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BRONCOS ROLL IN OPENER



QB Emory Dondero scored twice in Bishop's 41-12 walloping of Fernley on August 23. Sports coverage begins on p. 21.

ROGER THAT

Philanthropist bequests \$1 million endowment to Eastern Sierra Arts Alliance

By Lunch

At an event held Thursday evening at the Sierra Light Gallery in Mammoth, local philanthropist Roger MacFarlane announced he had funded a \$1 million endowment for the Eastern Sierra Arts Alliance (ESAA).

The donation was made via MacFarlane's Tambour Foundation.

ESAA's Executive Director Shira Dubrovner, who has produced theater locally for the past 17 years, said the endowment, and the interest it generates, will support the organization indefinitely.

The gift stems from a relationship forged between MacFarlane and Dubrovner over the past dozen years.

As MacFarlane joked, "Shira

took me to lunch at the Side Door, and I was seduced!"

MacFarlane and his wife Ruth have owned a second

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MacFarlane, Dubrovner and Mammoth's Town Manager Rob Patterson at the Sierra Light Gallery

SWIPE RIGHT LEADS TO BEAR KILLING

By Fisher

On August 21, beloved local black bear, Victor, was killed by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) after he injured a tourist at the Lake Mary campground.

The woman injured was a 61-year-old from the Los Angeles area who was camping for two nights with her daughter and another couple, said Mammoth Lakes Police Department Detective Brian Madera, who followed up with her days after the incident.

The attack happened on the woman's second night at the campground.

The first night of her stay, the woman heard noises from a large animal outside her tent. Scared, she did not peek to see if the animal was a bear but she heard it scratch and open the bear box outside the tent, Madera said. When she woke up, food was scattered across the campground.

The next night, the woman's party was cooking dinner around 7 p.m., Madera said. They were in campground number 10, and their neighbors in site 9 were the only other group cooking.

"The only reason their food was out was because they were cooking it for dinner," said Patrick Foy, Captain of the CDFW Law Enforcement Division.

Victor approached the group and the 61-year-old woman was the only one in her party who did not get out of the way, Madera said. She stood atop a tree stump to avoid him.

The bear swiped the woman on the calf, leaving a laceration which required stitches, for which she was treated at Mammoth Hospital and released



A swipe at this tourist landed Victor the Bear on death row.

that night.

This series of events was caught on camera by a bystander, and the video has since circulated around the internet.

It is not clear to the Mammoth Lakes Police Department whether the videographer was an individual in the woman's party, said Mammoth Lakes Chief of Police Daniel Casabian. The injured woman was a Spanish speaker.

The CDFW investigated the incident after the tourist was admitted to the hospital.

The agency collected DNA samples from the patient and sent them to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife Forensic Laboratory in Sacramento.

From the DNA sample, officers confirmed that the injury was inflicted by Victor, whom Foy says had previously attacked a man trying to take a

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PHOTO: TODD ROBERTSON

Veda Hallen was anything but tongue-tied at last weekend's Wave Rave Skate Comp. For results and more, see pages 15, 23.

A FAREWELL TO HOWARD

When I moved here, terrestrial radio was still relevant, and in a ski town, the weather report was can't miss - with Ueli Luthi's Tamarack Cross Country Ski Report a close second ("today is a blue wax day ...") - so I knew Howard Sheckter long before I knew him. But I had an affinity for the self-described weather dweeb simply because all of us dweebs need to stick together.

So it was with melancholy that I learned of Howard's passing this week.

I recalled an interview with Howard and tried to dig it out of my computer archives, only to realize ... every time we've had a weather-related question over the past two decades, we call Howard, quote Howard. So there were 150 different PDFs that popped up in a simple name search.

But I eventually found the interview, from March 26, 2016. I'm sure we'll have a more formal obituary at a later date, but for now ...

When you walk into Howard Sheckter's office at Coldwell Banker Mammoth, what you'll notice immediately are the plaques on the wall. Ten in all. "And there are another three or four in the closet that I don't have room for," says Howard.

Nine of the plaques are for selling at Coldwell's "President Elite" level, representing a minimum of \$400,000 in gross commissions for a particular calendar year.

How did he do it? While Howard would list the keys to his success as experience, trust, energy and reputation, there's a fifth word which also belongs in that group: patience.

Howard started his real estate career in 1982 at Martin Real Estate across the street from Coldwell's offices in what is now the Stellar Brew cafe. He had a little office in there, and recalls landing his first client via a cold call. The client wished to list a small one-bedroom in Seasons Four. "When I got the listing, I was so excited that I told the client he was my first-ever client, which, you know, probably wasn't the smartest thing," said Howard with a wry grin.

Howard grew up in the San Gabriel Valley (Glendora) and lived a peripatetic existence after finishing college, ski-bumming in both Tahoe and Aspen. He also filled in for his ailing father at one point, helping to run his father's business back home.

But the mountains were forever a pull. "I just couldn't think in L.A. and be me, be creative."

Scheckter moved to Mammoth for good in the summer of 1978. He bought a small lot and built a cabin on it. His first tenant actually owned the Hamburger Palace, also formerly the Barking Spider (Roberto's Cafe now stands in that location). Howard worked the grill back then - back in the day where a landlord could actually work for a tenant. Seems impossible to imagine these days.

To stay in the area, Howard knew he needed a career, which is why he decided to get his real estate license.

FRIDAY AUGUST 30TH
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After doing his first two deals, Howard had made more money off that than he could make in a year of flipping burgers, so he transitioned to real estate full-time.

On his birthday, Oct. 9, 1983, Howard moved over to Coldwell Banker at the behest of the late, great George Fowler, whom he still misses. "He was like an uncle to me."

The plaques didn't just start showing up soon thereafter. As Howard says, "The market was really pretty flat until '97 or so ... There will be another boom, but you've got to hang on now for another 3-5, 5-7 years."

**He said this in 2016 during a market lull. Patient and prescient.*

Now 66, Howard figures he's full-steam ahead at least for the next 4 or 5 years until he hangs up his cleats. Until then, if you need a realtor (or simply a weather analysis - Howard's been a professional meteorologist in everything but name since he was 10 years old) give him a call.

Howard's interview appeared on the same page as another profile of a fellow Coldwell Banker realtor - Kerrick Helton. As Helton observed this week, "I never realized how close we had grown until I was spending more time in San Diego. We always stayed in touch. He had a big impact on my drive to do well in real estate from when I first started by always doing what was best for the client and forging lasting relationships. For how much he had going on, Howard always had time to sit down and talk about absolutely nothing (or the weather), which I loved. Great storyteller and he always cracked himself up. Going to miss him a lot."

I also loved this story from Dan McConnell. He recalled listening to Howard one morning at about 8 a.m. and Howard said it might start snowing by around 10 and that it would come in heavy.

"I knew he was in his basement [where Howard kept his weather center] so I called him and said you should go upstairs and look out your window because it's dumping right now!"

Algal Bloom Closes Diaz Lake to Swimming, Fishing

Breaking press release ... Inyo County has closed Diaz Lake to water-related activities due to the discovery of harmful blue-green algae blooms. Facilities at the recreation area will remain open and camping is still available, however the public is restricted from entering the water - whether swimming, boating, or fishing.

The blooms are particularly harmful to pets, and they should be kept out of the water as well.

Blue-green algae - a common cyanobacterium - exist all over the world and are generally harmless unless certain conditions, such as increasingly warmer waters, cause a rapid accumulation of blooms in a water body. The algae produce toxins that can be harmful to humans and animals when they come into contact with the affected water.

In humans, exposure to blue-green algae can cause the following health effects if they touch, swallow, or inhale airborne droplets of the water: stomach pain, rash, headaches, coughing, watery eyes, nose irritation, and sore throat. According to the Center for Disease Control, more serious symptoms such as liver damage, seizure, and irregular heartbeat can occur. Animals - including pets, livestock, and wildlife - can fall extremely ill or die if they swim in or consume large amounts of contaminated water.

The blooms at Diaz Lake are being closely monitored and the public will be notified when the risk has subsided.

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LETTERS

OMR speed limit

Dear Editor,

I spend the summer in Mammoth every year and stay at Snowcreek V - whose entry shares an intersection with Minaret Road.

I am perplexed why the speed limit increases on Old Mammoth Road from 25 mph to 40 mph for about a 1/2 mile, then goes back down to 25 mph.

It seems to me it would be safer not to increase the speed limit at all for such a short distance.

The Old Mammoth/Minaret intersection is very busy as it is. Cars often come down the hill at 50 mph. I have seen dead deer just past at the Sherwin Road turnoff.

The time a driver saves by increasing their speed for such a short distance does not seem worth it for the risks to people and wildlife.

Karen Roseme
Moab, Utah

Regarding Comtards ...

Dear Sheet,

I would like to respond to Ms. Kaufman's letter of 8-17-24. In the past, people would vote for a candidate, not a party, especially in local elections, because they might know the person or at least their record in public service. Ms. Kaufman is unhappy because SEN.

Marie Alvarado-Gil changed her party status from Democratic to Republican. This means that Kaufman votes for the party, not the person. And this is why the two major parties have become giant "political machines" allowing only those who toe the party line to advance.

Unfortunately, the Democrats are anything but democratic or even liberal anymore; they might as well change their name to the American Communist Party (a branch of the CCP). Burns me out because now I have to call them Comtards instead of Libtards. Even worse is the Democrats abuse of the media to spread misinformation, disinformation, but mostly outright lies. It's disgraceful.

If the Democrats had not forced the ridiculous redistricting on us, making us part of the Central Valley, Alvarado-Gil would not be our senator. But if Kaufman thought she was right for the job, why is she wrong for the job just because she changed party status? I think it's great, Alvarado-Gil has enough guts and sense to see that what was the party of the people is now the favorite of the elite and the enforcer of the Nanny state. I think it's great because I identify more with Republicans at this point. A lot of decent Democrats don't have the guts to change to Republican, or maybe they don't believe the ideology, but they are going Independent. Unfortunately, they take a huge hit to their political career when they do this, because the Democrats are actively trying to destroy any politician who dares disagree with

their machine, look to RFK Jr. for proof. The Dems are actively trying to remove him from ballots with lawsuits, refusing to provide Secret Service Protection, et. al. The Dems have punished Alvarado-Gil by removing her Senate committees.

Alvarado-Gil is not siding with extremism, she removed herself from that party and is now in the party of common sense and freedom, instead of communism, dependence and constraint.

Joann Lijek
Bishop

Corporal bone spur

Dear Editor,

Here we go again. The ex-president recently showed the country what he thinks of the military by saying the Medal of Freedom is equivalent to the Medal of Honor.

What an idiot. Corporal bone spur strikes the same note as he did when putting down John McCain, saying he wasn't a hero because he'd been captured - captured then tortured for years.

A reprise of this convicted felon and serial liar as commander-in-chief? Let's hope Mono County continues to vote blue and pray that Inyo also makes the Eastside proud.

Bob Kittle
Sunny Slopes

Praise for Fisher

Hello Paige ~

I just wanted to thank you for your piece in last week's edition on van lifers. You killed it!

The worst experience we had (in our construction business) was a few years ago when we hired a climber who was living in his SUV.

Most of our work in the summer is outside, but that summer we had an interior job and this guy smelled so bad that we had to ask him to go home until we finished the interior work and could get back outside again. He smelled like ... literal poop. Patrick, my partner, thought he was carrying a load in his pants.

The other guy who worked with us lived in a condo and he invited stink boy over to use the spa; chlorine kills everything, right? Not when you put the same stink-ass clothes back on. Thank goodness I am out of the dating pool. Good luck to you.

BTW, the women in Mammoth rock. When I moved here, I expected to have a bunch of bro bruh dude friends and was blown away by the amazing women I have met and I am fortunate to call friends.

Thanks for the laugh.
Be well.

Dawn Vereuck
Mammoth Lakes
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Perception Matters

Dear Editor:

At the recent public hearing regarding the proposed new 25-year development agreement for Snowcreek, I delivered a 90-second comment based on my submitted four pages of written comments. The Sheet referred to me as snarky having considered only my 90 seconds and never even bothered to perform basic reporting standards by also checking out submitted comments. I'm sure The Sheet was not simply paying homage to one if its supporters versus an oversight. Considering the source, being called snarky must be a compliment.

The irony here is, I would rather see designed open space with paved bike/walking trails, water back in Hidden Lake, ponds, wildlife, exercise stations, etc. instead of a poorly maintained nine-hole golf course (should be 18 well-maintained holes). However, it's not my interests that matter. It's what is best for the Town of Mammoth Lakes on its journey to become a world class destination resort. So, here I am advocating for something I don't like because I believe it's in the best interest of the future of Mammoth as successful destination resort. What kind of snarky person does that!

As one Councilmember likes to say, history matters, both for its joy and beauty as well its lessons. The snarky lessons I brought up are worth locals remembering. The Town did not hire DA experts for an airport plan. That decision to depend on staff instead cost the Town nearly \$50 million in a lawsuit. Even the lowly County planners at the time said the town would lose this, and it did. We are still paying off that debt nearly 20 years later.

The Village; nice design except ... the Specific plan included a three-story parking structure across the street (required zoning parking). To pay for it, the local planners said half the town was blighted and formed a redevelopment district to the pay for it (taking money away from schools, fire districts, hospitals, etc.). Town approved the project thereof. A local snarky environmentalist (Andrea Lawrence) sued the town on the grounds it's not blighted; the court agrees, and we have a large project with no parking. Again, failure to hire experts.

Historical note: The planned parking structure was then rebooted, to be paid for by money collected from a right-of-way sale, a developer bond and development impact fees. The Great Recession derailed the reboot.

The new development agreement is a twenty-five year, \$2-3 billion project. The snarky point I was making is that such magnitude and importance of a 25-year project with a development agreement locking in zoning, permit fees, affordable housing, etc. to today's standards regardless of future needs and zoning should be carefully considered by experts. By law, the developer pays for such experts and studies. Why we haven't gone this route is simply dumbfounding.

As we remember a year ago, the course was a visual and economic embarrassment to Mammoth.

Editor's note: In fairness, the course was affected by a record snow year and did not open as a result).

I asked Mammoth's planner about the development agreement and status of the course. His reply was "It's a golf course,

we just assumed it would remain a golf course so no Use Permit or other protections were built in, he can just let it go regardless of the impact." Unfortunately, there is no requirement to return it to its natural state or do anything at all. These are common conditions of a Use Permit and should have been used all along; oddly, still not on the table in the new plan.

Ed. note: The course would be required to remain open for the duration of the DA's extension.

It is this same planner that said, "we just thought it always be golf course", (new to the position) handling the 1,000-unit, 25 year, multi-billion dollar project. Perhaps that's OK. It's our future, hire top experts to help make sure it's right; the developer pays for such consultants anyway. Once it's done, there's no going back for 25 years.

Ted's snarky article said I was wrong; the town did hire a DA expert. As they say, correct but misleading (on purpose). The report has nothing whatsoever to do with the development agreement except for the financial "benefits." That's like saying an appraisal is the planning, blueprint, building and operation of a house. I understand the need to assuage supporters and mislead readers, however, the financial report is simply superfluous and has nothing whatsoever to do with the actual on-the-ground plan.

As when I was told, "well, we assumed it would be a golf course...."; the current plans ignore removal of the clubhouse, driving range and fairway 9 (*actually fairway 1*), ignore course conditions, ignore maintenance facilities (gee more cargo containers). There is no requirement for a Use Permit regarding maintenance and restoration. If the course goes south there are no plans whatsoever to deal with it.

Could there be a more negligent plan, or lack of a plan? We can't give this developer an open ended "just deal with it later." He'll do as little as he can get away with. We risk blight with no recourse.

Referendum. This means gathering about 300 signatures so we citizens can force the council to stop and hire a highly qualified consultant to start over and negotiate a plan that is fair to the town versus a \$2 billion bankroll for a developer with almost nothing to the town. This is not normal.

I and others may feel the DA and make-believe financial analyses are mostly bogus (would take another thousand words to explain). We may be wrong; were not experts. Staff may be wrong; they're not experts either. For staff and council, I say prove us wrong and hire someone who is actually experienced in these very complex matters. You would not find any other resort like Mammoth that would not have done this a long time ago.

I am aware staff is still massaging the plan, changes may come forth. Regardless, it's the invisible unknowns that only true experts may find, negotiate and understand that worries me. By then, I'll be dead so why should I care about the Town I've lived in for 50 years? The environment and future generations deserve the best we can do.

I want the Town to succeed and the Developer to make his billions. With the current plan, it's not a great perception. Perception matters.

Greg Newbry
Snowcreek V resident



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home in Mammoth for the past two decades.

Mr. MacFarlane, a native South African, made his fortune in international logistics. "We helped industrial companies move product," he explained succinctly for the benefit of the slow-horse reporter.

Now onto the future location of ESAA productions ...

As MacFarlane said, he was greatly impressed by Dubrovner's winter production of "Clue," which she pulled off at Mammoth High School's MPR.

"The staging was amazing," he said. "Just imagine what she could do in a real theater."

That real theater is coming to a town near you. And soon.

Town Manager Rob Patterson helped lay out the timeline/details.

He said the Town has reached a tentative agreement to purchase approximately eight acres from the Mammoth Lakes Foundation for \$4.5 million.

The eight-acre site will include the MACC (Mammoth Arts and Cultural Center), which will boast a 250-seat theater.

The Town will operate the MACC upon its completion.

\$15.5 million has been set aside for the project.

The Mammoth Lakes Foundation has promised to donate back \$3 million of the money it will receive for the land. That will go towards the MACC con-

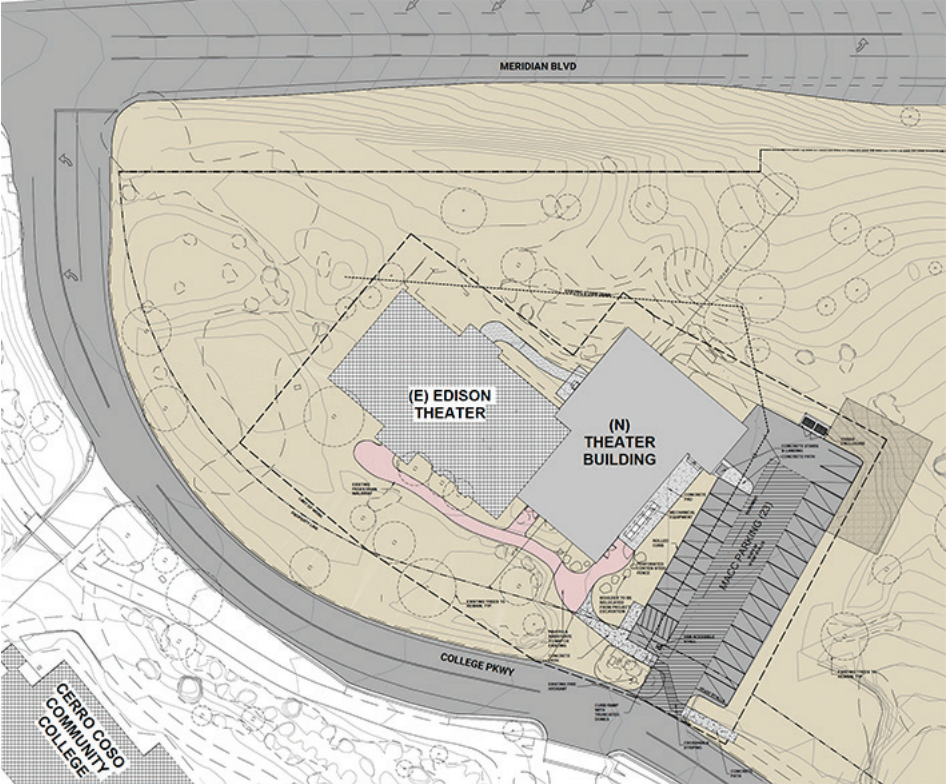
struction.

The MACC will NOT be a sprung structure. This is expressly forbidden in donor agreements.

The eight-acre site will also include a child care facility and a dog park.

At the outset, facility operations will be supported by a \$350,000 annual contribution from Measure U, and another \$150,000 annually from the Town's general fund.

Further, the Tambour Foundation has dedicated another grant to pay the rent for Chamber Music Unbound's use of the facility during its first ten years of operation.



The future lay of the land ...

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selfie with him on August 10.

The officers determined the bear was not the aggressor in the first incident, but that the woman did nothing to provoke the attack on the second incident.

Because of this, CDFW deemed the bear a danger and sent local officers to euthanize him on August 23.

Citations and fines were not written for the August 10 incident nor the August 21 incident, Foy said.

“The courts have limited capacity and we have limited capacity and oftentimes feeding large animals does not rise to the level of a crime that the district attorney wants to prosecute,” he said.

“They want us to instead do everything we can educationally to prevent that type of activity.”

After euthanizing Victor, CDFW personnel moved his body to the Bishop landfill, Foy wrote in a statement.

Victor was euthanized by poison injection, so his body was a hazard to other animals in the area.

“[CDFW] requested an immediate burial to prevent scavengers from accessing the carcass. That process began within ten minutes,” the agency wrote in a statement. “Within those ten minutes, a member of the public took a photo of the carcass on the ground and posted it online.”

How well the body was buried, or if it was buried at all, remains a question mark.

Members of the Bishop Paiute Tribe exhumed the bear’s body on August 27, days after he was killed, Bishop Tribal Council Public Relations Specialist Victoria Begay wrote in a press release.

Steve Searles, former Mammoth Lakes Wildlife Officer, said the bear’s body was

moved from the landfill by eight individuals before sunrise that morning. They completed the operation with help from insiders at the dump without oversight from CDFW.

The group performed a song for the bear at the landfill and smudged his body, a spiritual purification ritual, Searles said. They then transported the body to a secret location on reservation land.

At the burial location, prominent tribal council members attended and grieved the loss of Victor. Some of them were elders in the community and arrived in golf carts because they were too old to walk, he said.

The tribe conducted traditional rites, including offerings of tobacco, sage, and songs, to provide Victor with a respectful farewell. Then, they placed him in his grave.

Searles announced the burial on his Facebook page later that day. He said his phone had crashed from receiving so many supportive messages.

Foy said the CDFW is working with the Tribal Council to find a way to engage

them with burial processes of euthanized animals in the future.

Mammoth Lakes Mayor Bill Sauser said the town of Mammoth Lakes was not responsible for euthanizing the bear nor placing him in the landfill.

“Had [CDFW] instructions been followed, the bear would have been buried, rather than stupid people taking selfies with it,” he said. “The fact the people at the dump didn’t do as requested and bury the bear immediately, I have a huge problem with that.”

Victor’s story is underscored by the story of several others which have caused public outcry. Bears are often euthanized after showing signs of habituation.

“It’s always sad to see that a bear has to be shot, but sometimes they become bad actors and that’s what’s necessary,” Sauser said.

On extremely rare occasions, bears can be relocated, but because California is so densely populated, it’s hard to find a place remote enough, Foy said. And if they are relocated, the bears often find their way back to their home area.

That’s why it’s incredibly important to prevent bears from accessing food or garbage in the first place, Foy said.

The Mammoth Police Department has a quota for campsite checks to be executed each summer, Casabian said. The primary goal of these checks is to educate the public, and they have completed more than a hundred so far this season.



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Your Guide to Local Real Estate

THE NIMBYs ARE OUR NEIGHBORS

By Paul Oster

Q: I've lived in Mono County (not Mammoth) for a few years now. It seems like Mammoth is far more proactive about affordable housing than the County. I look at the County's help wanted ads and wonder why they can't fill those positions and why they have trouble hiring people. It has to be the lack of available housing. Why aren't they more involved in the process?

A: This is a timely question as the Town of Mammoth Lakes is celebrating its 40th anniversary of incorporation. And this topic has plenty to do with incorporation and what has happened as a result. A declining number of us have been around for the whole 40 years to witness it. I was in my mid-20s when the incorporation happened and probably wouldn't, or shouldn't, have noticed. But I had a college degree in public administration so I looked upon it with curiosity.

In hindsight, the incorporation was the right thing to do, but it hasn't come without costs and hard lessons. It has included sagas of embezzlement, litigation and more litigation, various thuggery, a pseudo-bankruptcy, sex scandals, and plenty more. Throw in earthquakes, "vol-

cano scares" and crazy winters, and the story competes with the best soap operas.

The vision was to take better control of the government functions within Mammoth Lakes proper rather than leave it to administrators located an hour north in Bridgeport. The real prize, which has really exploded in the past decade, is the collection of resort bed tax, or also known as TOT. I remember Town officials looking at the bed tax numbers in Whistler/Blackcomb in 1991. They were impressive. At the time, we could only dream about that kind of revenue and what it could facilitate. Mammoth is essentially there today. But at the time, we also learned that Whistler was very proactive about workforce housing (and resort customer service via their Ambassador program).

What we saw back then was how bed tax and workforce housing go hand-in-hand in a mountain resort economy. The concept has seemed to fade in-and-out of our local consciousness over the past decades depending upon who is in charge, but it is undeniable. Ice rinks and fancy civic centers are luxury items that are a byproduct of 40 years of growth and success. But it took thousands of "locals" who served the guests, changed the beds,

moved the snow, et. al. And they need a place to live.

Many of those early Town visionaries had a true long-term vision. I remember working on the "Bikeway Plan" in the early '90s. The planning director at the time had real vision on many fronts. A community approved Bikeway Plan didn't seem important at the time, but ultimately it allowed the Town to apply for rather generous state and federal grants to build bike paths. That led to the extensive bike paths we have today. And that has led to vastly improved sidewalks, signage and much more. It was a small seed that grew into a forest.

That era also led to the seed of workforce housing. (It was originally called "affordable housing," but nothing is affordable anymore, and the term workforce actually focuses on who the subsidized housing is for.) The Town generated a Housing Element to its General Plan. That was a prerequisite. I look back at being part of the approval process of the Bristlecone Apartments (located behind VONS on Chateau Rd.). It was, at the time, a true tax-credit driven affordable housing project. That was 30 years ago. Today, it is a beautiful example of "the passage of time" in real estate. With a fundamental 30-year financing structure, the property (in theory) should be free of debt today. That is the vision an investor needs to see. It also gave the community a vision towards future housing projects.

That era also gave us another vision via the Ponderosa Lodge on Main St. which had a longtime owner who was motivated to sell. However, the economics of an open market sale were not there. The property was acquired cheaply and was able to be converted to housing for one particular economically challenged and vulnerable segment of the local population. Motel-type rooms can rather easily become SROs (single room occupancies). But this too has led to a concept that has evolved over time. The Ski Area and Town have both re-purposed resort lodging facilities to workforce housing. As new hotels are being built, older lodging will continue to be an opportunity for housing - seeds planted long ago.

Despite what many people think, the Town's housing initiative has produced a large quantity of workforce housing. And continues to do so. The financing and tax credit equation to fund these projects is constantly changing. And the public officials have been compelled to utilize surplus TOT revenue to support the more challenging projects. Sometimes they do so grudgingly, but we learned many years ago that it is an imperative in our micro-

economy.

A recent Strong Towns podcast highlighted the housing crisis that exists across the country. It posited that the real solutions are with the local leaders; "cities have to lead." They simply can't rely on the federal agencies, or the state, or Wall Street. Sure, they can help, but the resolution has to come locally. It is the obligation and power of the local government, whether they like it or not.

So the answer to the question is that Mammoth Lakes has done it, and the County has lacked. It is a story of demand, and public will.

The need for a resort workforce in Mammoth drove the demand for housing and was apparent to the Town fathers of 30-40 years ago. Luckily they hired planning professionals who knew how to put these wheels into motion.

The demand in the balance of the County was different during much of the period. Affordable or workforce housing wasn't really their problem. There were affordable properties to purchase in many parts of the County. But time, and laws of supply and demand have caught up. And the "supply" part of the equation has to be emphasized here in Mono County. There is only so much private land, and land is the key to creating substantial workforce housing.

Mono County completed a Housing Element to its General Plan in 2017. And since then, during the worsening housing crisis, the state has offered generous grants and other financing mechanisms to help counties and cities implement housing projects. The state also encourages a streamlined process for developers. And the State has actually cracked-down on those who aren't proactively working to execute some components of their Housing Element.

But leadership at Mono County hasn't really seemed to care that much about workforce housing. I know first hand because in the last few years I have worked for three separate real estate owners/clients who have been denied, shunned, and even almost harassed for their attempts to provide workforce housing solutions in Mono County. And two of them have significant properties clearly identified in the 2017 Housing Element for potential workforce housing. Even worse, these two properties, based on location, access, utilities, etc., are probably the best alternatives identified in the Element for housing development.

I've played in and around this public housing arena for the past 35 years. I

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-Oster

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MAMMOTH GRAN FONDO TRAFFIC & TRANSIT ADVISORY FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2024

MAMMOTH LAKES, CA – The Mammoth Gran Fondo road bike ride hosted by the Mammoth Mountain Community Foundation (MMCF) will take place on Saturday, September 7, 2024 with over 1,500 cyclists expected to participate.

The start and finish line of this road bike ride are located in The Village on Canyon Blvd. As a result, a section of Canyon Blvd between Lake Mary Rd and Hillside Dr will be closed from 5AM to 8PM. During this time frame, the bus stops in The Village on Canyon Blvd will be inaccessible, which will impact several public transit routes. The Mammoth Scenic Loop will also be temporarily closed from 8AM to 9:15AM.

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Understanding Real Estate Policy Changes:

If you’ve been following the headlines lately, you know that the National Association of REALTORS® reached a settlement agreement with new policies that will significantly impact the real estate industry and bring two major practice changes for REALTORS® by August 17th.

Pending various information and opinions in the news about the upcoming changes we want to clarify how the new policies will impact buyers and sellers who are in the market or thinking about making a sale or purchase of a home.

First, offers of compensation are prohibited to be reflected on a Multiple Listing Service (MLS). Offers of compensation will continue to be an option consumers can pursue off-MLS through negotiation and consultation with their real estate professional.

Second, prior to touring a home, buyers working with an agent will need to sign a written agreement that spells out the agent’s responsibilities and compensation negotiated between the buyer and their agent.

We see this as a positive development for both consumers and agents. Our number one priority is to support the consumer, ensure they understand their choices while providing guidance and support thru a complicated process. These conversations will help buyers learn the right questions to ask including what role and fiduciary responsibilities the agent is going to provide to their client as a professional guide and resource.

It will also provide agents an opportunity to explain the value REALTORS® bring to a transaction including our experience navigating the many complexities involved in a real estate transaction, negotiating terms with the client’s best interest in mind, guiding clients through their contractual and financial obligations, and offering potential solutions if issues arise during the transaction. It will also provide clarification as to all the extra steps agents take that often go unnoticed to ensure a smooth transaction.

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Karen Nelson
2024 President
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have an idea as to why none of the Mono County Housing Element has been acted on. Likely because the leaders have a greater fear of the local NIMBYs (Not In My Backyard), than political will.

Lunch aside: Or perhaps the leaders are the NIMBYs

In a rural county like ours, the NIMBYs are often your neighbors (and maybe your cousins). Such is politics.

Another problem I have witnessed (first hand) is a low level of cooperation (or streamlining) with those wanting to develop workforce housing. Planning laws allow for variances and other relaxation of codes to incentivize projects and make them more viable. They can include reducing setbacks, allowing greater height or density, waiving covered parking requirements, etc. If there is the will, political leaders and decision makers can direct staff to work with developers, and even “make deals.” There is an old saying, “you get what you incentivize.”

The county gets nothing.

There are a variety of opportunities in Mono County beyond those in the Housing Element. Converting old lodging is one of them. But there is one idea for the two Element-identified parcels of ~35 acres—they could be attractive “parks.” The zoning would be MH, mobile home park. The owner/developers would need a Use Permit. Mobile home parks provide significant workforce housing in Mammoth and all over the country. And there are new, modern opportunities because the manufacturing of modular homes has exploded, including the quality and livability. These projects are viable if incen-

tivized. Change the zoning, streamline the process, and work with the private developer at their “need” points.

The county mostly just needs to get out of the way. The owner/developer can do the work and cover the financing and management. It’s called private enterprise. It will significantly increase the property tax base (that means more \$\$\$ to the County). It could provide dozens of “missing middle” homes in beautiful, community-like settings. There could be ownership and long-term lease opportunities. But of course, the NIMBYs won’t like it. And all that goes with that.

There is some hope. Mammoth Lakes Housing, which was established in 2003 as the Town’s non-profit organization, has now moved to become a regional organization named Eastern Sierra Community Housing. Its professional reach will now move beyond Mammoth Lakes, both north and south. Maybe it can influence Mono County to be more proactive, but “they have to lead.” I guess we will see ...

And as for all of those County help wanted ads, living in reaches of Mono County isn’t for everybody. That is part of the bargain for living in a place like the High Sierra. Best to plan accordingly.

Happy Labor Day!

Paul Oster is the Broker/Owner of RE/MAX of Mammoth (celebrating 34 years). For other timely real estate information you can go to www.MammothRealEstateBlog.com. For legal, accounting, or construction advice, please seek out the appropriate professional.



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Food

The Fair: Lions Club Hot Dogs, the perfect walking-around food, dressed with ketchup, mustard and onions, and, if you want to be all fancy about it, some pickle relish. Buy two. For dessert, Kettle Korn and Cotton Candy.

Burning Man: Bring all your food for a week, and about 1.5 gallons of water a day. Pricey, lots of work, won't be as tasty as normal homecooked or campground meals, and is guaranteed to give you at least one dose of the Playa Poops.

Speaking of which: Restrooms

The Fair: Plenty of public restrooms.

Burning Man: That is not a mirage emerging from a dust storm, that is a bank of Porta-Potties that could be nasty, see above.

Clothing

The Fair: Standard issue shorts, skirts, light pants and t-shirts, crop tops, tank tops with a ball cap or desert hat or cowboy hat for the day, pants, skirts and a shirt for the evening. Hats optional.

Burning Man: If you wear shorts and a t-shirt the other Burners will scoff at your lack of creativity and imagination. If you wear a costume full of creativity and imagination, you will blend into the crowd and no one but your friends will notice or care. Regardless of what you wear, you will have fine, powdery dust in places you didn't know you have and don't know how to clean, even with a O-Tip.

People Watching

The Fair: We're in a small town, so going to the Fair can be like going to the grocery store. You see friends and neighbors, folks from work, perform the obligatory once-a-year howdy to outlaw in-laws. The kids rule the day, however. Watch them warm up to Smokey Bear, scream on the carnival rides, try to stuff an entire powdered sugar fry break in their mouth, harass their siblings. Good stuff. There's also a hint of danger since you might run into people you don't want to see: a nasty neighbor, the grumpy boss, the ex with a new squeeze, etc.

Burning Man: Non-traditional, but spectacular since the main event is ogling both elaborately and excessively costumed Burners and swarms of interesting folks prancing around in the dirt, riding bikes and showing off.

Entertainment

The Fair: All sorts of bands all day long, along with a country western headliner. A rodeo, the most county fair, American

West event ever invented. A carnival with kids and parents screaming on roller coasters, tossing balls and rings to win a stuffed animal. You can peruse folks' tomatoes, quilts, cookies, pies, photos and other blue-ribbon exhibit entries. And then as a grand finale, the Demo Derby, where local gearheads offer up beater vehicles as a sacrifice to the Gods of Gasoline and Steel and Welding for your entertainment. Legit collisions and harrowing escapes. The American West in Modern form – human ingenuity and work dressed up as steel steeds in a death match.

Burning Man: The “art cars,” temporary statues, crazy pop-up artwork and art displays, and random outbursts of music and theater are entertaining, award winning examples of American Excess, Ingenuity, Ego and Imagination. Won’t see anything like them anywhere else.

The Vibe

The Fair: Casual, laid back, classic small-town Americana.

Burning Man: Also casual, if you call trying to survive a week in a burning hot

desert with no amenities casual. Gotta say though, it is refreshing to see 70,000 Burners getting out of the never-ending, brain-draining rut of daily life and flipping the bird at American culture and conformity, to go primitive/feral and declare, for a week anyway, "I am not a cog in the machine."

Jon Klusmire of Bishop would consider going to Burning Man next year if he would be guaranteed a week-long supply of Lions Club hot dogs and Kettle Korn.

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Why do you keep showing up on my recommended friend's list?

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Richie was born in the Philippines on November 3, 1968, the youngest of three boys. Even at a young age, the qualities that defined him later in life were evident. He had always loved animals, and kept all sorts of pets. He was also bull-headed, knew what he wanted and was resourceful in figuring out how to obtain it. He also had an entrepreneurial spirit, often renting out his comic books to friends around the neighborhood.

And at the first, he had a ready smile for all.

He immigrated to the States at a young age and attended Bellarmine-Jefferson High School in Burbank, where he played football. In his teens, he also created a souvenir program for Loyola Marymount University's summer session, and worked part-time as a fry cook at McDonalds.

Upon graduation, he joined the military and served for two years. Soon thereafter, he embarked on what became a lifelong adventure in Mammoth and the Sierra.

He began work here as a Lift Opera-

tor and in Guest Services for Mammoth Mountain, while also becoming a highly skilled skier, and eventually a certified instructor.

During this time, he also worked nights at the Charthouse Restaurant as a head broiler and found his calling in the culinary arts.

He even took an exploratory/training trip to Thailand with Mike Coco, a highlight of Richie's decade at Thai'd Up. He then moved on to run the Red Lantern at Sierra Nevada Resort. Eventually, he became Head Chef at the Carson Peak Inn in June Lake

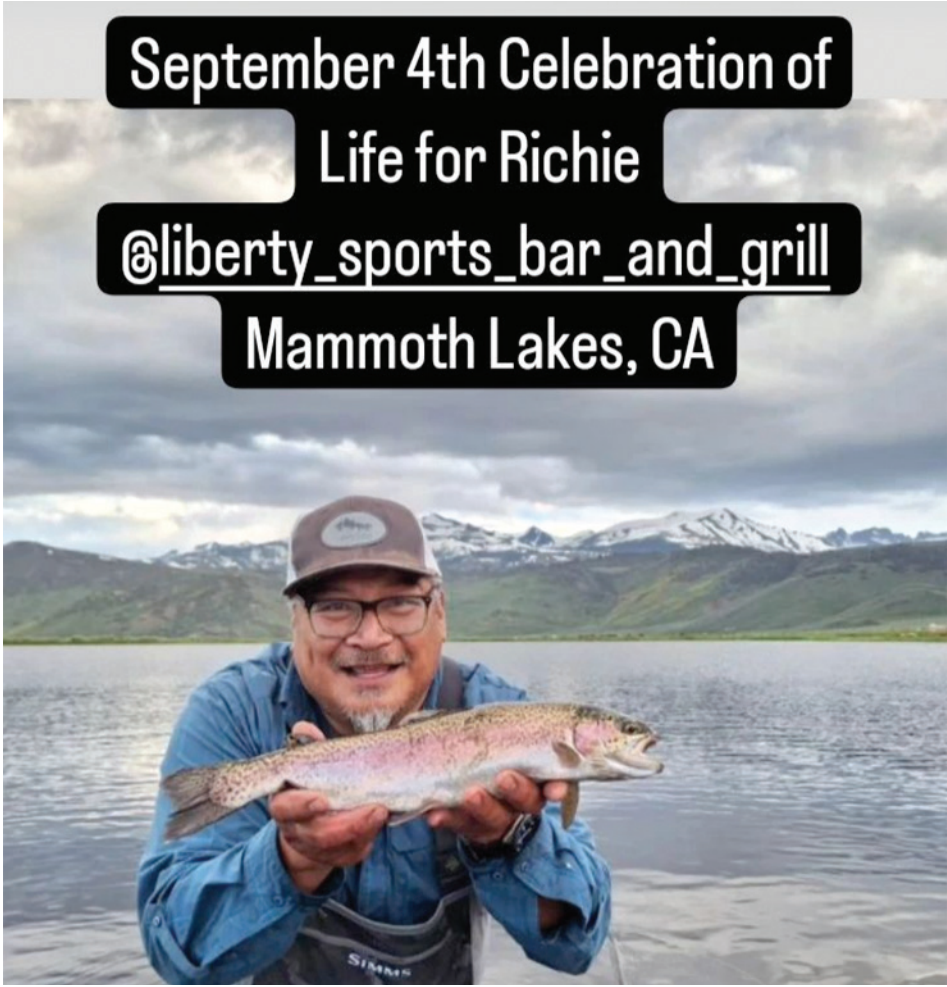
Then there were the side gigs. DJ at Mammoth Rock 'n Bowl. Scouting film locations for movie studios. Producer of wedding videos. Television camera operator. There was nothing he wouldn't try/do - a testament to his capacity, curiosity and adaptability.

As Coco said, "He was one of the most creative, fun-loving and passionate guys I've had the pleasure of knowing."

It was during scouting for film locations that he met Betsy and the Hunewill family, owners of the Hunewill Ranch outside Bridgeport, Calif. True to form, Richie spent several summers as the Ranch's Head Chef, cooking for guests and enjoying days on horseback and fly fishing when he could. He was very happy at Hunewill Ranch. And at peace.

In his final days, he was thankful. He felt blessed. He'd had a good life. He thanked his mother for her love and sacrifice.

He passed away on the evening of June 3, 2024 surrounded by family. He is



survived by his mother, stepfather, two brothers and a half-sister.

He was preceded in death by his father. Richie's celebration of life (see above) will start at 6 p.m. His best friend Mike

Wun, who moved to Mammoth with Richie in 1987, has put together a slideshow and will pass around the mic. Liberty owner Mike Coco will be serving Thai'd Up's famous sticky ribs.

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SK8ER VIBES

By Fisher

The 25th Annual Wave Rave Skate Comp transformed the Mammoth Lakes Volcom Brothers Skatepark into a vibrant showcase of skateboarding talent and community spirit.

Despite unpredictable weather—with snow atop Mammoth Mountain and rain at the park—the event went ahead as the sun ultimately broke through.

As the temperature rose, so did the energy of the park. The typically quiet edges of the bowls were lined with spectators lounging on the concrete.

Kids of all ages, clad in knee pads, jorts, and helmets, wandered about, excitedly chatting and awaiting their competition times.

This was my first introduction to the skate community. As I meandered through the crowd, one observation became clear—everyone seemed to know each other. In fact, it felt like everyone was friends with each other.

“A lot of people I went up against were friends that I grew up skating with in San Diego before I moved up here,” said Braden Prescott, winner of the Men’s Open Street competition. “I was homies with at least four of the people I was going up against.”

Prescott’s family and friends were in attendance, which he said helped him

perform at his best. “The difference between me last year and me this year was like night and day,” he said. “I was smarter about saving some of my better tricks for last.”

Through the jumps and falls of the day (and there were plenty of wince-worthy ones!), all eyes were on the athletes, and this attention seemed to propel them forward.

“When I skate for myself, I already know what I can do and it gets boring,” said Norah Hinson, winner of the Shredder Street Girls 13-15 division and the Women’s Open Bowl. “When my friends are here, I somehow skate better.” And she certainly skated better.

Hinson attempted a new trick during her competition, riding above a ledge on the wall of the bowl, and nailed it. Then, she did it again. She celebrated her successes with ice cream, she said.

Young Koa Benchetler also drew strength from the cheers as a crowd favorite. He won the Micro Grom Street Boys 6 & Under competition and went on to become a finalist in the Men’s Open Bowl category.

“[The energy] felt really good, I don’t really get that anywhere else except for Mammoth,” he said.

The hype was especially strong for



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Braden Prescott on the rail.

71-year-old Bev Bihler and 63-year-old Mike Raden, who were the sole competitors in the oldest age group

The sense of community cultivated by the event has also fostered inclusivity. Last year, the competition saw the highest number of female contestants ever, and this year, they continued to make their presence felt.

“I was really impressed with the women’s division, especially the women’s street,” said Steve Klassen, owner of Wave Rave. “There were so many kickflips that went down.”

This increase in female participation is partly due to women-oriented social groups like Part Time Babe Club, which

was founded at the Volcom Skate Park after COVID-19. Their goal is to get more girls on boards.

“We don’t want to compete; we just want camaraderie,” said the club’s founder, Mel Maningat.

She almost didn’t participate in this year’s competition. But she promised the club she would drop in if they convinced three other hesitant girls to enter as well.

“It’s really important to have female representation, to show women that they can do it, and that we’re here together,” said Savannah Nickells, Part Time Babe Club crewmember and contestant.

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ARTS

HOLLAND DAYS FOR ESCC

By Lunch

It's the equivalent of having Bill Belichick show up and volunteer to coach your high school football team.

That's what the moribund Eastern Sierra Community Chorus got when Nancy Holland arrived on the scene three years ago.

Shut down by Covid and then faced with the loss of Director Chris Lanane, whose health prevented coming to altitude, the local Chorus was on the rocks ... until Holland, a second homeowner since 1981 who had recently retired, approached Chamber Music Unbound's Brian Schuldt during the 2021 Chamber Unbound Festival and asked if he ever did anything with a chorus.

Well, as a matter of fact ...

That's all the prompting Holland, who has a Masters in conducting from the New England Conservatory and a Doctorate of Musical Arts from USC, required.

She started directing the Chorus in the fall of '21 with the remnants of what remained - 12 hearty singers.

By the spring of 2022, when ESCC performed in collaboration with Michael Hammers and his Mammoth high school program, "We had thirty singers and he had 20 and a few jazz players,"

said Holland.

Since then, ESCC has done winter concerts with the Eastern Sierra Chamber Orchestra and spring concerts with Hammers and MHS.

Holland and ESCC are recruiting for this December's upcoming performances of Vivaldi's Gloria (see poster below). The performances will take place on December 6 & 7.

"My philosophy is no auditions," says Holland. "We just want people to come out and do the best they can. The chorus has a full range of musicality, from a member of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra and three trained opera singers to those who don't read music."

Holland is especially enthused about the Chorus's new accompanist, Marek Jakubowski, who owns the California Piano Store in Bishop.

Jakubowski is also a master piano tuner who tunes all the pianos at the Colburn School, the premier music conservatory in greater Los Angeles, located across from Disney Hall.

Nancy and her husband Jim met on her 18th birthday at Swarthmore College. They have been married 51 years. Between them, they have enough advanced degrees to start a good-sized bonfire.



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JUNE LAKE MAKES IT RAYNE

Press Release



This year, the June Lake Jam Festival (Sept. 6-8) is fortunate to have 17-year old guitar phenom, Bella Rayne joining the lineup as its Artist-at-Large.

Rayne will also visit school sites in Mono County while she is here to talk about finding her passion, as well as performing for the students.

Bella was interviewed recently about her upcoming Jam Fest experience and the importance of music in her life.

Q: This will be your first appearance in the Eastern Sierra and at June Lake Jam Fest. Tell us a little bit about yourself and your musical journey.

A: I'm 17 years old and I live in tiny Mendocino, California! I started playing guitar a few years ago during the pandemic lockdown and haven't stopped since!

My life's kind of been a whirlwind since then because I went from learning guitar in my bedroom to playing live pretty much every weekend whether it's in dive bars, theaters, or festivals ... and it's all happened pretty fast. I guess you could say I'm not your average teenager, but I'm loving every second of it.

Q: Did your school have music programs? How important is having music education available for students?

A: Although I didn't have music programs in school, my parents are really into music so whether attending concerts as a family or spinning records in the living room, music has always played in the background of my life. My parents also would sign me up for enrichment programs at our local community center and these often focused on the arts so I guess you could say my love for music is deeply rooted ...

I live in a rural area and the lack of music education here made it tricky for me, and I am sure other kids feel the same. I am self-taught and I think I would have discovered this talent sooner if there were more opportunities locally ... it's also funny because I don't have formal training so I definitely have my own style, but thankfully it's worked out okay for me. I feel like access to musical education is so important because not only does it build a skill, it also helps with creativity, self-expression, and self-esteem. I honestly don't know where I'd be without music in my life and I think every kid should have access and a creative outlet.



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- 2) To benefit the community by providing a diversity of music, art, and theater events in the magical place that is June Lake.

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4:00 - 5:30pm

SATURDAY 9/7

Cubensis w/ Stu Allen
8:00 - 10:00pm

Shaky Feelin
6:00 - 7:30pm

Wolf Jett
4:00 - 5:30pm

The Storytellers
2:00 - 3:30pm

Matthew Curry
12:00 - 1:30pm

Wreckless Strangers
10:00 - 11:30am

SUNDAY 9/8

Dead Funk Summit
8:00 - 10:00pm

Scott Pemberton O Theory
6:00 - 7:30pm

Katie Skene Band
4:00 - 5:30pm

The Great North Special
2:00 - 3:30pm

Sol Soiree
12:00 - 1:30pm

Alex Jordan Band
10:00 - 11:30am

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Bella Rayne
Artist at Large

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August 30-31/ Can't miss shows @ Liberty featuring Derek Frank and his '70s-inspired grooves. *For more info, see ad p. 15* **Consummate entertainer, pianist Joe Gray (with Kitty Green accompanying on the sax)**, plays Tamarack Lodge. Time: 5:30-8:30 p.m. each night.

August 30-Sept. 1/ Annual Mammoth Rock 'n Rye Festival @ the Village at Mammoth. *More info: See ad p. 3.*

Sunday, Sept. 1/ Live Music Sundays @ Cardinal Village Resort in Bishop. Time: 1-4 p.m. Drinks, burgers, fries, pizza and drinks available for purchase. **Open mic night @ The Gallery at Twin Lakes.** Address: 2747 Lake Mary Rd. Time: 6-8:30 p.m. Sign-ups begin 5:30. \$10 donation appreciated.

Monday, Sept. 2/ Open mic night @ Distant Brewing. Time: 6-9 p.m. **Free Concert in Bishop City Park** under the gazebo 8 to 9 every Monday evening. Bring a chair, picnic dinner & friends. Dancing encouraged! And, if you ever played an instrument in high school, pick it up and come play along, no practice needed.

Wednesday, Sept. 4/ Weekly Pool Tournament @ Distant Brewing. Hosted by Eastern Sierra Pool from 4:30-9:30 p.m. There's still a few weeks left to catch **Eddy Evans playing Liberty on Wine Wednesdays** beginning 4 p.m. **Weekly trivia @ Main Street Pizza and Tap.** Time: 6:30 p.m.

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Friday, August 30/ MHS Football hosts Desert at Gault-McClure. Time: 7 p.m. **Congressman Kevin Kiley holds office hours** in the Mono Lake room of the Mono County Civic Center. Location: 1290 Tavern Rd. in Mammoth. Time: 9 a.m. 'til 1 p.m.

August 30-31/ Congressman Kevin Kiley holds office hours @ the Tri-County Fairgrounds beginning 4 p.m. Friday and starting noon Saturday.

August 30-Sept. 1/ The Tri-County Fair returns in all its glory, with Friday's music headliner Michael Ray, Saturday's rodeo and

TOWN STUFF

August 30-Sept. 1 (cont.)/ Sunday's Demolition Derby. Carnival rides, yummy, greasy food and so much more. *Info: tricountyfair.com*

Tuesday, Sept. 3/ Inyo County Board of Supervisors meets. Time: 10 a.m. Location: Board Chambers at 224 N. Edwards St. in Indy or online via inyocounty.us **Mono County Board of Supervisors** meets. Time: 9 a.m. Location: Board Chambers in Bridgeport or online via monocounty.ca.gov

Wednesday, Sept. 4/ Mammoth Lakes Town Council meets. Time: 4 p.m. Location: Suite Z, Minaret Mall or online via townofmammothlakes.ca.gov. **Mammoth Lakes Tourism Board** meets. Time: 1 p.m. Location: Suite Z, Minaret Mall or online via townofmammothlakes.ca.gov. **Rich Leonin celebration of life @ Liberty Bar** in Mammoth. Starts 6 p.m. For Richie's obituary, see p. 14. **Women's Wednesday Rides @ Mammoth Bike Park.** Time: 4:30-7:00. Meet at the bottom of chair 11 to ride with supportive female instructors at any skill level. Free for women with Mammoth Bike Park passes, \$5 for those without.

TOWN STUFF

Thursday, Sept. 5/ Eastern Sierra Community Chorus first rehearsal and potluck at Mammoth Community Church. Time: 6 p.m. *For more, see ad/story p. 16.* **"Trashy Thursdays"** - lend a hand to help cleanup your community. Time: 5-6 p.m. Location: Shady Rest Park

UPCOMING

Sept. 6: Free USDA workshop @ Bishop Community Garden re "cover cropping for soil health." Time: 10 a.m. **Sept. 6-8: June Lake Jam Fest @ Gull Lake Park** in June. Music, vendors and more. \$\$\$ *Info: junelakejamfest.org or see ad previous page.* **Sept. 8:** Why not take a crack at the **Tioga Pass Run.** 12.4 miles. All uphill. Starts 7 a.m. for walkers and 8 a.m. for runners. *Register @ monolake.org*



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- Lead Cook - Mammoth \$25
- Prop. Mgr. Coordinator - Mammoth \$25-34
- Housekeeper(s) - Mammoth \$20
- Laundry Attendant - Mammoth \$20
- General Laborers - Mammoth \$20-25
- Journeyman Plumber - Mammoth \$30-45
- Trail Surveyor - Lee Vining \$25 plus mileage
- Retail Sales - Mammoth \$18
- Community Integration Partner - Bishop/Mammoth \$20-25
- Line Cook - Bishop \$18
- Office Admin. - Bishop \$18

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- **Landscape Maintenance Technician** – Starting wage \$22.24 to \$23.81 based on qualification.
- **Licensed Vocational Nurse – Chemotherapy** – Starting wage \$28.31 to \$30.31 based on qualifications.

To view more open positions and apply, please visit www.mammothhospital.org/jobs

Shilo Inn is accepting applications for FT housekeepers, FT maintenance worker and Front desk/night auditor. Immediate Front Desk opportunity starting at \$18/hour. Please call Human Resources (Sarina Quintero) at 925.813.2331 or email your resume to squintero@marquishotelgroup.com.

U.S.P.S contractor needs a carrier trainee. \$33/hr., 5/6 days per week 6 hrs./day. Must pass FBI clearance & DMV. Contact Mike @ 760-914-1463



MAMMOTH COMMUNITY WATER DISTRICT Operations Department is currently recruiting for one permanent **Wastewater Treatment Plant Chief Operator** position.

FOR APPLICATION INFORMATION/ TO APPLY: Please see the District website <https://mcwd.dst.ca.us/employment/>.



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Help Wanted



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 computer skills. Full or part time, health benefits, fitness membership and PTO. Great place to work! Email Lodging@doubleeagle.com

P/T Wedding Coordinator asst. Great computer/communication skills essential. Please email interest to: weddingevents.doubleeagleresort@gmail.com

Creekside Spa and Fitness Desk at the Double Eagle Resort and Spa, immediate opening for enthusiast 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 Lodging@doubleeagle.com

Restaurant Server for Eagles Landing



Surefoot Mammoth is hiring bootfitters for the upcoming winter season. We are looking for enthusiastic skiers who want to work hard and play hard. No experience necessary. Paid training. This is a great opportunity to learn a valuable skill in the ski industry. Season pass and custom ski boots provided with employment. Contact Todd at Mammoth@Surefoot.com.

Help Wanted

Restaurant at the popular Double Eagle Resort and Spa in June Lake CA. Experience in restaurant service, computers and working as team member are essential. Full and part time available, health benefits, fitness membership and PTO. Great place to work. Email Lodging@doubleeagle.com

Maintenance Supervisor needed to manage a small maintenance team at the Double Eagle Resort & Spa in June Lake. You will be responsible for ensuring the smooth running of upkeep and repair. Must be reliable, have technical skills and knowledge of various crafts such as carpentry, plumbing etc. Leadership and knowledge of administrative tasks such as scheduling are also essential. The goal is to ensure that facilities are in good condition at all times. Compensation based on experience and references. We offer health benefits, fitness membership and PTO. A great place to work! Email Lodging@doubleeagle.com

Cooks and Dishwasher jobs available at the famous Eagles Landing Restaurant in June Lake. We offer health benefits, fitness membership and PTO. A great place to work! Email lodging@doubleeagle.com

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1. Finance & Administration Director
Whitebark Institute seeks a Finance Director to oversee strategy, grants, policy, and fiscal planning for wildfire resilience programs. An opportunity for a finance leader to boost a growing organization and its network addressing climate change in Eastern Sierra Communities. Apply at www.whitebarkinstitute.org/get-involved/employment.

2. Environmental Planner
Whitebark Institute seeks an Environmental Planner to support wildfire resilience and community project development in the Eastern Sierra. Responsibilities include planning, compliance, and project management. Office based in Mammoth Lakes. Salary: \$60K-\$80K/year. Apply at www.whitebarkinstitute.org/get-involved/employment



Mammoth Mountain Reservations is Looking for a part time office help in Mammoth. Must live in Mammoth. At least 20 hours/week. Please email resume/work experience to info@mammothres.com.

PUBLIC NOTICES



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE MAMMOTH LAKES TOWN COUNCIL will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Wednesday, September 4, 2024, beginning at 4:00 p.m. and continuing until finished, at the Mammoth Lakes Town Council Chamber, Suite Z within the Minaret Village Shopping Center, 437 Old Mammoth Road to consider the following:

Adopt the resolution regarding amendments to the 2024/25 Parks and Recreation Department fee schedule.

All persons having an interest in the proposed resolution may appear before the Town Council either in person or represented by counsel and present testimony or may, prior to said hearing, file with the Town Clerk 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, please contact Stuart Brown, Parks and Recreation Director, by telephone at (760) 965-3696 or email at sbrown@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov. The proposed resolution will be available for review at the Town Offices, located at 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite 230, and on the Town of Mammoth Lakes web site at www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

BY ORDER OF THE MAMMOTH LAKES TOWN COUNCIL

Dated: August 16, 2024
Jamie Gray, Town Clerk

TS #2024-0119

Notice of Intended Donation of Property

Notice of Intended Donation of Property per Government Code Section 25365

Please take notice that the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments ("ESCOG") intends to donate the following property to the Inyo National Forest: one Tioga vault toilet building (T-4747), manufactured by LB Foster, CXT Products located in the main parking area of the Buttermilk Climbing Area (located at approximately mile 3.7 of Buttermilk Road).

Any party who wishes to comment on this donation may do so by submitting written comments to Elaine Kabala, ESCOG Executive Director at ekabala@escog.ca.gov or PO Box 1609, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546 on or before September 9, 2024

TS #2024-0120

Notice of Ordinance

TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES. Notice is hereby given that on August 21, 2024 the Town Council adopted an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 24-07

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 2.04.050 OF THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO TOWN COUNCIL COMPENSATION.

by the following vote:
YES: Councilmembers Rea, Rice, Wentworth, Mayor Pro Tem Bubser, and Mayor Sauser
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
DISQUALIFICATION: None

A certified copy of the complete text of the Ordinance is posted and may be read at the Town Offices, Minaret Mall, Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, and /or a copy may be obtained from the office of the Town Clerk at a nominal charge.

Dated: August 22, 2024
JAMIE GRAY, Town Clerk
Town of Mammoth Lakes
TS #2024-0121

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GEAR EXCHANGE

106 S. Main St, Bishop (760) 873-4300

Notice of Ordinance

TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES. Notice is hereby given that on August 21, 2024 the Town Council introduced an Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW CODE FOR THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, CALIFORNIA; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING SUCH CODE; AND PROVIDING WHEN SUCH CODE AND THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.

A copy of the complete text of the Ordinance is posted and may be read at the Town Offices, Minaret Mall, Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, and/or a copy may be obtained from the office of the Town Clerk at a nominal charge.

Dated: August 22, 2024
JAMIE GRAY, Town Clerk
Town of Mammoth Lakes
TS #2024-0122

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Notice of Property Tax (Delinquent) List

PROPERTY TAX DEFAULT (DELINQUENT) LIST\$3371 and \$3372

I, Janet Dutcher, Mono County Tax Collector, State of California, certify that: The real properties listed below were declared to be in tax default at 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 2021, by operation of law pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code section §3436.

The declaration of default was due to non-payment of the total amount due for the taxes, assessments, and other charges levied in fiscal year 2020-21 that were a lien on the listed real property.

Tax-defaulted real property may be redeemed by payment of all unpaid taxes and assessments, together with the additional penalties and fees, as prescribed by law, or it may be redeemed under an installment plan of redemption. The amount to redeem, including all penalties and fees, as of September 2024, is shown opposite the parcel number and next to the name of the assessee. All information concerning redemption of tax-defaulted property will be furnished, upon request, by the Mono County Tax Collector, P.O. Box

495, Bridgeport, CA 93517, (760) 932-5480. PARCEL NUMBERING SYSTEM EXPLANATION. The Assessor's Parcel Number (APN), when used to describe property in this list, refers to the assessor's map book, the map page, the block on the map (if applicable), and the individual parcel on the map page or in the block. The assessor's maps and further explanation of the parcel numbering system are available in the county assessor's office.

ADDENDA TO PUBLISHED TAX-DEFAULT (DELINQUENT) LIST. The properties listed below were legally assessed and the taxes and/or assessments duly levied for the fiscal year shown. The taxes and/or assessments and other charges remain unpaid as of the date of this publication. These properties were declared to be tax-defaulted for nonpayment of taxes and/or assessments and other charges levied in the fiscal years shown. These properties may be redeemed in the same manner as other tax-defaulted properties. Information concerning redemption, or initiation of an installment plan of redemption, may be obtained from the tax collector, whose name appears in this notice. Property tax defaulted on June 30, 2021, for the taxes, assessments and other charges for the fiscal year 2020-21:

ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER	ASSESSEE NAME	AMOUNT TO REDEEM
033-045-122-503	AXIS MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES LLC	\$ 10,237.39
032-051-008-000	CONAHAN CHRISTIAN	\$ 18,030.01
025-030-004-000	COPELAND CARL & ELIZABETH	\$ 7,502.03
010-390-002-000	FARIAS TRUST 09-01-16	\$ 5,941.29
016-202-020-000	HORSMAN NICOLE & FORD JONATHAN	\$ 990.20
033-083-105-000	JONES GWEN R	\$ 3,852.97
002-331-011-000	KNOX BRIGID	\$ 5,272.66
022-480-021-000	OLIVER GREGORY	\$ 11,840.31
019-052-014-000	PAIN, MICHAEL DOUGLAS	\$ 4,764.47
060-230-009-000	PRESTON JAMIE & PRESTON DEVIN	\$ 3,784.64
025-190-032-000	ROBERTSON JAMES A	\$ 548.80
039-060-005-000	STANTON FAM. TR. 10-21-98	\$ 8,820.81

TS #2024-0123



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, September 11, 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 (a teleconference option via Zoom is available for remote participation by the public):

Application Request: The 'Snowcreek VIII – Phase I' development application includes a Tentative Tract Map (TTM) 23-002 and Use Permit (UPA) 23-003 for a proposed residential "airspace" condominium subdivision comprised of 172 condominium units within 41 buildings. The proposed development will be broken into three sub-phases (Snowcreek VIII - Phase(s) 1A, 1B, & 1C). The Phase 1 tentative map area has a total size of 107.06 acres consisting of 15.42-acres of Residential area (TM 09-02 Lots 1, 2, & 3) and 91.63-acres of Recreation area intended for the future expansion of the Snowcreek golf course (TM 09-02 Lots 17 & 18). (This item was continued from the July 24, 2024 Planning & Economic Development Commission Meeting due to a mapping issue)

Development of the Residential area will include: (1) subdivision of Lots 1, 2, and 3 of TM 09-02 for residential condominium purposes; (2) construction of the road and multi-use path network for Phase I; and (3) completion of all required subdivision improvements (i.e., utilities, storm-water management, etc.). Construction of the actual residential units will require approval of a subsequent use permit and design review application prior to the commencement of construction. Development of the Recreation area is limited to the installation of stormwater retention basins and recycled water pond(s) for landscape irrigation purposes. The proposed stormwater retention and recycled water infrastructure does not preclude the future expansion of the golf course on the site.

CEQA Determination: The proposed action is within the scope of the project analyzed in the previously certified Snowcreek VIII, Snowcreek Master Plan Update 2007 Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (SCH #2006112015). No additional CEQA review is required.

Location: Lots 1, 2, 3, 17, and 18 and Lots A – G of Tract Map 2009-002 (Snowcreek VIII). Located south of Old Mammoth Road between Fairway Drive and Sherwin Creek Road

Zoning: Resort (R) – Snowcreek Master Plan Update (2007)

Proponent: Snowcreek Investment Company II LLC (Applicant / Property Owner)
Project Information Webpage: <https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/1236/Snowcreek-VIII>

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 September 6, 2024, contact Nolan Bobroff, Community and Economic Development Director, at (760) 965-3631 or email: nbobroff@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

Mammoth Lakes Planning & Economic Development Commission
PO Box 1609
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
TS #2024-0124

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The headline is a rip-off from an old Oreck vacuum cleaner ad campaign, but is entirely apropos, as Bishop's LB/DE Malachi Orrick proved an absolute beast in the Bishop Broncos season-opening 41-12 win over Fernley (Nev.). Orrick (*pictured twice below*) spent so much time in Fernley's backfield I'm surprised he didn't inquire with a realtor at halftime about purchasing property. He finished the game with six solo tackles and two tackles for a loss. Bishop opened the scoring on an Elijah Reynolds 35-yard touchdown (*a photo taken during that scoring run is at right*). The score took place 90 seconds into the game, and immediately constituted one more offensive TD than both teams had combined in last year's 7-0 Bishop victory. The Broncos padded their lead with a 47-yard punt return touchdown by Elliott Doua. By halftime, it was 28-0. Fernley could not move the ball on the ground against the Bronco run defense. The Broncos added a pair of touchdown



... And a shot of the band!

runs by quarterback Emory Dondero who also threw a pair of touchdowns to Richie Talavera. On defense, Garin Pritchard notched 5 solo tackles including a sack and sophomore Dom Dondero had 7 total tackles including a tackle for a loss. Doua had 6 solo tackles and a pass breakup. The Broncos next host Juneau Douglas High School from Juneau Alaska on Friday, September 6.

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MHS FOOTBALL ENDS FRESNO CHRISTIAN 36-GAME WIN STREAK

By Lunch



This is a group that’s hungry. And it’s got a special player at quarterback in Senior Tanner Knott.

While that’s no guarantee of a CIF championship, after this past weekend, it would appear that the Mammoth Huskies 8-man football team is in the driver’s seat.

The Huskies derailed Fresno Christian 54-18 last Friday night at Gault-McClure in the season opener for both squads.

In the process, Mammoth ended Fresno’s 36-game winning streak spanning 3+ seasons.

DJ Gray set the tone for the home squad by returning the opening kickoff for a touchdown, and Mammoth never looked back.

Knott generated 328 yards in total offense for the Huskies, including 234 yards rushing on 21 carries and three IDs.

As 2nd-year coach Jesse Worden says, Knott is “our Tim Tebow. He can run downhill - he’s great in the open field, and has great field vision.”

On defense, Knott plays linebacker and had 10 tackles Friday, second on the team to Gray’s 11.

Knott is one of four captains, along with Eric Martinez, a skill-position (RB/WR/CB) player, Tommy Lackey, an RB/LB, and Kai Parks, a Swiss Army knife of a player who plays line and receiver on offense and shines as a defensive end on the other side of the ball.

As Worden says, Mammoth has stabilized as a program, having made the CIF semifinals three times in the past four years. Considering Mammoth no longer has a youth football program, it’s a testament to the coaching staff - molding the raw clay that comes out for football in 9th grade. This year, there are 12 freshman who have never played organized football before who are in the program.

The coaching staff consists of James Gray and Dale Knott as the primary assistants. Other coaches include Juan Carlos, who quarterbacked the Huskies during his time as a player in the early 2000s, Nick Escalier, who played on the

Huskies last 11-man playoff team in 2006 and recent grad Charlie Gray.

The Sheet asked Worden how a recent car accident involving some of his players has affected the team.

Worden said the incident occurred during the initial hell week, and that it has reinforced the importance of making smart choices and looking after each

other.

The team is home this weekend versus Desert. Game time Friday is 7 p.m.

A date to circle on your calendar is a home tilt versus Avalon on Sept. 13.

Last year, the Huskies lost a high-scoring ballgame at Avalon. Coach Worden is looking forward to the return match - at elevation.



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Knott to be caught: QB Tanner Knott averaged more than 11 yards per carry in last Friday’s win.

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- 1 Evie Kramer
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Grom Boys

- 1 Mark Hardin
- 2 Mason Montoya
- 3 Bexton Nash

Super Grom Girls

- 1 Allison Knott
- 2 Sadie Hinson
- 3 Kinsley Klassen

Super Grom Boys

- 1 Porter Goforth
- 2 Bodhi Calhoon
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Shredder Girls

- 1 Basil Goforth
- 2 Talulah Yates
- 3 Norah Hinson

Shredder Boys

- 1 Brooks Montoya
- 2 Ricky Pascale
- 3 Nick Jensen

Women Open

- 1 Raven Pascale
- 2 Hannah Ellis
- 3 Sydney Sarotte

Mens Open

- 1 Braden Prescott
- 2 Dylan Donn
- 3 Evan Gallen

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Grom Girls

- 1 Evie Kramer
- 2 Ruby Hodges

Grom Boys

- 1 Ansel Swift
- 2 Mark Hardin
- 3 Bexton Nash

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- 1 Dylan Molnar
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- 1 Basil Goforth
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Shredder Boys

- 1 Waylon Martin



Joe Davis

- 2 Brooks Montoya
- 3 Ricky Pascale

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- 1 Norah Hinson
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- 3 Veda Hallen

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- 1 Tom Lippen
- 2 Benjamin
- 3 Ben Denard

Grand Masters

- 1 Greg Bokencamp

Photos Todd Robertson.

From last Saturday's Skate Comp @ Volcom Brothers Skatepark in Mammoth.



Koa Morehead

- 2 Tim Jones
- 3 Matt Moose

Legends

- 1 Steve Klassen
- 2 Erik Bibelheimer
- 3 Joseph Martinez

Mens Open

- 1 Joe Davis
- 2 Miles Blackman
- 3 Will Brandt

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Norah Hinson



Dylan Donn



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