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PHOTO: STUART BROWN
Chris Bubser took over as Mammoth's Mayor on Wednesday. Read more on page 9.

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ELLIS TO DEPART THE ISLAND

By Lunch

Longtime Sierra resident and 14-year Bishop Councilman Jim Ellis and his wife Cami will be pulling up stakes soon (as soon as their home on West Pine St. sells).

And they're moving to Kansas.

Ellis's last Council meeting will take place this coming Monday.

Ellis, 56, has worked for the Los Angeles Dept. of Water and Power for the past 15 years. Prior to that, he worked as a dispatcher for the police department.

His wife worked for the Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action (IMACA).

Between them, they have six children - a reverse Brady Bunch of sorts. He came to the marriage with three daughters, and she brought three sons.

They met at an after-school talent show/raffle.

Their first date? A joint trip with the kids to the Tri-County Fair.

The kids now range in age from 19 to 27.

Politics

Ellis said he's always had a fascination with politics - ever since his grandfather served on Bishop's Council in the '70s.

He even served as class president of his BUHS class his junior year.

When he decided to run for Council in 2010, the old hands said he was too young (he was 42) and too inexperienced for the job - that he should volunteer for a commission and get "seasoned."

He pulled papers anyway.

When he told his grandfather about it, the old man didn't mince words. "You're a damn fool," would be a PG-rated way



Cami and Jim Ellis

to describe his reaction.

As grandfather said, you're not gonna make any friends in that job.

But as Ellis says, he got into it to help his town and make a difference if he could.

So he took his girls out on the campaign trail ("If you want to run for office and you don't have kids, rent 'em" advises Ellis with a grin) and knocked on doors and won that first race.

But he learned some lessons and humility along the way. As he says, he started out with big visions while the electorate was more interested in making small improvements around the edges. So he listened. And as he advises any novice politician stepping into the role, "For the first two years, shut up and pay attention."

Of the Councilmembers he served with over the years, the late Pat Gardner stands out. The Gardner mantra was Listen, Think, Speak, Repeat. "You

don't speak just to speak. You do that and you're just wasting people's time," said Ellis. "It's not a show, it's a job."

Because Gardner was deliberate and selective in her remarks, they carried more weight.

Ellis also enjoyed serving with Joe Pesci because they shared a similar outlook and sensibility.

As to City Administrators, Ellis worked with six. Two stand out above the rest - the late Jim Tatum and the current administrator Deston Dishion.

"Jim changed my political life," says Ellis. "He wasn't afraid of ideas, change, trying stuff ... he taught me what was possible."

He said Tatum was expert at taking the stuff you tossed at the wall, and discerning what ideas had merit and were worth pushing.

He feels he's leaving at a

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BRC SET TO OPEN

By Lunch

The Eastern Sierra Small Business Resource Center is finally a reality.

Its sparkling new space (269 No. Main St. next to Good Earth Yogurt in downtown Bishop) is built out and ready for move-in. An opening reception is scheduled for next Tuesday.

The Sheet met with current Sierra Business Council Chairman Allan Pietrasanta and recently hired Resource Center Director Meryl Picard on Wednesday to discuss how the Center can help promote aspiring small business owners on the Eastside.

Pietrasanta, whose business background includes two decades owning a local sewing manufacturing business followed by 17 years as the national sales manager for the local Rousek Toy Co., broke down the Center's offerings as follows:

First, as a resource for technical assistance, from helping to write business plans, to navigating insurance and paperwork and state requirements, and even getting into skills development (i.e. how to read a financial statement).

Second, as a hub for small business people looking to connect - a promoter of "networking opportunities."

Third, as a potential source of capital - by creating an investor network and connecting investors to entrepreneurs.

"There are people with good energy here, and we want to match this energy with investors," said Pietrasanta.

"Anybody can start a business," he added. "We want to help them do that successfully."

Sometimes, acknowledged Pietrasanta, the service is in helping people get realistic about where they're at. You'll lay things out for people, he

said, and they'll realize they're not ready. "We don't want people sinking their life savings into something that's not well-thought out."

Picard was hired at the end of October. She currently sits on the Bishop Paiute Tribal Council, and has sat on the Tribe's Economic Development Board. She also has five years of HR experience and a leadership background as Tribal Chair.

Picard expects the bulk of the queries she'll field are for those interested in retail, lodging, trades and guide services.

Post-Covid, observes Pietrasanta, there's been an influx of folks who moved here permanently and are interested in more goods and services.



Pietrasanta and Picard

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good time, with a strong staff (including new fire and police chiefs) in place and a Council that works well together.

He also acknowledges that the city has changed - that greater California has seeped into the local landscape. Social issues, housing and homelessness are big issues facing small municipalities. "It used to be stuff like, 'Can I keep chickens in my backyard?' Times have changed."

Kansas

So how did Jim and Cami decide to retire to Kansas?

It all started over a more general conversation three years ago regarding retirement.

And Idaho just seemed like another California, Boise another Irvine.

With their six children scattered all over the place, Jim looked toward the midwest as a central location. He wanted something rural, with an airport nearby.

And then Cami got in the mix, doing research, looking at demographics (she recommends niche.com, which lets you know all sorts of stats on places).

They decided to fly out and look.

22 homes
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Traveling 1,400 miles within a geographic box Cami had outlined.

The third home they saw was a 114-year old Victorian in the northeastern Kansas town of Hiawatha (pop. 3,200), famous for being the birthplace of the Halloween tradition of trick-or-treating (who knew?)

The home immediately became the yardstick for everything that followed.

They closed on it December 30, 2021.

And when they were handed the keys, they were handed (no joke) skeleton keys.

At first, the neighbors were a bit apprehensive of the incoming Californians, but were soon assuaged to learn Jim and Cami aren't going there to change Kansas to their liking - they're going there and assimilating.

*If only that occurred around here.

"I mean, I've got just as many guns as they do," joked Jim.

As to their home for sale, Jim and Cami have had it beautifully remodeled and it's literally a stone's throw from the high school. Perfect for a family. Even a family with six kids.



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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

JACK LUNCH

PUBLISHER

And from Fisher's desk ...

Fair appointees

Joyce Kaufman, of June Lake, and Alonso Escobar, of Mammoth Lakes, were appointed to the Eastern Sierra Tri County Fair Board by Governor Newsom on December 4, 2024.

"It's an amazing resource that, in the past, has been mostly represented by folks from Inyo County, so I'm delighted that two people have stepped forward and been willing to accept that. There's a lot that can happen there," Mammoth Lakes Mayor Chris Bubser said at the Mammoth Town Council's regular meeting on Wednesday, December 4.

Kaufman is the Chair of the Mono County Democratic Central Committee, member of the International Studies Association and the American Political Science Association. She was a Professor at Whittier College from 1985 to 2019.

Escobar has been the Arts Advocacy and Policy Director at Mono Arts Council since 2023. He is a member of the Mammoth Unified School District Board of Trustees, California for the Arts Board of Trustees, and California Arts Advocates Board of Trustees.

"These are significant appointments," Mammoth Lakes Councilmember John Wentworth said at the meeting.

Buncha trouble

In other news, Arlene Bunch, who was dubbed a "miracle woman" in March 2023 after she survived a propane explosion in her home, is the subject of an online scandal after she was caught on video making racist remarks to an Indian family on an United Airlines shuttle bus at LAX airport.

Photographer Pervez Taufiq posted a video of Bunch raising both her middle fingers and calling him "f'ing crazy" and a "tandoori stinky ass" to Instagram on November 23. Taufiq has 147k followers on Instagram as of

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LETTERS

On failed DEI hires

Dear Editor,

I shouldn't really enjoy it when butt-hurt, woke, indoctrinated, left-wing liberals like Mr Cunha cry when their heroes like Kam get called out for what they are, a failed DEI hire. Just this once, I'll enjoy it.

President Biden identified Kam as a DEI hire when he said, while campaigning, that he wanted to nominate a woman, often adding a woman of color. That's a DEI hire!

She WAS the worst Vice-President in

history with no accomplishment that can be pointed out. As border czar, she facilitated 10-20 million illegal aliens entering this country, bringing with them crime, murder, drugs, disease and more that contributed to the deaths of thousands of US citizens and costing untold billions of taxpayer dollars. Spare me her trying to deny the border czar title - she was.

Liberals try to impress us with their education, titles, their own self importance. Just remember, people with views like Joe and Kam's have been running California for years, think on that!

I notice Mr. Cunha also likes to denigrate the educational, financial and career accomplishments of someone he doesn't even know, in addition to calling them misogynists and racists - time-tested liberal fall back insults!

I'll just say I've lived full time in this town for almost 50 years. I don't owe anyone a dime. Not a mortgage company, not an auto loan or credit card company, nobody, not a dime. If he can say the same, more power to him.

Nothing has changed since my comments last week. It's still time to sit down and STFU. Your hero lost for a reason.

letter to Mr. Carleton, dated as of 30 November 2024, and was left with a question the answer to which only you can provide.

However, given the glaring, woeful absence of language and logic you have so have so clearly and consistently demonstrated in your correspondence with Mr. Carleton over these past several years, I have taken it upon myself to provide you with the following three possible answers to this question:

1. You're a dumbass who cannot correctly spell the word "judgment;"

2. You have inadvertently let slip your hidden Loyalist leanings by spelling this word in the English manner, thus despoiling the language for which our forefathers shed their blood upon this sacred soil. You, sir, are a brigand, a scoundrel and a traitor to your country and its people. This affront to our collective honour shall not stand. You leave me no choice but to throw down the gauntlet and formally challenge you to a duel. We shall meet at the United States Capitol at 8 a.m. GMT on 6 January 2025. This shall be a duel of wits. As such, I shall tie half of my brain behind my back, and use very small words, so as to give you - as befits a gentleman - a fighting chance; or

3. You're a dumbass who cannot correctly spell the word "judgment."

Allen Brown
Mammoth Lakes

And now a letter in response to John Rogitz

Passing judgment

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I read with interest your charming



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Mammoth Lakes



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SEASON’S GREETINGS = \$6 HOT CHOCOLATE

By Fisher

I attended the the Holiday Tree Lighting in the Village at Mammoth on Friday, November 29 without the intent of writing about it, but, alas, here I am.

Well, I should say, I attempted to attend the Holiday Tree Lighting in the Village. The event was slated to run from 5 to 7:30 p.m., with live music on the Village Plaza Stage beginning at 5:30 p.m. and the tree lighting set for 6:30 p.m., according to the Mammoth Mountain website.

I arrived around 6 p.m. to see the tree already lit and the stage bare. I was confused, but I bought two \$6 (!) hot-chocolates from the outdoor bar anyway - with the tip options being 20, 25 and 30%.

Ho ho ho.

In the interim, I perused the snow-lined Village shops among children holding hands and dogs wearing ugly Christmas sweaters. Families lined up to take photos with Santa and Mammoth Mountain employees dressed as elves managed the line.

I returned to the plaza just before 6:30 p.m. alongside the other optimistic crowd-members awaiting a Hallmark-movie style scene. Maybe they'd turn the lights off and back on again. Who knew?

The sound crew was in the process of removing their equipment, and

eventually, when enough people had gathered around to raise an eyebrow, a man got on stage and announced to the crowd over the microphone, “As you can see, the tree is already lit,” and bid the group a farewell and good-night.

Some people laughed, others booed. Most murmured in confusion, and a few parents around me collected their children and explained the situation. Some kids played absent-mindedly alongside the stage, forming perfectly cylindrical snowballs with a plastic gadget and stacking them atop each other.

We’d all missed the show. The crowd slowly dispersed.

Which was really a shame, because according to Robert Richards, the Village’s Event Coordinator, it was a “seamless” event, having started at 5:30 p.m. and ended at 6:00 p.m., using the Tree Lighting as the grand finale. Once the show ended, the event was over and they broke everything down, Richards said.

Seamless.

The Holiday Tree Lighting is an annual event, he explained, but event organizers (i.e. Richards) decided to ‘ramp up the excitement’ with a holiday show through a contracted company. He intends to repeat the show-style tree lighting in the coming



Photo taken 6:29 p.m. Gathering for the tree lighting of a tree already lit.

years.

When I asked him about the 6:30 p.m. crowd, he said, “I don’t know about that. It was over.” It may have been a problem with printing, he said, but he didn’t know and repeated that it was a seamless event.

Seamless.

So, if you’re going next year, get there early. And if you missed this year’s Village show like I did, the Town of Mammoth Lakes is holding its own, separate Tree Lighting at the Town Ice Rink on Old Mammoth Rd. this Friday night.

The Town hasn’t hosted its own tree lighting for the first time in years.

The event is projected to begin at 5 p.m. and have complimentary (!!) hot beverages, s’mores, free skating and holiday music, said Stuart Brown, Parks & Recreation Director.

The official countdown for the tree lighting will begin at 5:30, Brown said. I’ll be there extra early.

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Press Release

Behavioral Health Services Coordinator for Mono County, Darcie Perkins, was recognized at the 2024 Annual Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) Awards Ceremony as the organization's Central Region Employee of the Year.

"Darcie exemplifies the dedication and leadership that drives our department forward," said Karin Humiston, Mono County's Chief Probation Officer. "Her exceptional ability to connect clients with vital services, foster collaboration between agencies, and provide hands-on support reflects her deep commitment to improving lives and helping enhance safety in our communities."

As the primary liaison for mental health services, she coordinates psychiatric and psychological assessments, substance abuse programs, and individual and residential treatment services. Her leadership role in the Reentry Committee—a multi-disciplinary team that meets weekly to plan stable living and resource connections for probationers exiting custody or treatment—is instrumental in fostering successful transitions for both adult and juvenile clients.

In a rural community with limited resources, Darcie excels at building bridges between agency partners, such as behavioral health, corrections, education, and adult services, to promote meaningful communication and collaboration. Her commitment to service extends beyond her professional duties as she actively participates in youth-focused community events.



Darcie Perkins

Darcie's dedication to her community was highlighted by her extraordinary bravery on June 3, 2024, when she and another probation employee saved a woman trapped in a burning vehicle. Demonstrating exceptional courage, Darcie helped remove the driver from the vehicle, ensured the safety of other occupants, and maintained a secure perimeter as the vehicle exploded multiple times. For her heroic actions, she was awarded the Medal of Valor.

"Darcie Perkins embodies the spirit of service, courage, and compassion," said Kelly Vernon, CPOC President and Tulare County Probation Chief. "Her tireless commitment to connecting people with critical resources and her extraordinary bravery during a life-threatening situation reflect the very best of what probation professionals strive to achieve."

LOCAL BRIEFS

Indecent Proposal

On Sunday, November 24, 2024, the Mammoth Lakes Police Department received information that a Mammoth Lakes resident identified as Jose Oscar Ramirez-Hernandez was attempting to solicit a minor female for sexual acts via social media.

On Wednesday, November 27, 2024, Ramirez-Hernandez arranged to meet with the minor at a local hotel with the intent of having sexual intercourse. Instead, Ramirez-Hernandez was met by MLPD Detectives and Mono County District Attorney's Investigators and was placed under arrest without incident. Ramirez-Hernandez was charged with 288.2(A)(1)PC - Sending Harmful Material to Seduce a Minor, 288.4 (A)1PC - Arranging Meeting With Minor For Lewd Purpose and 288.4(B) PC - Going to Arranged Meeting Place with Minor.

Ramirez-Hernandez is currently being held on a \$75,000 bail at the Mono County Jail.

Criminal charges are merely allegations of criminal conduct. An individual charged with a crime is presumed innocent until the contrary is proven beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

Shop with a cop

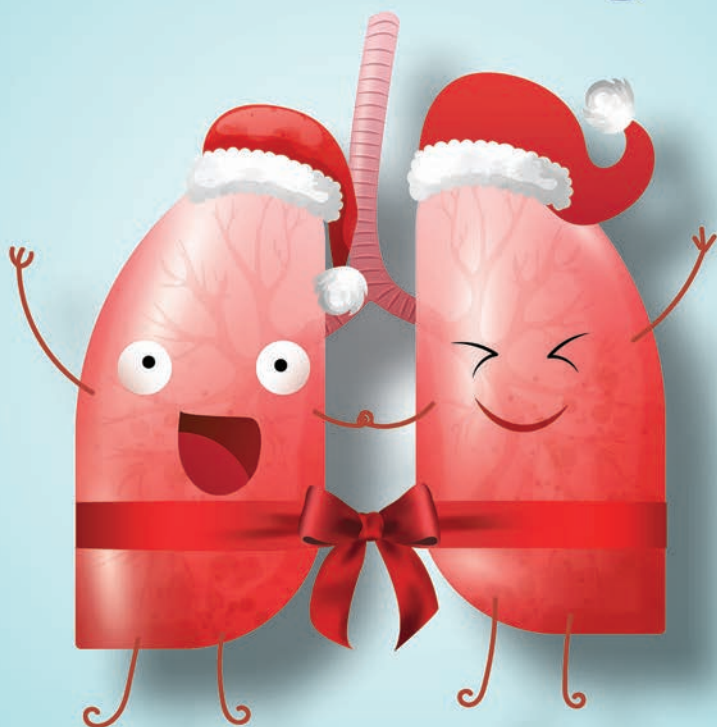
The 2024 Eastern Sierra Shop with a Cop event is coming soon (Dec. 14). This event is designed to help give area students and their families in need a joyous Holiday Season. We have worked

with our local school staff and School Resource Officer, as well as the School Resource Officers from the Mammoth Lakes Police Department and the Mono County Sheriff's Department to identify and invite 50 area students from Inyo and Mono counties to participate in this year's event.

Each participant is provided with the opportunity to complete a shopping list of gifts for their family. As the items are received, they will be sorted and gift-wrapped by volunteers. On the day of the event, each participant will be picked up at their home by their assigned Law Enforcement Partner and driven to the Eastern Sierra Tri-County Fairgrounds, where the Bishop Lions Club will provide a pancake breakfast. After breakfast, we will all line up for our annual 'Code 3' ride down Bishop's Main Street and return to the Fairgrounds for a Christmas party full of games, raffles, activities, and a special visit from Santa before distributing gifts. Law Enforcement agencies from Inyo and Mono counties participate in this event and include every agency you can think of.

Eastern Sierra Shop with a Cop is entirely donation-driven, and the continued support from the community, both near and far, each year is what makes this program a success. To donate, make checks payable to ESPOA (Eastern Sierra Peace Officers Association) with "Shop-with-a Cop" written in the memo line. ESPOA is a 501(c)3, and your donation is tax-deductible.

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Introducing the Husky of the Week, Senior, Torivio Madrigal. Toro has really stepped up this year as a part of the MHS Boys Varsity Soccer teams. As Center Back on the field, he may not get much glory from scoring goals but he plays a vital part in leading the team. He has proven to be an excellent leader. Toro establishes himself well by leading through example then following up with excellent correction and positivity. These are some of the key qualities that earned him the title of Captain. Toro has a passion for the game that fuels his fire and it has been contagious!

Toro has been honored as a 'Top Dawg' at Mammoth High (Student of the Month), and is fulfilling his primary role of student well keeping a 3.8 GPA. During Toro's free time, he likes to spend time with his family and being outdoors fishing. **Congratulations Toro, we are excited to watch you lead your team this season!**

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OBITUARY

META CHERYL WHITE 1957-2024

Meta Cheryl White died peacefully in her sleep on October 28, 2024. She was 67. The cause of death was neurodegenerative disease. Her dementia had been diagnosed in 2016.

Cheryl's specialty was making any and all feel happy, involved, valued, and cared for. Her open heart extended to all animals, as well.

Her friends in Mammoth Lakes, Bishop, and Lone Pine revered her as leader of the pack and a guaranteed source of general hilarity. She, in turn, considered her mountain and desert friends as the source of her happiness. If you picture her talking and laughing, you've accounted for most of her life here. The rest would be potluck dinners.

As her beloved Daddy always scolded her, "You think life is a hoorah and a picnic!"

Some of the most fun this group had was hosting a Halloween party at the Bishop Fairgrounds for 10 straight years. Cheryl and friends made their own costumes each year. For her, blood and gore was the common theme, but there was room for Octomom, a weird twist on Miss Kentucky, and Dorothy. Decorations were over the top.

As publisher of Scenic 395 magazine from 1995-2014, she greatly enjoyed the friendship of hundreds of business owners and employees whom she visited while driving and driving and driving Highway 395 in the eastern Sierra Nevada Mountains and upper Mojave Desert. Her typical advertising sales visit

was a half-hour of talking about the business owner's family, health, and outlook. Far from a mere ad spot, these business owners were getting a bit of Cheryl Magic. They stuck with her through their own thick and thin. She considered them family, whether they bought an ad or not.

Though living her last 37 years in California, she kept in touch and visited with Kentucky family and friends via frequent flights or cross-country drives, up to three times a year.

Cheryl was born September 16, 1957, in Scottsville, Kentucky. She adored her parents, Tom White and Marion (Hicks) White. Cheryl had a simple and magical childhood growing up, playing and working on the family tobacco farm, 200 acres of rolling hardwood forests and planted clearings. She survived DDT in the fields, poisonous snakes swimming in Punccheon Creek, and running with kitchen knives up and down the hollow to cut another grapevine to swing on.

She graduated from Allen County High School and the University of Kentucky (though most of her university years were at Western Kentucky University). Her degrees were in English and Art.

During the 1980s, Cheryl was an employee and regional manager of three gift store chains: Coach House, It's A Small World, and Art Explosion. Kentucky, Indiana, West Virginia, and Florida were her home bases. In 1987, she opened and managed the first Disney Store, in the Glendale Galleria.



She came to Mammoth Lakes in 1988 on the arm of her first husband, Michael Coffey. Michael was a charmer, but it's likely that she married him so she could be with his daughter, the wonderful Eryn Coffey, who is still in Mammoth doing great things. After their divorce, Cheryl lived in Mammoth until 1999.

In Mammoth, Cheryl was a newspaper reporter for the lively Mono County Review-Herald. Then she started a desk-top publishing business (an '80s/'90s thing: look it up) and invented the Scenic 395 magazine. It catered to travelers and the tourism industry along the eastern Sierra Nevada. After 19 years, she sold the magazine to another publishing company. She was writing a biography of the (then) 100-year-old artist Carroll Thomas when the stirrings of dementia halted her work.

Cheryl met her future second husband, Jeff Putman, while both wrote for the newspaper. They got together in 1990 and loved one another until her passing. Cheryl and Jeff, dogs and cats in tow, moved to Lone Pine in 1999--no more

walking dogs in a blizzard for Miss Cheryl. After a lengthy warmup, they finally married in 2007 in Cambria, California.

Following her diagnosis, Jeff cared for Cheryl in their Lone Pine home. She spent her final six months at Pacifica Memory Care in Bakersfield, California. An attentive and patient staff kept her comfortable until her passing. Her talented and devoted 1-to-1, Elsa Aguda, kept Cheryl safe and otherwise healthy.

Cheryl is survived by her husband and partner of 34 years, Jeff Putman, of Lone Pine, California; sister Janet Bryant (husband Michael), of Bowling Green, Kentucky; sister Ann Jones (husband Billy), of Summerville, Georgia; brother Mark White, of Holland, Kentucky; stepdaughter Eryn Coffey Caler (husband Luke), of Mammoth Lakes, California; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews in the South, as befits her Kentucky upbringing. The earlier deaths of her parents and her brothers Todd and Thomas nearly wrecked her.

Cheryl's friends will gather for a memorial celebration on January 11, 2025, at the First United Methodist Church fellowship hall, 205 N. Fowler, Bishop, California. We will begin at 11:30 a.m. It's casual. We will serve a light lunch after a short program. It's friends + food, which would please Cheryl to no end. Please RSVP to: metawhitejan11@gmail.com or text/voicemail 760.937.1745.

A second memorial will take place near the family farm in Kentucky, on March 22, 2025. An 11:00 a.m. graveside gathering at Haysville Cemetery near Lafayette, Tennessee will be followed by a 12:30 p.m. community gathering at the East Allen Volunteer Fire Department, Holland, Kentucky.

Donations in Cheryl's memory to an animal charity of your choice would be most appropriate. Otherwise, just throw a potluck!

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PASSING THE GAVEL

By Fisher

Outgoing Mammoth Lakes Mayor Bill Sauser passed the gavel to Former Mayor Pro Tem Chris Bubser at the regular meeting of Mammoth's Town Council on Wednesday, making her the new Mayor, and switched seats with Amanda Rice to install her as the next Mayor Pro-Tem. Sauser, alongside newly-elected Council Member Brent Truax, were also sworn in for four-year terms on the Council. Bubser said she had reviewed the official town rules and confirmed that the Mayor Pro-Tem is to sit to the Mayor's right from the public's perspective.

As a result, Truax took outgoing Councilmember Sarah Rea's seat, Bubser took Sauser's seat, Sauser took Rice's, and Rice took Bubser's. Councilmember John Wentworth said he liked his current seat and decided to stay where he was.

"You run such a good, fair meeting that you've left some big shoes for me to fill," Bubser said of Sauser.

Sauser wiped a tear from his eye as Pat Foster, Mammoth Lakes Tourism Board Chair, stood to thank Sauser for his ongoing engagement with the community.

Before surrendering his seat, Sauser recognized John Morris as the recipient of the 2024 "Mayor's Spirit of Mammoth" Award.

John Morris fell in love with the Eastern Sierras during a seasonal job in Yosemite following his graduation from

the University of Maryland, and has since lived in Mammoth and served on several boards, Sauser said.

Sauser commended Morris for his dedication as a founding and continuing member of the Mammoth Lakes Tourism (MLT) board, his role as president of the Mammoth Lakes Lodging Committee, and his long-standing involvement as a coach for the Mammoth High School Volleyball team — "except for a short break," Sauser noted.

"When his town has needed him, he has always and unselfishly stepped up to the plate," Sauser said.

Sauser jokingly chided that as his neighbor, he had no idea how Morris managed to keep his lawn looking so much better with so much on his plate.

Foster, who serves alongside Morris on the MLT board, took the podium during public comment to further commend Morris for his active participation in the town. Town Manager Rob Patterson also acknowledged that Morris is "always willing to lean into the hard spaces" during complicated issues.

Bubser thanked Morris for his leadership during the "contentious" period of Mammoth Lakes' short-term rental moratorium.

"To the business community: this is your example," Sauser said of Morris before presenting the award.

The Council also bid farewell to Sarah Rea, thanking her for her service, as she joined the meeting via

video conference from a hotel lobby in French Polynesia.

"Sarah, you know I wouldn't be sitting up here today if it weren't for you, and I will forgive you for that someday," Bubser joked. "But seriously, I've learned so much from you. You have such a strong moral compass and always speak the truth as you see it."

Sauser asked Rea to have a boat drink on his behalf, and although she was sipping on a non-alcoholic beverage during the meeting, she promised to switch to something stronger soon.

Patterson thanked Rea, and she responded that one of the best decisions she made while on the Council was hiring him as Town Manager.

The Council also moved to declare the results of the November 5 election, including the passage of Measure L, which increases the town's Transient Occupancy Tax from 13% to 15%, and made appointments of Councilmembers to various commissions, committees, and boards.

These appointments sparked a discussion on how the Council should approach these roles—whether they represent themselves, the Council as a whole, or their constituents—and the group agreed that this issue would need to be revisited in future discussions.

Bubser recommended that the Council work to expand their collective knowledge of the various agencies they are involved with, and suggested a more structured approach to reporting back to one another on key issues to ensure continuity during term changes. She also proposed that Council members invite their partnered Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) to present more frequently at Council meetings. All the while, the Council is seeking to reassess their goals as a council, and hope to adopt a one-page statement defining the Council's Strategic Priorities and Key Objectives for 2025, a process which they started November 6, and intend to continue to work towards over the coming weeks.



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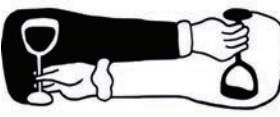
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Main Street Pizza - See ad this page for details.
Distant Brewing happy hour Monday-Thursday from 3-5pm. \$1/off beer/wine/cider/seltzer/kombucha

December 6-7/
Lazwell (genre-bending soul) plays Liberty. Starts 9:30 p.m. *More info: See ad p. 2*

Saturday, December 7/
Llama Punch 6 snowboard film premiere @ Wave Rave. Time: 8 p.m.

Sunday, December 8/
NFL Sunday Football @ the Bishop Elks Lodge, 151 E. Line St. Starts 9:30 a.m. Bar open! Public welcome!

Monday, December 9/
Open mic night @ Distant Brewing. Time: 6-9 p.m.

Tuesday, December 10/
Taco Tuesdays @ John's Pizza Works. Time: 4-9 p.m. And a great place to watch the game. *More info, see ad p. 8.*
Weekly karaoke @ Liberty! Starts 9 p.m. *More info: See ad p. 2*

Wednesday, December 11/
Weekly Pool Tournament @ Distant Brewing. Hosted by Eastern Sierra Pool from 4:30-9:30 p.m.

December 13-14/
Sanford Street (jam band vibe) plays Liberty.

TOWN STUFF

Friday, December 6/
Mammoth Community Tree Lighting @ the Mammoth Ice Rink on Old Mammoth Rd. Free public skate, holiday market, hot beverages, Santa, Woolly and more. Starts 5 p.m.

December 6-24/
MHS Boosters Christmas Tree Lot (runs through Dec. 24). Time: 4-7 p.m Monday-Friday, 1-7 p.m. Saturday/Sunday. Location: Outbound Mammoth.

December 6-13/
Annual Holiday Toy Drive continues. Drop new/gently used toys for children up to age 18 @ the Inyo County Office Building next to the Grocery Outlet

December 6-7/
Eastern Sierra Community Chorus concerts. *More info: See ad p. 14.*

Saturday, December 7/
Bishop Christmas Parade & Downtown Bishop Party - preceded by the Sunrise Rotary Santa Mile! Santa mile starts 4:15 p.m.

TOWN STUFF

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church craft fair and lunch. Location: 849 Home St. in Bishop. Time: 8 a.m. 'til 1 p.m. Silent auction, Fiddlin' Pete and great food!

December 7-8/
Altrusa 25th annual art show @ C5 Studios in Bishop. Time: 10 a.m. 'til 5 p.m. both days **Cardinal Village Resort Christmas Festival** in Aspendell over the next three weekends. 10 a.m. 'til 4 p.m. Xmas tree sales, Santa & more.

Monday, December 9/
Bishop City Council meets. Time: 6 p.m. Location: Council Chambers @ 377 West Line St.

Tuesday, December 10/
Inyo County Supervisors meet. Location: Board Chambers, 224 N. Edwards St. in Independence or online via inyocounty.us. Public session starts 10 a.m.
Mono County Supervisors meet. Time: 9 a.m. Location: Bridgecourt Courthouse or online via monocounty.ca.gov.
MHS Basketball hosts Rosamond. Girls play 6 p.m. with Boys @ 7:30.

Wednesday, December 11/
Mammoth's Planning and Economic Development Commission meets. Time: 9 a.m. Location: Suite Z, Minaret Mall or online via townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

UPCOMING

Thursday, December 12/
Eastern Sierra Land Trust holiday mixer. Time: 4-6 p.m. Location: The ES�T backyard @ 250 N. Fowler in Bishop.
Backcountry Film Festival hits Mammoth. Location: USFS Welcome Center. Time: 7 p.m.
Mammoth Lakes Firefighter Academy for new recruits! *More info: See ad p. 2*

Friday, December 13/
Bishop Twin Theatre's "Whobilation." Cookie contest, costume raffle, screening of the Grinch and more. Film starts 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 14/
Night of Lights @ MMSA's Canyon Lodge. Fun starts 5 p.m. *More info: See ad p. 5*
Railroad Express @ Laws Museum. *More info: See ad p. 15*
Backcountry Film Festival heads down the hill to Bishop. Location: Bishop Twin Theater. Time: 7 p.m.

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- Journeyman Plumber**
 - Mammoth \$30-45
- Snow shovellers**
 - Mammoth \$25-30 seasonal
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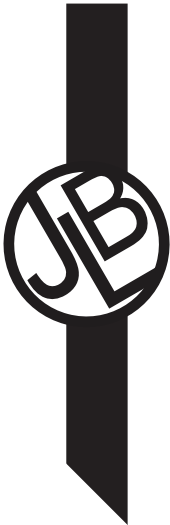
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REBRANDING BISHOP

Sometimes the Journalism Gods have pity on pointy headed scribes such as yours truly and deliver a gift, or in this case, an early Christmas Present.

The City of Bishop is asking the general public (always a dicey move) to suggest a new design for a city logo along with a possible slogan that can be used as a slick, hip and cool marketing tool. To quote the survey asking the great unwashed masses for ideas: “the city is looking for a more versatile and contemporary visual identity that better reflects

the unique character and aspirations of Bishop. This new branding initiative aims to capture the spirit of our city.”

It’s like my prayers were answered while I was pondering what to ponder in print this week.

Anyway, as a helper, an enthusiastic booster of all things Bishop, and one who wants to contribute to this wonderful civic spam fest, I will offer up a few ideas. Free of charge, of course (unless one gets chosen to carry Bishop on its shoulders, in which case I will either gloat or run and hide).

Onward, into the rebranding fog.

Bishop: Not as windy or dusty as Keeler.

Bishop: One of the last hip mountain towns in the West to get a brewpub, but it’s a good one.

Bishop: Where we buy our underwear at one of our half dozen sporting goods and outdoor stores and call it base layer.

Bishop: A small town with a big backyard where all the fun stuff is, since, you know, not much to do in a small town.

Bishop: Home to daily semi-truck races on Main Street.

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Bishop: Not as hot as Death Valley, but jog a little and it seems like it.

Bishop: Cheaper than Mammoth Lakes and a lot warmer.

Bishop: Almost the Inyo County seat, just give it a little more time.

Bishop: We have real climbers instead of social climbers.

Bishop: More stop lights than Lone Pine.

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Bishop: Take only photos and fish and leave all your cash.

Bishop: Merely a scenic four-hour drive from Los Angeles, Reno and Las Vegas.

Bishop: Where it’s illegal to pee and poop in the park, so you won’t have to

have “the talk” with your curious kiddos.

Bishop: Proud home of the Mammoth Lakes workforce.

Bishop: Our High Football Team has been in the playoffs more often than the Rams and Chargers.

Bishop: Where many of our streets don’t quite line up thanks to cheap whiskey at the saloon next to the 19th Century surveyor’s office.

Bishop: Where our historic Train Station and Museum is five miles out of town. Don’t ask.

Bishop: The perfect landing place for anyone in the Witness Protection Program.

Bishop: Where you can stand out on the lawn at 3 in the morning and see a night sky full of stars.

Bishop: Where downtown is an enchanting trip down a real-life memory lane because downtown still has a bookstore, a butcher shop, a movie theater, clothing stores, bars, outdoor stores, pot shops, banks, coffee shops, offices, apartments, restaurants, a hardware store, a car dealership, vintage/antique stores, bakeries, hotels, a furniture store and churches. Living history that is still very much alive.

Bishop: Just look at those mountains and shut up.

Jon Klusmire of Bishop is starting to think he was talking to himself when he wrote that last one.

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A POST-U.S. ELECTION WORLD AHEAD

By Casselman

While Americans were understandably preoccupied with the U.S. national elections in the weeks leading up to November 5, and also with digesting the results since then, the rest of the world went on with its varying own interests and events, albeit also keeping an eye on what voters would do here.

Previously, many Americans, and the U.S. media, took a close interest in events in the Middle East, Ukraine and in China and its neighbors.

What, if anything has changed in these international hotspots?

In Ukraine, both sides increased their attacks on each other, employing new and more provocative weaponry. Mr. Putin has revived threats of employing nuclear weapons against Kyiv and some of its European allies who supply it with more serious weapons, especially Great Britain.

President-elect Trump has told both sides he will force an end to hostilities in the war when he takes office, and both Mr. Putin and Ukrainian President Zelenskyy appear to be positioning themselves for a change in the U.S. government on January 20. Both sides seem to be preparing for a diplomatic resolution, and for the first time, Mr. Zelenskyy has said he was willing to trade territory for peace — if it is accompanied by security guarantees from the NATO country members. Mr. Putin has opposed NATO membership for Ukraine, but has not negated a non-membership security arrangement.

Meanwhile, combat and drone/missile attacks continue.

In the Middle East, a temporary ceasefire on the Israeli-Lebanese border has begun with the agreement of Prime Minister Netanyahu, the Lebanese military, and Hezbollah — at the behest of the U.S. and French governments. The Israelis had conducted a successful incursion in south Lebanon and Beirut systematically destroying much, but not all, of Hezbollah's missile capability as well as as eliminating many of its top commanders — with a goal of enabling Israeli residents who live in the border areas between the two countries to return to their homes in safety.

Israel attacked the Hezbollah forces which have been continually bombing northern Israel, and the ceasefire is dependent on Hezbollah not returning to southern Lebanon and resuming their attacks. A U.S.-French backed international military force is to be stationed along the border to enforce the ceasefire.

Mr. Netanyahu has insisted that it is only a temporary ceasefire. and that Israel intends to destroy fully Hezbollah's military capabilities.

Meanwhile, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) continue their campaign to destroy Hamas in the Gaza Strip. Its efforts in north and south Gaza have essentially defeated the five Hamas divisions and its jihadist allies, but some hostile forces remain, mostly in what is left of the Hamas vast network of underground tunnels. Although most of its commanders have been eliminated, Hamas holds 100 hos-

tagers who have not been released. It is estimated that only about 60-70 of these hostages remain alive. Only the release of all hostages, it is believed, will end IDF activity in Gaza.

President-elect Trump has reportedly told Mr. Netanyahu he wants hostilities ended in Gaza by the time of his inauguration — about seven weeks from now.

After considerable delay, the International Criminal Court (ICC), headquartered in the The Hague, Netherlands, issued arrest warrants for Prime Minis-

ter Netanyahu and his former Defense Minister Gallant, charging them with war crimes. Neither Israel nor the U.S. recognize the ICC, and the charges are regarded to show unfair anti-Israel bias. President Biden denounced the ICC action. The U.S. Congress has begun legislation to bring crippling sanctions to the ICC if the charges are not withdrawn.

Several ICC signators, including Germany, France, Italy, Hungary, and even the Dutch, have indicated they would not arrest those charged.

Governments around the world, friendly and hostile to the U.S. quickly responded to the U.S. election. One Middle East nation promptly asked Hamas leaders to leave immediately. Others, in anticipation of January 20, 2025, prepared for significant new directions in U.S. foreign policy.

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"Mortified we just went through this," he wrote in the caption of the post. "This lady was harassing our son on the flight, unbeknownst to us, asking him if he was Indian and making comments. When we landed in LA and got on the transfer bus, she told our son to 'shut up' [...] The remainder of this is what happened."

Bunch is a California-licensed real estate broker who lives in Mammoth. She told her side of the story on Fox 11, where she said prior to the video, the family had been "aggressive" to her.

"[Taufiq] pushed me to the side to get in front of me and the lady made him go back to the end of the line and he's talking to his wife, 'supposedly they are first class. Obviously, with no class and look at the way they're dressed ... they're white trash,'" Bunch said.

Bunch also said she can get agitated easily since her brain injury from the propane explosion.

The Sheet reported on the explosion in the August 19, 2023 issue, and the article concluded with a link to her GoFundMe page, titled, "Mammoth Explosion - Family of 3 Lost Everything" which raised \$29,645.

The GoFundMe page is still up, though it is no longer accepting donations.

Bunch reached out to the Sheet three months ago via text, and said her brain injury has affected her life dramatically, preventing her from getting work and making her subject to eviction.

"I need more surgery," she wrote in the text. "Severe brain damage [is] affecting my language and speech and [I] have been on every job interview in town. I can't even get a job as a night auditor due to my diminished brain functions."

HARTLEY**PING PONG - THIS TEAM GOES TO 11!!**

The NFL season is ... nearing the end. How did that happen?

Let's start with that egomaniac, Aaron Rodgers, criticizing the owner for showing a lack of support for the GM and coach. Really? Aaron Rodgers needs a diaper change. Maturity of a toddler. How is what's going wrong in New York not all HIS FAULT.

They built the roster the way he wanted, kept the offensive coordinator HE wanted and ... their record isn't any better this year than it was last year with Zach Wilson. In fact, it's worse.

Why don't GMs and owners realize that they have to be the adults? These players will try to play forever if you let them - and at a certain point reputation won't save you. Aaron Rodgers and Kirk Cousins look terrible. Cousins hasn't thrown a touchdown pass in three weeks. Tom Brady fooled everyone into thinking you can play into your fifties. YOU CANNOT. Brady was the ultimate unicorn. But these idiot owners buy into the aging name QB to sell some tickets and hope for a magic potion to cure their miserable franchises. And they get ... what the Falcons and Jets got. SCREWED.

The Bengals apparently put ping pong tables in their locker room to inspire some more "competitive edge" in their players. Seriously. The head coach actually said that. The team is 4-8 and

he wants to build competition in his FOOTBALL TEAM by bringing in ping pong tables. What do the Bengals think they are, a tech startup?

Head coach Zac Taylor said the tables create energy and competitiveness, and that he wants players to interact.

Hmm. You know what creates energy and competitiveness and causes the players to interact ... PRACTICING PLAYING DEFENSE.

They installed the ping pong tables and then got beat 44-38. QB Joe Burrow is having a helluva season. They're wasting his prime.

Well it's been more than a week now since it happened but ... the best thing that happened to QB Caleb Williams and the Bears is that they completely blundered the last 32 seconds of their loss to the Lions. Which cost the head coach his job. As the clock ticked, ticked, ticked there wasn't a coach in sight. I part-wondered if this was a QB ploy to get the coach fired - until they panned to the coach and his face said it all. WHAT HAPPENED? WHY DIDN'T SOMEONE DO SOMETHING?

He should never get another job. He should work at Dairy Queen. Sorry ass. The worst part is the next day he came

out and defended his actions, saying they played it the right way. No surprise. I have never seen that guy stand up and be accountable.

The Bears, in classic Bears fashion, let him hold a press conference the next morning while they discussed firing him. Immediately after his press conference where he was saying he wasn't worried about losing his job, they fired him. I guess they wanted to embarrass him.

The worst part. They are still the Bears. Their, whatever his title is, PRESIDENT Kevin Warren is in charge of the coaching search with the GM. The same GM who decided to draft WR Rome Odunze instead of a competent lineman when they play in Chicago and the NFC North and everyone can run the ball and stop the run.

And Warren is not a football guy. It isn't his background. He was hired to get them a new stadium. Now he has football operations. This is what happens when you have a 100-year old owner that still operates on Depression Era economic principles. There was a report that the last time the Bears hired a coach, they flew him in coach to save money. That is some sorry shit.

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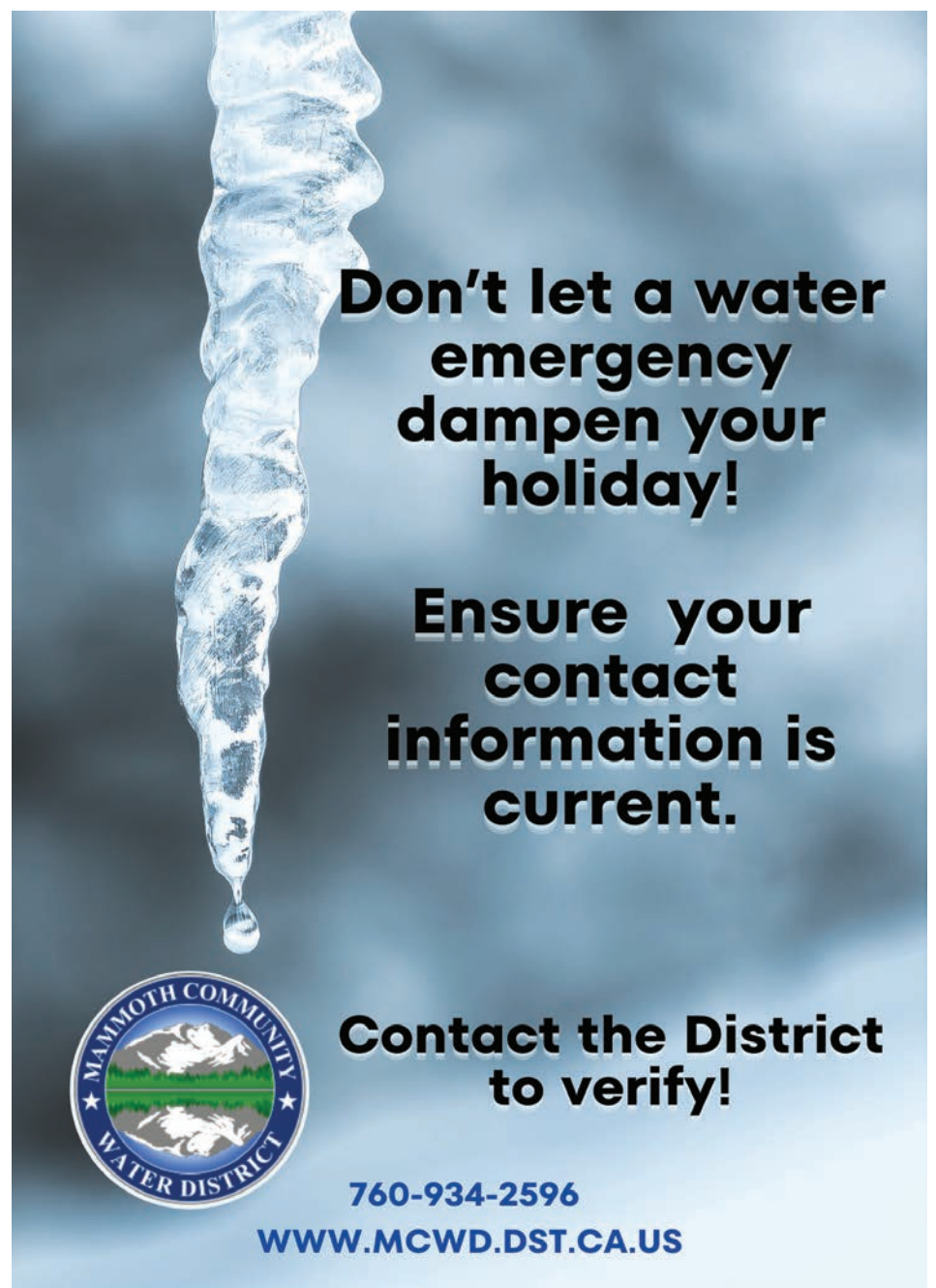
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Oklahoma State football coach Mike Gundy is the poster boy for what I have talked about for years. In sports, when you are talented and winning, you can be an ignorant pain in the ass. You can do and say dumb stuff and “institutions for higher learning” will keep you on.

Forget molding young people into promising, productive adults. Just win some games.

Oklahoma State has kept that ignorant jackass Mike Gundy as their head coach for as long as I can remember. He has made sexist, racist, generally ignorant and just insane statements over the years. An awful human being to everyone except his mother probably. Even Gundy knows he is an asshole, saying “You know me, I don’t have very many friends.”

“Deion’s busy making money in commercials,” said Gundy before his game against Colorado. “I’m guessing he doesn’t have any time to talk to me. You don’t get to where he is by not being pretty smart.”

Of course, Colorado proceeded to beat the hell out of OK State.

Gundy has made me NEVER want to live in Oklahoma knowing they support him. And he doesn’t even win. He has never won a thing. He has had some decent years, but ... how little self esteem does OK State have to keep that guy around? They are never highly ranked or playing for national titles. And in the last 7 years they have won 10 or more games 2 times. They are 3-9 this year. I don’t know how he survives.

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