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Local Master of Ceremonies and theater actor, Maurice Cooper, is set to audition for *The Juilliard School* next week. See story, page 8.

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TWO TANGO IN BISHOP

By Cahrles James

On Thursday, January 25th, Inyo County's current 2nd District Supervisor, Jeff Griffiths, faced off with challenger Laura Smith at a candidate forum held at Bishop's First United Methodist Church. Both candidates are well-liked and well-known in both the county and the city of Bishop for their extensive public service.

Smith is a former 12-year Bishop City Council member and served four years as Mayor. Griffiths was elected to his first four-year term as District 2 County Supervisor in 2013 and has been reelected twice since, serving for a total of 12 years. He also served on the Bishop City Council for eight years and as Mayor twice before becoming the County's District 2 Supervisor.

[More information on candidates' qualifications and backgrounds can be found by visiting their election websites. [Laura Smith at www.laura-smithfordistrict2supervisor.com, and Jeff Griffiths at www.jeffgriffiths.org.]

Inyo 350 was the host for the forum, which drew approximately 80 interested souls. After introductions by Kristina Blum-Justice, serving as the Inyo 350 forum moderator, the candidates answered questions given to them in advance, followed by a break. They were then asked written questions submitted by the audience.

The first question: "What can the county do to attract new, sustainable businesses to the area and to support businesses already here?"

Smith brought up the importance of the County, City, and Chamber of Commerce working alongside other local community organizations, and the need for public input. She

thinks that local people "don't want another big box store," and feels that there needs to be increased outreach asking, "What does the public want and need?"

Griffiths said that "it's not the government's role to tell private people what to do with their own resources (money and investments)." He went on to say that a study had been made on what are appropriate roles the government can take to support business and local economies. He mentioned the

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PATTERSON TAPPED AS NEW TOWN MANAGER

By Lunch

Rob Patterson, who has served as Finance Director for the Town of Mammoth Lakes since 2016, will become Mammoth's next Town Manager.

The decision was announced out of a closed session of Mammoth's Town Council on Wednesday evening.

Patterson becomes the first internal hire the Town has made since The Sheet came into existence (21 years).

He officially takes the job March 1.

He is unique in that when



Rob Patterson

he takes a position, he stays awhile. The Town is just the

third employer of his career.

His previous stops were in the private sector - 11 years with Meeks Lumber and Hardware, where he rose to the position of CFO (Chief Financial Officer) and 15 years with Raley's Supermarkets in their corporate offices, focusing on sales merch and operations.

In his seven-plus years in Mammoth, he has fallen in love with the community and adjusted to the public sector and that it's "not just about ROI (return on investment)."

Patterson acknowledged some difference between he and Holler regarding leadership style.

"Dan's more experienced ... he's gonna talk you through it. I say look at the facts. I seek out subject matter experts. I'm about direct conversations and decisions."

In terms of what to look for out of the gate, Patterson said, "We've been running at a pace which is probably not sustainable (as an organization). It's time to slow down, and spend some time on the transition. We also have a new police chief and [are in the midst of] hiring a new community development director."

Given he's an internal hire, the indication is "steady as she goes" in terms of direction. Patterson would not disagree. "Most things that are happening ... being on the leadership team, I have my fingerprints on them - at least within the past two years."

As Finance Director, one of Patterson's notable achievements has been the establishment of an effective TOT enforcement program.

Dan Holler retires from his post after a decade in the job.

NO OASIS FOR DESERT



Mammoth High School Sophomore Chris Hernandez taking a free kick versus Desert on Monday in a home soccer game at Whitmore. Mammoth (12-6-1 (10-3-1 in league) pounded Desert by the score of 15-0. MHS Girls' Soccer defeated Desert earlier in the day by a score of 10-0, improving the team's record to 14-4-1.

Music prodigy

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What's 10 or 20%?

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Channel some Kenny

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BERRY THE LEAD

Well, it being election season, I feel like the paper’s been hijacked this week with profiles and forums and such.

One such forum occurred Monday evening in Independence. Six candidates squaring off to see who can replace retiring District Five Supervisor Matt Kingsley.

I’m not gonna get into a detailed analysis of the forum and the various questions and answers.

Dan Berry, a 5th-generation Lone Pine resident who works as a risk and insurance consultant, was head-and-shoulders above his peers in terms of demeanor, knowledge and relevant experience.

Of his competition, I’d acknowledge Spencer McNeal of Tecopa. Mr. McNeal definitely has a point-of-view. He is anti-taxation and has a chip on his shoulder regarding County staff (he think their reports are driven buy “narratives” versus “facts”) and the “mainstream media.”

But a bit too antagonistic in his approach (at least right now) to be more than a sideshow.

Then there was Ash Seiter. Young guy (appeared to be in his mid-30s). Articulate. But to my mind not enough work/life experience yet. But perhaps place him on the watch list for the future. And as I told him during an intermission, “Maybe lose the baseball cap, bro.”

Other candidates for the position are Will “The Handyman” Wadelton, Aaron Cassell of Panamint Springs Resort and Laura Blystone.

Blystone had the answer of the night as far as I was concerned.

The question (which was a dry, open-ended and lousy one meant to bore the crap out of candidate and voter alike): Explain how you view the structure of Inyo County government. What is your understanding of the role of elected officials and appointed officials? What is the function of the Chief Administrative Officer of the County and the function of the members of the Board of Supervisors?”

First thing out of Blystone’s mouth: I understand the position to be an elected one.

On Wednesday evening, I had a nice chat with Genevieve “Gina” Jones. Ms. Jones is challenging Jennifer Roeser for the Supervisorial seat in District 4 (which encompasses Big Pine and outlying Bishop neighborhoods such as Starlite, Aspendell and Mustang Mesa)

The district’s voter registration is 41% Republican, 33% Democrat and 26% unaffiliated.

Jones was born and raised in Bishop and graduated from Big Pine High School in 1975.

She just retired this past September from her job as Career Educational Director

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of the Owens Valley Career Development Center (OVCDC) and was recruited to run for the post by Meryl Picard and Kody Jaeger - both of whom were nonplussed by Ms. Roeser’s initial posturing when she assumed office as a culture warrior who took a position against an Indigenous Peoples Proclamation.

Roeser also supported bringing a speaker to town who bore an anti-LGBTQ reputation and voted against a Safe Parking Plan for homeless people living in their cars.

This was all in year one of her term. She has dialed it back since - but this isn’t “Men in Black” and you can’t just wave a Neuralyzer around and pretend those colors aren’t true.

The candidates face off in a candidate forum this Friday evening (6 p.m.) in Big Pine at the Town Hall on Dewey Street.

In terms of pet issues, Jones said, “I care about water, of course,” noting that Big Pine is the most-pumped [by LADWP] area in the Valley and that the Big Pine tribe remains without a water agreement with the city of Los Angeles.

Speaking of the tribe, there has been controversy of late regarding two factions of the Big Pine tribe who both claim they’re in charge.

In short, one faction was elected and then made some dramatic and unpopular changes (such as firing a longtime Tribal Administrator). This faction was then recalled by a majority Tribal vote but refuses to cede power.

Jones has withdrawn from the controversy of late to focus on her Supervisorial campaign.

Well-spoken and thoughtful, Jones may prove a formidable opponent.

Milender covered a candidate forum on Thursday pitting incumbent Mono County District Two Supervisor Rhonda Duggan versus Loran Kitts.

The virtual forum was hosted by Eastern Sierra Now.

**Kitts’s technological ineptitude (He did not have his camera turned on for the duration, was repeatedly asked to unmute/mute - he could never quite get it right, and accessed the meeting on a Fire Tablet) could either be taken as a badge of honor or a sign that he’s not ready for prime time.*

Duggan, the incumbent supervisor, spoke first of the unique challenges Mono County faces in terms of affordable housing. She highlighted the scarcity of private land and the prevalence of short-term rentals, and stressed the importance of tailored solutions and collaboration with public land agencies to address housing needs.

“94% of the land here is public lands, and whether it’s the Department of Water and Power, the Department of LADWP or the Bureau of Land Management, they’re all competing for the very same housing land that we are,” said Duggan. “We’re looking for solutions that work a little bit differently than in other communities.”

She also mentioned efforts to streamline accessibility processes for alternative housing options, such as accessory dwelling units and recreational vehicles (RVs).

Kitts expressed concern over the lack of workforce housing and emphasized the need for low-income housing initiatives. He acknowledged the resistance faced in proposing such developments but advocated for the benefits they could bring to the community, including economic growth and improved education.

In discussing the top issues confronting Mono County, Duggan underscored housing solutions, infrastructure development, and disaster preparedness as priorities.

Kitts echoed concerns about housing and infrastructure, particularly roads and snow removal. He highlighted specific issues in the Tri-Valley area, including groundwater management and emergency responsiveness, stressing the importance of community involvement in decision-making.

Both candidates were asked to discuss their leadership styles and respective approaches to engaging residents in decision-making processes. Duggan emphasized the importance of listening to the community, collaborating with tribal partners, and being proactive in addressing issues. Kitts emphasized a hands-on approach, prioritizing community input and responsiveness to local concerns.

In her closing statement, Duggan reiterated her commitment to serving the community and addressing its diverse needs.

“We all share those same values to protect the environment, and to have sustainable, meaningful lives here ... I just want to continue to help and support my community in any way that I can,” said Duggan.

Kitts emphasized his experience in public works and his dedication to improving communication and representation for residents. “I’m hopeful that no matter how this thing goes, that my valley will have a better relationship with Mono County,” said Kitts, a resident of Hammil Valley. “I look forward to being a part of that.”

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LETTERS

Roads and Drill Pads

Dear Editor,

The Humboldt Toiyabe National Forest recently announced that Klondex, a subsidiary of Hecla Nevada, will be drilling at up to 250 sites in three areas around the historic Aurora mining district in Nevada for the next ten years: Brawley Peak, Sawtooth Ridge, and south side of the Aurora Crater. It is called the Polaris Exploration Project and Klondex is looking for the gold veins that extend out from Aurora that set off the Aurora mining boom in the 1870s.

The Polaris project entails grading and blading up to 25 miles of new roads and widening existing legal Forest

Service roads and two-track roads making them 14-15 feet wide with berms of dirt flowing downhill that will become covered in weeds. There will be up to 250 90'x90' cleared areas for drill pads, sump pits, vehicles, and equipment. Only 102 of the drill pads have been mapped. The other 148 drill pads will be surprises. Klondex will be able to drill wherever they want within the project area for those. Will they put a road through the largest stand of limber pines in the Bodie Hills or just bulldoze away the rocks that supported pika at one time? We don't know at this point. Of the 102 mapped drill pads, 30 will be on East Brawley Peak, 25 will be on the east slope of Sawtooth Ridge below Mt. Calcedony, 12 will be in the Mt. Hicks Inventoried Roadless Area and many



Road cut into steep hillside at Sawtooth Ridge

more will be at the base of the Aurora Crater. Thousands of healthy, mature pinyon pine trees will be removed and they will drill night and day where Bi-state Sage Grouse hang out. They will use 4,000 or 10,000 gallons of water per day to drill the core samples. The water will likely come from the Humboldt Pit Lake, a quarry lake at the Hecla Aurora Mine.

What gives them the right to do all this destruction? The 1872 mining law. Please comment on this project and ask for an environmental impact statement and consultation with the many Tribes in the region that used the Bodie Hills for thousands of years. The Forest Service is planning to do an environmental assessment that is a cursory review of the environmental impacts. The Polaris project covers 7,540 acres, creates numerous roads, and rips out innumeral trees and vegetation—completely

changing the rustic character of the area beyond the Aurora mine. For Klondex to invest in a project of this size, they must be confident it will pay off. You will know the Brawley Peaks as peaks. Your grandchildren will only know a Brawley Quarry.

Submit written comments on the Polaris Exploration Project to Aaron Coogan, District Ranger, HC 62 Box 1000, 75694 US 395 Bridgeport, CA 93517 and electronic comments using the project webpage at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65353>. Select "Comment/Object on Project" under "Get Connected" on the right panel of the project's webpage. Comments are due by February 16.

Lynn Boulton

Sierra Club - Range of Light Group



Where most of the Spring Peak drill sites are/will be

Kindergarten & TK Round Up 2024

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Mammoth Elementary School
1500 Meridian Blvd, Mammoth Lakes

Monday, April 29, 10:00-11:30 am
Lee Vining Elementary School
132 Lee Vining Ave, Lee Vining

Tuesday, April 30, 12:30-2:00 pm
Bridgeport Elementary School
205 Kingsley St, Bridgeport

Wednesday, May 1, 1:00-2:15 pm
Antelope Elementary School
111527 Hwy 395, Coleville

Thursday, May 2, 12:30-2:00 pm
Edna Beaman Elementary School
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DAVID HOLL 1965-2024

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of David Holl, loving husband, son, brother, and true friend.

He enjoyed working, cooking, alpine skiing, and road trips in the RV.

He was a resident of Mammoth for over 36 years, moving here in 1988. Back then his nickname was "Lumpy," and his tribe was Zippy, Jethro, Homeboy, Sicko, Stoner and Lillyan, to name a few. They built "the Shanty" and good times were had by all. He enjoyed rollerblading, skiing, biking, snowmobiling and anything that was fast.

Nothing flustered him, he had nerves of steel and could be daring with no hesitation.

Dave was always moving. You could find him working snowcats on the Mountain, operating 18-wheelers, or clearing highway roads for thankful residents and visitors. He loved working big maintenance jobs for Caltrans - especially on Tioga Pass. He was one of the best and most reliable equipment operators on their team. He was a natural when it came to operations and repairs.

David also loved to cook. He was "best



friends" with Martha Stewart and loved to try new recipes- with help from the folks at Vons who scouted out his special ingredients. His friends and family never knew what was on the menu.

We will all remember David's very dry sense of humor that kept everyone on their toes - you made us smile and laugh!

He is survived by his wife Jody, mother Peggy, sister Karen, brother-in-law Michael, nephew Travis, brother Brian and partner Marie, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and too many friends to count.

He leaves behind a legacy of kindness, unselfishness, and generosity. All are welcome to share the Kudo Board that has been set up in his memory.

<https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/sDpczKNL/david-holl>

In lieu of flowers, Jody requests donations be made to the NASCAR Foundation. David loved his NASCAR!



GOTTFRIED CHALLENGING PETERS

By Milender

Trond Gottfried has been a familiar name in the local corridors of law enforcement and emergency services.

Now he's added politics as a category.

Gottfried is opposing John Peters for Mono County's District 4 Supervisor seat in the March election.

He is retired from the California Department of Corrections after a 25-year career. He served on SWAT as both a squad leader and instructor, before he was promoted through the ranks as a Street Enforcement Division (SED) training Lieutenant within the Office of Correctional Safety. In the last four years of his career, he served as his department's liaison to the Office of Emergency Services.

But even in retirement, Gottfried is self-described as "the guy who can't sit still." Today, he's the Captain of the Bridgeport Fire Department—where he's served for the past 9 years—and the President of the Firefighter's Association.

And after his son went through training at the Marine Mountain Warfare Training Center north of Bridgeport, Gottfried witnessed firsthand the difficulty of bringing trainees onto the remote base and signed onto a part-time job, transporting servicemen and women to and from the airport to their training facilities.

Gottfried also serves on the Board of Directors for Task Force Heroes—a non-profit that aims to provide spiritual and emotional support for military and first responders through religious practice. Through his work for the organization, Gottfried says he has become adept at the art of budgeting and administrative practice—skills that he acknowledges are essential as a potential Mono County Supervisor.

All of it, he says, is in service for the county he loves.

Gottfried is a transplant in Mono County. But his wife, Camerina, is a Bridgeport native.

"Her brother owned Rhino's Restaurant," says Gottfried, "so we've spent the last 27 years of being together, coming up here every chance we could get."

Once the Gottfrieds' eldest 3 kids—Kaly, Nick, and Paige—were fully grown, and the youngest, Cody, was still in high school, the family left El Dorado Hills to migrate up to Bridgeport, full time.

"All of us are avid outdoorsmen," says Gottfried. "We have so much love for this place."

But, as someone who has made a career out of disaster mitigation and



the dispatching of emergency services, Gottfried says that he has become disillusioned with the management of the county's resources in times of crisis.

Gottfried bemoaned the county's handling of the fires in Walker—what he described as inadequate follow-through, and a failure to have prepared for an event on that scale with a readily-dispatched stockpile of generators, fuel, firewood, and water for those most vulnerable members of the community.

When his own neighbor's garage caught fire, last year, Gottfried didn't offer condolences. He offered practical assistance. He opened up his own garage to the guy—who, as a mechanic, relied on the space as the lifeblood of his career.

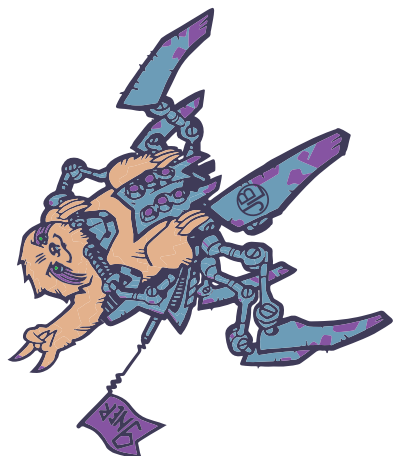
"You know, I don't need to show up two days after the fire with cameras and then be gone. I need to be there for the next two months, checking in on that community," says Gottfried. "What a lot of folks don't realize is that today's needs can't wait until tomorrow."

Stemming from his desire to bridge the gap between bureaucratic processes and practical community needs, Gottfried also emphasized the importance of a transparent and responsive governance model in which community voices more directly guide policy decisions.

"The community is gonna let me know how to vote," says Gottfried. "I am nobody other than the voice of what the people want me to say. And right now, I don't think people are getting that."

From where Gottfried sits, the role of District 4 Supervisor transcends the administration of governance. It involves an entrusted commitment between community and county office.

"At the end of the day, I'm just a working class guy. All I know how to do is work," says Gottfried. "I'm in the trenches with the people here. I'm looking them in the eye ... and I want to be of service."





HUSKY OF THE WEEK

LET'S CELEBRATE THE HARD WORK & DEDICATION OF OUR LOCAL YOUTH



ADDISON KOENIG

Photos by Dakota Snider of MMCF

Introducing Husky of the Week, Sophomore, Addison Koenig. Addison proved her dominance at the first High School CNISSF South 2 Division Qualifier races this last week at Mammoth Mountain. As an underclass person, Addie led her team by winning every run of all four races (two GS's and two SL's) held in the series. Not only is Addison fast on the ski hill, but she leads with a happy positive attitude and by including all on the team. It is rare not to see a smile on Addison's face even in adverse conditions.

Addison is maintaining 4.0 GPA and enrolled in concurrent college level classes through Cerro Coso College. She also serves on the National Honors Society and is the Treasurer of the Interact Rotary Club. Her athletic ability doesn't stop at the slopes, Addison is also a proud Husky Volleyball and Varsity Soccer player. **Amazing job Addison, congrats!**

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LOCAL EMCEE LANDS JUILLIARD AUDITION

By Milender

Maurice Cooper has made a name for himself since moving to town, eight-plus years ago.

Well... "Eight years, one month, nineteen days," says Cooper.

But who's counting?

In that time, he's become a mainstay of the Mammoth entertainment scene. He's hosted karaoke nights at watering holes both past and present, and he's the guy that both locals and day-trippers will know from that proverbial and oh-so-illusory elevated surface at the weekend après parties—you know, the ones hosted at the very place where California boys become men of the Eastern Sierra: The Canyon Lodge Sundeck.

But what Cooper is perhaps best known for are his Tuesday Trivia Nights, put on weekly by Mammoth Brewing Company.

"Tuesday Night Trivia has always been a staple for Mammoth Brewing," explains Cooper. "But I've made it more of a spectacle with the lights, the TV screens, and whatnot... It's not just a guy on a microphone with a speaker. It looks more like a game show."

Any given Tuesday, walk up the stairs of the brewery, and you'll find an eclectic, wholesome, and occasionally sober-curious crowd packing the benches. They come for the beer and

tasters, but they stay for Cooper, and the production he provides—the tip-of-the-tongue inducing brain teasers, the good music, and the charisma of a natural born performer that is easy to identify but harder to describe.

And for Cooper, the hope is that six days from now (or eight years, one month, and 25 days after moving to Mammoth) a panel of high-brow judges in San Francisco's Zellerbach Rehearsal Hall will identify it, too.

For the next week, Tuesday Night Trivia will be on hold as Cooper prepares for and recovers from his audition for The Juilliard School—the country's preeminent performing arts conservatory based in New York City.

(For reference, Juilliard has an acceptance rate that floats at around 7%, according to U.S. News and World Report, and claims alumni like Robin Williams, Viola Davis, and names known in smaller theater circles, such as Meryl Streep.)

On February 6, Cooper (who is applying for the Juilliard's 4-year BFA Acting Program) will be expected to deliver two monologues as part of his audition to earn admission into the program.

One of those will be an excerpt from Shakespeare's Measure for Measure—a show in which Cooper appeared as



Maurice Cooper as Duke Vincentio in Shakespeare's Measure for Measure, directed by Allison Page in 2022.

Duke Vincentio two years ago at Mammoth's Summer Shakespeare Festival.

And it's befitting. Mammoth, after all, is where Cooper discovered his acting chops in earnest.

Because in between waffle fries and guess-that-'80s-tune pop questions, you might think to yourself, how the hell did a guy like that find himself in Mammoth?

According to the Sacramento-native, following a brief stint working down in Yosemite National Park, Cooper followed the advice of some friends and moved to Mammoth—mostly for a change of scenery—but formally, to take

a job as a lift operator at the mountain.

"I was fired," Cooper admits. "I think it went something like, 'Maurice, you're a cool guy, but this job isn't really for you. So I applied as an Activities Assistant for Ski School.'"

But by Cooper's account, he was still "super shy." Always had been—throughout grade school, and high school.

"People seem to think I always had this charisma; this machismo. No shame. But that's not true," says Cooper.

So ski school got him out of his comfort zone a bit, it being a people-facing job and all. But it wasn't until Cooper started attending weekly trivia nights,

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by himself, at Rafter's (under the alias of Big Ol' Nipple) that he got into the idea of entertaining in Mammoth. When Billy Calhoun (a previous host of Mammoth Brewing trivia) left town, it was Cooper that would step in for the week. When Calhoun left the post for good, Cooper eventually took his place.

And by 2016, Cooper was firmly integrated into the Mammoth theater scene, first appearing as the Prince of Morocco in Sierra Classic Theater's production of *The Merchant of Venice*, directed by Susan Dalian (which, funnily enough, appeared as a trivia question this past Tuesday night).

So it was, as Cooper recounts, "a combination of all of it—acting, going to karaoke, hosting karaoke and trivia—that helped me to get really comfortable."

And, as Cooper himself admits, there are similarities between hosting bar events in town under his LLC, MC Entertainment, and theater acting.

"In a sense, it's the same mentality," says Cooper. "Karaoke and trivia—I get to be me, have a good time, shoot the shit. But acting ... God, for me, it's just a different euphoria."

As Cooper explained, while it's nice to be a familiar face to the family behind him at the coffee shop, or to dap up some 27-year-old yuppie trying to sneak into the VIP area at a Saturday afternoon après event, what he loves most about acting is the pact of mutual trust and total escapism agreed upon by audience member and performer while in the same theater.

"I mean, we get to go in there for maybe two hours and leave the rest outside. I get to be somebody I'm not. They get to be somebody they're not. And we get to share some story about this world that we live in."

For Cooper, it's the spontaneity of theater acting, too—the camaraderie of reacting, in real time, to the way in which a play, well, plays out with a cast of other characters.

In our conversation, he recalled one particular wardrobe malfunction in a Mammoth production of *Twelfth Night* a few years back in which a cross-dressed and then scantily-clad castmate appeared on stage and adapted the scene accordingly. The show did, in fact, go on.

"It was awesome," remembers a laughing Cooper. "It's those happy little mistakes, as Bob Ross would say. And those happy little mistakes mean you get to improvise."

That ability to roll with the punches—whether it be disguising on-stage faux pas as iambic-pentametered happy trees, or inventing quick quips before a hundred of Mammoth's blinking bar flies—is a testament to Cooper's professional discipline and tenure as a seasoned performer. An average Monday for Cooper might mean holing up in the Looney Bean for hours at a time to splice out odd movie clips in preparation for trivia, or getting elbow deep into what he calls "characterization rehearsal" to prepare for a major audition—practicing the different inflections with which a character might say something as simple as 'how are you?'

But Cooper emphasized that, in his industry, while you have to do what

you can to prepare and rehearse the script, you also have to prepare for every outcome—What's that thing Macbeth said... "Come what may"?

And looking ahead to the next week, Cooper seems to be applying much the same mentality to his audition for the prestigious Juilliard.

"I feel like my new chapter begins if I get into Juilliard," says Cooper. "But if I don't get in, it's okay. I'll come back and do what it is I do best."

He says his biggest dream, should he graduate from the conservatory, is to perform at The Old Globe theater in San Diego. After his own performance in the local rendition, he went to see *Twelfth Night* there, last year.

"It blew my f*cking mind," remembers



Cooper. "It was actors acting. Living the American Dream—which, in my mind, is getting paid something to do what it is you love to do."

In the meantime, preparation aside, Cooper's also exercising a healthy dose of theatrical superstition. It can't hurt.

"I'm crossing my fingers," says Cooper. "I'm praying to Dionysus, the god of art, wine, and theater. I'm praying to Thespis—the first guy to ever take the stage. I'm praying to those guys that they'll let me in."

But what, I ask him, will become of Tuesday Night Trivia if he takes off for New York?

"It'll all come down to what happens on February 6," he replies. "That's the day when I'll know if I got in."

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Friday, February 2/
Punk v. Metal show @ Whiskey Creek
in Bishop. Starts 9 p.m. \$5 cover.

February 2-3/
The Crooked Stuff (Electro X Analog Disco Punk Collision) plays Liberty. Time: 9:30 p.m.
Weekend Apres Party @ Canyon Lodge. Time: 2-5 p.m. DJ spins tunes from elevated gondola car.

Sunday, February 4/
Giacomo Timbrello plays Distant Brewing. Time: 7-9 p.m. Free.

Tuesday, February 6/
Demo Days Jam @ Liberty. Time: 6-8 p.m. Free.

Wednesday, February 7/
Trivia Night @ Main Street Pizza and Tap. Starts 6:30 p.m.
Outta Pocket (Funk Soul review) plays Liberty. Time: 9:30 p.m.

TOWN STUFF

Friday, February 2/
Inyo County Supervisor District 4 candidate forum with candidates Gina Jones and Jennifer Roeser. Time: 6 p.m. Location: Big Pine Town Hall on Dewey St.
MHS Basketball "Senior Night" as MHS hosts Cal City. Girls play 6 p.m. with Boys to follow at 7:30.
Bishop Union High School Basketball plays @ home v. Desert. Girls' (10-8) tip off at 6 p.m. with Boys' (12-7) to follow.
"Itty Bitty Rhyme Time" for kids under five @ Mammoth Lakes Library. Time: 10:30 a.m.
Saturday storytime @ C5 Studios in Bishop. Time: 10:30 a.m. Location: 210 S. Warren St.

February 2-3/
Toyota U.S. Snowboard & Freeski Grand Prix @ Main Lodge continues. Come watch the best skiers and riders from across the globe hit Unbound for the Slopestyle and Halfpipe World Cups. See <https://usskiandsnowboard.org/events/toyota-us-grand-prix-mammoth-mountain> for event schedule.

TOWN STUFF

Saturday, February 3/
Visit with Eva Poole-Gilson in Lone Pine @ The Salon de Fleurus, a replica of Gertrude Stein's Paris salon of the early 1900s. Location: 123 No. Main St. in L.P. Time: 1-4 p.m. Good company, art, books and more. *Info: 760.258.6320.*
Turns for Tony fundraiser all day @ Footloose Sports. *More info: See ad p. 5.*
Chinese Dragon painting workshop with Monika Metzenthin @ C5 Studios in Bishop. Time: 11 a.m. 'til 1 p.m. Location: 210 S. Warren St. Ages 6+\$. *Register @ C5studios.org*

Sunday, February 4/
Climber Coffee with Bishop Climbing Rangers. Time: 8-10 a.m. Location: Pleasant Valley Reservoir PIT campground.
Tamarack Cross Country ski center hosts the annual **Allan Bard Classic.**

Monday, February 5/
Mono Basin Historical Society hosts a **slide talk by Caelen McQuilkin**, entitled "The Middle of Somewhere: Stories from Lee Vining," drawing upon Caelen's senior thesis at Amherst College. Zoom meeting starts 6 p.m. Email curator@monobasinhistory.org for the link.

Tuesday, February 6/
Inyo County Supervisors meet. Time: 10 a.m. Location: Board Chambers, 224 N. Edwards St. in Independence. *Or online via inyocounty.us.*
Mono County Supervisors meet @ in Chambers @ the Bridgeport Courthouse starting at 9 a.m. *Or attend online via monocounty.ca.gov.*
BUHS Basketball hosts **Cal City.** Girls' play 6 p.m. with Boys' game @ 7:30.
White Mountain Research Center hosts a **Virtual Geoscience Night w/ NASA-GIFT.** Time: 6 p.m. Free. *Visit wmrc.edu to register.*

Wednesday, February 7/
Mammoth Lakes Tourism Board meets. Time: 1 p.m. Location: Suite Z, Minaret Mall. *Or attend online via townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.*
Mammoth Lakes Town Council meets. Time: 4 p.m. Location: Suite Z, Minaret Mall. *Or attend online via townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.*
Avalanche Education Event at The Lift in June Lake. Join ESAC for a free evening of backcountry travel discussion & avalanche education. Events will be recorded and posted on ESAC's website. Time: 6:00 p.m.
Soap making w/ Kimberly Bohan @ the MAC Gallery inside the Minaret Mall. Part of the "Art and Wine" series. Cost: \$50. *Info/register @ monoarts.org.*

Thursday, February 8/
Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theater production of "Clue" opens at the Mammoth High School MPR. Thursday-Sunday shows. Tix: \$22. Discounts for seniors/students/MMSA employees. For reservations, call 760.965.9358
Eastern Sierra Interpretive Assn. Guided Snowshoe Walk starting 11 a.m. Meet Mammoth Lakes Welcome Ctr. Free. All ages and abilities.
Social Dance Society @ C5 Studios in Bishop. Time: 6-7:30 p.m. Cha Cha, Salsa, Rhumba, Swing, FoxTrot, Waltz and more! Suggested donation: \$10-20. Location: 210 S. Warren St.

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February 14: Paint Night @ Mammoth Brewing Company, with Tess Marie Artistry. 2 hour, step-by-step instructed paint lesson. 1 drink included. All ages welcome. Time: 6:00-8:00 p.m. \$\$\$
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Inyo Dist. 4 Candidate Genevieve "Gina" Jones

The final meeting of Mammoth's STR (Short-Term Rental) Committee took place Tuesday evening in Suite Z.

A lot of it was rehash, but some new.

Rob Patterson put together a short study of TOT rates from peer resorts.

If Mammoth is successful at raising its TOT rate 2%, its effective room tax rate (including TBID) would jump to 16%.

Only Santa Monica is currently higher at 17%. Anaheim sits at 15%.

A TOT hike has been contemplated as a means of raising revenue to dedicate to creating more housing supply.

Reference was made to a recent story in the LA Times regarding a "cap" on STRs which was instituted in Palm Springs.

In any given Palm Springs neighborhood, only 20% of the homes can be STR.

10 neighborhoods are capped out.

Home prices in the capped neighborhoods are in freefall (decreasing anecdotally by more than 25%).

But waning overall demand for STR as well as high interest rates are also contributing factors.

Committee (and Council) member Amanda Rice pointed out that 36% of our housing stock is STR. It's hard to have an honest conversation about 'caps,' she said, which is unfortunate because that was kind of the point of the moratorium - to have a frank discussion of it without having a run on permits. But we kinda chickened out ...

Rice suggested we should all care more about people who live in their cars than a 10-20% hit to property valuations.

During public comment, Mammoth Lakes Housing Executive Director Patricia Robertson said the most recent PIT (Point-in-Time) count of sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness showed 50 local homeless families. "It's unfortunate that in the U.S., housing is commodified," she said.

Committee (and Council) member Bubser said if a revenue measure on the ballot fails, "then we'll be right back here," looking at options.



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Bid Proposals will be received ONLY via the Town’s Online Bid Portal <https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/1016/Bids> until 3:00 PM on February 23, 2024. at which time they will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Mammoth Lakes located at: 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite 230, Mammoth Lakes, California 93546. Bid Results will also be listed on the Online Bid Portal immediately following the Bid Opening.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Project base bid includes earthwork, utility installation, foundation installation, and relocation of modulars from the Mammoth High School to 100 College Parkway across from the Cerro Coso Community College to create a Childcare Center, including but not limited to the work of siding, painting, and re-roofing per plans. Alternate #1 is to replace the siding and trim to match existing, and Alternate #2 is to remove and replace roof system to match. The work includes full compliance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations. The work shall be completed within the time set forth in the Contract.

ENGINEER’s ESTIMATE: Base Bid \$700,000 Forms, plans and Contract Documents for this work are available electronically on the Online Bid Portal at <https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/1016/Bids>. Contractor is responsible for registering for a Procure-Now/OpenGov account and for “Following” the project to be listed on the plan holder’s/bidder’s list and to receive updates and addenda.

Questions or Requests for Information (RFIs) shall be submitted ONLY via the project posting on the Town’s Online Bid Portal at <https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/1016/Bids>. All answers to inquiries will be posted on the Online Bid Portal. It is the responsibility of the bidder to “Follow” the project to receive email notification when answers or addenda are posted, or to check the Online Bid Portal for updates. Oral clarifications are non-binding and any changes to the project shall be issued by written addenda only.

A [non-mandatory] pre-bid meeting will be held at the conference room at the Town Offices on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 3:00 PM, located at 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite 230, Mammoth Lakes, California. Due to the nature of relocating existing modular buildings, it is highly recommended to show up for the non-mandatory pre-bid meeting.

The contractor shall have a valid Class B Contractor license and shall have (or shall obtain prior to commencing work) a current Town of Mammoth Lakes Business Tax Certificate and shall maintain all required licenses and certificates throughout the duration of the Contract.

The Contractor shall demonstrate their qualifications by having adequate equipment in good working order, experience, and ability to perform work. The Town will be the sole judge as to the qualifications of each bidder. Each bid proposal shall be accompanied by bidder’s security in the form of cash, certified check, cashier’s check, or a bid bond, payable to the order of the Town of Mammoth Lakes, in the sum of not less than 10% of the total amount of the bid, as a guarantee that the bidder, if its bid is accepted, will promptly enter into the proposed Contract.

The bidder shall guarantee the total bid price for a period of sixty (60) days from the date of the bid opening. A bid security in the form of a bid bond shall be scanned and uploaded to the Online Bid Portal when prompted in the online submittal process. A bid security in the form of a certified or cashier’s check or cash shall be sealed and delivered to the Town of Mammoth Lakes Office of the Clerk located at PO Box 1609, 437 Old Mammoth Road Suite 230, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546, so that it is received prior to the time of bid opening.

Bid securities that arrive after the time of bid opening will not be accepted, regardless of any postmarking, and the corresponding bid shall be considered non-responsive. Original bid bond documents shall be delivered to the Town Office within 10 days following the bid opening. A labor and materials/payment bond and a faithful performance bond, each equal to 100% of the total bid price, are required to be provided by the awarded contractor. All bonds shall be executed by an admitted surety insurer meeting the requirements of the California Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.120.

The Director of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of per diem wages in the locality in which this work is to be performed for each craft or type of worker needed to execute the Contract which will be awarded to the successful bidder, copies of which are on file and will be made available to any interested party upon request at Town Hall or online at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/dlsr>. A copy of these rates shall be posted by the successful bidder at the job site. The successful bidder and all subcontractor(s) under him/her, shall comply with all applicable Labor Code provisions, which include, but are not limited to the payment of not less than the required prevailing rates to all workers employed by them in the execution of the Contract, the employment of apprentices, the hours of labor and the debarment of contractors and subcontractors.

Pursuant to Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, all contractors and subcontractors that wish to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, or enter into a contract to perform public work must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations. No bid will be accepted, nor any contract entered into without proof of the contractor’s and subcontractors’ current registration with the Department of Industrial Relations to perform public work. If awarded a Contract, the Bidder, and its subcontractors, of any tier, shall maintain active registration with the Department of Industrial Relations for the duration of the Project. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the contractor registration requirements mandated by Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1.

1. shall not apply to work performed on a public works project that is exempt pursuant to the small project exemption specified in Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1.

Pursuant to Public Contract Code section 22300, the successful bidder may substitute certain securities for funds withheld by the Town to ensure performance under the Contract.

This Project is subject to prevailing wage compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. In bidding on this project, it shall be the Bidder’s sole responsibility to evaluate and include the cost of complying with all labor compliance requirements under this contract and applicable law in its bid. The California Air Resources Board (“CARB”) implemented amendments to the In-Use Off-Road Diesel-Fueled Fleets Regulations (“Regulation”) which are effective on January 1, 2024, and apply broadly to all self-propelled off road diesel vehicles 25 horsepower or greater and other forms of equipment used in California.

A copy of the Regulation is available at <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/sites/default/files/barcu/regact/2022/off-road-diesel/appa-1.pdf>. Bidders are required to comply with all CARB and regulation requirements, including, without limitation, all applicable sections of the Regulation, as codified in Title 13 of California Code of Regulations section 2449 et seq. throughout the duration of the Project.

Bidders must provide, with their Bid, copies of Bidder’s and all listed subcontractors’ most recent, valid Certificate of Reported Compliance (“CRC”) issued by CARB. Failure to provide valid CRCs as required herein may render the Bid non-responsive. The Contract will be awarded to the responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid “on the base bid alone”. The Town reserves the right to waive any informality or irregularity in a bid. The Town of Mammoth Lakes reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids, or to utilize any alternative procedures authorized by the Public Contract Code Sections 20166 and 20167.

Submission of a bid shall be deemed conclusive evidence that the bidder has thoroughly examined the plans, specifications and the site of all work and the bid takes all costs into account. Each bid shall remain good for a minimum of sixty (60) days after bid opening.

Town Of Mammoth Lakes, California
Jamie Gray, Town Clerk
Dated: January 26, 2024

TS #2024-0007

Notice of Vacancy

Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District Board of Directors Notice of Vacancy

Notice is hereby given that a vacancy exists on the Board of Directors of the Mono County Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District and that the Board of Directors intends to fill this vacancy by appointment at the regular Board meeting on February 28, 2024, at 6:30pm, to be held at 123B Valley Road, Chalfant, CA 93514.

This is an at large seat position. Persons interested in being considered for this appointment to the Board of Directors must be a resident and owner of record of real property located within the District and must be a registered voter. Interested persons need to be willing to participate in monthly meetings involving groundwater issues within the District, come to meetings prepared to participate in agenda items, respond to emails from other Directors, and be willing to accept additional assignments on occasion.

Interested persons are encouraged to provide a letter of interest to the Secretary of the Board of Directors via U.S. mail to TVGMD, 123B Valley Rd., Chalfant, CA 93514 or via email to secretary@tvgmd.org to be received no later than 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 21, 2024. Questions concerning this appointment may be addressed to the Secretary of the Board of Directors at 760-872-1529.

TS #2024-0009

Request for Bids

Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District Request For Bids

Bid Number 2024-V3
One (1) New 2024 or 2025 High-Clearance 4-Door All-Wheel-Drive Hybrid Sport Utility Vehicle

The Clerk of the Board is requesting bids for: one (1) new 2024 or 2025 model high- clearance 4-door all-wheel drive hybrid sport utility vehicle.

Sealed bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 16, 2024, at which time all bids received will be opened.

For detailed specifications, bid information and special requirements, contact the Clerk of the Board by telephone at (760) 872-8211, in person, or by mail at 157 Short Street, Bishop, California 93514, or at the District’s website, www.gbuapcd.org, under What’s New. Questions regarding this request for bids should be directed to Mr. Chris Lanane at the above address and phone number.

TS #2024-0012

Notice of Public Hearing

Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District Review Of 2024-2025 General Fund And Sb 270 Budgets And Order

The Governing Board of the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of reviewing the District’s annual budgets and proposed California Health and Safety Code Section 42316 fee order for the 2024-2025 fiscal year and to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the proposed budgets. It should be noted that a portion of the budget is funded through an order authorized by California Health and Safety Code Section 42316, which requires the City of Los Angeles to pay fees to the District based on an estimate of the actual costs to the District of its activities associated with the development of mitigation measures and related air quality analysis associated with the air quality impacts of the City of Los Angeles’ water diversion, conveyance and storage activities. A copy of the budget summaries is available for inspection at the District office at the address shown below on or after February 6, 2024. The FY 2024-2025 General Fund budget may include an automatic adjustment to permit fees to account for changes in the California Consumer Price Index. The budgets will not be adopted at the same meeting during which this public hearing is conducted. Rather, the Governing Board will consider adoption of the budgets at its next regular meeting, scheduled for May 2, 2024.

The public hearing will be conducted at a meeting of the District Governing Board to be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 7, 2024 via teleconference as well as in person.

To attend via zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82759104821?pwd=K2dyd0FyMGc0NnZ0ZXZsQ2Y5M0U4dz09> Passcode: 638512
To call in: (669) 444-9171
Webinar ID: 827 5910 4821

To attend in-person: (subject to change or cancellation)
Mono County Board of Supervisors Chamber (2nd Floor)
Mono County Courthouse, 278 Main Street (U.S. Highway 395) Bridgeport, California 93517

The public hearing on the District’s total annual budgets is set for 10:05 a.m. Written comments are invited, and should be addressed to Phillip L. Kiddoo, Air Pollution Control Officer, Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District, 157 Short Street, Bishop, California 93514. Written comments received by close of business on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, will be included in the staff report sent to the Governing Board members. Comments may also be made during the public hearing. For further information, call the District’s Board Clerk, Tori DeHaven at (760) 872-8211.

TS #2024-0010

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Entity
Is Doing Business As:

Mammoth Lakes Board of Realtors

Mammoth Lakes Board of Realtors, Inc.
549 Old Mammoth Rd.#11A, Box 1007,
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein in Nov. 14, 1978. This renewal statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on Jan. 2, 2024. File Number 24-002
2024-0003 (2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 2/24)

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person
Is Doing Business As:

Restore 395

Cody Capital, LLC.
P.O. Box 8416, 167 Meadow Lane
Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Co. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on Jan. 5, 2024. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on January 5, 2024. File Number 24-003
2024-0011 (2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 2/24)

Statement Of Abandonment
Of Use of Fictitious Business Name
Statement:

Lee Vining Motel

The following persons have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name:

Pinizzotto Sierra Hospitality Group
P.O. Box 330, 51435 HWY 395
Lee Vining, Ca. 93541

This business is conducted by a Corporation. The fictitious business name was filed in Mono County 2008. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on January 29, 2024. File Number19-043
2024-0013 (2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 2/24)

Notice of Sale of Surplus Goods

Mammoth Community Water District

Notice is hereby given that Mammoth Community Water District (MCWD) will sell the following surplus item:

Make: Caterpillar

Model: 938G Series II Wheel Loader

Year: 2006*

Serial Number: CAT0938GLRTB02087

Minimum Bid: \$70,000

Hour Meter Reading: 6,733 (as of 1/29/24)

Includes: 3.5 Cubic Yard 4-in-1 bucket

Item Number: 021524-54

*Engine was factory-replaced in December 2023 with a CAT remanufactured engine

Bid forms are available at the MCWD office or on our website and must be received at the District offices no later than **3:00 pm on Friday February 15, 2024.** Each bid form must be submitted in a sealed envelope labeled with the item number.

Bids may be submitted to the MCWD offices, located at 1315 Meridian Boulevard, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546 or mailed to PO Box 597, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546.

To view or inquire about the item listed above, please call the MCWD Purchasing Office during regular business hours at 760-934-2596.

MCWD makes no express or implied warranties or representations with respect to the condition of the vehicles and/or equipment listed above.

TS #2024-0014

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice Inviting Bids

CAP 24-001
The Town of Mammoth Lakes will receive sealed Bid Proposals for the work shown on the plans entitled:

S.H.A.R.P. Trailhead Facilities
In the Town of Mammoth Lakes for The Town of Mammoth Lakes, California

Bid Proposals will be received ONLY via the Town's Online Bid Portal <https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/1016/Bids> **until 3:00 PM on February 22, 2024** at which time they will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Mammoth Lakes located at: 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite 230, Mammoth Lakes, California 93546

Bid Results will also be listed on the Online Bid Portal immediately following the Bid Opening.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Project includes asphalt removal, earthwork, drainage facilities, asphalt paving, striping, concrete curb and walkways, signage, and vault toilet installation. The work includes full compliance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations. The work shall be completed within the time set forth in the Contract. ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE: \$1,000,000

Forms, plans and Contract Documents for this work are available electronically on the Online Bid Portal at <https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/1016/Bids>. Contractor is responsible for registering for a Procure-Now/OpenGov account and for "Following" the project to be listed on the plan holder's/bidder's list and to receive updates and addenda.

Questions or Requests for Information (RFIs) shall be submitted ONLY via the project posting on the Town's Online Bid Portal at <https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/1016/Bids>. All answers to inquiries will be posted on the Online Bid Portal. It is the responsibility of the bidder to "Follow" the project to receive email notification when answers or addenda are posted, or to check the Online Bid Portal for updates. Oral clarifications are non-binding and any changes to the project shall be issued by written addenda only. A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the conference room at the Town Offices on February 8, 2024 at 2:00 PM, located at 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite 230, Mammoth Lakes, California.

The contractor shall have a valid Class A Contractor license and shall have (or shall obtain prior to commencing work) a current Town of Mammoth Lakes Business Tax Certificate and shall maintain all required licenses and certificates throughout the duration of the Contract. The Contractor shall demonstrate their qualifications by having adequate equipment in good working order, experience, and ability to perform work. The Town will be the sole judge as to the qualifications of each bidder.

Each bid proposal shall be accompanied by bidder's security in the form of cash, certified check, cashier's check, or a bid bond, payable to the order of the Town of Mammoth Lakes, in the sum of not less than 10% of the total amount of the bid, as a guarantee that the bidder, if its bid is accepted, will promptly enter into the proposed Contract. The bidder shall guarantee the total bid price for a period of sixty (60) days from the date of the bid opening. A bid security in the form of a bid bond shall be scanned and uploaded to the Online Bid Portal when prompted in the online submittal process. A bid security in the form of a certified or cashier's check or cash shall be sealed and delivered to the Town of Mammoth Lakes Office of the Clerk located at PO Box 1609, 437 Old Mammoth Road Suite 230, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546, so that it is received prior to the time of bid opening. Bid securities that arrive after the time of bid opening will not be accepted, regardless of any post-marking, and the corresponding bid shall be considered non-responsive. Original bid bond documents shall be delivered to the Town Office within 10 days following the bid opening.

A labor and materials/payment bond and a faithful performance bond, each equal to 100% of the total bid price, are required to be provided by the awarded contractor. All bonds shall be executed by an admitted surety insurer meeting the requirements of California Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.120.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The Director of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of per diem wages in the locality in which this work is to be performed for each craft or type of worker needed to execute the Contract which will be awarded to the successful bidder, copies of which are on file and will be made available to any interested party upon request at Town Hall or online at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/dlsr>. A copy of these rates shall be posted by the successful bidder and all subcontractor(s) under him/her, shall comply with all applicable Labor Code provisions, which include, but are not limited to the payment of not less than the required prevailing rates to all workers employed by them in the execution of the Contract, the employment of apprentices, the hours of labor and the debarment of contractors and subcontractors.

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Pursuant to Public Contract Code section 22300, the successful bidder may substitute certain securities for funds withheld by the Town to ensure performance under the Contract.

This Project is subject to prevailing wage compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. In bidding on this project, it shall be the Bidder's sole responsibility to evaluate and include the cost of complying with all labor compliance requirements under this contract and applicable law in its bid. The California Air Resources Board ("CARB") implemented amendments to the In-Use Off-Road Diesel-Fueled Fleets Regulations ("Regulation") which are effective on January 1, 2024, and apply broadly to all self-propelled off road diesel vehicles 25 horsepower or greater and other forms of equipment used in California. A copy of the Regulation is available at <https://www2.arb.ca.gov/sites/default/files/barcu/regact/2022/off-road-diesel/appa-1.pdf>. Bidders are required to comply with all CARB and regulation requirements, including, without limitation, all applicable sections of the Regulation, as codified in Title 13 of California Code of Regulations section 2449 et seq. throughout the duration of the Project. Bidders must provide, with their Bid, copies of Bidder's and all listed subcontractors' most recent, valid Certificate of Reported Compliance ("CRC") issued by CARB. Failure to provide valid CRCs as required herein may render the Bid non-responsive.

The Contract will be awarded to the responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid: "on the base bid alone". The Town reserves the right to waive any informality or irregularity in a bid. The Town of Mammoth Lakes reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids, or to utilize any alternative procedures authorized by the Public Contract Code Sections 20166 and 20167. Submission of a bid shall be deemed conclusive evidence that the bidder has thoroughly examined the plans, specifications and the site of all work and the bid takes all costs into account. Each bid shall remain good for a minimum of sixty (60) days after bid opening.

Town Of Mammoth Lakes, California
Jamie Gray, Town Clerk
Dated: February 2, 2024

TS #2024-0015

THE ROAD TO ALL-STATES

By Milender

Eighth grader, Jade Peterson, is making Mammoth music history as the first student to compete in California's All-State Honor Choir.

Students from all over the state audition for a spot to rehearse and perform in the prestigious ensemble, which will be performing this weekend at Sacramento State University's Memorial Auditorium.

"This is her first year actually singing," said Peterson's choir director at Mammoth Middle School, Hailey Hurd, who reached out to The Sheet to promote her student's accomplishment. "But she's a strong leadership type, and naturally gifted ... whatever she picks to do, she'll excel at."

As Hurd explained, Peterson has a strong musical ear—in choir, and in preparing for her All-State audition, Peterson has demonstrated an ability to repeat musical phrases with remarkable precision.

"And she has really strong relative pitch," said Hurd. "She doesn't really ever sing out of tune."

That level of vocal ability will assist Peterson as she prepares to rehearse and perform under a new director and with other vocalists whom she hasn't previously sung with.

When I spoke on the phone with the alto—who was in the car, and on her way to Sacramento with her mom—she expressed nothing but enthusiasm for the weekend.

"Our school is very small, so I'm excited to sing with a big group of people and experience the music we make from



Jade Peterson singing, at home, on family karaoke night.

that," said Peterson.

And though Peterson had received no formal vocal training until this year, she told me that her experience playing clarinet for the school band, guitar and piano training, as well as karaoke nights at home with her family, have given her a good understanding—and love—for all things music.

Now, Peterson said the hard put comes in learning the 7 selections chosen for this year's performance, two of which are not in English—TaReKiTa by Reena Esmail (Indian) and Cántate Domino by Claudio Monteverdi (Latin). She's most looking forward to singing A Patch of Light, composed by Jacob Narverud.

When I asked Peterson how it felt to be the only musician selected for the All-State choir in Mammoth Unified School District history, her answer was simple: "It feels wild."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, **February 14, 2024**, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and continuing until finished, at the **Town Council Chambers, Suite Z, within the Minaret Village Shopping Center, 437 Old Mammoth Road**, the **Mammoth Lakes Planning & Economic Development Commission** will hear an application request for the following:

Application Request: AT&T Cell Tower at Fire Station #2 - Use Permit (UPA) 23-002. The AT&T cell tower proposal consists of an 80' tall "stealth monopine" located in the rear of the property occupied by Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District Station at 1574 Old Mammoth Road.

CEQA Determination: Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines this project is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to Categorical Exemption Section 15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.

Location: 1574 Old Mammoth Road (APN: 040-040-021-000)

Zoning: Located in the Resort (R) zone subject to Public and Quasi-Public (P-QP) standards

Applicant: Eukon Group

Property Owner: Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District

This item was originally scheduled for a public hearing at the November 8, 2023 Planning & Economic Development meeting; however, due to an error in the public noticing, the item was continued to the February 14, 2024 meeting.

All persons having an interest in the proposed application request may appear before the Planning & Economic Development Commission either in person or represented by counsel and present testimony or may, prior to said hearing, file with the Executive Secretary written correspondence pertaining thereto. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Town of Mammoth Lakes at, or prior to, the public hearing. For additional information, or to obtain a copy of the staff report which will be published no later than February 9, 2024, contact Michael Peterka, Associate Planner, at (760) 965-3669. Public comments may be sent via fax to (760) 934-7493 or email: mpeterka@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov

Additional information, including project plans, can be found on the project website, which is located at: <https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/1237>

ZOOM WEBINAR INFORMATION: The meeting will be accessible remotely by live cast:
Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device:
Please visit this URL to join. <https://monocounty.zoom.us/j/94467884456>
Webinar ID: **944 6788 4456**, Or join by phone: (669) 900-6833 Callers - To Raise your hand press *9, To Unmute/Mute press *6
Mammoth Lakes Planning & Economic Development Commission
P.O. Box 1609, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546



MARCH 5, 2024, PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

The elections official shall provide notice to the public and shall conduct a test or series of tests to ensure that every device used to tabulate ballots accurately records each vote, no later than seven days prior to any election. The exact methods employed in this test shall conform to the voting procedures for the specific voting systems, as adopted by the Secretary of State, pursuant to Elections Code §15000.

LOGIC AND ACCURACY TESTING LOCATION:

Mono County Elections, 74 School St., Annex I, Bridgeport, CA 93517

LOGIC AND ACCURACY TESTING DATES AND TIMES:

Begins no earlier than 10 A.M. on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, to 4:00 P.M. daily until completed (excluding weekends and holidays).

Elections: 760-932-5537
<https://monocounty.ca.gov/elections>

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importance of job training such as that offered through the California Jobs First program, as well as local vocational training offered at Cerro Coso College, the Eastern Sierra Foundation, and the County Office of Education. Several times throughout the evening Griffiths mentioned how important the new Small Business Development Center in Bishop can be in supporting new and local businesses with information and resources, including loans (and grants).

Another question asked the candidates about the pros and cons of resources exported out of the county, and how the county should balance associated competing interests.

Griffiths stated that the message he received from the public was that they did not want resources being exported outside of the county to “fall on the backs of local people and the environment.” Using the example of solar panel farms, he noted that they provide little benefit for local jobs and no revenue from taxes. He also stressed the importance of keeping as much water in the county as possible to support agriculture, tourism, and the environment. On mining, Griffiths cau-

tioned that the county must be very careful to avoid the negative environmental impacts brought on by water-intensive mining operations.

Smith said that, for any resource, she would look at the environmental studies—of which there are many—required by both the federal government and the State of California, which has stringent environmental laws. Smith said that she doesn’t want to see a wind farm project—such as those seen when you approach the town of Mojave and Kern County—ever show up in Inyo County (Windmills have already been banned in Inyo County). More important to Smith is that the public input always be weighed and that, when a project is proposed in Inyo County, a careful look be taken at similar projects in other areas as to assess how they impacted their respective communities and environments.

(Both candidates are against new solar farms and having any windmill farms in Inyo County).

Candidates were then asked to address the housing crisis in Inyo County.

Smith mentioned that she works in the Soup Kitchen at the church (as does Griffiths) and there are people living out of their cars and camping outside because they cannot find housing or afford rent for properties in the county.

Smith said that enhanced incentives are needed to build affordable housing.

Griffiths noted that many people who grew up in this area, even middle-class people, are having difficulty finding housing. He noted that there is very little privately-owned land (1.7%) in the coun-



ty, and that zoning changes and funding are required to facilitate higher-density housing. One such example Griffiths mentioned was to promote more accessory dwelling units (ADUs)—usually a secondary, stand-alone house or apartment (e.g., above garage apartment) that shares the building lot of a larger, primary home. He also noted that some commercial properties could be converted to meet housing needs and that rezoning action has already been taken by the City of Bishop in the downtown commercial area.

While there was little difference between the candidates’ views on most of the issues, Smith and Griffiths differed some in regard to the Conglomerate Mesa mining project. Griffiths was generally against it, based on overwhelming feedback from constituents, concerned over the potential environmental consequences of using sodium cyanide to extract gold from the mesa.

Smith said she thought mining should be permitted on a case-by-case basis, weighing the pros and cons. Mining

permits often involve legal rights for both private and commercial property. The county itself has little, if any, jurisdiction or influence over mining, but it can give its “opinion.”

Another difference between the candidates’ platforms was over support for the LGBTQ Pride Month Proclamation which was passed last year by the current Supervisors, although not without some controversy.

Griffiths was fully in favor of it saying that “We should support all of our communities.”

Smith’s response was, at best, inartful. She said that everyone has a right to their own “lifestyle choices,” but then went on to question whether their “choices” should be supported by public funding. Several members in the audience are a part of the LGBTQ community or supporters, and when asked after the meeting what they thought of her comments, they said they were offended. Reportedly, Smith clarified before leaving the building that she “would support the proclamation.”



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3280 Main St Mammoth Lakes

JEFF GRIFFITHS

Inyo County Supervisor

The Right Priorities to Keep Bishop On Track

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

Boost our housing supply for families, our workforce, and veterans.

PROTECTING THE EASTERN SIERRA

Protect our environment, water, and outdoor recreation infrastructure.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Invest in the success of Inyo County small businesses.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Protect our communities from wildfires and communicate thoroughly about emergencies.

RE-ELECT SUPERVISOR

JEFF GRIFFITHS

VOTE BY MARCH 5

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SCAN TO LEARN MORE



A LITTLE MORE KENNY ROGERS, AND A LITTLE LESS GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

By Hartley

The AFC and NFC Championship games did not disappoint. Well ... they disappointed Ravens and Lions fans because their teams played their way into losses they shouldn't have taken.

The Lions had the Niners where they wanted them. Unfortunately, Dan Campbell is a meathead coach. I keep hearing people tout analytics in every decision. But sometimes you gotta watch the game and sense what is going on instead of relying on that crutch. I don't know when analytics in football became slang for being ALLERGIC TO THREE POINTS. Campbell is way too emotional and needs someone on the headset to tell him to take a deep breath before every 4th down play.

Two failed fourth downs meant potentially six points off the board - never mind a loss of momentum. The Lions lost by three.

Sometimes you gotta do what's best for the team and the game situation versus pushing your image as a risk-taking maverick.

The best gamblers know when to hold 'em and know when to fold 'em

As for the Ravens, they are not the bully they thought they were. They showed their true colors and so did

their MVP. It has been the problem with QB Lamar Jackson all along. He can't be trusted in the big games. The Chiefs defense stifled him and he self-destructed. You can see when things don't go right, he pouts, gets all bitchy and self-destructs. Your QB needs to be an adult. And when the pressure ratchets up, he is not. The Ravens in general are an immature team. They acted all season like bullies but when the Chiefs punched them in the mouth, they lost their poise. And committed five personal fouls which cost the team 75 yards, field position, and first downs.

The Ravens ran the ball with their RBs in the entire game six times. This from a team that led the league in rush-ing.

NFL coaching trend ... IF YOU COACH A QB to some success, either a young QB and you develop him or a bad QB and make him better.....you are getting a head coaching job or Of-fensive Coordinator job - and quickly. Dave Canales is a head coach in Carolina now because he got a good year out of Baker Mayfield. Now, he "gets to" coach Bryce Young. This is Carolina's owner saying, I DRAFTED THE RIGHT QB and now I need someone to make

him better. Bad hire. I'm not saying he is a bad coach. I am saying that is a bad process. Overly involved owner trying to prove he is right instead of making a football decision.

Dolphin WR Tyreek Hill said he "fired the bonehead that did that mistake." He was referring to a lawyer who filed divorce papers for him. How was that a mistake? A lawyer doesn't just start filing divorce papers because he feels like it. It takes a lot to file them and you usually need a CLIENT TO AGREE TO IT. The lawyer should sue him for slander. Like the lawyer saw Tyreek and his wife arguing and said..... IMA DO THEM A SOLID AND GET THIS DIVORCE STARTED NOW . Tyreek is a mess and I will be glad when he is with Antonio Brown, out of the league and irrelevant. Great player. Dumbass person.

An update as I type. The Command-ers are hiring Dan Quinn. He is herald-ed as a defensive expert. As the Cow-boy Defensive Coordinator, he expertly let the Packers whip his defense to the tune of 48 points in a home playoff game with a QB in his first season as a starter and first playoff game.

The Cleveland Browns have a \$64 million cap hit for QB Deshaun "The

Molester" Watson next year. The GM says it's not necessary to lower the number even though the Browns are over the cap.

I disagree.
When you know someone isn't the guy, you owe it to then organization to move on, regardless of "sunk cost."

Trump has to pay E. Jean Carroll \$83 million for defamation. While he's at it, he should have to pay the U.S. \$3 billion for defamation of country while acting as President.

Alyssa Milano is an actress. Hold on, was an actress. She and her husband are both multimillionaires. She started a GoFundMe account to raise \$10,000 for her son's baseball team to make a trip to Cooperstown, New York. WTF? You have \$10,000 in your back pocket. You drive a \$200,000 car. And you want other people to pay for your kid to go on vacation. What moron would donate to that? That wench has some nerve. I guess when you aren't famous anymore you need a way to make some headlines. But these are not good headlines.

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