at 10 a.m. The International Ranger Federation (IRF) sponsors this worldwide recognition day. The California State Park Rangers Association (CSPRA, a founding member of the IRF), and the Ranger Foundation organized this California event. CSPRA and the Ranger Foundation will provide an information table for the public. Everyone is invited to attend.

World Ranger Day honors those who have fallen in the line of duty while protecting the world’s natural and cultural heritage, and is a day to recognize and celebrate the people who dedicate their lives to the conservation of the world’s natural and cultural resources. The IRF defines “Rangers” as all professionals involved in the practical protection and preservation of wild areas, historical and cultural sites. Rangers provide recreational opportunities and interpretation of sites while providing links between local communities, protected areas and area administration.

In an 11-month period since World Ranger Day 2020, 120 rangers lost their lives in the line of duty across the world. Tragically, homicide (accounting for 44 percent of deaths) continues to be the leading cause of line of duty deaths for Rangers. Additionally, this year we have also lost 500 Rangers due to COVID-19. To learn more about the lives who have been lost, please see the Honor Roll at: https://www.internationalrangers.org/events/.

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**2,000 lbs more**

The Eastern California Museum received its largest donation of the year so far on Wednesday when members of the Inyo County Road Department delivered a slab of the historic Roosevelt Tree that stood for over 100 years at the intersection of U.S. 395 and State Route 168 East. At 14 inches thick and over four feet in diameter, the substantial cross section required a backhoe to maneuver into place near the south entrance of the museum.

Museum staff would like to express their deep gratitude to Inyo County Road Department members Dale Renfro, Herb Viter, Norm Kane, John Kinney, and Brandon Nelson for their hard work in transporting the slab, and also to the Big Pine Civic Club for their generosity in ensuring this piece of Owens Valley history is preserved.

**INOY MOURNS CLINT QUILTER**

Press Release

It is with great sadness that Inyo County announces the passing of its County Administrative Officer Clint Quilter on July 20, 2021, when cancer took him way too soon.

Quilter was first hired by Inyo County as its Public Works director in 2013 and became CAO in November, 2018, when, after a nationwide search, the board of supervisors unanimously agreed that Quilter was a perfect fit for the job. Previously he worked for the city of Hollister where he started in 1993 as an assistant engineer and worked his way up to city manager, a position Quilter held for almost 10 years. His experience with leading many large, complicated projects during his tenure at Hollister made him an extremely valuable asset to the Inyo County community. While in Hollister, not only did he lead the construction of a multi-billion dollar wastewater treatment plant, he balanced the budget during the worst of the recession while still improving services and parks for the city.

During his time with Inyo County, Quilter led or was a key player in many successful projects. As Public Works director, he was instrumental in implementing critical improvements to county infrastructure, served on the team that helped draft Inyo County’s historic cannabis regulations in the face of mounting voter pressure, and proved an invaluable leader during times of emergency, including during the historic runoff of 2017 that damaged several county roads.

Quilter also worked diligently on the consolidated office building, carrying the massive undertaking across the goal line earlier this year. Perhaps Quilter’s favorite project was the Eastern Sierra Regional Airport, which is scheduled to open to commercial air service in December. While he didn’t get to see the project completed, his expert mentorship and ability to transfer his wealth of knowledge to those around him will ensure its success.

Quilter performed this work with humility, integrity and a dedication to public service that will continue to inspire the Inyo County family long into the future.
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A FEW RAINSTORMS SHY OF A BIRDIE
Local golf courses suffered tough, early-season conditions

By Crocetti

Word around town is that Mammoth's golf courses haven’t been in as pristine shape as local golfers are accustomed to. Drought hasn’t helped. Short-staffing hasn’t either.

Golfers that play at Sierra Star regularly have complained that course conditions have been wanting - in fact, a two putt/stroke rule has become common practice.

“You want your real strokes to get in the hole, but if the course is so bad that you’d be going all day and still not get it in, then you have to resort to that. Two strokes seems to be a fair equivalent for most recreational people,” said a player at Sierra Star.

Players must often play around aerating greens at both the Sierra Star and Snowcreek courses. Ideally, these courses would have already aerated before opening for the season - however, in a 20-week Mammoth season, losing a day’s income isn’t worth waiting to open.

In fact, the Snowcreek golf course closed for maintenance at the beginning of this season, only two weeks after being opened - right after the drive to sell season’s passes, some of which cost up to $849 a pop.

“There was this sort of understood, unspoken ‘yeah we should’ve done it before opening - right after the drive to sell season’s passes,’ said one source.

“If it was Mammoth, it shows all year. For one thing, there shouldn’t be golf courses here. Not to mention there’s no water for them” said a frequent player of both courses.

Which is why both courses rely on reclaimed water.

“Local golf courses have benefitted from recent rainstorms,” said a player at Sierra Star.

“Make the cash,” said one source.

It was closed for about 10 days before opening again.

The short, 20-week season is due to the fact that Mammoth is an abnormal, unyielding location to accommodate a golf course.

“It’s Mammoth. It snows all year. For one thing, there shouldn’t be golf courses here. Not to mention there’s no water for them” said a frequent player of Sierra Star.

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“The views are unbelievable, but the views are not the golf course,” said another golfer. “They might be the reason why they can get away with charging you $165 to play there, though.”

In addition to the land’s objectively difficult-to-maintain topography, a limited pool of trained employees working the course is another probable cause for the lack of proper maintenance at both Sierra Star and Snowcreek.

This falls in line with the employment crisis Mammoth is currently facing at large.

What are some of the common complaints from regulars?

- Greens are terrible; winter was tough on the grass in the fairways and the tee boxes. Having irregular greens dramatically skews scoring/handicaps;
- The scores blow up because the greens suck; said a golfer.
- Fungus and holes in the grass and fairways, separate from the conditions of the grass itself.
- Membership prices continue to increase (since golf courses are connected to ski prices, when ski pass rates go up, so do membership rates).
- A new $10 surcharge each time someone wants to use a cart, or an additional fee of $250 a year, due to Covid restrictions. The price used to be included in the pass/day fee, and Sierra Star claims the $10 goes towards sanitizing carts.

A recent Google review of Sierra Star golf course said this: “My main quails are the pricing, service and quality of greens. $19 is what they charged us as a deal price because the greens were in bad shape. For that price you can play professional courses. Expect to get gouged because they are the only ones with an 18 hole. Prices for drinks were also steep and service is as expected from ski bums. On the upside it is beautiful, challenging and fun to play.”

Although frequent players are admittedly expressing high standards, one player put it succinctly when he said, “At every level there is a reason to complain about a bad golf course, when you are paying to play.”

The Sheet caught up with Dave Schacht, Director of Golf at Sierra Star Golf Course.

He described the maintenance of a golf course at 8,000 feet in elevation to be “at the absolute whim of Mother Nature.”

Although it might feel like Sierra Star is in its worst condition yet, Schacht stated that there have been three summers that have been much worse than this one - during those periods, the course had to use temporary greens up through July.

And this past May/June was the busiest kick-off to the season that they’ve seen in their 22-year history.

Although Sierra Star suffered a harsh June, their greens are now currently in mint condition, said Schacht, and he owes this to the “Herculean effort” that has been put forth by the staff, despite being low on numbers this year. “The greens were definitely rough when we

Local golf courses have benefitted from recent rainstorms.

“To put a golf course at 8,000 feet in elevation would be a challenge at any level,” explained another.

Sierra Star was built within a Jeffrey Pine forest; these trees can get to be up to 400 years old and 6 feet in diameter - not the easiest things to play around.

“The course was also built on the side of a mountain, making it impossible to house any semblance of a level, flat surface.

One golfer exclaimed, “Sierra Star is supposed to be a resort course, which is easy and fun. Nobody would describe Sierra Star as easy. Maybe masochists would say it’s fun.”

“The views are unbelievable, but the views are not the golf course,” said another golfer. “They might be the reason why they can get away with charging you $165 to play there, though.”

In addition to the land’s objectively difficult-to-maintain topography, a limited pool of trained employees working the course is another probable cause for the lack of proper maintenance at both Sierra Star and Snowcreek.

This falls in line with the employment crisis Mammoth is currently facing at large.

What are some of the common complaints from regulars?

- Greens are terrible; winter was tough on the grass in the fairways and the tee boxes. Having irregular greens dramatically skews scoring/handicaps;
- The scores blow up because the greens suck; said a golfer.
- Fungus and holes in the grass and fairways, separate from the conditions of the grass itself.
- Membership prices continue to increase (since golf courses are connected to ski prices, when ski pass rates go up, so do membership rates).
- A new $10 surcharge each time someone wants to use a cart, or an additional fee of $250 a year, due to Covid restrictions. The price used to be included in the pass/day fee, and Sierra Star claims the $10 goes towards sanitizing carts.

A recent Google review of Sierra Star golf course said this: “My main quails are the pricing, service and quality of greens. $19 is what they charged us as a deal price because the greens were in bad shape. For that price you can play professional courses. Expect to get gouged because they are the only ones with an 18 hole. Prices for drinks were also steep and service is as expected from ski bums. On the upside it is beautiful, challenging and fun to play.”

Although frequent players are admittedly expressing high standards, one player put it succinctly when he said, “At every level there is a reason to complain about a bad golf course, when you are paying to play.”

The Sheet caught up with Dave Schacht, Director of Golf at Sierra Star Golf Course.

He described the maintenance of a golf course at 8,000 feet in elevation to be “at the absolute whim of Mother Nature.”

Although it might feel like Sierra Star is in its worst condition yet, Schacht stated that there have been three summers that have been much worse than this one - during those periods, the course had to use temporary greens up through July.

And this past May/June was the busiest kick-off to the season that they’ve seen in their 22-year history.

Although Sierra Star suffered a harsh June, their greens are now currently in mint condition, said Schacht, and he owes this to the “Herculean effort” that has been put forth by the staff, despite being low on numbers this year. “The greens were definitely rough when we

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started this season. But we did the best we could, despite that,” he said.
“People just aren’t willing to work at the moment,” said Schacht, which has
made this season particularly difficult to maintain.
According to Schacht, customers are thrilled that they’re open.
He reported that most of the frequent guests/passholders are sympathetic
towards the difficulties of growing grass at 8,000 ft. While they recognize
the shortcomings of the course, they are understanding and grateful for its
operation.
Aware that most of the complaints are about pricing, Schacht responded, “We
are doing everything in our power to give people the best golfing that we can.
Our frequent player card makes us com-
petitive price-wise with any golf course
of this caliber.”
He said that he is proud of Sierra Star
and how hard its groundskeepers have been
working.
“[Superintendent] Patrick Lewis has
been putting in his blood, sweat, and
tears into keeping this operation alive,”
he said.
Sierra Star has recently been at full ca-
pacity from pretty much open to close.
He said both the lodging and
restaurant association meetings on
Monday harped on labor issues.
Rea also ensured an abrupt end to
her MLT blogging career by noting that when she
blogged for MLT, she was paid very
well and given a ski pass as part of her compensation so, “It’s obvious they’re [MLT] not
hurting for money.”
Longtime MLT Board member and
current Treasurer John Morris made
public comment in favor of preserv-
ing MLT’s budget, as did MLT Chair
Jeremy Goico, Robert Richards and
Teri Stehlík.
Salcido said she’d received plenty of
public comment both pro- and con-prior to the meeting.
So the tiebreaker on Wednesday was
Kirk Stapp.
While one would think that Stapp, as a longtime champion of Mam-
moth Lakes Housing, would vote for
any measure which would provide
extra dollars to housing, that person
would’ve lost that bet Wednesday.
Stapp insisted that the “political commit-
moment” of Measure A be hon-
ored, and that the current allocations
of 2.35% for tourism, 0.85% for hous-
ing and 0.85% for transit be preserved.
What Stapp neglected to point out is that since Measure A was approved
by voters, marketing has acquired another funding source (TBID) while
housing and transit have not.
When A was passed, the Town’s overall marketing budget was approxi-
nately $2 million/year.
During Councilmember reports fol-
lowing the contentious budget item,
Stapp talked about Mammoth Lakes
Housing working on its 11-unit, $8.4
million workforce housing project (Country Glass Apartments).
According to the staff report in
Wednesday’s agenda, MLH will seek
a $1.5 million contribution from the
Town in order to bid the project and
potentially leverage more than $5 mil-
lion in grants.
And yet, Stapp slammed the door
on his own foot to the tune of $344,000
the town won’t have available to meet
MLH’s $1.5 million ask.
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MLT employee Emily Bryant sug-
gested the money may have been si-
phonned off to pay for Covid response.
Salcido replied icky “I know of the
tOT overage and where it all went.”
Salico, who sits on MLT’s board,
defended the attempt to redirect
funds, saying, “Contract changes
are a reality of life ... our priorities have
changed.”
It was notable in her comments that she referred
to MLT as “they” versus “we” though
perhaps it makes sense given she
was speaking in her capacity as a Coun-
cilmember.
Mayor Bill Sauser
addressed the issue
with rhetorical flair.
Have we adopted
a budget? Did we
designate 2.35% of the TOI points to
Councilmember Sarah Rea dis-
agreed - not so simple. During the
budget process, she said she’d had
conversations with Town Manager
Dan Holler as well as fellow Council-
member Lynda Salcido where she’d
expressed a desire to examine the MLT
allocation more closely.
Holler told her this could be brought
up during the MLT contract finaliza-
tion at a time post-budget adoption.

Contract changes are a
reality of life ... our priorities
have changed

-Lynda Salcido

She acknowledged that it was a
mistake to have this conversation pri-
vately versus publicly.
In her comments Wednesday, Rea
said, “No one wants a reduced budget.
But if it’s not [a complaint about] pro-
cess, it’ll be something else [as reason
to not act].”
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Ron Cohen returns from Tahoe to take the reins at MMSA

By Sarah Ruberman, MD, FAAP

Mammoth Mountain Company announced in mid-June that Ron Cohen would be taking over as president and chief operating officer at Mammoth and June Mountains, filling the vacancy left by Mark Brownlie’s move to Alterra’s corporate headquarters to serve as COO of the larger company.

The Sheet got a chance to talk with Cohen about his return to the area, his time running Squaw Valley and Alpine Meadows, and what the future may hold for the local ski areas.

Cohen moved to Mammoth Lakes in 1999 and joined up with Mammoth Mountain in 2010 as Director of Government and Environment, following careers in law and lodging operations. He was promoted to Chief Administrative Officer and General Counsel in subsequent years before heading off to Lake Tahoe to run Squaw and Alpine Resorts in 2019.

“Of course I’m excited,” Cohen said of the change, adding that the scenario is “bittersweet.”

“I’ve really enjoyed being here [in Tahoe], it’s a spectacular space … the team here is amazing and I have some really close relationships here that I’ll miss on a daily basis,” Cohen explained, “but I’m stoked to go home … there’s all kinds of stuff that makes me want to be there.”

“I’ve not seen my wife more than one week a month, “ he added.

In terms of differences between Squaw/Alpine and Mammoth/June, Cohen admitted he hadn’t had much time to compare the two.

“Certainly when I left it was just a few months after we became part of Alterra Mountain Company, and we’ve had a lot of growth as a company over the last couple years,” Cohen said, “I know that there’s been changes with the impacts of Covid and what that did to operations … I think there’s a lot of opportunity.”

In terms of his approach to the new terrain, Cohen focused on “building a collaborative and cooperative approach to the issues that we face, not just in the company but in our community.”

“I think that’ll be a big focus for me as we take on some really big long term projects for the ski areas,” he continued, “We need to make sure that we’re being the best member of the community that we can, that we’re leading, that we’re cooperating to make a better future for everyone.”

Part of Cohen’s approach to taking over at Mammoth/June is informed by his experiences at Squaw/Alpine.

When he arrived at Squaw/Alpine, he encountered “a highly skilled professional team who, I think frankly, had been poorly led … it doesn’t matter how good your area is if your leaders aren’t leading.”

So he oversaw a leadership “reset,” building on a common set of goals and strategies around improving service delivery and guest experience; he instigated a “creative connection between what everybody does on a daily basis and what where we were trying to go as a resort.”

Part of that was investing in the resorts’ relationship with the surrounding community, encouraging follow-through on the part of the ski areas, instigating community conversation, and finding a common ground between the company and the locals.

“Just like Mammoth, the community here in the Olympic Valley and Alpine Meadows … is passionate people that came here for a reason, that love this place and love their connection to family and history,” Cohen said, “Trying to rebuild those bridges has been a lot of fun and it’s been really successful.”

One example of that process that he gave was the creation of a local Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID) with the goal of mitigating traffic issues. The result was a “demand-based free micro transit system” that he compared to a ride sharing app, called the Mountaineer.

The system was designed to help people get around the area easily, and funded with with a combination of lift ticket and lodging sales, among other elements.

“It really made a huge difference,” he said, “not only for us.” Since the program’s inception, it has expanded all over the California side of Lake Tahoe.

“We saw here with the Mountaineer just how one little change could make [big impact],” Cohen said.

Cohen said that ideas aimed at tourism mitigation are needed all around the Eastern Sierra, and should be aimed at benefitting both locals and tourists.

“Trying to get people to work together and get out of the ‘us and them’ and get into the ‘we’ that’s something I would hope to be able to bring [to Mammoth/June].”

He also pointed to fundraising capabilities in a ski area as something to capitalize on and direct to the right areas of need.

In his new role, Cohen will be involved in large-scale projects at June and Mammoth Mountains, notably the re-imagining of the Main Lodge area at Mammoth.

He stressed that that project is in its extreme infancy at this point and that a lot of work still has to happen to make the idea a reality.

“It’s much easier to criticize art than create it,” Cohen said, “You put out an idea and people start reacting to it, it starts to get shaped or molded … We should start and work through the process in a way that when we come it on the other side we can all be friends.”

He expressed a desire to “have us be stronger than we were as a community… I know we’ll come out of it with a world class facility. The most important thing is that we’re working together.”

In his relationship with the community Cohen said that he wanted to “trustworthy, credible, and to listen and engage in those conversations in a productive way and not be dismissive, and try to pull people together to get to a good result not just for us as a company but for the community as a whole.”

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While summer storms in the Sierra won’t be as extreme as the one in 1998’s Hard Rain, the Eastern Sierra is expected to see more rain than normal, according to Howard Sheckter and Arizona — are heading towards the Easter Sierra.

As a result, we’ll start to see more cloudiness by Sunday July 25, with possible showers late in the day. The following Monday and Tuesday could potentially be very active days, with scattered showers and thunderstorms throughout.

“I don’t expect August to be as hot as July has been,” said Sheckter. “But we are expecting more rain. The temps will remain above normal still, but we will probably see a fair amount of rain relative to the monsoon during the first week or two of the month.”

Since the monsoon develops sometime in July and runs between the last two weeks of July and first two weeks of August, the last 10 days of July and first 10 days of August are when we should expect peak monsoon rains, according to Sheckter.

“Usually when the monsoons hit, we lose our zephyr, which is the west wind we see blowing during the late afternoon in the Eastern Sierra,” said Sheckter.

The zephyr is a natural air conditioner in the summer.

“The monsoon weakens the zephyr. Sometimes that gets uncomfortable when we don’t get that breeze in the afternoon. It looks like that’ll be the case early next week, sometime between Sunday and mid-week,” he reported.

Last summer, the Eastern Sierra had no monsoon. “The severe rainstorms were absent from a lot of the south-west as well, which is why this year has been particularly dry so far. But, according to Sheckter, it’s more ‘normal’ year this year, meaning the region should see a monsoon and thus catch up moisture-wise by receiving a bunch of rain storms soon.

The Sheet asked how all of this would affect the fire season.

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The Sheet caught up with local weather guru Howard Sheckter to get the lowdown on recent and upcoming weather events for this summer.

To start, this summer has been particularly hot. Well above normal.

In fact, the heat we’ve seen this summer has been record-breaking, with temperatures in the Eastern Sierra consistently reaching triple digits.

Temperatures in Mono County have consistently been 5 to 10 degrees above normal.

Death Valley recently broke the all-time world heat record for the second year in a row, clocking in at 130 degrees Fahrenheit on July 9 — that’s the internal temperature at which a medium-rare steak is cooked.

Sacramento clocked in at 110 degrees, breaking its previous record of 102.

Stockton hit 106 degrees, surpassing its previous record of 105.

The Eastern Sierra saw a heat spell as early as Memorial Day weekend and through the beginning of the month of June. The heat waves have moved through inland California since, but have yet to really affect coastal California (that will change later in August).

This has caused massive drought. However, rain is on its way.

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The Mammoth Lakes Sharks competed at the Silver State Swimming Championships on July 16-18 in Reno. Mammoth fielded 12 swimmers ages 8-17 in the competition, which had 26 teams (350 swimmers) from both Nevada and California.

Beckett Page led the team with 99 points and a 3rd place finish in the 100m freestyle event.

Ele Brode was the highest placing girl for the Sharks with 26 points and a 5th place finish in the 400m individual medley.

Anyone interested in supporting the Sharks should head to their website at https://www.teamunify.com/team/pcmlst/page/home.

Photos by Allison Page

Beckett Page

Lucy Perry

Ele Brode competes in the breaststroke

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**July 23-24/**
*Unbound Chamber Music Festival* @ St. Joseph’s Church in Mammoth. Friday’s performance starts at 7:30 p.m. and is titled “Songs Without Words” with music by Albinoni (his haunting Oboe Concerto), Chausson and Mendelssohn. Sunday’s performance (3 p.m.) is titled “European Union” with works by Rolla, Fauré and Schumann (his celebrated Piano Quintet opus 44). For tix, try the Booky Joint, go online: www.ChamberMusicUnbound.org or buy ‘em at the door 45 minutes before performances.

**July 23-24/**
*June Lake Theater Festival* @ Double Eagle Resort. Go to https://www.junelaketheaterfestival.com for info and tickets.

**Drive-In Movies** @ Bishop Fairgrounds from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Kung Fu Panda being screened on the 23rd, and The Great Outdoors on the 24th. More info: see ad p. 7 for details.

**July 24-25/**
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- July 30-31/Runaway Vacation being screened on.
- at Mammoth. Time: 8:30 p.m. Free!
- @ the Village at Mammoth. Time: 8:30 p.m. Free!
- Island. Starts at 10 a.m.
- Meeting 4-4:45 p.m.
- Torah in the Park
- for non-members.

**Library events**

- Mono County Libraries Summer Reading Program: Stories Color Our World, July 1 - August 10. Participate virtually through Beanstack or join Ms. Cindy, Tues. - Thurs., 10am-4pm at the Mammoth Lakes Library (starts July 6). Paper game-beads are also available at your local library. Log your reading, complete activities & earn prizes along the way.

- Storytime Outside, July - August, Wednesdays @ 10:30am
- Join Ms. Chalese for outdoor storytime in the newly remade Makerspace Learning Garden.
- Crafting in the Garden, Wednesdays, 2:30-5:30
- Miss the library’s Makerspace? So did we. Join the Makerspace outside in the Makerspace Learning Garden and craft away! Hope to see you there.

**ESF Scholarships**

The Eastern Sierra Foundation is pleased to announce its new Transfer Scholarship valued at up to $10,000 per recipient. The Transfer Scholarship is intended to support ESF scholarship recipients who attended and graduated from Cerrito Coso Community College’s Bishop Campus and who plan to transfer to earn a bachelor’s degree. The inaugural Eastern Sierra Foundation Transfer Scholarship was awarded to Ajia Saunders on July 12, 2021. Ajia received her associate degree in liberal arts and humanities from Cerrito Coso Community College in May. During her two years at CCC, she was a recipient of the ESF scholarship, which covered the cost of her tuition and books. Ajia will be leaving Bishop this week to attend California State University, Chico to pursue a bachelor’s degree in English. She also plans to pursue a teaching credential while finishing her first novel. The deadline for Fall 2021 scholarships has been extended to August 19th, 2021. Scholarship applications can be found at https://www.cerrocoso.edu/studentservices/financial-aid/easternsierrafoundation-scholarship. In addition to financial support, Eastern Sierra Foundation scholarship recipients also receive free tutoring and mentoring, and are now eligible for the ESF Transfer Scholarship once they graduate from CCC.

**ESF Scholarships**

- The works of local photographers are on exhibit in the Ellie Randol Room at the Mammoth Lakes Library. All photographs are for sale, with a portion of the sale benefitting the Mammoth Lakes Branch Library. Exhibit runs through September 2021, during library hours. 
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- Runaway Vacation being screened on.
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**Mammoth Virtual Half Marathon**
- kicks off on June 12 and runs through the end of September. Pick your date to get a route. Register online at https://shop.epic.run/products/epic-run-mammoth. 5k and 10k variants are also available. Online Youth Soccer registration is ongoing at www.bishopaysyo.org. Opening day event is Aug. 14. The works of local photographers are on exhibit in the Ellie Randol Room at the Mammoth Lakes Library. All photographs are for sale, with a portion of the sale benefitting the Mammoth Lakes Branch Library. Exhibit runs through September 2021, during library hours. 
- 408 Sierra Park Road, Mammoth Lakes. More Info: 769.554.4777
- Runaway Vacation being screened on.
- at Mammoth. Time: 8:30 p.m. Free!

**Isn’t it Grand?**

- Can you personally make your voice heard in local government? Yes, you can, by becoming a member of the Mono County Grand Jury.

- Every year, in each of California’s 58 counties, a group of citizens takes an oath to serve as grand jurors and provide an important function mandated by the California Constitution. They have the power to investigate the operations of the various officers, departments and agencies of local government, serving in what is often referred to as the “watch dog function.”

- What does that mean? It means that each citizen of Mono County works together as a group over a one-year period to evaluate local government, serving as a “watch dog” of local agencies and authorities, and provide practical innovative recommendations for improving government operations. The challenges of the Covid pandemic require more people to step up, get engaged, and make a difference in our county.

- Being a grand juror does take work – but the pay-off is well worth it. You’ll learn so much about the community in which we live, make new friends, and make a difference in our county.

- All you have to do is sign up. Visit monocounty.ca.gov or contact Danielle Bauman DBauman@monocourts.ca.gov.

**Volunteer Eastern Sierra**

Volunteer Eastern Sierra (VES) rocks when it comes to supporting local nonprofits with generous donations! It’S HUGELY successful Not Your Grandma’s Bingo Nights have garnered thousands of dollars over the last 3 years for numerous local nonprofits: VES is a 501 (c) (3) established in June of 2017, for the purpose of financially backing local charities as is evident from the numerous groups which have benefitted from VES members’ efforts.

VES would love to have you as a member! VES meetings are held weekly at 7 a.m. on Wednesdays. Currently the group has decided at least once per month to meet in person at the Starbucks on the 203 (That’s right CAFÉ!!!) Otherwise, the group meets via Zoom. Meetings include presentations from representatives from local nonprofits who share the organizations’ vision.

Please visit the VES website at: volunteereasternsierra.org to learn more about our organization or email VES at info@volunteereasternsierra.org.

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Sierra Employment Services, Inc. is hiring for the following positions:


Call Us Today
760-924-0523 or 760-873-8599
www.SierraEmployment.com

Mammoth Taxi is accepting resumes for experienced drivers with great customer service and clean driving records. We are also looking for office staff for the right person with a positive attitude and customer service background. Please inquire with Scottie at 760-114-7433. www.mammoth-taxi.com

Mammoth Hospital is currently hiring for the following positions:

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

New Hiring For Housekeeping Pay starts at 20/hr Please call 760-934-2314 or come in to 1005 Main Street Mammoth, Ca.

Obsidian Private Residence: Front Desk Receptionist and Part Time Chef: Seeking a responsible, outgoing Reservation & office administration employee. Work independently to manage the front desk responsibilities. «Demonstrate excellent written and oral communication skills •Possess extremely strong organizational skills with the ability to focus •Previous reservation experience preferred •A car is required Contact: 760 934-5480 or Contact: 760 934 5490 or emailseobsidianpms

Bishop Care Center is hiring for current, licensed CNA's/ LVN's and RN's - Full time or Part-time positions available with benefits (401k, paid vacation & more). Bishop Care Center is able to support and care for residents in our Snellified Nursing Facility. All experience is not necessary. Our organization is like 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 Independent, self-driven, licensed Craigslist technician to provide weekly services to our clients. Flexible schedule, set your own schedule. Must work well with seniors and have a great positive customer service attitude. Cosmetologists will be 1099 contracted and must carry their own insurance. To apply: Contact tpuckett@plum.com or call 760.872.1000.

Help Wanted

Mammoth Chevron 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. Apply in person or call 760-934-8111.

Environmental Service Field seeks experienced staff passionate about community and good food. Bakers, counter associates, dishwasher, food prep. Send resume to easideabake-shop@gmail.com, or call 760.914.2696


Shilo Inn is accepting applications for: Fulltime Housekeepers • Fulltime Maintenance Worker • Front desk/night auditor Please call Donna or JC at 760-965-0544

Housekeeper Mammouth Mountain Chalets is looking for our next housekeeping team member. Duties include dusting, cleaning, scrubbing, sweeping, mopping, vacuuming, disinfecting, ETC. 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 taking reservations and during their stay. Coordinating with maintenance and housekeeping for Chalet readiness. To apply, email reservations@mmchalets.com or call 760-934-8518

**NOTE OF CANNABIS**
Mammoth Gear Exchange is in Bishop and Alpine Approach in Mammoth seek team members. We are dependent on experiences. inquiries/resumes to: dave@mammothgear.com

Breakfast Club is Hiring waitstaff, host, bus person
Apply in person 2807 Main Street

One Town, One Room

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 positions. Applicants must be able to work weekends and holidays. Please apply in person at 680 Minnies Rd, Mammoth.

Housekeepers Wanted in Mammoth Lakes.
Flexible hours, $25/hour from + Drive time paid & mileage reimbursement, bereavement leave, insurance, Full-time position required. Apply online.

June Lake Public Utility District seeks two seasonal workers (estimated work duration 2021): A helper for mosquito abatement and one laborer for street work. High School diploma or equivalent required. Applicants will be required to do a variety of semi-skilled work. Must be physically capable of sustained lifting of 20-45 pounds and 70 pounds with assistance. Must be able to climb, stand and walk. Work to be done on a standard work week of 8 hours per day (8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.) and work outdoors in a variety of weather conditions. Must possess and show proof of valid CA driver’s license and a satisfactory driving record. Attach recent CA DMV record with application. Hourly wage is $20/hour. Start date: July 6. OPEN UNTIL FILLED. For application call 760.648.7778 or email info@junelakepud.com. Application also available at www.junelakepud.com

The City of Bishop is accepting applications for the position of Part-Time Office Assistant. This person performs a variety of clerical and other duties related to the day-to-day operations of City services. Max of 20 hours per week. Salary based on experience. A detailed job description and application forms are available at City Hall, 377 West Line Street, Bishop, CA 93514 or online at cityofbishop.com. A complete application form and resume along with a cover letter expressing your interest in the position must be turned in by 4 p.m. on Friday, August 13, 2021. For more information, please contact Jana Currie at 760-873-5683 Ext. 22.

The City of Bishop Department of Public Works is recruiting for the position of Field/Shop Worker. Expected duties include ranges from $4,065 to $5,412 per month plus incentives and attractive benefits. Application forms and more information available online at www.cityofbishop.com under the Administration Department on the Jobs page or at City Hall, 377 West Line Street. Applications due and mandatory written test Wednesday, August 11, 2021.

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For Rent

For Rent: 2bed/2ba house with separate office on 1 acre, overlooking Briargate Resort. New build, fully furnished, 2 fireplaces, shed, plenty of space for parking, boat, RV, etc., $2,000/mo., available October 21. Contact Tony (760) 616-8013

Giant Estate Sale
Saturday 7/24, 71 Sierra Manor Road (Sierra condos) 7am-2pm

For Sale

Kayaks-2, 10’ Pelican Maxim 100x aluminum. 2 Garage doors. 100x Reinforced aluminum. Fishing, kayaking. $650 both. 310-502-5833

For Sale

Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District Is Recruiting for the following positions:

Air Monitoring Technician II: The fully experienced, journey-level class of the series. Educational requirements: A bachelor’s degree in environmental science or a combination of training and/or experience that could likely provide the desired knowledge and abilities.

AMT II $6,805 - $9,117/month Under general supervision, installs, operates, maintains, calibrates, and repairs instrumentation and equipment associated with air quality and meteorological monitoring. Calibrates balances, weighs air quality sensors, and maintains gravimetric laboratory systems to required quality levels.

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This Notice is given to you that the case entitled California, County of Mono, 100 Thompsons Way, P.O. Box 347, Mammoth Lakes, CA, 93546, is pending in the Superior Court of California, County of Mono, 100 Thompsons Way, P.O. Box 347, Mammoth Lakes, CA, 93546, and is entitled to a hearing. You must file an answer within 30 days. Read the information below. You cannot file this form online. You must file it at the court clerk's office for a fee of $10.00. You may request a fee waiver by contacting the county bar association or the court. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for legal services from a nonprofit legal service provider. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Courts Online Self-Help Network (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your county bar association.

NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs if you are not represented by an attorney or by a local court or county bar association. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Courts Online Self-Help Network (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association.

The name of the court and the county in which the case is pending is:
California, County of Mono, 100 Thompsons Way, P.O. Box 347, Mammoth Lakes, CA, 93546.

All applicants must have a valid driver's license, clean DMV record and must be reliable. Applicant for maintenance positions need to be able to lift/carry at least 50 lbs.

**Must have access to housing in Mammoth Lakes to be considered for this opportunity.

If interested, please submit your resume to us at https://vretastdlodging.com/5ve_star_lodging careers.html.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Mono County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on August 9, 2021. As authorized by Gov. Newsom's Executive Order N-16-20, the meeting will be accessible remotely by broadcast at: https://monocounty.zoom.us, and by telephone at (833) 990-6237 (Meeting ID 470 873-5874). Members of the public shall have the right to observe and offer public comment, to consider the following:

10:00 a.m. GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 21-01. Consideration of the General Plan Amendments related to the Proposed Development of the Sunnyslope and the “Permissive Zoning” in Chapter 1, updates to the definitions of "lot coverage" and "capping area" as well as new definitions for counties’ and communities’ non-profit mission to support higher education and cultural enrichment in the Eastern Sierra. Please send letter of interest and resume to Betsy@ mammothlakesfoundation.org.

The vaccines are 64-94% effective against the Delta variant. The vaccines are 64-94% effective against the Delta variant.
Philadelphia Eagles coach Nick Sirianni is the gift that keeps on giving. In the past, he has covered his ridiculous press conferences, where he has displayed publicly his lack of ability to be taken seriously as a head coach. But he can’t stop himself. He is a head coach for the first time, obviously, hired, apparently, for his brilliant offensive mind, even though he has NEVER called plays as an offensive coordinator. So naturally for the Eagles he is ... going to call the plays. I don’t know how they win five games this year. The Eagles are tanking without announcing it by hiring this clown.

Brooklyn Nets. They brought in three temperamental egomaniacs (Durant, Harden, Irving) to unite for a super team. And behind the scenes, the Nets are allegedly paying for homes for the players girlfriends and side-girlfriends. What? Apparently, the three superstars don’t pay for s*%t and the team covers all kinds of expenses for them. Like they need the money.

Here’s the key point ... the extra payments violate salary cap rules. So now there’s an investigation. Now until the investigation clears we don’t know, but the mere thought of it can’t surprise you.

WR Martavis Bryant is now banned from his CFL team. To go along with his NFL ban. Wow. Internationally banned. Now his ban in the CFL is passport-related. But you know why he didn’t get his passport done in time ... BECAUSE HE GOT HIGH/BECAUSE HE GOT HIGH/BECAUSE HE GOT HIGH.

Raven QB Lamar Jackson is representing himself in contract negotiations and looking for a giant payday. And I see videos of him on a basketball court playing pickup football with random dudes. How stupid is this guy? All he needs to do is blow a knee playing football with RayRay on a basketball court to end his chances of getting filthy rich. I know, Dak got hurt and got paid. Lamar’s talent is RUNNING. And if he blows out a knee, his future does change. He may not need an agent but he needs someone with some sense telling him to wise up.

The US Men’s Olympic Basketball team lost its first two exhibition games. One of them to a team whose country has the population of Mammoth Lakes, California. And Gregg Popovich, the old man from Eastwood’s movie Gran Torino, is scolding the media for mentioning how the US team used to blow out teams. Popovich claims there are NO BLOWOUTS in these games and suggested the guy who mentioned it was an idiot.

Well ... the US team has lost more exhibition games since Popovich took over the last two trips than they had lost SINCE NBA PLAYERS STARTED PLAYING.

I keep saying how the Spurs have been irrelevant since Popovich lost Duncan and players have given up on his GET OFF MY LAWN sh*tick. He should move on to being an executive before everyone realizes it was the players and not him at all. Growing that raggedy beard and radiation-influenced hairdo isn’t making him more modern. He is a grumpy old man who can’t change.

Popovich for Mammoth Lakes Town Council!!

Daniel Snyder gave control of the Washington Football Team to ... his wife, as he and the team are under investigation for charges filed related to workplace culture and sexual discrimination and harrassment.

So after all the investigation, the NFL lets him turn over control to the person he sleeps with every night. That is comical. The NFL is so wishy-washy on what they punish people and teams for. Smoke a joint ... banned. Sexual discrimination and harrassment ... give the team to the person you file jointly with the IRS. That is such a copout. The next time the NFL gets one of these decisions right will be the first time they have gotten one right.

QB Zach Wilson was drafted by the Jets this year out of Brigham Young University. Now I’ve already banged on how this Wonder Bread kid from Utah will deal with the New York atmosphere, culture and media. That still remains to be seen.

What we do know is that his MOM is loving it. She is going off on social media about all kinds of stupid s*%&. NO ONE would give a rat’s ass about her on social media if she hadn’t spit that kid out of her ignorant vagina. She is irrelevant. But he gets famous and she uses it as her platform to rant on social media.

Now her son asked her to take stuff down, but she apparently told him "she can take the heat." That’s more HARTLEY, page 19
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exactly the problem. IT IS NOT SUPPOSED TO BE ABOUT HER. He doesn’t need that hassle. But she is worried about HER fame. I said he would struggle. I didn’t know it would start with his momma.

Okay I should just shut up about Giannis Antetokounmpo. I didn’t foresee Giannis stepping up in clutch moments during the NBA Finals, but he slapped the Suns in the face with his ball in this series. He went off. 50 points in that finale was all-time.

Going into the play-off he was a grinder late in games and he did it some in this series, too, but he put up so much volume he just overwhelmed them. In the last game, he made 17 free throws. A bar in Milwaukee gave away fee shots for every free throw he made - OUCH. There were some drunk mothers in that bar. Which has to be bankruptcy at this point.

Don’t think for one minute there weren’t some folks that took advantage of all 17 shots because they were shot during championship celebrations in Milwaukee. I ain’t saying it’s related but ...

Oklahoma and Texas have reportedly reached out to the SEC about joining the conference. What? The SEC is a mess. They might as well call the SEC the NFL Developmental League. While other conferences are struggling to maintain relevance, universities are desperate to try to climb onto the SEC luxury cruiser.

The SEC has won 11 of the last 15 NCAA championships in football. CEO SAYS COMS NONE. That’s for another day. Three of the four they don’t have are from the ACC. Ohio State has the other title. All I’m hearing these days is how the ‘Boys on Hard Knocks. And he is dating strippers - I conned myself into thinking he has a bright future in the NFL. Most of what he says is that he thinks he’s better than Randy Gregory.

One of the more stupid things he said is that he thinks Randy Gregory has a bright future in the NFL. Most of the only people that know who Gregory is are the local pot shop owners in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. The Cowboys drafted him in the 2nd round in 2015. He has played a total of 38 games since then. Think about that. He has NEVER played due to drug suspensions. He is a COWBOY.

They take gambles on these idiots with problems thinking they got‘em cheap and that the personal issues will magically resolve themselves. Okay. There’s a chance personal issues resolve themselves, sure, but I’m a lifetime oh-fer when dating strippers - I conned myself into believing the same crap.

Jones elaborated further, saying “He’s got a lot of tread left on his tire. He really hasn’t, if you think about it, had a lot of wear and tear relative to as many years as he’s now been with the Cowboys,”

So he is in better shape because he has been busier drinking gin and juice and smoking pot than actually working out and playing football? That is rich. Can someone please relieve some of the tension from Jerry’s surgery-riddled face. It is actually affecting the operation of his brain. By Jerry Jones standards I am in better shape than most NFL players. I have done nothing but drink and play NO FOOTBALL the last three years. I am going to walk out on the driving range and grabbed a club out of Rory McIlroy’s golf bag and walked away with it. What? And I see some folks talking about how funny it is. I don’t see it that way. I see fans just acting like complete assholes right now. I don’t wanna hear about people getting out of the house and back to normal after the CoCo. I am sick of it. You don’t get to spit on players or throw bottles at players. You certainly don’t get to take MY PROPERTY and walk away with it.

I think the sports are not protecting these players and I think people need to grow up. You don’t have the right to do things because you paid for a ticket. Look at the soccer fans who are racially attacking the three black soccer players who missed penalty kicks in the 2021 Euro Final.

But the sports/leagues are so besotted to these fans/morons. They shouldn’t be. Most of these sports get their money from TV contracts, not Jethro who sits in the stadium drinking 11 beers. How do people get away with this crap without being charged with crimes?

Leagues should just advise players - you have every right to annihilate anyone who harasses you. You spit on an NBA player, he should get four minutes with you in the locker room alone. You throw a water bottle at a player, four minutes. And he won’t need the whole four minutes. You grab a club out of a bag, he gets an iron and you for four minutes. You run out on a field during a game, you are a live player. IT should be on your ticket, if you put yourself in jeopardy you cannot file a lawsuit or claim or press charges even if someone takes your head off. It is your problem.

The players are held to a standard but the fans are not. And they should be.
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