STICK A FORK IN THE STORK
Mammoth Hospital puts permanent kibosh on labor and delivery
By Lunch
The Southern Mono Hospital District Board made its temporary cessation of Labor and Delivery services permanent on Tuesday evening at a special meeting held in the hospital’s conference room.
The vote was 3-1, with Board members Dr. Yuri Parisky, Alec Clowes and Laurey Carlson voting for, and Board member Rian Wood voting against. Mammoth Hospital had temporarily shuttered its Labor and Delivery department in January, 2022, citing staffing issues.
At the time, the department was losing approximately $1.2 million annually and had experienced a drop in business volume during the pandemic. Historically, between 2014-2018, about 100 babies had been delivered annually in Mammoth. That figure see L&D, page 5

TALK ABOUT PUBLIC (EMPLOYEE) SERVICE!
Mammoth Council doles out 14% wage hike
By Lunch
You’ve got all this momentum: A town brimming with real estate excess. A record snowfall over the winter. The tailwinds from the Ikon Pass and a healthy marketing budget driving visitation. There’s a not-so-distant financial storm brewing. But it feels distant enough for those who live in the Mammoth bubble.
And in the inner fortress of Suite Z, that ultimate bubble within a bubble, Mammoth Town Council handed out $750,000 in bonuses to its staff on Wednesday evening. Not a single member of the general public said ‘boo.’ It would be one thing if the $750,000 was the end of it. Far from it. In total, Council doled out a 13.9% wage increase. And will spend $1.7 million more than it did in 2022-2023 on labor.
Council reaction: Bill Sauser was “so appreciative” of the work staff had done on the FY 2023-2024 budget. Chris Bubser said the budgeting was “great” and “thoughtful.”
The town budget, featuring an overall 11% increase year-over-year, was passed unanimously and with minimal see TOML, page 2

ODDS OF SURVIVAL: 20%
Northern Inyo Hospital District Stares into the Abyss
By Lunch
Interim Northern Inyo Hospital District (NIHD) CEO Stephen DelRossi gave a grim update to Inyo County Supervisors about the financial state of the hospital district at the Supervisors meeting on Tuesday in Independence.
DelRossi told Supervisors there’s an “80% chance we close” without some sort of taxpayer bailout.
“Every time we turn over a rock,” he said, “we find 10-12 other rocks.”
DelRossi said the district lost about $15 million in fiscal year 2021-2022 and is poised to lose at least that much in 2022-2023.
It has approximately $22-23 million cash on hand, but owes just as much to its bondholders.
He described the bondholders as “very understanding” but also noted they have the option to call the bond and put the district in the bottom 5% of all U.S. Not-For-Profit Healthcare Providers according to Standard and Poor.
By comparison, Southern Mono Healthcare District has an ‘A’ rating, which is essentially middle of the pack.
There are a whole slew of see NIH, page 12

JLB TURNS NINE
Jeff won the Men’s Keg Holding Competition at June Lake Brewing’s 9 Year Anniversary Party on Wednesday. For more, see pages 8 & 9.

Oddsmakers: 20%
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discussion.

It’s the bonuses The Sheet dug into a bit with Council at the tail end of Wednesday’s meeting.

Lunch was the sole member of the general public in physical attendance.

To quote from the summary in the Council agenda packet:

“Employees in the GEA (General Employees’ Assn.) and MEA (Management Employees Assn.) will receive a one-time lump-sum payment as an appreciation bonus in the amount of $2,500, and employees in the PWEA (Public Works Employees’ Assn.) will receive ... $3,000.

Employees in all three associations will continue to receive a revenue-sharing payment based upon Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) revenues received not to exceed $4,000."

The one-time appreciation bonus was a new invention this year.

The TOT bonus program dates back to 2016, though Finance Director Rob Patterson said it’s only “hit the max” in terms of the $4,000 payout over the past few years.

The TOT bonus is based upon a calculation of excess revenue over budget - yet another incentive for Council and Staff to pick a lowball (“conservative”) number for the baseline.

“These bonuses were achieved not based upon any performance metric, but rather, were determined based upon whether one retained a pulse.

All labor contracts were negotiated on the Town’s behalf by Patterson, Community Development Director Sandra Moberly and Human Resources Manager Pelham.

Which is kind of funny. Employees negotiating with other employees about how much they all should get paid.

Town Manager Dan Holler, who got a 6% raise and whose salary is now approximately $230,000, also received $7,250 in one-time and TOT handouts as well as other perks like an extra eight hours of paid leave per year and an extra two weeks of severance if they’re let go.

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Police Chief $160,936-$197,147

These folks all got their one-time appreciation bonuses and TOT handouts as well as other perks like an extra eight hours of paid leave per year and an extra two weeks of severance if they’re let go.

Councilmember Sarah Rea, who eats taxes as a Hospital District staffer, defended the overall 14% Town employee pay hike by citing the competitive labor market.

The Town’s lively game of Wheel of Fortune overshadowed the penny ante stakes surrounding Mammoth Lakes Tourism and its Measure A allocation.

All the usual suspects showed up to support the retention of what has been MLT’s traditional $2 million haul from Measure A.

But Council chose to roll with Finance Director Patterson’s calculation that maybe MLT can get by with $1.725 million of Measure A.

The three-year contract will dedicate between $1.725-$2 million of Measure A annually to MLT.

Sarah Rea was the only one to vote against. She thought the number should be $1 million.

It is not without irony that the $275,000 shaved from MLT pretty much covers the one-time appreciation bonuses for Town staff this year.

MLT Executive Director John Urdi said in his comments that he had an analysis performed which indicated a $500,000 decrease in marketing would equate to a $1.9 million loss in revenue to the Town.

He added that marketing costs have skyrocketed 20-30%.

Councilmember Bill Sauser derided MLT’s Measure A haircut. We’re playing politics instead of making good decisions, he said.

Pay ranges for other at-will, non-represented employees are as follows:

H.R. Manager $103,548-$126,846
Asst. to Town Mgr. $103,548-$126,846
Parks & Rec Dir $147,570-$180,773
Finance Director $152,885-$187,284
Comm. Dev. Director $152,885-$187,284
Public Works Dir. $152,885-$187,284
Police Chief $160,936-$197,147

Pet of the Week!!

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The Town in partnership with Mammoth Disposal, Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce, Mammoth Mountain Ski Area and Volunteer Eastern Sierra (VES) has scheduled a Defensible Space and Community Clean-Up event. **Town staff/volunteers will NOT be collecting yard waste or household trash from properties.** All trash must be dropped off (for FREE...) on the days and times listed below.

### COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP EVENT DETAILS

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**Bag Pick-up:** May 22 – June 23 (limit 5/person)

- Town of Mammoth Lakes Office (Minaret Village Mall, 437 Old Mammoth Road, Ste. 230)
- Mammoth Disposal Office (Sherwin Plaza Mall, 625 Old Mammoth Rd. Ste. 2)

**June 24** (9am-12pm)

- Footloose Sports (bags)
- Eagle Lodge (bags, donuts and coffee)

**All Green Waste & Trash Drop-off:** 299 Commerce Drive (Town Yard) NOT at the Mammoth Disposal Transfer Station

**Community Clean-Up Day: June 24**

Grab a bag...or two on Saturday, June 24 to clean up our streets, parks, trails, multi-use paths (MUPS’s), neighborhoods and public spaces. Drop by Footloose Sports or Eagle Lodge on Saturday, June 24 from 9:00am-12:00pm to collect complimentary trash bags, a community clean-up map, and recycling information along with helpful trash collection tips.

**Protect Your Property with Defensible Space: June 23/24**

Defensible space is the buffer between your property and the grass, trees, shrubs, or any wildland area that surrounds your home. This 100-foot space from your home or to your property line (whichever is closer) is needed to slow or stop the spread of wildfire and to protect your home from catching fire – either from embers, direct flame contact or radiant heat. You can promote a healthy defensible space zone by removing ground litter and trimming up trees to 15 feet (not to exceed one-third of the tree).

**What you CAN drop off...**

- Pine cones/needles, grass clippings, leaf debris, tree limbs less than 12” in diameter, dog waste and community trash; large bulky items (furniture, appliances, mattresses); metal objects (refrigerators, snow stakes, motorized equipment – no vehicles, all fluids must be removed); recyclable materials, food waste; e-waste (TVs and electronics); and Household Hazardous Waste (HHW). No tires will be accepted.

**Volunteer/Event Information**

Contact Jena Carter, Code Compliance Officer at (760) 965-3636 for additional information or to volunteer to help clean-up our Town.

**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE OF YOUR TIME TO HELP MAKE MAMMOTH LAKES A SAFE AND CLEAN PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY!**
OBITUARY
BRIAN JONES 1963-2023

Flyin’ Brian, also known as Brian William Jones, was born November 18, 1963 in Upland, California and passed away peacefully on May 4, 2023 at his home in Mammoth Lakes, with his wife and son at his side, after bravely battling cancer for the past 12 years.

Brian grew up in Running Springs, California until his family relocated to Mammoth Lakes in 1978. He graduated from Mammoth High School in 1982 and began working as a professional in the local ski industry. For many years he was a manager at the Outfitter ski shop in town before beginning his full time career as an artist. In 1998 he married his wife Cleland, and in 2000 their son Blaise was born. Together they shared in the joys of raising their son. He reveled in every academic accomplishment Blaise achieved.

Brian was deeply connected with his parents, and greatly valued his relationship with his sister.

Brian loved anything and everything outdoors and adventurous, and he was often chasing an adrenaline rush. He will be remembered as a pioneer in extreme skiing. Brian was a fearless, cat-like athlete who specialized in “big air” skiing. He could land 90-100 foot jumps and ski out of them. That’s how he earned his nickname, “Flyin’ Brian.” His image is featured in some iconic historical photography, skiing and jumping some of the most challenging spots at Mammoth Mountain and elsewhere. He was the first local skier to compete in the World Extreme Ski Championships in Valdez, Alaska.

Brian continually reinvented himself in life, following his many passions. He had an inquisitive mind and was interested in learning everything he could about the projects he took on.

Despite the disabling and progressive nature of his illness, Brian was determined to continue living his best life. Although he could no longer ski, his passion turned to creating beautiful metal sculpture art work, and he did whatever it took to get to his shop every day. His work has been shown in galleries in Mammoth, and he has participated in numerous art festivals where his pieces invariably sold out. He continued to find success through word of mouth, and both locals and visitors sought to own his sculptures.

Brian’s life changed forever when he got sober some 35 years ago. Mentoring, counseling, friendship, and fellowship with others in recovery was an extremely important part of his life, especially during his most challenging times. People were naturally drawn to him. Brian was always willing to help others, and he was kind, compassionate, and patient. In the later part of his life he became a serious and devoted spiritual seeker. He was quick to forgive and always saw the childlike nature in others. He was an eternal optimist, had a strong faith in a higher power, and through his final days maintained a wonderful sense of humor.

Brian’s death was preceded by his father David Jones. He leaves behind his wife Cleland Hoff, son Blaise Jones, mother Paula Jones, sister Janell Cote (Scott), in-laws Richard and Lu Hoff, and many other family members as well as cherished friends. Brian was lucky to have the companionship of great dogs throughout his life, as well as his beloved parrots.

Brian was in and out of various hospitals over the last couple years, and he was grateful to the medical community and all those who advocated for his care. When it became clear that recovery was not probable, he chose to be back home in Mammoth with his family. Brian will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved him. A celebration of his life will be held in Mammoth Lakes during the summer, with the location and date to be announced.

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L&D continued from page 1 declined 40% by 2021. And as Parker stated, “Our [local] childbearing population is projected to decline 7% over the next twenty years.”

Northern Inyo Hospital has picked up the slack since January 2022 and is projected to deliver approximately 215 babies this year.

As Hospital CEO Tom Parker said during his presentation, “We need eight full-time nurses to staff the unit, and despite recruitment efforts, only one legitimate candidate had stepped forward over the past 18 months.”

The plan moving forward is for Mammoth to coordinate with Northern Inyo on Labor and Delivery, transitioning patients to NIH care at 28 weeks.

Natalie Chapman will facilitate in this area as Mammoth’s “Women’s Health Navigator.”

Former Mammoth Hospital CEO Gary Myers made an impassioned plea to save Labor and Delivery, which he considers an essential service. “Deleting an essential service should not be taken lightly,” he said. “We pushed very hard to reinstate Labor and Delivery 25 years ago, and it’ll be very hard to ever get it back if you close it permanently.”

What Myers really seemed to be cautioning against was being too eager, too rash: “Locally, we are addressing housing issues. And there are good odds of local population growth [disputing Parker’s projection regarding the plan moving forward] is for Mammoth to coordinate with Northern Inyo to a report from The Chartis Center for Rural Health, a hospital consultancy firm. Some studies suggest that over 600 rural hospitals are in danger of closure.

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And what Parisky urged is for the Board to rip the Band-Aid off and make a decision. “We have been tentative,” he said. “That is part of the problem.”

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The challenges facing rural hospitals have been reported as far back as 2005. They include persistent challenges from ongoing healthcare workforce recruitment and retention issues associated with caring for aging populations and caring for sicker and poorer populations, too.

“The only reason many small rural hospitals have remained open... is that they have received significant supplemental funding from local taxes or state grants.”

Charles James
RUNOFF ...
Press Release

Rising temperatures between now and July 4 are expected to accelerate snowmelt in the Sierra Nevada, pushing water flows into local creeks, rivers, and other channels as well as increased dangers for the public.

Local agencies from the historic Southern Sierra snowpack – which was approximately 300 percent of normal on April 1 – has been slowed somewhat by unseasonably cooler temperatures earlier this spring and summer. Agencies including Inyo County, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Southern California Edison, and Caltrans warned for weeks that the reprieve would not last and, according to the National Weather Service, it will indeed come to an end with the arrival of temperatures in the 90s and above next week.

Several creeks in the Sierra are still extraordinarily high, even by 2017 standards, and higher temperatures are expected to open the floodgates, with water levels rising and flow rates increasing throughout the summer. One million acre-feet (one acre of land covered in one foot of water), or 326 billion gallons of water, is expected to come down from the High Sierra through at least July.

Residents and visitors are strongly encouraged to obey all road closures and avoid areas with swift water – for their safety as well as that of first responders.

Many local waterways are raging with extremely frigid white-water flows and several of them have already broken their banks, including the Owens River, Bishop Bypass, and Independence Creek. The latter is a particular area of concern due to the amount of snow currently on the ground. Inyo County Sheriff’s personnel were summoned to the area Sunday by the Independence Volunteer Fire Department and one residence was evacuated at that time. Continued, extreme levels of runoff in Independence Creek prompted the Sheriff’s Office to issue a Code RED alert Monday afternoon for the Seven Pines area off Onion Valley Road will remain in place for the foreseeable future.

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altitude can cause many issues for the human body, from a shortness of breath to headaches and fatigue. For the runners at Puma Elite, it is the perfect training recipe. Mick Stanovsek and Amon Kemboi both run the 1500-meter and praised the altitude for improving their training.

Puma Elite is a professional running team founded by Amy and Alistar Cragg that sponsors distance runners as they pursue their dreams of running in the World Championships and Olympics. Puma Elite is like a professional NFL or MLB team. After the collegiate level, runners are contacted by the Craggs, as well as other coaches on the staff, to run for Puma Elite. They also work around the community; they partner with local running stores and organize events like “Run with the Elite.” Most of the time, when they run, it is in the Research Triangle in North Carolina (Raleigh/Durham/Chapel Hill). Every summer, they come from Mammoth for about a week and train at a high altitude; some summers, they come up to train twice. Puma Elite is the only Puma-sponsored running club in America. Stanovsek, who ran collegiately at both University of Oregon and Washington, came from a family of distance runners, so it’s in his blood. His mom ran marathons, and his six older siblings ran track, making it an easy choice for his sport. As he got older, he recalls watching runners like Steve Prefontaine, who inspired him to be a runner. Running at elevation is something Stanovsek has never experienced, and he described it as “inhospitable.” The air has less oxygen at elevation, so the body adapts by producing more red blood cells so the body can absorb more oxygen. Once you travel back to sea level, the air isn’t thin anymore, but the body is still prepared for the altitude. Stanovsek believes the training truly works, emphasizing multiple times how much he enjoys running in Mammoth.

Kemboi, who is originally from Kenya and ran for the University of Arkansas in college, knew he always wanted to be a runner. Watching runners from his home nation compete in the Olympics and the World Championships gave him a sense of pride that he wanted to feel as well.

Kemboi has recently seen the effects firsthand of training at altitude. He recently set a personal best in the 1500-meter, running a 3:34 and shaving close to two and a half seconds off his previous personal best (3:36). According to Kemboi, this is an incredibly difficult accomplishment, as two and a half seconds is quite a substantial amount of time in distance running. Kemboi credits the altitude training as a significant reason he could do it.

Apart from the altitude helping for training, both runners mentioned how therapeutic training in Mammoth is. “When you are here, you train, you nap, you run, go to the gym, then you sleep,” Stanovsek said. “It’s very easy to develop a pattern.”

As much as the altitude can be “inhospitable” to Stanovsek, he feels like a more complete athlete when training in it. Kemboi added that Mammoth is one of the best places he has ever trained. From the views to the thin air, it can’t be beaten from a training perspective.

Kemboi will be running a 1500-meter race in Los Angeles this Saturday and a 5 Kilometer race later this month. He hopes to qualify for the World Championships later this year in August. Stanovsek has unfortunately been battling an illness since January and hasn’t been able to compete this year. His recovery has gone smoother than expected, and he hopes to compete later in the year if his health permits.

Puma Elite has given distance runners a chance to continue their dreams of being Olympians. The training they incorporate seems to be the perfect balance of elevation and scenery to allow their runners to get the most out of their training and improve in ways they never thought possible.
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June Lake Brewing celebrated its 9 Year Anniversary on June 21 with good music, great beer, and galactic vibes. A particular highlight: sipping on their Brewnicorn DIPA while the Felt Cutouts dove deep into a jam. The band’s drummer also managed to ride a swing beat while balancing a beer atop his skull. Talk about level-headed.

And, as always, the Andrew Webber Blues Band rocked the house. This reporter left before the third band came on.

Cheers to JLB, the summer solstice, and another nine years of brewing up mind-bending drinks for the Eastern Sierra.

L to R: Callan & Katie from JLB with Lucas and Cassie from the Felt Cutouts.

Kate and JK from June.

Andrew Webber shredding for the camera.

Natasha and Andrew from Mammoth and June.

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Tanya wins the Women’s Keg Holding Competition.

L to R: Locals Bob S., Judy M., Susan F., and Rene S.

L to R: June Lake locals Debby P., Indiana D., and Natalie K.

The Stillings Family from Redlands.

COMMUNITY INVITE
Join us on Independence Day, July 4th
2pm at Bea’s House in Crowley Lake

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FRIDAY JUNE 30TH & SATURDAY JULY 1ST
ANTHONY CULLINS BAND
GUITAR DRIVEN PSYCHEDELIC SOUL
MUSIC BEGINS AT 9:30PM
On Wednesday, June 14, Duane Rossi and his wife served up some signature Rossi Lasagna at the Elks Club. He cooked all day to prepare the dinner, ensuring that everything from the melty cheese to the savory sauce was fit for all to enjoy. Mr. Rossi and his wife are pictured here in the bottom right. Above are some young, helpful cowhands.

Introducing Husky of the Week, Junior, Sierra Wight. Sierra had a terrific season as one of our long-distance runners. Returning from an injury near the end of the Fall 2022 cross-country season, she was our fastest runner in the 1600 m and 3200 m races. She led the team and often the league in both. Furthermore, she is one of the hardest-working athletes on the team, and has always led by example. She is consistent in her training and willingness to help teammates and even run extra races when needed.

Sierra well rounded as a scholar athlete, she is as near the top of her class and participates in Downhill/alpine skiing and soccer. We are looking forward to a strong, healthy, and fast season of racing for Sierra’s senior year.

Nomination by Coaches Alicia Chang & Lisa Okamoto

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Driving directions from Mammoth Lakes:
- Drive South on Hwy 395
- Turn left by the green church along North side of Crowley lake (paved road)
- Drive all the way (30 miles) to a T junction, turn Left on Hwy 120 towards Lee Vinning
- Drive approx. 8 miles on Hwy 120, turn Right on “River Springs Road”
- Go 3 miles on “River Springs Road” to an end at a T (there is an old 1800s cabin-run), park there on the Right at a big Parking area
- Walk/drive 100 feet to the Right to the camp/corrals where we are

Driving directions from Bishop:
- Drive North on Hwy 6 for 32 miles to Benton
- Turn Left on Hwy 120, towards Lee Vinning
- Go 16.7 miles on Hwy 120, turn Right on “River Springs” gravel road
- Go 3 miles on “River Springs Road” to an end at a T (there is an old 1800s cabin-run), park there on the Right at a big Parking area
- Walk/drive 100 feet to the Right to the camp/corrals where we are
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BBs and BBBs in between.

BBB- is considered the lowest investment grade rating.

Meanwhile, NIH currently has unfunded pension liability of $47.7 million.

“People’s retirements depend on this hospital remaining open,” observed DellRossi.

The Math

DellRossi said the District began cost-cutting in earnest beginning in September 2022 and had eliminated 55 FTE (full-time equivalent) employees by April without any reduction in service. “We were absolutely overstaffed,” he said. To lay off 55 without a loss of service is testament to this.

While patient flows have remained consistent, DellRossi said payroll even now stands at 125% of net patient revenue.

Another issue is payer mix. 35% of patients are on Medicaid, which reimburses the District .74 to .76 cents for every dollar. Another 45% are Medicare patients, who reimburse at cost plus 3%. Hardly a path to solvency.

So is there an opportunity for NIH to grow its way out of its predicament? Cardiology may be one path, said DellRossi. A visiting plastic surgeon may be another. Anything to grow services without increasing cost.

In the meantime, DellRossi continues to hunt for savings. One bad deal he’s discontinued - mobile trailer rental. He said the District has been paying $25,000/month to rent trailers which may have cost a few hundred grand at the time to place.

The estimated rent the District had paid on these trailers over the past 15 years or so: $4.58 million.

The District will renovate the Pioneer Medical Building to make up for the lost space.

The District has also “unaffiliated” itself with Pioneer Home Health and the Bishop Care Center to reduce its financial exposure.

Tax Hikes?

DellRossi laid out four possible future scenarios for the District depending upon the public’s appetite for tax increases.

1. He suggested a local $10/night bed tax (on top of the already existing 14% visitors pay in Transient Occupancy Tax and the Bishop Tourism Improvement District). He estimates this will raise $2.5 million/year in revenue.

2. A property tax increase (requiring voter approval).

3. Do nothing and head to bankruptcy.

4. Gut the hospital and limit operations to life-saving services only.

What’s Next?

DellRossi promised public outreach. “And maybe when that outreach occurs, he’ll be accompanied by a few board members, who were conspicuously absent on Tuesday.

As Supervisor Jeff Griffiths observed, “There needs to be a large uptick in public awareness.”

Griffiths doubts the community will agree to bailout tax measures at this time. They need to trust that the organization will deliver, he said.

As DellRossi said, NIH is just now digging out after “10, 12, 15 years of neglect.”

“We’ve had negative operating income for the past decade,” he said, which has been papered over by cash flow and a one-time pandemic injection of capital.
MONO COUNTY, Calif. (JUNE 21, 2023) – Supervisor Rhonda Duggan, Chair of the Mono County Board of Supervisors, has announced the selection of Sandra Moberly as the new Mono County Administrative Officer (CAO). The Board of Supervisors will approve Ms. Moberly’s contract at their July 11, 2023 meeting, and Moberly will assume the CAO role effective August 21, 2023.

“Sandra brings a wealth of public sector experience and an intimate working knowledge of local government to this role,” said Supervisor Rhonda Duggan, Chair of the Mono County Board of Supervisors. “It was important for us to take the time to identify a strong, collaborative leader that could both fit within the Mono County culture, and strategically elevate our service offering to the community. We are confident that Sandra is the right leader for the job.”

Ms. Moberly has spent the past 16 years working for the Town of Mammoth Lakes, most recently serving as Community and Economic Development Director. In that role, Moberly leads the daily operations and long-term planning of the department, overseeing a staff of 11 and managing a $1.9 million operating budget. Throughout her career, Moberly has acquired experience in executive leadership, intergovernmental and interdepartmental relations, financial stewardship, team leadership, and community-based projects. The breadth and depth of Moberly’s background and experience will assist in the enhanced delivery of services to Mono County residents and visitors.

“I am both honored and excited to be selected as Mono County’s next County Administrative Officer,” said Moberly. “As a 17-year Mono County resident, I am excited for the opportunity to serve the community where I live and am raising my family. I am eager to collaborate with passionate elected officials, dedicated County staff, and engaged residents to advance the County’s strategic objectives and further the vision of outstanding community services and quality of life beyond compare.”

Ms. Moberly received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Irvine, and her Master of Public Administration degree from Kent State University. In addition to her formal education, Moberly retains a number of professional certifications and credentials, and has served in a variety of volunteer service positions both in Mono County, and statewide. Moberly assumes the CAO role from Mary Booher, who has served as Interim CAO since April 4, 2023.
calendar of events

BARS & MUSIC

Happy Hour/ The Liberty Sports Bar and Grill Pursuit of Happiness Hour Daily 3-6 p.m. Live Music. Tuesday karaoke & Wednesday DJ are now every other week beginning Tuesday May 2nd. More info: see ad p. 9. Austria Hof Happy Hour 4-6:30 p.m. Sun-Thurs/4-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Outlaw Saloon Happy Hour every day from 4-7 p.m. Monday happy hour all day. And Taco Tuesdays are back! More info: see ad p. 11. Clocktower Cellar Happy Hour: 4-6 p.m. daily. $6 dollar menu items, drink specials. More info: see ad p. 18. Roberto’s Happy Hour: 2-5 p.m. daily. The Mogul happy hour 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the bar with food and drink specials. Lakanuki happy hour 3-6 p.m. daily.

Friday, June 23/
Music in the Woods @ The Gallery at Twin Lakes in Mammoth from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tracorun (cosmic gospel thunder funk) plays Liberty at 9:30 p.m.

June 23-24/
Village Summer Jam @ the Village at Mammoth. Live music each day starting 5 p.m.

Saturday, June 24/
Big Smooth (rock and roll) plays Liberty at 9:30 a.m.

Standup Comedy Night @ Mammoth Brewing Company @ 8 p.m. Tic: $15 in advance, $20 at door. LA comic Austin Silver.

Sunday, June 25/
Sara McConnell plays the East Side Bake Shop at McGee Creek. Time: 1-3 p.m.

Salt River Straights (folk/country) plays Steller Brew in Mammoth. 10 a.m. ’til noon.

too Slim and the Taildraggers - high energy blues rock - play the T-Bar Social Club in June Lake. Time: 9 p.m. $$. Info: tbarjunelake.com

Tuesday, June 27/
Open mic night @ C5 Studios in Bishop. All ages. Free. Sign up: 6:30 p.m. Performances start 7 p.m.

June 30-July 1/
Bobby Gulley plays Annett’sMono Village at Twin Lakes near Bridgeport. Time: 5-7 p.m. Friday and 7-9 p.m. Saturday. Info: monovillage.com.

The Eastern Sierra Symphony Summer Festival has recitals at St. Joseph’s Church in Mammoth. 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. both days. For more info, visit easternsierrasymphony.org.

TOWN STUFF

June 23-24/
Devenside DJ are now every other day from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily. Drop collected trash at 299 Commerce Drive (Town Yard). For bag pick-up locations and more information, see ad p. 3.

Saturday, June 24/
Flo’s Diner Annual Car Show from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Flo’s Diner in Chalfant. Junior Livestock Show and Auction at the Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop. Buyer Preview & Lunch @ 11 a.m. Auction @ 1 p.m. For more info: tricountyfair.com. Saturday, June 24 (cont.)/ The USFS hosts a wildflower walk @ Hot Creek Geologic site. Time: 8:30-10:30 a.m. Walk will occur along Hot Creek Hatchery Rd.

Eastern Sierra Interpretive Assoc. hosts a wildlife tracking workshop w Phil Johnston. Time: 8-9:30 a.m. Meet @ the Lundy Lake Resort on Lundy Lake Rd. (five miles in from Hwy. 395).

June 24-25/
Canoe Tours of Mono Lake with the Mono Lake Committee. Time: 8 a.m.-noon each day. Advance registration requ’d. $$$. Visit monolake.org for more.

Monday, June 26/
Mindless Monday Meditation @ Hayden Cabin from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Free sound bath led by Dawn Lazar. Bring a mat, pillows, blankets, and dress comfortably. Relax and let the sounds reset your nervous system.

Bishop City Council meets. Time: 6 p.m. Location: Council Chambers @ 301 West Line St. The Akamaya Culture Group will be performing and teaching Social PowWow Dance at Mono Arts Council Gallery & Community Arts Center from 6-7 p.m. Event is Free! Visit monoarts.org/performance-programs for more details.

Tuesday, June 27/
Inyo County Board of Supervisors meets in Board Chambers at 224 N. Edwards St. in Independence or online via inyocounty.us. Public session starts 10 a.m.

Mammoth Lakes Recreation board meets. Time: 5 p.m. Location: Suite Z, Minaret Mall.

Thursday, June 29/
The Eastern Sierra Towns to Trails Planning effort has begun! "Hometowns to Trails" will identify a multi-use trail network that will connect Eastern Sierra communities to each other and to public lands throughout the region. Regional Public Meeting tonight 6-7 p.m. via Zoom. Registration: Go to townstotrails.org for link

Trashy Thursdays community cleanup event @ Mammoth Lakes Library. Time: 5-6 p.m.

Mono Arts Council Presents Art & Wine night at Side Door Cafe in the Village at Mammoth. Time: 5:30 p.m. Theme is ‘Summer, Sun, & Flowers’ created using mixed media techniques. Register at https://www.monoarts.org/art-and-wine. Materials and glass of wine provided. Class Fee $40.

ONGOING

Ride with Wild Horses with the Rock Creek Pack Station. Lunch provided. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., meeting @ River Springs at 9:45 a.m. To book, visit rockcreekpackstation.com or call 760-872-8331. $185. For more info, see ad. p. 11.
The entire riverbed is a long green snake with spots of standing water. Dirt roads are swamped.

-Klusmire

The lake has risen by about two feet since January and could rise two or thee more. Some startling statistics about the flows into Mono Lake: On May 21, Lee Vinning Creek was running at 333 cubic feet per second. On June 19, ii hit 566 cfs. Rush Creek on May 21 was at 359 cfs. and on June 19, was 606 cfs. Keep in mind, those "lower" flows are about normal for a normal spring and have been running at those levels for month.

There is more to come in the Mono and Mammoth Lakes basins. The latest Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Eastern Sierra Precipitation report on June 13 showed the remaining snowpack on Gem Pass is 125% of the April 1 average, with the Mammoth Pass snowpack reading at 162% of April 1 average.

Even more stunning, the overall snowpack reading in Mono and Inyo counties pegs the remaining snowpack, what's left to melt, at 82% of a normal April 1 reading. There have been many years when that 82% would be considered a "good snow year."

Most of the "vulnerable trouble spots" are from Bishop south. The Owens River is a fire hose shooting massive amounts of water all the way to Owens Lake. Virtually any dirt or paved road east of the river has the potential to be flooded. Further south, about 1,100 cfs are flowing out of Tinnemaha Reservoir, with more than 500 cfs then being diverted into the Los Angeles River Pleasant Valley.

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The public, of course, is shut out of its public lands. Caltrans still has its hands full and its plows purring. SR 120 to Yosemite is still a snowpack health with the Lee Vinning Caltrans crews cutting into the white stuff. No word on an opening date. With the recent floods and snow-packed roads, some private hotels and resorts on the Banks of the park might not even open this year.

The big scare, though, is Walker Canyon. The Walker River usually only lives up to its high-falling moniker for a couple months in the spring before reverting to a summer trick. Not this year. The river is roaring bank-to-bank and has been for quite a while, putting US 395 in danger.

There are some good news out there, though. Lee Vinning, Rush, Walker and Parker creeks have been hyper-dosing Mono Lake with water. The

For Sale

Steve’s Auto & Truck Parts in Mammoth has an immediate opening for FULL TIME Counter Sales Person. Competitive pay, 401k, Health Insurance, Vacation Pay. Stop by the store at 3280 Main St. Mammoth Lakes, for an application.

Warehouse Assistant Sierra Warehouse Partners is seeking an individual to assist Operations Manager with stocking, assembling, cleaning, deliveries & other duties associated with maintaining resort warehouse and vehicle fleet. Minimum age 21 with a good driving record and able to lift 50 lb, Full Time $23 - $26/hr. + Benefits + Discounts. Call 760-934-3000 ext. 49 or email jobs@convictlake.com

For Rent

Holiday Home for Rent: 2 bedroom + loft, 1 bathroom. Single family A Frame close to everything, large yard and deck. $500 per month. Please call (949) 309-6544 for information.

Help Wanted

The Mammoth Community Water District's Engineering Department is Currently Recruiting for One Permanent Senior Engineer Position. For Application Information/To Apply: Please See The District Website. Mammoth Community Water District’s Information Services Department is Currently Recruiting for Real Estate Information Systems Specialist Position. For Application Information/To Apply: Please See The District Website. Mammoth Community Water District’s Information Services Department is Currently Recruiting for Real Estate Information Systems Specialist Position. For Application Information/To Apply: Please See The District Website.
Mammoth Hospital is NOW HIRING! We have an immediate need for the following positions:

Behavioral Health Clinic Scheduler
Front Desk Service Worker
Maintenance Technician
LVN - Pediatrics and Family Medicine
Patient Care Assistant (CNA or EMT)

To view more open positions and apply, please visit our website at https://mammothhospital.org and click on “We’re Hiring” tile. Visit https://www.paycommoline.net/v4/an/whp.php/jobs

Mammoth Community Water District is currently recruiting for Temporary/Seasonal Construction Crew positions:

Construction and Maintenance Worker $25/hour
Construction Equipment Operator $28/hour
Construction Heavy Equipment Operator $32/hour

Construction Leadworker $36/hour for Application Information:
To Apply: Review the job bulletin at the District website https://mccwd.dstate.ca.us/employment. To determine for which position(s) you meet the minimum qualifications

Experienced Server and Bus/Host positions at The BreakFast Club. Please apply in person.

Hiring motivated candidates, experience preferred but not essential, job training will be provided. Must have a valid driver’s license. Great pay and perks. Full time or part time available, year-round, Mon-Fri schedule. To apply, please contact Tarek at 760-914-1984

The Superior Court of California for Mono County invites applications for the position of Family Law Facilitator and Self-Help Center Program Coordinator

This is a part-time independent contractor position for a licensed attorney

Annual Salary: $89,328

A job description and application instructions may be obtained on the court’s website: https://www.supoj.org/employment.htm, or contact the court at 760-962-2522 hr@mono.courts.ca.gov

Closing Date: Open until filled

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Now hiring electrician with recent residential electrical experience. Offers $5,000 sign on bonus and competitive pay. Email, text, or call to set up an interview. (760) 702-3500 

Reservations Desk Clerk immediate opening at the Double Eagle Resort and Spa in June Lake CA (20 min from mammoth). Must have excellent customer service and outside computer skills. Must have multitasking skills, time, health benefits, fitness membership and PTO. Great place to work! Email jobs@doubleeagle.com

Creekside Spa and Fitness Desk at the Double Eagle Resort and Spa in June Lake CA is opening for enthusiastic team member. Help in creating a wonderful experience for our spa and fitness center guests. Customer service, computer, cleaning, food service. Full or part time, health benefits, fitness membership and PTO. Great place to work! Email jobs@doubleeagle.com

Upstate Sierra Service for Eagles Landing Restaurant at the popular Double Eagle Resort and Spa in June Lake CA. Experience in restaurant service, computer knowledge and leading as team member is essential. Full and part time available, health benefits, fitness membership and PTO. Great place to work. Email jobs@doubleeagle.com

Mammoth Private Residence: Front desk, dealing with customers/owners. Competitively priced, good benefits. $28-$32/hr. No experience is necessary, bilingual (English/Spanish) a plus. Flexibility around schedule. Please apply to sarah@mammothreservations.com or stop by 1914 Meridian Blvd.

Small Reservation Management Office looking for 1-2 part time people, to assist with middled classed general. Duties would include taking reservations, assisting guests/owners, some general property maintenance when needed. Applicants should be enthusiastic, Good Computer Skills and familiarity with Office Word and Excel. Good Communication skill in English, If bi-lingual is an asset. General repair skills. Ability to work indoor and outdoor in all climates. Couples are strongly encouraged to apply. Apply at the above number, with potential to move into full time. Scheduling flexibility. Starting pay is $20.00/hr. (per person) Condos@mammothcreek.com

John’s Pizza Works seeks energetic, motivated candidates to work in a fast-paced, fun, growing team. Apply online at enjoyelixir.com. Loving, enthusiastic and reliable individuals are required, No experience is necessary, $20-$27 per hour. Tips. Experience preferred but not required. Call for an application. 3489 Main St, Mammoth Lakes.

Housekeeping for high end rental condos. References required. Message to 559.903.3838. English not necessary. No experience is necessary. $25 to $35 per hour. Work a 4 day on, 2 day off schedule 20 hours/week. Hard working, self motivated individuals looking for a part-time opportunity, hour by hour, living in the area. Opportunity to work with our family. Email jobs@doubleeagle.com

Property Manager Established Resort and Lodge seeks experienced individual to oversee quality control, maintenance and front of house operations, including restaurants, kitchens, restaurants, and other goods. Must be able to schedule, direct and supervise personnel and outside vendors. Some weekends and evenings may be necessary. Position includes but is not limited to: $25 to $40/hour

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Upscale Mammoth Restaurant Hiring For Both Line Cooks And Day Prep Cooks. Full is a fast paced, fun and beautiful environment. Starting wage is $18 per hour. Please send us an email at juneleak2@gmail.com to apply.
Southern Mono Health Care District (Mammoth Hospital) 81 Sierra Park Rd., P.O. Box 660, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

Notice is hereby given that the Southern Mono Health Care District (the “District” or “SMHCD”) will receive bids for the construction of a work of improvement identified as:

South Parking Lot Improvement Project

The project is generally located in the Town of Mammoth Lakes, County of Mono, California. A General Description of Project: Regrading and improving existing South Lot parking lot, adding vehicle parking spaces, adding new parking lot lighting, and landscaping.

Bids must be received by the District not later than 9:00 a.m. on June 30, 2023, at which time they will be opened at a public meeting at a public hearing, to be held in the Committee Room of the Mono County Superior Courthouse, 140 Willow Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546.

The engineer’s estimate for the project is $2,500,000.00.

Bidders are reminded that this is a public project and prevailing wage rules apply. No contractor or subcontractor shall perform any work on this project unless a valid prevailing wage certificate has been issued. The contract award is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Director and the隐蔽人 is the lowest responsive bidder who shall give security as required herein. The successful lowest responsive bidder shall furnish to the District, with the contract documents, a bond in an amount not less than 10% of the bid in favor of the District.

TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES
Notice Of Unclaimed Checks

Southern Mono Health Care District Public Notice - Unclaimed Checks Pursuant to State of California Government Code Section 3505, notice is hereby given that Southern Mono Health Care District that the following checks, not the property of the District, have been held by the Unclaimed Funds Trust Fund for more than three years. These amounts will become the property of Southern Mono Health Care District if no verified claim is filed and served by July 15, 2023. Any person who has an interest in this property may inquire at the Southern Mono Health Care District Office, 61 Sierra Park Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546, or call (760) 924-4114.

NAME OF PAYEE

Scott Cherry, Kelli Moore

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*Administrative costs subject to change dependent upon publishing costs

Current and prior year invoices were paid before late fee invoices.

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People like to go to Stonehenge

Libra:
small it looks like you’re in neutral and if it your movements are sometimes so why your key as summer kicks-off is to
The earth keeps moving along. That’s stays in the same place. But it doesn’t. the solstice when the sun looks like it appears for the few days around the sun stops. And that’s actually how of Latin descent that basically means The Summer Solstice is a term or sand burns in new places. fun, adventure and maybe some sun yourself to accept success, relaxation, might want to remember to allow up on some good munchies. You also you prepare, you might want to stock
The sun is at its highest point in Leo:
half-naked more often. breath exercises, or walking around spending more time in nature, doing something that instills balance, like birthday gift to yourself should be
The longest day of the year
 Scorpio:
The Midnight Sun Base- screw off. “ looks like high-noon hour, and they don’t need to light the field because it “looks like high-Noon at midnight.” The Stars are saying your life may be looking like endless sunny days right now, so you should make sure you have some cool shades. Capricorn: Since Capricorn starts with the letter C it has some special powers for you. For example, Caps connect with sentences with lots of C-words—so long as they don’t include the C-word. That’s why you’ll care for this couple of clever quotes: A) “You must make a choice to take a chance if you want to change.” C) “It’s cool to be candid about your capabilities when ever you’re cuddling with someone cute.” Aquarius: There’s a popular saying that goes, “Happy wife, happy life.” The problem is that doesn’t add up. A good marriage needs to have two happy, or at least happy much of the time, people. That’s why the new saying is, “Happy spouse, happy house.” Unless you’re living in a Sprinter van or some such thing, and then it’s “If the camper is a rockin’ don’t bother knockin.” Pisces: This much we know is true, when we get frozen by the fear of what other people think about us we’re putting their opinions above our own. But the reality is that we should be thinking, “Who cares what they think? I don’t because it only matters what I think about myself and what kind of attitude and effort I put in.” Of course, it is okay to appreciate people who think highly of you no matter what—even if you’re fully clothed! Aries: Water is a healing element for almost all of us, even Fire Signs like you. Now that summer has officially arrived, be sure to spend time in water whenever you can. Pools are fine, rivers are better. Oceans and lakes are great, hot springs can be special. Even splashing in some puddles is fine, so long as you’re singing something like, “Let the stormy clouds chase everyone from the place. Come on with the rain, I’ve a smile on my face... I’m singin’, just singin’ in the rain.”

Taurus: Several years ago, a guy from Florida got arrested for kidnapping a scientist to help make his dog im mortal. While we can all relate to this guy on some level—especially if we’ve been drinking heavily—we all know this was a foolhardy idea. Nothing is meant to be immortal, not even the “Dog-star,” which shines brightest this time of year. That’s why your new mission is to accept that nothing lasts forever and to embrace everything you have now (or at least the things you like embracing):

Gemini: In ancient Egypt, the Summer Solstice was the start of the new year. That’s because that’s when the god, Sirius, would appear and flood the Nile to start the growing season. Sirius was known as the goddess of the brightest star in the sky, the Dog-Star. Since it’s the start of a new year in your life, you should tap into some Sirius and celebrate the beginning of something new. Perhaps it could even be something with a doggy-theme or style.
Stellar Brew rang in the summer solstice with a laid-back folk-fest that featured live music, local artists and vendors, and mystical vibes.

This reporter arrived as the Bodie 601 Band was wrapping up their set. There’s nothing quite like the electric fiddle, especially when it’s paired with clean guitar and a steady beat.

Stellar Brew has been hosting more and more community events like this one, and the community building taking place is a wonderful thing to witness.

Among the tents selling handmade plant pots and homemade sangria, there was a Solstice Ritual Table at which guests could scrawl a hope, wish, or dream for themselves, Mammoth, or the world and drop it into a clear, glass bowl.

And, of course, there was coffee, baked goods, and other drinks and snacks inside. After the JLB Party, the Folk Fest was a great way to re-set and unwind into the evening.
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