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CURRENT STATE OF AF-FAIRS

Interim Fair CEO addresses Inyo Supes

By Lunch

We've heard previously from the suspended members of the Tri-County Fair Board about the resignation of former Fair CEO Jen McGuire and their take on the state audit which led to the board's suspension and the installation of an interim CEO, Mike Francesconi.

On Tuesday, however, we finally heard from Mr. Francesconi, who addressed Inyo County Supervisors at their

regular meeting in Independence.

Mr. Francesconi said this year's Fair went off without incident, and that he had brought in three former Fair CEOs to help him work it this year.

Francesconi's true job title is Branch Chief of Fairs and Expositions for the CDFA (California Dept. of Food and Agriculture) which oversees all state fairs.

He explained that all traditional events at the Tri-County Fairgrounds are expected to continue.

He arrived in Bishop on June 25, having been assigned to take the helm "based on a compliance audit" and "I can't tell you how long I'll be here."

He suggested that he may be succeeded by yet another Interim CEO before things return to normal.

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Photographer Gayla Wolf was all over last weekend's Tri-County Fair. For more photos, see p. 9. To order photos, visit bishopcommunityevents.com.

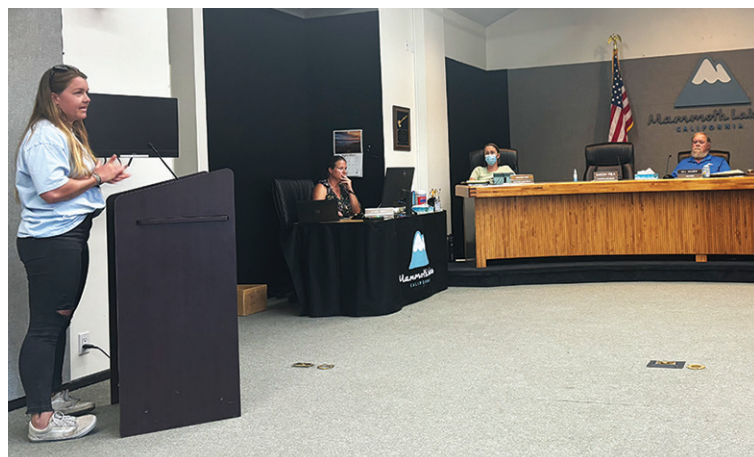


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Delaney Prince, Pine City campground host, addressing Mammoth Lakes Town Council on Wednesday.

... AND BEARS

Mammoth Council hears it from public over bear killing

By Fisher

The daughter of the woman who was famously injured by local bear Victor, spoke to the Mammoth Lakes Town Council members on Wednesday afternoon.

The injury took place in the Pine Lake campground on August 21, and it prompted the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to tranquilize and euthanize Victor. A video which showed the interaction circulated online soon after the event took place.

Former Town Wildlife Specialist Steve Searles says the video has garnered more than 100 million TikTok responses.

The Sheet reported on the incident in last week's issue, published August 31.

The woman, who identified herself as an indigenous person, told the Council she and her mother stayed at the campground after attending a Bear Dance ceremony.

She and her mother were sitting by the fire with their drums when Victor approached the campground.

"That video that has been circulating online is not from us," she said in Spanish. "It's from campsite number nine. We had our smartphones with us because we like to take pictures of the fire."

Her mother told her, "she didn't want her Brother Bear to be hurt" and that she was confused "why they decided to make such a cruel decision to murder him," she said.

She was just one of at least 60 individuals from the public who attended the Mammoth Lakes Town Council Meeting in-person and online.

The typically empty room was bustling with people eager to discuss the local government's reaction to Victor's

death. Mayor Bill Sauser repeatedly asked the crowd to stop clapping after each speaker during the public comment section of the agenda item.

"We can no longer rely on the carrot approach," Mammoth resident Tanner Bisonnette said. "There must be sticks for those who knowingly ignore or break the rules."

Mammoth Lakes Town Manager Rob Patterson said it's hard to enforce proper trash management because of the text in the town's municipal code.

"Historically, when citations for securing trash have been issued, they've been dismissed by the courts because we could not say who specifically left it open based on the way the code is written," he said.

Victor had previously injured an individual on Aug 10, but the CDFW deemed the person involved had provoked the attack and did not take action on the bear, said CDFW Assistant Chief George Struble.

Cathy Spaulding, a camp host in the Lakes Basin, said that initial incident was misrepresented by CDFW.

They stated the man was "attempting to take a selfie with the bear" in an Aug. 28 press release.

In actuality, the man was intentionally trying to come within one to two feet of the bear, she said. He had made several attempts to attract and bait the bear by rustling a trash bag.

In the three years she has worked at the Lakes Basin, she has never seen officers from CDFW or the US Forest Service educate the public, she said. She had only seen officers from the Mammoth Lakes Police

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LUNCH IN DENSITY

The Mammoth Lakes Tourism Board agreed to take no position on the Town’s November ballot measure asking for a two-point (~15%) increase in the Town’s TOT (transient occupancy tax) rate.

The tax measure, if passed, is anticipated to generate \$4 million annually, or \$40 million over its ten-year run.

It’s being floated as a general tax, so although council has promised the money will be spent on housing, revenues would go to the general fund.

After MLT board members John Morris, John Mendel, Kirk Wallace and Eric Clark urged neutrality, fellow board member John Wentworth, the council representative on the MLT board, made his pitch.

“Nothing else will matter” if we don’t have housing, he said.

And even the \$40 million this measure is expected to raise is not enough. “60, 80, 100 ...” guessed Wentworth. “Who knows?”

“This doesn’t free [money] up for other things,” chimed in councilmember Chris Bubser via Zoom. “This just gets us out of a huge [housing] deficit.”

She also expressed frustration at the lack of interest/enthusiasm within the community to campaign for the ballot measure.

Which prompted a reaction from MLT Board Chair Pat Foster.

Foster said when the MLT Board was working on a TBID renewal campaign, he said we [MLT] were heading in one direction [a ten-year renewal] while Council was ‘hearing different’ things from constituents and was lukewarm about it.

In this case, regarding a proposed TOT hike, “We’re sharing what we’ve heard,” said Foster.

And Foster is not the only one with a long memory. John Mendel recalled councilmember Amanda Rice say during the TBID extension discussion, “I like you John [Urdi, MLT President]. I just don’t trust you.”

“I’m not sure a 2% [two-point] increase in the rate is where we should be,” said Clark, MMSA President and COO. While Wallace expressed concern about killing demand by spiking fees.

John Morris even talked about pushing for more marketing dollars in 2025-2026 in response to softening demand.

Speaking of Morris, he touted this weekend’s Mammoth Volleyball Invitational - mostly because he was rehired as MHS Volleyball coach this year, five years after being fired from the role. This leads us to ... Fisher’s desk.



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“These are people of the land. The common clay of the New West. You know ... morons.”

-The Waco Kid
from Blazing Saddles

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The Sheet reported on Morris’ departure in an issue published March 2, 2019.

Morris has been coaching club volleyball in his time away from the school’s athletic department, and said he returned because there was a lack of other experienced candidates.

“I think [people on the team and their parents] know John, and I feel like the people involved are comfortable,” said Erin LeFrancois, Morris’s predecessor. “I’m excited to see how the whole program does, change is good.”

She was not responsible for hiring the next coach, and had specifically asked not to be involved in the interview process.

The varsity squad has won three games so far, and they had a promising showing in a recent tournament, securing fifth place out of 32 teams.

But despite a strong start, Morris acknowledged the team is still adjusting.

With the graduation of ten key seniors from the previous year, this season’s team is relatively inexperienced, he said

“It’s a new team,” Morris said. “The players that are still here didn’t get a lot of playing time last year due to the strength of the seniors, so it’s a case of getting to know each other and figuring out where our strengths lie.”

He is challenged with toeing the line between competition and inclusion, he said.

“I think sometimes there can be a – I don’t necessarily wanna call it a sense of entitlement – but a sense that everybody gets to play, everybody gets a turn, in a small school,” he said. “And that’s fine to an extent but it’s not really the way the real world works.”

-Fisher

Hottest Summer in Death Valley History

DEATH VALLEY, Calif. – Death Valley National Park experienced the hottest meteorological summer (June-August) on record, with an average 24-hour temperature of 104.5°F (40.3°C). This surpasses the previous record of 104.2°F (40.1°C), set in 2021 and 2018.

The record-breaking summer was highlighted by July when the weather station at Furnace Creek recorded its hottest month ever. During this month, the park experienced nine consecutive days of 125°F (51.7°C) or higher, and only seven days in total where temperatures did not reach 120°F (48.9°C). The highest temperature this summer was 129.2°F (54°C) on July 7.

Overnight lows also played a significant role in the extreme heat. The average low temperature of 91.9°F (33.3°C) meant that there was little relief overnight. From June 1 to August 31, the temperature dipped below 80°F only five times, and there were nine days when overnight lows never fell below 100°F.

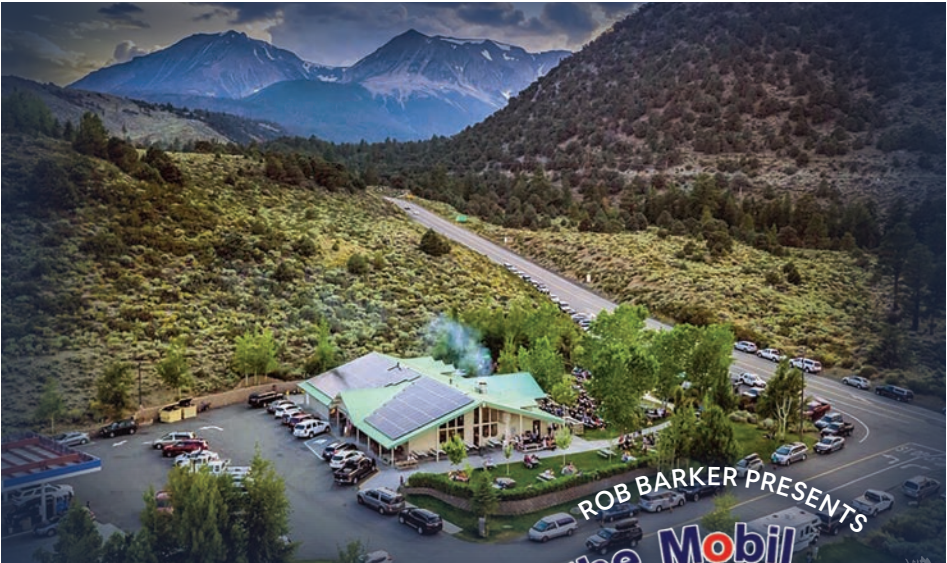
Park rangers responded to multiple life-threatening heat-related incidents during the summer including two fatalities where heat was a contributing factor. During another incident, a man had to be rescued from sand dunes after losing his flip flops and experiencing second degree burns.

Travelers heading to Death Valley National Park should expect triple digit temperatures to continue into early October.

And finally, in reaction to Dan O’Connell’s letter on p. 3, it’s funny how, if you stick around long enough, every issue comes back around.

You now what this town really needs right now? A Subaru dealership. So when the Advocates for Mammoth get reconstituted, there’ll be a whole lot of bumper space available for a fresh batch of “How Dense Can We Be?” stickers.

The answer is, of course, is that no one thinks about density too much ... until they see a few backhoes lined up down the street. That sure gets people off their asses.



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LETTERS

How Dense Can We Be? (redux)

Dear Editor,

With its negotiations to renew the Snowcreek Development Agreement, the Town should proceed slowly and carefully. This process should not be rushed, and any decisions should be delayed pending further analysis. Notably, there is an important reality - an issue - that appears to be lost in the discussions.

It may sound like blasphemy in our resort economy, but the current infrastructure here doesn't appear sufficient to support the number of guests who will fill approximately 1,000 units planned for Snowcreek, not including hotel rooms. Presently, when at full occupancy, our Town and mountain are fairly overrun, where everyone is managing the crowds as best we can, but barely so. At some point, we need to recognize the fact that our relatively small community, consisting of four square miles and only one ski mountain, has a finite capacity for a limited number of resort guests.

When the Town is busy, we know there are insufficient dining options, market space, taxis, ski runs, roadways, parking and other services. The lines at Von's reach halfway through the shopping aisles, even with Grocery Outlet opened. Exiting onto Old Mammoth or Meridian can feel nearly impossible. Dining reservations can be impossible, and we've lost at least six prominent restaurant op-

tions in the past few years; there weren't enough dining tables as it was, and this "resort problem" will not likely improve anytime soon. Parking, as we well know, has been woefully inadequate at resort area destinations. These are only some of the infrastructure issues we face, the obvious ones.

In our high altitude mountain community, these pressures are exacerbated when major storms close Highway 395 and dump feet of snow on the Town. We are already operating on a fine edge. While the municipal and county services do a phenomenal job of keeping everything functioning, health and safety issues are presented by grossly exceeding our civic infrastructure.

During negotiations to renew the Snowcreek Development Agreement, there is a simple but obvious question no one is addressing: In light of the challenging conditions facing us now, how will we manage nearly a thousand additional lodging units full of guests? The dedication of affordable housing is a prerequisite to any development of this size, but we need to recognize the other serious impacts that are far more ranging, and to which no Town schedule of routine development impact fees can simply address.

The proposed Snowcreek project practically means building a small village or town. With an average of perhaps 4 or 5 guests per lodging unit, this equates to at least four to five thousand addi-

tional resort guests when lodging is at full occupancy. This doesn't even take into account the three new hotels that are currently under construction at the North Village. This also doesn't account for the homes and lodging planned up at Main Lodge. (As an aside, nobody really needs to worry about a dearth of short term rental properties, that's for certain.)

Why should the Town hurry anything with this developer, act hastily, precipitously, or concede anything at all? If the current Development Agreement were to expire without another in place, who would be most affected? The developer will be over a barrel, not the Town.

If the Development Agreement expires, the Town of Mammoth Lakes will continue with business as usual. The developer, however, will surely continue working vigorously toward its investment needs and objectives. Even if it wishes to sell the property, a new Development Agreement will be required to achieve the highest possible price. In stark contrast, the Town is not hard pressed for any reason whatsoever to complete this deal now, urgently.

Actually, by proceeding slowly and deliberately, the Town will realize far greater negotiating power and a much stronger position in negotiations to assert our own needs and objectives. Also, in addition to having greater negotiating power, nothing will be permanently lost by delaying an agreement. The dedication of on-site affordable housing will

never disappear from the negotiating table.

As unpleasant as it may be to admit, there are limitations to the number of guests who we can comfortably and reasonably accommodate, now and in the future. This Town will never expand beyond its four square mile borders; there is only so much commercial space for hospitality and resident services; there will never be another ski area here, not in our lifetimes; and, while new lift access will be added, there will never be any new ski runs or acreage on the mountain we have. Everything in Mammoth Lakes is finite and limited, except the number of guests we seem intent on squeezing into it.

We hear a lot of talk about improving the quality of our resort experience, but very few seem to be concerned about the quantity of guests whom we can functionally serve. Despite our aspirations, the emphasis is always on relentlessly increasing the quantity of guests, overriding the quality of experience we can provide. This needs to change.

One has to ask: Has Snowcreek taken too long to develop? When originally planned and amended, we didn't have all of the Intrawest properties, the Westin, Tallus/Obsidian, and the new hotels. Construction and development on private land is all good and positive, but within reason, so that it doesn't negatively impact the experience of residents

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HUSKY OF THE WEEK

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



ANDREA & SOPHIA

Introducing Huskies of the Week, Juniors, Andrea Morales and Sophia Ayala. Andrea and Sophia are the leaders of the 2024 Mammoth High School JV Volleyball Team. As Juniors, they have embraced their roles and have been doing an amazing job helping the younger, newer members of the team understand the game, it's strategies and our team culture.

Andrea is a starting Setter and Sophia is an Outside Hitter and an excellent defensive player. Andrea and Sophia helped lead their team to an exciting opening home match win over Lone Pine in 3 sets.

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and visitors alike. Perhaps, now, the entire Snowcreek development needs to be revisited in light of all the other construction that has occurred since its inception.

This is why we should not rush the process with the Snowcreek Development Agreement. We should take our time in any negotiations to analyze and renew it, even if it means letting the current agreement expire. The ramifications of this development are immense and will last for all of time. Time is on our side. That is, unless we choose to ignore it.

Daniel J. O'Connell
Mammoth Lakes

Pine Creek Light Show

Dear Editor,

These days there's always some kind of crazy human tinkering going on. This time in beautiful Pine Creek Canyon, a very special place I have had the privilege to hike and camp in over the last 30 years.

On August 29 as I was driving up to camp for the night and stargaze, I noticed that at the mouth of the beautiful side canyon famous for Pratts Crack and an impressive 6,000 feet of sweeping rise to the summit ridges, there was an orange glow. I thought this side canyon was on fire. But as I drove further up the road, I could see it wasn't a fire at all. Instead I saw neon, orange and blue,

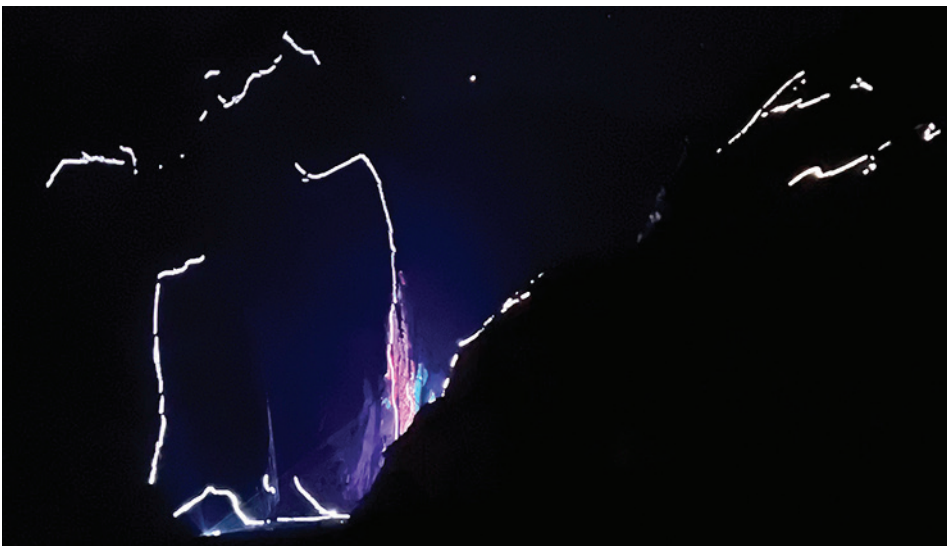
waving beams of light streaming up the canyon walls and into the Canyon air a hundred feet or more, wiping out the darkness of the Canyon and surrounding land.

The next morning, there was a large truck at the Canyon mouth climber parking with the words, "Cinelease." I googled Cinelease. Their website noted "the film and entertainment industry's leading provider of lighting and grip equipment." I then called the Forest Service and gave them the information to make sure that they knew about it; being I am a retired wildlife biologist employee of 30 years, 15 on the Inyo.

I decided to go talk to someone at the truck to find out what was going on. A climber unloading the truck equipment said they were making some sort of night-time climbing video. He noted it was funded by the Grateful Dead to some degree and that they had a permit to proceed from the Inyo National Forest, and that an Inyo National Forest representative had been out the night before to monitor the event.

On the second night, I decided to camp across from the Canyon to see what they were actually doing. It was without hyperbole the most offensive, absolutely ridiculously absurd lighting event I have ever seen on our National Forests.

At dark thirty and through the night into the next day wee hours of darkness, the side canyon walls were under assault with thousands of feet of blue lines of light going up to ridges and straight up



the Canyon cliffs, changing periodically on and off and with flickering moving points, like a giant incomprehensible pattern of etch-a-sketching lines, and dots of light moving all around like a keyboard mouse moving across a gigantic dark computer screen. I likened it to a silent psycho-amusement park atmosphere, so overwhelmingly out of character for a beautiful Sierran night landscape. A portion of Pine Creek reduced to a CGI video amusement park. So sacrilegious and in your face obnoxious.

Earlier, the climber at the truck noted that one day it would appear in a climbing night-time video of some sort. As I watched this horrible assault on the dark sky starry night, I thought to myself the Grateful Dead now have too much disposable income and have done too many drugs. How else to explain funding such

an offensive and ludicrous project?

Ever since the Canyon has become popular with the sport climbers, it's become more and more crowded, vehicles parking everywhere as the climbers "take-over" another one of our beautiful natural landscapes. With this event the takeover is complete. The only question is, what is next for this overpopulated Canyon? I realize the Canyon has been scarred by the old Tungsten Mine and Scheelite site, but still its natural beauty remains largely intact.

It seems it's not enough anymore to just enjoy the beauty of the Canyon and revel in the night sky. I lamented that the forces of money and whimsical projects have found themselves a new money making playground in the Canyon, as I watched the light pollution extravaganza being made to entertain the climbing

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audiences someday.

The Forest Service managers who allowed this night-time assault on the Canyon's night sky, clearly have forgotten what makes the Eastern Sierra so special. Some members of the sport climbing community have lost their connection with natural beauty to engage in offensive projects like this. The Forest Service in permitting this activity, and the promoters and climbers who participated in this have lost the connection to the land and the importance of beautiful, dark sky, starry nights. It is a distortion of the whole meaning of being in nature!

It's bad enough to have to put up with climbers super bright LED headlamps as they descend routes at night, or they swirl their headlamp floodlights all around at their camps. Light pollution is no longer just a big city issue and this activity has brought it to a whole new level.

At 72 years old, 50 years of mountain living, I don't want to appear like an old fuddy-duddy party pooper, but this activity has exceeded the bounds of appropriate uses of the National Forest mandate. This was in my opinion, one of the most offensive, Forest Service-approved activities one could not even imagine as a possibility. Inyo National Forest personnel that permitted this ruination of two beautiful camping nights in the canyon should be taken to the woodshed and lectured about what's appropriate on our National Forest, particularly with respect to the maintenance of dark sky zones where the public can enjoy ever vanishing starry nights.

Gary Milano
Bishop

The skinny on skin

Dear Editor,

Meant to write this sooner but life got in the way!

Was fortunate enough to attend the August 1 skin cancer presentation by Dr. Stacey Brown from NIHD and its Rural Health Clinic.

The dermatological information was presented skillfully, seriously and humorously by Dr. Brown, with a super PowerPoint presentation on types of skin cancers, treatments and recognition factors. The question and answer session was revealing, especially when someone asked a sensitive question about skin bumps and lumps that others might have been too afraid to ask.

Dr. Brown called this presentation "Derm 101" and promised there will be a follow-up "Derm 102" this fall.

His cautions included wearing SPF sun protection cremes, sunglasses and a broad-brimmed hat, long sleeved shirts and blouses, and re-applying the SPF sunscreen often, maybe every 2-hours or so or after swimming or perspiring due to work-related activity or recreation. He also included warnings of the Owens Valley and Mammoth Lakes elevations and high ultraviolet impacts.

We are extremely fortunate to have the skills of Dr. Brown in Bishop and we are lucky to have a busy medical man willing to volunteer his after-hours to educate us on our environment and its health factors and available treatments..

Maybe we should nominate Dr. Stacey Brown to be: The Wizard of Gauze??!!

Stan Smith
Bishop

OBITUARY
TERRENCE CASTILYN 1971-2024



In the calm of the evening of September 8, 2023, Terrence G. Castilyn passed away at his home in San Francisco. He was 51. As his family and big group of true and lasting friends will tell you, Terry believed in kindness and mischief; in common sense and everyday magic; in paying attention and letting go; in speaking out and listening in--because when Terry listened, he was all there--you could feel it.

Terry's immense passion for music, art, design, and all things culinary shaped and defined him. The last decade of his professional life was all about his gift for design and ultra-fine carpentry in Michelin-starred restaurants, where he also connected with his inner chef. When Terry cooked a meal, it was never fussy and always welcom-

ing, just like Terry himself. People were drawn to Terry because he was drawn to them.

From his early upbringing and education in Ohio, his work with the Forest Service in June Lake and later as a General Contractor, Terry loved and learned from all of it. And above all, Terry loved his family: his wife, Sheri Castilyn; their daughter, Giana; his brother David; his father, Terry Sr.; and stepmother, Marlene. He deeply cherished the memories of his mother, Barbara and his niece, Taylor Castilyn.

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Highway 395 closure deets

Caltrans PIO (Public Information Officer) Christopher Andriessen updated Mono County Supervisors on Tuesday regarding the Sonora Junction Shoulders project which will completely close Highway 395 in one section through September 19.

The project involves widening the shoulders on a section of highway 395 and installing two wildlife crossings – one near Bertram Flat Road and one near Sonora Junction – causing a full closure on 395 from Tuesday, Sept 4 until Thursday, Sept. 19th at 6am.

Christopher Andriessen, CalTrans explained to the Mono Supervisors on Tuesday why this project is happening now and why it's a full closure rather than a partial.

Because the highway will be dug up in at least two places 50 feet wide about 15 feet deep to install these crossings, no vehicles can be allowed through.

This project is primarily a safety project as we are extending the shoulders of the highway here to eight feet.

Caltrans officials waited until after Labor Day weekend to start the project because business owners didn't want there to be a closure during summer travel season.

It's also weather dependent, and with snow having already fallen on the mountain tops this year, it's becoming critical.

"We don't know how soon the wet weather could get here and wet weather could lengthen the duration of the closure so starting right after Labor Day weekend is the best option," he said

There are also environmentally sensitive areas that have to be considered. They can only work in those environmentally sensitive areas between August and mid-October.

The route is the normal detour route when they have a closure within Walker Canyon.

"Truck traffic and people towing fifth wheels regularly take it. It's a real highway," he said. "We're not putting you on a dirt road – it's a real road."

There are personnel available on-site to help direct traffic.

"We will have staffing. We will make sure we will have deputies on both sides of the closure to cover any calls for service that we get at any time of day," Mono County Sheriff Ingrid Braun said. "I want to reassure the community that they will have coverage from the sheriff's office on both sides of the closure."

This road closure is a part of a much bigger, multimillion dollar project from Caltrans, hoping to minimize wildlife auto collisions and provide safe passageways for animals to follow their migration routes, said Katie Rodriguez, senior biologist at Caltrans.

Future wildlife crossing construction will likely cause more road closures in the area in the coming years, she said.

-Fisher

Buttermilk Road Project Complete

Buttermilk Road is back open after a cooperative, interagency project last week to improve safe recreation and help restore vegetation that has been damaged over time by vehicles.

The road to the popular recreation area was closed August 23 so that crews from the Inyo County Road Department, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Northern District Construction, and the Inyo National Forest Engineering division could strategically place boulders to delineate parking areas and along the road's edges to prevent further resource damage. The road reopened August 28.

The Inyo National Forest cautions against moving these boulders, and or parking or driving on vegetation to get around the boulders. According to the

AN AUGUST WIC-NIC



Mono County WIC celebrated Breastfeeding Month (August) with an event featuring local agencies, highlighting how they support maternal and child health, and a professional photographer (Amy Leist) there to take beautiful photos of any parent who has ever breastfed, along with their children. The goal of the event was to highlight the importance of breastfeeding, no matter how long a parent chooses to do it – EVERY DROP COUNTS – and to appreciate all community members who support each other's lactation efforts.

The Mono County WIC Program provides nutrition education, food benefits, and lactation support to pregnant and postpartum parents, infants, and children up to their 5th birthday. To see if you are eligible for the WIC Program, please call (760) 924-4610 or email wic@mono.c.gov.



agency, driving off designated routes and on vegetation in the forest is prohibited by 36 Code of Federal Regulations 261.13 and 261.15(h).

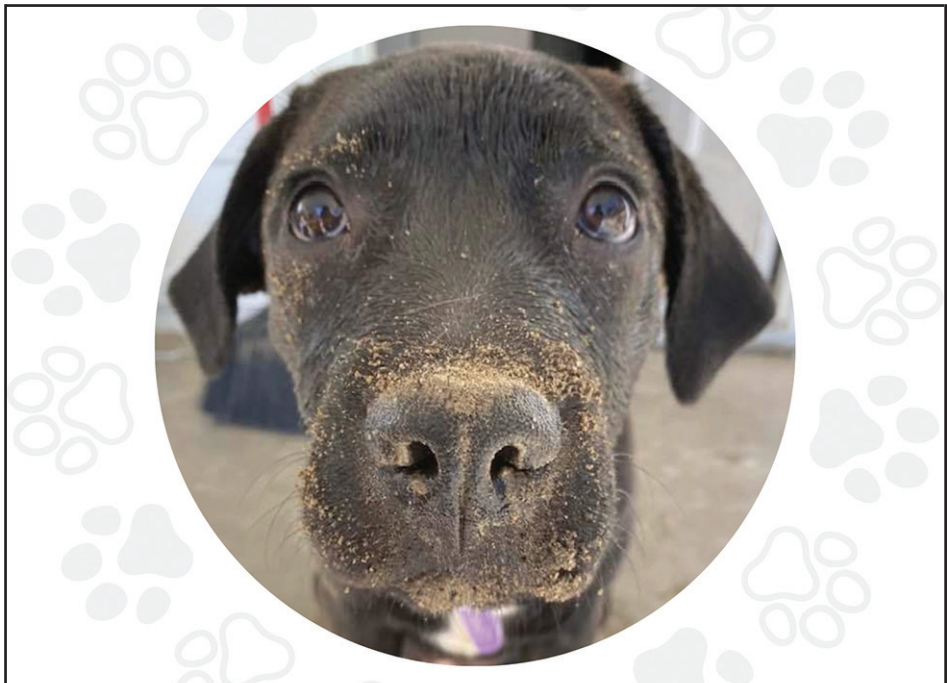
The project was part of the Buttermilk

Infrastructure and Recreation Planning Initiative launched by the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (Inyo and Mono counties, the City of Bishop, and Town of Mammoth Lakes).

12U HOCKEY WINS SUN & SURF TOURNEY



On August 30, the Mammoth Stars 12U hockey team kicked off their season in the Sun and Surf Labor Day tournament in Riverside, Calif. The Stars played four qualifier games, beating the Jr. Ducks 6-0, the Aliso Viejo Avalanche 9-0, the Riverside Jr. Reign 7-0, and the Ventura Mariners 5-0. The championship game on Monday, Sept. 2 was played against Riverside, and the Mammoth Stars won that game 3-1, bringing home the first championship banner to hang in the new barn! This was truly a team effort, as all 9 skaters on the team contributed points towards the wins, and the two goaltenders pitched shutouts in the qualifiers. This tournament kicks off a new era of hockey in the Eastern Sierra, as the Mammoth Stars join the SCAHA league with their 10U, 12U, and 14U travel teams. There will also be an In-house league for 8U, 10U, 12U, and 14U, as the hockey program continues to grow. Come see all the action at the home games this season - schedule and registration for In-house hockey can be found at mammothlakesyouthhockey.com



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AF-FAIRS

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Francesconi (center) at the Fair last weekend flanked by Bishop Mayor Jose Garcia and Noe Gadea

Board Chair Matt Kingsley pointedly asked if the former Fair Board would be reappointed.

“I can’t say what will happen to them,” replied Francesconi. “That’s up to the Governor’s office.”

He said in a previous, similar instance which he’s familiar with, some board members were retained and some not.

He said there is no timeline on when the Tri-County Board may be reinstated and no formal process has been initiated regarding recruitment of a CEO.

He also provided some insight regarding Fair finances.

The Fairgrounds board has consistently touted the former CEO’s business acumen. The story has been, when McGuire arrived, the Fairgrounds had \$5,000 in the bank, and when she left, there was approximately \$600,000.

But Francesconi said the state has provided \$1 million to the Tri-County Fairgrounds since 2020. And he said the Fair has lost money four out of the last five years.

He concedes the Fairgrounds generated a lot of revenue during McGuire’s tenure.

But it took money to make money, and the Fairgrounds has some thorny deferred maintenance issues.

He said in his presentation that the state is embarking on a central heating installation project for the Charles Brown building scheduled for early next year.

Former Fair Jen McGuire said in a phone conversation Thursday that she initially applied for the grant to do this project back in 2019.

“If they’re so invested in our success,” said McGuire of the CDFA, “where have they been? And why is this project suddenly being funded now?”

McGuire also said there’s no way the

state has provided \$1 million to the Fairgrounds since 2020.

Another financial issue which came to light involved Mule Days.

As in, Mule Days bounces checks and doesn’t pay its bills on time, if at all. As suspended board member Judy Waggoner said, “We [the Fair] went \$150,000 in the hole on the Mule Days contract.”

As one might expect, Supervisor Jen Roeser, a Mule Days board member, sat mum as this news was brought up.

She also sat mum as Francesconi didn’t deny the rumors that the state has been canvassing Supervisors in Inyo, Mono and Alpine counties, asking them for suggestions as to new Fair board applicants.

The Sheet has learned Roeser is one of those Supervisors actively searching out fresh blood - the Inyo Supervisor identified by the state as most willing to carry its water.

Which makes sense. If you seat a new board which no longer looks the other way when it comes to chronic shortfalls in Mule Days finances, Mule Days will be in trouble. So Roeser needs to recruit some cronies - and fast.

What’s curious about the state recruiting Roeser as Water Carrier is that gubernatorial appointments are typically intraparty. The Dems in Sacramento would be expected to appoint fellow Dems. While Ms. Roeser is as MAGA as they come.

But as they say, politics makes strange bedfellows.

Mr. Francesconi said anyone can apply to be a board member for the 18th DAA (Tri-County Fairgrounds) via the Governor’s appointment’s office. Website: gov.ca.gov

PARCEL SPOTS FILLING UP

By Fisher

Leasing out the Parcel has proven to be difficult, but is still on track to be complete by the end of the month.

Nolan Bobroff, Mammoth Lakes’ Community Development Director, presented an update on the housing project at the Sept. 4 Mammoth Lakes Town Council meeting.

The Sawyer is the first building in Mammoth’s Parcel build-out, and it seeks to supply housing for families at or below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI). The town of Mammoth Lakes committed roughly \$870,000 to the Sawyer through a Land Loan and a DIF Fee Deferral Loan.

Construction for the second building in the second part of the project, the Kingfisher, is underway. The Kingfisher is slated to cost the town roughly \$9M.

Buckingham Property Management, the company overseeing the Sawyer, has fully leased 47 units of the 81 available, Regional Director Jennie Reed said. Move-in for the building began August 21.

Buckingham has approved applications from 12 other individuals, who will likely move in this week. There are applications in various stages for the remaining units.

The company informs individuals their application was accepted mainly via email, unless people prefer to communicate over the phone.

Buckingham Property Management recently hired a district supervisor, Santos Villanueva, to live in Mammoth and oversee the company’s operations

locally.

There have been some issues with the leasing process, though, Reed said.

There are about 15 applications in process right now where people have been unable to provide the exact required documents. Some individuals are missing a pay stub or only have screenshots of their documents, she said.

The AMI restrictions have also proved to be difficult. The restrictions are incredibly strict because of the tax credits program which helped fund the project; if audited, Buckingham would need to show the state that all tenants meet the criteria exactly.

Any failures in an audit could result in loss of that funding, which would bankrupt the project.

“Even if someone is only over the income limit by \$10, they’re over the income limit,” Reed said. “And we have a lot of people that are coming in at 80%, but we have filled all the 80% units.”

Individuals who qualify for the 80% AMI level units are now being placed on a waitlist for when future units in that AMI range become available. The only units left to be approved are in the 60% AMI range.

They cannot change which AMI levels are designated to the units at this point because they were approved through the tax credit program.

Furthermore, if a family who is approved for the Parcel has a change in income during their first year in the unit, they may be evicted because they no longer qualify.

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Department.
“[Young bears in the Lakes Basin] are harassed continually by the public,” she said. “I don’t have authority to do anything, but the agencies that do are not there.”
CDFW had no awareness Victor was becoming habituated until the injuries occurred, insisted CDFW Biologist Russell Black.
“We went through our wildlife incident reporting format which was a public interface where people can comment directly to the department,” he said. “We had no reports of this bear prior to the dates that Assistant Chief Struble mentioned.”

Delaney Prince, Pine City Camp Host, said she’s seen Victor at least a 100 times, and watched him falsely charge people when they come within five feet of him.
She once filed a report when he tried to get in someone’s trailer in the middle of the day, she said.
“It was sadly a matter of time before he reacted, because people did push him too often,” she said.
Steve Searles, former Mammoth Lakes Wildlife Officer, has attracted international attention for his social media posts about Victor. He said he’s done at least five media interviews a day since Victor’s death.
Many people have sought him out to

testify on what happened with Victor, including individuals who were never interviewed by CDFW or law enforcement, he said.
“They told me what time it was, where they were standing, what they observed and what they were doing during the two days of these people’s visit,” he said. “I’m sorry that I have to release that information, it breaks my heart. But again, I’m the point person.”
Mammoth resident Winter Walker started a petition calling for individuals involved in the incident to be fined and for authorities to handle the situation differently in the future. Her mother, Traci Walker, promoted the petition at the council meeting. As of Sept. 5, it had garnered over 45,000 signatures.
Some Mammoth locals have formed a coalition called “Bear Advocates of the Eastern Sierra” to address wildlife issues through public education, the group’s coordinator, Suzanne Nottingham said at the council meeting. They plan to host a memorial event on Monday for Victor in the Lakes Basin.
After the long line of people providing

public comment had come to an end, Sauser called for a five minute break. All roughly 20 members of the public in physical attendance stood and chatted amongst themselves.
Sauser called the meeting back into session with a gavel hit, but the chatter continued.
The audience’s attention had already shifted by the time councilmembers began commenting on the issue, and Sauser asked the public to take their conversations into the hallway.
Soon, the number of people physically in the audience had been reduced to myself and one other person.
“We in the town do what we can to do our part, understanding that we still don’t have control over federal land and we never will,” councilmember Chris Bubser said.

This is not the first time a bear has had to be put down and likely not the last, regardless of what actions the community takes, Sauser explained.
“If anyone’s still listening out there, we talked about the tourists as bad players,” Sauser said. “But there’s only 7,000 people that live in this town and I have seen more offenses by locals than I have by tourists.”
Mammoth Lakes Tourism was already working on a video to address wildlife interactions before Victor died, and since have modified the video to have a more somber and serious tone, said John Urdi, President of Mammoth Lakes Tourism.





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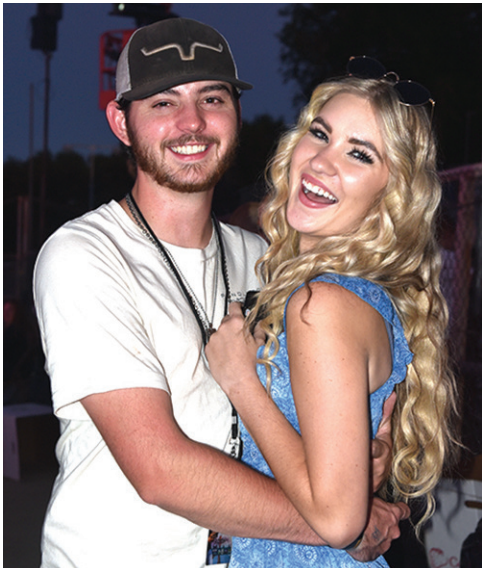
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GAYLA'S GALLERY

These are just a handful of the 2,000 shots Gayla Wolf took over Fair weekend. You can find a lot more @ bishopcommunityevents.com



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Lakanuki happy hour 3-6 p.m. daily AND karaoke every Sunday, starting at 8:30 p.m.
Main Street Pizza - See ad this page for details.
Distant Brewing happy hour Monday-Thursday from 3-5pm. \$1/off beer/wine/cider/seltzer/kombucha

September 6-7
Consummate entertainer, pianist Joe Gray (with Kitty Green accompanying on the sax), plays Tamarack Lodge. Time: 5:30-8:30 p.m. each night.
June Lake Jam afterparty @ Liberty in Mammoth. More info, see ad p. 5

September 6-8/
June Lake Jam Fest @ Gull Lake Park in June. Music, vendors and more. \$\$\$.
Info: junelakejamfest.org.

Saturday, Sept. 7/
Rebelle Fundraiser Rally Party for Breast Cancer @ Lakanuki. Time: 3 p.m. onwards. More info: See ad p. 13.

Sunday, Sept. 8/
Live Music Sundays @ Cardinal Village Resort in Bishop. Time: 1-4 p.m. Drinks, burgers, fries, pizza and drinks available for purchase.

Monday, Sept. 9/
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. 11/
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.

Thursday, Sept. 12/
The Trespassers play the Mobil Mart in Lee Vining. Time: 6-9 p.m. One of the premier concert events of the season. The Trespassers always pack 'em in. No outside alcohol please!

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September 6-19/
The Sonora Junction Shoulders Project completely shuts down Highway 395 at Sonora Junction. For alternate routes/detours visit <https://www.monocounty.org/plan-your-trip/travel-alerts/sonora-junction>

Saturday, Sept. 7/
The Mammoth Gran Fondo takes place, starting and ending at the Village at Mammoth. Rides of various distances. Take caution and watch

TOWN STUFF

for riders on the highways. Info: mammothgranfondo.com

Sunday, September 8/
Tioga Pass Run. 12.4 miles. All uphill. Starts 7 a.m. for walkers and 8 a.m. for runners. Register @ monolake.org

Monday, September 9/
Memorial for Victor the Bear in the Lakes Basin @ Pokonobe Marina. Time: 4 p.m.
Join National Park Service staff to discuss the latest Visitor Management Plan for Yosemite. Time: 5-7 p.m. Location: Mammoth Community Center @ 1000 Forest Trail.
"Stitch and Bitch" weekly stitch circle @ the MAC Gallery in Mammoth inside the Minaret Mall. Time: 4-5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 10/
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. 11/
Mammoth's Planning and Economic Development Commission tackles the Snowcreek Development Agreement. Location: Suite Z, Minaret

*WEEKLY TRIVIA RETURNS TO MSP! WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30

TOWN STUFF

Mall. Starts 9 a.m. More info: See public notice p. 13.
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.

Thursday, Sept. 12/
"Trashy Thursdays" - lend a hand to help cleanup your community. Time: 5-6 p.m. Location: Shady Rest Park

UPCOMING

The **Mammoth Tuff Beer Mile** takes place at the Village at Mammoth. Registration: 3-4:30 p.m. Race starts 4:45 p.m. Race involves running fast while intermittently chugging beers. Try to beat Sheet alum Tim Gorman's course record!

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- Dishwasher - Mammoth \$20
- Line Cooks - Mammoth \$20.77
- Lead Cook - Mammoth \$25
- Prop. Mgr. Coordinator - Mammoth \$25-34
- Housekeeper(s) - Mammoth \$20
- General Laborers - Mammoth \$20-25
- Journeyman Plumber - Mammoth \$30-45
- Trail Surveyor - Lee Vining \$25 plus mileage
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- Community Integration Partner - Bishop/Mammoth \$20-25
- Line Cook - Bishop \$18
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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

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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

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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 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

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
026-210-041-000	VAN NEST CURT	\$ 1,380.52
026-440-007-000	VAN NEST CURT & KELLI	\$ 2,571.47
021-170-011-000	WHITE KENNETH O. & SHERRIE D	\$ 2,711.10

I certify or (declare), under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.
Janet Dutcher, CPA, CGFM, MPA
Mono County Treasurer-Tax Collector
Executed at Mono County, California, on August 16, 2024
TS #2024-0123

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Mono County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on September 19, 2024 in the Board Chambers, Mono County Civic Center, Mono Lake Room (1st floor), 1290 Tavern Road, Mammoth Lakes, and the meeting will be accessible remotely by livecast at <https://monocounty.zoom.us/j/81095741753> or in person at the CAO Conference Room in the Mono County offices, Annex 1, 74 N. School Street, Bridgeport, where members of the public shall have the right to observe and offer public comment and to consider the following: no earlier than 9:00 am.

Use Permit Modification 24-001 proposes to add a 940-sf modular classroom on the southwestern portion of the Church on the Mountain parcel, APN 060-210-021-000. The 2.15-acre lot is designated for Public and Quasi-Public Facilities (PF). Project materials are available for public review online at <https://monocounty.ca.gov/planning-commission> and hard copies are available for the cost of reproduction by calling 760-924-1800.

INTERESTED PERSONS are strongly encouraged to attend the meeting in-person; and to submit comments to the Secretary of the Planning Commission, PO Box 347, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546 or by email at cddcomments@mono.ca.gov, by 8 am on Thursday, September 19, 2024. If you challenge the proposed action(s) in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Secretary to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

TS #2024-0127

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

Mammoth Pet Products

C.B. Worldwide, Inc.
38 Laurel Mtn. Rd., PO Box 1645
Mammoth Lakes, Calif. 93546

This business is conducted by a corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on January 1, 2007. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on July 29, 2024
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2024-0125 (9/7, 9/14, 9/21, 9/28)

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:

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Mono County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on September 19, 2024 in the Board Chambers, Mono County Civic Center, Mono Lake Room (1st floor), 1290 Tavern Road, Mammoth Lakes, and the meeting will be accessible remotely by livecast at <https://monocounty.zoom.us/j/81095741753> or in person at the CAO Conference Room in the Mono County offices, Annex 1, 74 N. School Street, Bridgeport, where members of the public shall have the right to observe and offer public comment and to consider the following: no earlier than 9:00 am.

Use Permit 24-003 proposes the installation of an overhead power line across Highway 6 from an existing power pole off of Goolsby Ranch Road to a proposed new pole on the southwest corner of the applicant's parcel, APN 024-290-001-000. The 8.39-acre parcel has a land use designation of Rural Residential (RR) and a proposed use of single-family residential. Project materials are available for public review online at <https://monocounty.ca.gov/planning-commission> and hard copies are available for the cost of reproduction by calling 760-924-1800.

INTERESTED PERSONS are strongly encouraged to attend the meeting in-person; and to submit comments to the Secretary of the Planning Commission, PO Box 347, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546 or by email at cddcomments@mono.ca.gov, by 8 am on Thursday, September 19, 2024. If you challenge the proposed action(s) in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Secretary to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

TS #2024-0128

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

Mammoth/June Publishing

Travis Thompson & Jill Marie Stein
122 Horseshoe Dr.
Mammoth Lakes, Calif. 93546

This business is conducted by co-partners. The registrants have not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on August 23, 2024
File Number 24-079
2024-0126 (9/7, 9/14, 9/21, 9/28)

Notice Inviting Bids

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Mammoth Lakes ("Town") invites and will receive sealed Bids up to but not later than 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 27, 2024 through the Town's Online Bid Portal at <https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/1016/Bids> ("Online Bid Portal"), for the furnishing to Town of all labor, equipment, materials, tools, services, transportation, permits, utilities, and all other items necessary for the **TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER – PHASE 2 TENANT IMPROVEMENTS** (the "Project").

After said time, Bids will be publicly posted on the Online Bid Portal. Bids received after said time shall be returned unopened. Bids shall be valid for a period of 90 calendar days after the Bid opening date.

The project base bid includes the addition of stairs and an elevator lift to the top of the existing locker rooms with installation of flooring and bleachers, construction of an exterior steel pergola, and roofing on the existing CMU trash enclosure. Several project Alternates include miscellaneous completion items from Phase 1 of the Community Recreation Center construction. The base bid engineer's estimate for the project is \$650,000-\$750,000. Bids must be submitted on the Town's Bid Forms. Bidders may obtain a copy of the Contract Documents by registering on the Town's Online Bid Portal located at <https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/1016/Bids>. To the extent required by section 20103.7 of the Public Contract Code, upon request from a contractor plan room service, the Town shall provide an electronic copy of the Contract Documents at no charge to the contractor plan room. It is the responsibility of each prospective Bidder to download and print all Contract Documents for review and to verify the completeness of Contract Documents before submitting a bid. Any Addenda will be posted on the Online Bid Portal. It is the responsibility of each prospective Bidder to check the Online Bid Portal on a daily basis through the close of Bids for any applicable addenda or updates. The Town does not assume any liability or responsibility based on any defective or incomplete copying, excerpting, scanning, faxing, downloading or printing of the Contract Documents. Information on the Online Bid Portal may change without notice to prospective Bidders.

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-roaddiesel/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 the 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.

Each Bid shall be accompanied by a bid security in the form of cash, a certified or cashier's check, or Bid Bond secured from a surety company satisfactory to the Town, the amount of which shall not be less than ten percent (10%) of the submitted Total Bid Price, made payable to Town of Mammoth Lakes. The bid security must be submitted in original hard copy directly to the Town prior to the specified date and time for bid opening as set forth in the Instructions to Bidders. The bid security shall be provided as a guarantee that within ten (10) working days after the Town provides the Successful Bidder the Notice of Award, the Successful Bidder will enter into a contract and provide the necessary bonds and certificates of insurance. The bid security will be declared forfeited if the Successful Bidder fails to comply within said time. No interest will be paid on any cash deposited with Town as bid security.

Bidders are advised that mail going to and/or coming from the Town may be slower than the Bidder anticipates, particularly during inclement weather. Accordingly, Bidders sending documents by mail are advised to send any required documents as soon as reasonably possible to avoid late submissions. The Town is not responsible for the Bidder's late submissions of Bids, Bid securities or any other required Bid Forms or other required documentation.

A NON-MANDATORY Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 16 at 2:00pm at a conference room at the Town of Mammoth Lakes office located at 437 Old Mammoth Rd Suite 230, Mammoth Lakes, California, to review the Project's existing conditions. The Pre-Bid Meeting is also available for participation via Zoom, as follows:

Join Zoom Meeting:
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Representatives of the Town and consulting engineers, if

any, will be present. Questions asked by Bidders at the Pre-Bid Meeting not specifically addressed within the Contract Documents shall be answered via addendum posted on the Town's Online Bid Portal. Oral statements regarding this Bid made at the Pre-Bid Meeting should be considered unverified information unless confirmed in writing.

The Successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Faithful Performance Bond and a Labor and Material Payment Bond each in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price. Each bond shall be in the forms set forth herein, shall be secured from a surety company that meets all State of California bonding requirements, as defined in California Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.120, and that is a California admitted surety insurer.

Pursuant to Section 22300 of the Public Contract Code of the State of California, the Successful Bidder may substitute certain securities for funds withheld by the Town to ensure its performance under the contract.

Pursuant to Labor Code Section 1773, Town has obtained the prevailing rate of per diem wages and the prevailing wage rate for holiday and overtime work applicable in Mono County from the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute this contract. A copy of these prevailing wage rates may be obtained via the internet at: www.dir.ca.gov/dlsr/.

In addition, a copy of the prevailing rate of per diem wages is available at the Town's Public Works Department Engineering Division and shall be made available to interested parties upon request. The Successful Bidder shall post a copy of the prevailing wage rates at each job site. It shall be mandatory that the Successful Bidder, and any subcontractors, comply with all Labor Code provisions, which include but are not limited to the payment of not less than the specified prevailing wage rates to all workers employed by them in the execution of the Contract, employment of apprentices, hours of labor and 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 will 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 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.

This Project is subject to 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.

Each Bidder shall be a licensed contractor pursuant to sections 7000 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code in the following classification(s) throughout the time it submits its Bid and for the duration of the contract: Class B – General Building. The Contractor, and all subcontractors will be required to procure and maintain a valid Town of Mammoth Lakes Business Tax Certificate. Town shall award the contract for the Project to the lowest responsive, responsible Bidder as determined by the Town from the BASE BID ALONE. Town reserves the right to reject any or all Bids or to waive any irregularities or informalities in any Bids or in the bidding process. For further information, contact Haislip Hayes, PE, Public Works Director at hhayes@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov or 760-965-3652.

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NATIONAL

AND NOW, THE HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT

By Casselman

The bouncing political ball period of the 2024 cycle of the national election campaign is now over, and the concluding period of grueling hand-to-hand combat for voters has begun.

Both presidential campaigns had polling bounces preceding, during, and just after their conventions, provoked by traumatic events, including a serious assassination attempt, and the sudden withdrawal of a presumptive presidential nominee.

So much about this presidential election cycle has been unprecedented, and even now continues to go in uncharted political territory, that most attempts to confidently predict outcomes are just guesses in the dark.

For some time, public polling of voters has become less and less accurate, especially in the extended period before the final campaign season from September to November.

Just as systematic bias has overtaken the establishment media, a similar bias has seemingly corrupted public polling. Almost all the raw data of voter polls is adjusted by the pollsters subjectively to fit their personal expectations of who will actually vote, so it is quite easy to distort, either intentionally or unintentionally any poll result.

Importantly, this includes guessing party and gender turnout.

There is also considerable evidence

that the party affiliations of many voter base groups is changing, even as we have seen the Democratic Party go from being a multi-ethnic working class party to becoming a party of affluent, highly educated progressive voters, and the Republican Party go from being a party of well-to-do elites to becoming a party of blue collar voters with traditionalist values.

The Democrats' base of black, Hispanic and Jewish voters is eroding, and Republicans have been losing suburban women, business executives and many college-educated voters in their base.

Only former President Donald Trump is already well-known to voters. Kamala Harris, J.D. Vance and Tim Walz are largely unknown. This makes television debates and political advertising more significant than usual as the contestants try to define and characterize opponents to their advantage.

In spite of being well-known to voters, Mr. Trump, following the attempt on

his life, has the opportunity to enhance his public image as he has done in his behavior after being shot, his demeanor at the GOP convention, the self discipline he showed in the debate he had with Mr. Biden and with his hands-off attitude to his party's nominees for the U.S. Senate this cycle.

His recent action, to repair his long-standing feud with the Republican governor of Georgia, is his latest effort to improve his image with voters who share his politics but have been turned off by his verbal political style.

In the end, however, all of the strategies to employ rhetoric, image and personal attack in this cycle, will almost certainly be outweighed by how the key group of undecided, independent and wavering voters of both parties feel about their economic well-being and

their personal security in both their own communities and in a world of military and economic threats which only seem to increase.

Realizing that many public polls are inaccurate or corrupted, that most media is biased, and that much of what is reported as fact is not true or only partly true, voters face serious obstacles in deciding whom to vote for in 2024. The good news is that the U.S. voter much more often than not, has done what's best for the country in election cycles past. With so much at stake, we can only hope they will do so again on Election Day, 2024.

Barry Casselman is a syndicated columnist who has been covering national politics since 1972. For more of his work, visit barrycasselman.com



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, stormwater 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
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People, IT IS TIME. The NFL season starts today. I hate picking week one games. You haven't had time to see the teams. So you have to lean toward the better coaches. Select picks:

Chiefs 27, Ravens 23. The real O/U is set at 0.5 ... on the number of times Lamar has to be carted off the field because his tummy is upset and he needs to go potty.

Eagles laying 2 to the Packers in Brazil. Two teams on the road, wanting to put on a show will put up some points. **Packers 26, Eagles 24.**

Texans 27, Colts 23. I don't think either team's defense is worth a damn. I am interested in seeing if Colt QB Anthony Richardson can quit being a crash test dummy and stay healthy.

Bills laying 6.5 to the Cards. Big line week 1. Bills have had some turnover and adjusting to do, yet still win **27-23**. And I can't believe I didn't draft Cardinal WR Marvin Harrison Jr. in 6 fantasy leagues. Dummy.

Bengals laying 8.5 to the Pats. O/U 41. Why is that so low? Because they don't expect the Pats to score at all. Best thing for a Bengal team that usually starts slow is having the dumpster fire Pats week 1. **Bengals 30-10.** I wanna see Patriot owner Robert Kraft's face during this one.

Falcons laying 2.5 to the Steelers. O/U 42. Falcons revenge game for Arthur Smith, now the Steeler OC. **Falcons win 21-20.** I don't think people realize how bad the Steelers will be on offense this year.

Bears laying 3.5 to the Titans. O/U 44.5. People are loving the Bears. I see folks putting them in the Super Bowl. Crazy. The Titans are a complete unknown. New coach, new RBs, new everything. **Bears win 24-18.**

Saints laying 3.5 to the Panthers. O/U 41.5. The under is Bryce Young ... too underdeveloped and undersized to play in the NFL. Saints still have one of the worst Head Coach and QB combos ever in Dennis Allen and Derek Carr. **Saints win 26-14.** David Tepper pisses on a fan from his suite he is so mad.

Seahawks laying 6.5 to the Broncos. O/U 41.5. I don't know why the 'Hawks are such big favorites. It's not like they are a juggernaut and they have a new head coach too. I get the whole rookie QB in Seattle, with all the noise. I am betting on Sean Payton to have him ready for that. **Seahawks win 21-17.** Over on the number of times they mention how much Payton hated Russell Wilson and the amount of money they are paying him to SUCK for the Steelers.

Chargers laying 3 to the Raiders. O/U 40. I guess at that point total they expect both teams to run the single wing. **Chargers win 24-17** because the Raiders suck and their head coach is having his wages garnished because of some civil suit he is involved in. That is comical. I have literally never heard of that for an NFL head coach.

Browns laying 2.5 to the Cowboys. O/U 40.5. **Cowboys win 24-16** because Browns QB Deshaun Watson will never recapture what he once was.

Bucs laying 3.5 to the Commanders. O/U 43.5. Commander rookie QB Jayden Daniels is going to be a STAR. **Commanders win 24-20.**

Lions laying 4 to the Rams. O/U 50.5. Damn, that's a lot. **Lions win 26-20.** I think they are better. Simple enough. Take the over on the number of dumb decisions Dan Campbell will make.

Niners laying 4.5 to the Jets. O/U 43.5. I think the Jets hype is insane. Adding Rodgers to that team in no way makes them a Super Bowl contender with a shitty OC, a bad head coach and the age of that team. **Niners win 24-16.** Take the over on the number of things they say about Rodgers that have NOTHING to do with football: covid vax opinions, darkness drug retreats, running for VP. Watch this one with the volume down at 0.

The Steelers are paying their defense \$147 million. That is the highest in the league by more than \$22 million. And they just gave Methuselah (aka Cam Heyward) a two-year extension.

Meanwhile, they don't pay their offense. They don't have a star on the OL. All average, so paid average. They don't have a true number #1 receiver. Pickens is a number #1 in talent and in his own mind, but not in production or actual performance. The RBs are average. And the QB is over-the-hill.

Being a Steeler fan is hell.

New Patriot Coach Jerod Mayo. Does he ever shut up? Ever? He said the rookie QB Drake Maye outplayed Jacoby Brissett during the preseason, then named Brissett the starter. Then he tried to backtrack by saying "I should have given more context to the comment at the time," Mayo said, via Doug Kyed of the Boston Herald. "Drake had more playing time in the preseason than Jacoby, and that was intentional."

Oh brother. The only reason he said that is because, like I said last week, people were crushing him for starting

Brissett. You lose credibility.

Then he had to say, "The captains for this year's team . . . they'll have their 'C's. I do think it's important to have the 'C' on the jerseys," Mayo said. "That's one difference that I think is important. . . . Why do the Patriots go out of their way to try to debunk everything Belichick did - his captains didn't have Cs on their uniforms. Let it go. Move on. The captain is important, right? Mayo thinks so because he also said "I do think it's like a badge of honor, and I think when guys do the right thing, they should be recognized for those things. It's something as small as having the captain's patch, I think it's important for those guys." So after saying all that he named Brissett a captain. My reaction. Brissett did the right thing for the team - he got outplayed in the preseason so the team would start someone else. But no one's listening.

Niner Brandon Aiyuk, after all the holdout drama, signed a contract. Then came on TV laughing and saying "I made it harder than it had to be in the end." Like I said, he is a mental midget. And now they're stuck with him.

Check this out. From CNN on Monday: "A Wells Fargo employee at a corporate office in Arizona clocked in to what would be her last-ever shift on a Friday morning. Her body was found four days

later at her cubicle desk, where she died sometime during the weekend, according to the Tempe Police Department.

Denise Prudhomme, 60, worked at a Wells Fargo location in Tempe and had scanned into the building at 7 a.m. on August 16. There were no further scans from her either into or out of the building, the police department told CNN in a statement.

On August 20, security on site reported finding an employee possibly dead in a cubicle on the building's third floor, authorities said. Prudhomme was pronounced dead at 4:55 p.m., according to Tempe police."

This says a couple things to me.

Your job ain't that important if NO ONE knew you were missing for THREE FULL WORKDAYS. What do you do at work? Their leaders should be looking at how to eliminate some salaries if people can be missing for three days and no one knows.

And you ain't got no family or friends if no one knew for 4.5 days.

When I am ready to retire I am applying at Wells Fargo cuz I can keep medical, dental, 401k and not do anything. They would find me on the golf course. I would just tell them I AM WORKING REMOTELY.

Harold Hartley lives outside Seattle and can't stand the rain. Go figure

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.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES TO THE STOPS ON THE FOLLOWING ROUTES FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2024:

MAMMOTH BIKE PARK SHUTTLE
NEW STOP: Pick-up/drop-off will be at stop #18 on Minaret Rd across the street from Old New York Deli.

LAKES BASIN TROLLEY (ESTA)
NEW STOP: Pick-up/drop-off will be at the Village/Minaret stop in front of Toomey's.

PURPLE/TEAL LINE (ESTA)
NEW STOP: Pick-up/drop-off will be at the Village/Minaret stop in front of Toomey's.

TOWN TROLLEY (ESTA)
NEW STOP: Pick-up/drop-off will be at stop #18 on Minaret Rd across the street from Old New York Deli, as well as at the regular Village/Minaret stop in front of Toomey's.

Please welcome riders to our community by sharing the road and maintaining three feet between your vehicle and a cyclist at all times.

A full schedule of all road closures and traffic delays as well as more information about the Mammoth Gran Fondo road bike ride can be found online at MammothGranFondo.com.

Contact Stuart Brown, Public Information Officer at (760) 965-3696 or call ESTA Dispatch at (760) 924-3184 for additional information.





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OFF THE SLOPES

SCOUTING THE GLOBE

By Lisa Hickson

Four members of our local Mammoth Girl Scout Troop 510 (and myself) flew into Reno from Zurich on a Tuesday morning at 12:40 a.m., returning from a European tour that would rock the likes of a diehard Swiftie.

In 9 days we toured London, Paris, Adelboden and Lucerne, Switzerland. The trip was organized through Girl Scouts of America and Education First Tours with two missions: the first was to visit two World Centers for International Girl Guides: the Pax Lodge in London, and the Chalet in Adelboden. The second mission was to learn about the world, its many cultures, people, history, and most importantly about ourselves. How can we be open to new experiences, face challenges, adapt to change, make new friendships, and live in the moment away from home - across the globe?

The members of my Girl Scout Troop have been together since they were five years old. I brought up this travel opportunity with them when I first heard about it as they were entering Middle School. Last summer I pitched the idea again, when the girls became eligible to travel with Girl Scouts Internationally at age 14. I committed to the goal of raising two-thirds of the cost through fundraising in order to make the trip attainable to anyone. Four girls dug in and put in the hard work required. We had bake sales, did face painting, sold cookies in February, spent time volunteering, asked relatives and friends for contributions and made presentations for our cause with local service groups.

This would be the first time overseas for most of them.

We were prepared to be complete zombies for the first few days while adjusting to the time change. In that state of grogginess hopping planes, trains and subways the girls learned how to grab enough rest while transit-napping to keep going.

A few times the group chose to stay out on the town until midnight in order to take in every exciting new experience possible. I give them credit, but then who wouldn't push themselves to sit in balcony seats of London's Victoria Palace theater to see the musical Hamilton or the Eiffel Tower lit up at night while cruising on the Seine? In the big cities of Europe people get around on public transit, so the play or boat tour might finish at 11 but then you have to catch the train and a bus back to the quieter, less pricey hotels outside the city center. We were living the experience like "An American in Paris" with Katherine Hepburn and Gene Kelly or for the younger crowd "Emily in Paris" (wearing comfortable, not fashionable, shoes). I found my brain playing subtle accordion melodies in the background of my daydreams. Yes, we were on an educational tour, but the vibe was focused on the fun of traveling with 18 other Girl Scouts.

Our tours included great history lessons which could send your imagination back through time... walking the halls of Versailles, standing in the square where Joan of Arc marched with her Army, and traveling across a part of what was the Roman

Empire which stretched from the U.K. to the African continent and eastward to present day Turkey. We toured the Louvre and tread on the cobblestones of London, Paris, and Zurich, where great playwrights like Shakespeare, artists, musicians, philosophers, royalty and military troops have walked for centuries.

This was education through life experience. Not only could we see it in the incredible sights all around us, but we latched onto sounds that we grew fond of, and could commit to memory. Like the phrase ... "mind-the-gap" from the London Underground (subway) announcement, and in Paris it was the sweet French "coos" of children, like doves, talking with their parents. When we reached the Swiss Alps, the quiet and the slower pace of life was a welcome change from the cities. Here the quiet was only broken by light rain and the mellow, soft, ring of Alpen cowbells. These cowbells have a unique sound, ringing slowly in a low tone, which to my mind says "all is good, the cows are here and everything is just as it was yesterday". You have to hear it in person to truly appreciate the surprisingly soothing lullaby.

When friends ask how our trip went, I can sum up the success and joy of our adventure by posing a few questions... When was the last time you saw a teenager confidently wearing a beautiful summer dress while strolling through town? How about seeing your teenager happily dancing in the rain? I watched social norms upended and minds freed to do new things without judgment. I hope my girls felt that, and if they did not, I hope they realize it sometime in the future.



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Mammoth scouts, left-to-right, beginning fourth from left, Gray, McCabe, Wight and Benitez in the London Eye

Upon our return there was a great sigh of relief to be back home... back to our beds, our families, and our pets. The group also returned with a greater appreciation for the world around us and the lives we have here at home.

As the quote says- "Life begins at the end of your comfort zone" -Neale Donald Walsch

It might have been the end of their comfort zone, but it was also the beginning of self abandon and freedom.

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experience was amazing and we appreciate your help immensely! We will be announcing a slideshow presentation for our donors, sponsors, and other interested parties later this Fall.

From myself: Troop Leader - Lisa Hickson, members: Maddie McCabe, Valeria Benitez, Tegan Gray, and Aspen Wight.

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