BEAR SHOT, KILLED
Mammoth local in custody
By Crocetti

On September 8, at approximately 10:30 a.m., the Mammoth Lakes Police Department (MLPD) responded to a call about a bear laying in the bushes behind the Mammoth Hospital Orthopedic Institute, showing no signs of movement.

Responding officers determined that the bear was deceased. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife was subsequently called to the scene, and confirmed that the bear was shot to death.

Multiple residents in the area reported hearing a single gunshot around 2:30 a.m. that morning, presumably when the bear was shot and killed. A suspect was captured on a security camera fleeing the scene.

Upon hearing news of the bear being shot and killed, Mammoth locals grieved under the comments section of MLPD’s Facebook press release detailing the incident. The general consensus was that of outrage - and, that whoever killed the bear must have been a tourist passing through the area, someone uneducated on how to properly interact with Mammoth’s bears.

To everybody’s surprise, the culprit charged with the bear’s murder is a lifelong Mammoth local.

On September 13, 46-year-old longtime local Elohim “Elo” Kai Tracy was arrested after turning himself in for shooting the bear at his own residence.

Tracy was arraigned on September 15 in Mono County Superior Court and charged with discharge of a firearm with gross negligence, cruelty to an animal, carrying a loaded firearm in a public place, and possession of a firearm by a narcotic addict.

Sophie Bidet was appointed as Tracy’s attorney during his arraignment. He pled not guilty on all four charges.

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TENEDORA RISING
Olivia Tenedora with the spike in Tuesday’s MHS Volleyball home victory versus Boron. For more coverage, see page 12.

A RETURN TO CLE-LAND?
Former Mammoth Councilmember eyes return
By Crocetti

“I am not a politician. I am a community member who has forged great relationships with people in this town. I want to make life better for everyone, and I’ve never backed down from an honest fight,” said Cleland Hoff as we walked and talked along Mammoth Creek about her upcoming candidacy for Mammoth Town Council.

Hoff has lived in Mammoth for about three decades. She has become an integral member of Mammoth’s local community, known for her quirkiness, compassion and zeal.

She was born in Virginia. Her mother’s name was Virginia. And she was born in Virginia Beach, Virginia. “Virginia is on my birth certificate seventeen times,” she said.

Her father was a Captain, Frogman and then Seal in the U.S. Navy. “What did I learn about leadership from my dad? Well, he works hard, he cares about family, and he’s still one of those 85 year old people who goes to local government meetings to put in his two cents,” said Hoff.

When Hoff moved to Mammoth, there were 4,000 people living in town. “I thought to myself, ‘I can meet 4,000 people.’ So that kind of became my goal when I moved to Mammoth, to meet everybody in town,” she said.

When Hoff first got to Mammoth, she was 20 years old. She worked three jobs, including various serving jobs as well as working at the airport and Reds Meadow in the summers. She then fell in love with a Mammoth local, “Flying” Brian

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Bishop City Councilmembers weren’t terribly enthusiastic when asked their opinion about renaming Bishop Airport the Bishop-Dave McCoy Airport.

“There was no support for the proposal, which was agendized for Council’s regular meeting on Monday. Two members (Muchovej and Garcia) did support renaming it the Bishop-Payahuunadu Airport.

In his introduction, Randy Short, the principal driver of the idea, proclaimed, “Dave McCoy did more for the people of Inyo County than any other individual.”

Randy Gillespie added, “Dave created opportunities ... and there’s not a person in this room who didn’t benefit as a result.”

Longtime Fish and Game Warden Warren Allsup said McCoy was instrumental in turning the area’s six-month economy into a year-round one.

Robin Stater talked about Dave being a one-in-a-million person. All true. And Council was sympathetic. But unmoved.

Councilman Stephen Muchovej’s remarks were particularly awkward. It took a member of the audience, Joyce White, to put things in perspective.

White, a member of the Bishop Paiute Tribal Council, said “The Valley speaks to me and my people.” That’s why she would support Bishop-Payahuunadu.

“No disrespect to Dave McCoy, he gave me my first job,” she explained. But she noted that even Mammoth chose to honor place over individual. It’s not the Mammoth-McCoy Airport after all, but Mammoth-Yosemite.

White thought naming the City Park for McCoy would be appropriate.

Councilman Jim Ellis said he could go either way on a name. But the most important thing to come out of this community discussion is a need for some sort of historical acknowledgement.

“We need to honor him,” said Mayor Karen Schwartz, “but does it have to be an airport?”

Muchovej opened his remarks by saying, “I’ve lived here 15 years and I had no idea Dave McCoy did any of this ... if I flew into Bishop-Dave McCoy, I still wouldn’t know anything about him.”

Later, Muchovej made a point of disagreeing that Dave McCoy had anything to do with bringing him to Bishop, saying the Owens Valley Radio Observatory predated the development of Mammoth Mountain.

It was as though he was so proud of his ignorance that he wished to double down.

It was also awkward when Muchovej, Schwartz and Karen Kong expressed concern about how much a renaming might cost, and how it might affect the Bishop Chamber of Commerce “branding” strategy.

“They’d have to, heaven forbid, reprint a few brochures or edit a few web pages ...”

Randy Short assured Council that he would cover whatever costs might need to be covered to make it happen.

City Manager Deston Dishion advised that the Council is merely an advisory body and that the Inyo Supervisors would have final say.

Inyo Supervisors were set to resume discussion of the item at their September 20 meeting but have since postponed it, likely because there is tepid support.

One thing Inyo Supervisors will tackle on Tuesday is the completion of the Xanterra tax appeal hearing.

Xanterra and Inyo County Assessor Dave Stottlemyre had stipulated to a $9 million decrease in assessed value for 2018-2019 and subsequent years.

The decrease was due to Xanterra’s assertion that its Furnace Creek Inn and Ranch remodel/new construction had been initially assessed as entirely new construction.

The decrease in assessed value would mean that certain entities, particularly school districts, may have to refund tax revenue dollars already received.

Supervisor Jeff Griffiths says Death Valley Unified School District may have to pay back hundreds of thousands of dollars as a result.

Death Valley Schools Superintendent Jim Copeland couldn’t help but direct some of his grumbling towards Assessor Stottlemyre.

He said that in an age of increasing property values, his district, irrespective of the Xanterra tax appeal, had taken a $130,000 revenue hit this past fiscal year. And that he never received a return call from Stottlemyre when he called to inquire why.

The hearing is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m.
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Cindie Wormhoudt is one of eight candidates running for MUSD’s board this fall. The list includes Becky Davis, Jeff Ronci, John Stavlo, Gloria Diaz, Chelsea Nash, Marty Thompson, and Amanda Pelham. There are two vacancies that need to be filled.

Wormhoudt and her family moved to Mammoth in 2002. Three kids at the time, with one in each school – elementary, middle, and high. She’d been selling insurance and advertising. Went back to school and got her teaching credential in special education.

Wormhoudt has taught special education since 2004 in both the elementary and the high school. She also taught the district’s transition program, where 18 to 20 year-old students with individualized education programs learn life skills. She even had a brief stint as cheer director. She retired in 2021, got her real estate license, and enjoys learning about the industry.

“The school board really needs to support the teachers in the school district and make sure that they are provided with good professional development,” Wormhoudt said. Her special education teaching experience – it’s what she brings to the table. Wormhoudt recognizes an important fact: all students learn differently. Student success depends on the flexibility of teachers’ teaching skills, which depends on support from the board.

When prompted about the power dynamic she would face once in charge of her former peers – the teachers – Wormhoudt proposed transparency during board meetings. “I feel that there can be more disclosure,” Wormhoudt said. “It shouldn’t just be teachers standing up and expressing dissatisfaction or satisfaction to the school board, and no response comes from the school board.” She wants two way communication between the community and the board.

“How to achieve that? Laws might restrict board transparency. She’s not sure. She wants to help improve student lives. Get them to achieve their potential.

To a certain extent, Wormhoudt thinks the community has lost faith in the school board because of the Wildman issue. “The previous Superintendent who was recently moved along. “I think that trying to gain the respect of the community is going to be one of [the board’s] biggest issues,” she said. To gain back the community, the board must be ingrained in it.

When asked to give an opinion on Wildman, Wormhoudt said she was not going to get into it. “I don’t think that has any place here,” she said.

As for the new superintendent, Wormhoudt would like someone honest. “They need to be somebody that can lead without having any sort of biases towards anybody. And, if they don’t get their way, they need to be able to move forward.”

To fix the learning deficit that COVID has caused, Wormhoudt proposed a teacher-supported curriculum taught by well-compensated, enthusiastic teachers. When asked what she would do in the face of another pandemic, Wormhoudt had a gut reaction: “We need to do everything conceivably possible to keep the schools open. Because our test scores have gone down so radically, statewide.” Because some kids can’t learn from a screen.

Special education taught Wormhoudt the importance of helping all students achieve their unique potential. She hopes to carry this lesson onto the school board come election time.

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STAVLO’S NO “RUBBER STAMP”

By Pike

Former school board member John Stavlo is one of eight candidates running for two vacancies on Mammoth Unified’s board this fall. The list includes Becky Davis, Jeff Ronci, Cindie Wormhoudt, Gloria Diaz, Chelsea Nash, Marty Thompson, and Amanda Pelham.

Stavlo previously served from 2011-2020. A former engineer, Stavlo got his start designing altitude control systems. Eventually, he cruised through the ranks of the aerospace industry and dropped wheels as the Vice President of Northrop Gruman’s Advanced Technology Programs. Stavlo managed thousands of people and billions of dollars until he retired and moved to Mammoth full-time.

His next move: high school math. He taught for two years, helping to bring STEM and LEGO League, a robot-building competition, to Mammoth. Around 2011, a spot on the MUSD Board of Education opened up and Stavlo nabbed it.

Two years later, Stavlo’s dissatisfied with what he sees. It’s a Danny Glover (“I’m too old for this s**t” but I have to go back and fix it) in Lethal Weapon type of moment.

“When I left the district, we had already gone into the process of remote learning and shutdowns,” Stavlo said. “It was something that had never been done before. The teachers, the principals, the school district – they pulled together and did the best they could in that situation. But even then, with remote learning, with shutdowns – it’s pretty certain to me that there has definitely been a loss of learning for our children.”

Stavlo wants to fix that deficit by using testing to gauge the extremity of COVID-caused learning deficits in students. “In order to change things effectively, you have to know where you are,” Stavlo said. “I understand that the past couple summers we’ve had a K-12 summer program. So, there’s already something in place to try and recover that [deficit], but we still need to know, ‘Where are we?’”

His second reason for wanting to return to the board: the controversy surrounding former superintendent Wildman and the teacher’s union.

“I don’t know what went on there,” Stavlo said. “But when you have that kind of controversy and disruption within an organization … it detracts from the focus of the people in it, and it can cause a lot of uncertainty.”

Stavlo declined to weigh in further on the conflict. “Critical that we controlled [the budget] because if we hadn’t, and we started getting into deficit spending, then we would have been at risk of the state coming in under an independent team and running the district.”

And if there’s another global pandemic? Stavlo would gather as much information as he could. He’d get opinions from health experts, parents, teachers – the whole nine yards. The board would discuss their findings. A solution would be reached. Classic bureaucracy stuff, from a man who’s been in the ring and knows how the ropes feel against his back. Procedural, fact-based decision-making.

“As an example from the past,” Stavlo wrote in an email to the Sheet, “I do not know what information the board had to make the decision to shut the district down for a couple of weeks early this year due to the spread of Omicron. However, based on the information that I had at that time about the Omicron variant, my initial position would have been to leave the schools open.”

Stavlo’s not a “rubber stamp.” He would have needed “convincing evidence from parents, teachers, Mono county health, and the other board members at that time to vote to shut the schools down again,” he explained.

“Bottom line,” Stavlo said, “this is about the education of our children. Everything else that goes on in the district is supplementary or supportive.”
Beach Pledges Not Guilty

The court cops told Deric Beach to sit next to his state-appointed attorney, Sophie Bider. Wearing a cloth, gray and white striped uniform with JAIL stamped in black letters on his back and a chain around his waist, Beach sat. His hair is long and slick. He’s balding.

Beach, 71, from Bishop, was charged with the attempted and premeditated murder of Tom Brown, who was shot at an encampment off Owens River Road after the two campers got into a dispute. In addition, the judge added an enhancement to the charge – intentional discharging of a firearm that caused great bodily injury.

Beach pled not guilty and denied the enhancement. Bail is set at $2 million. Beach’s pre-hearing and bail review is set for September 20th at 10 a.m. in Bridgeport, Calif.

Tom Brown is alive and awake according to Mono County Sheriff Ingrid Braum.

Cyclist collides with horse

During the Mammoth Gran Fondo race last weekend, a participating cyclist collided with a wild horse according to Mammoth Mountain Community Foundation Executive Director Tamara Bankson.

The Gran Fondo features three different distances. The big enchilada is the 102-mile cycling race with 6,643 feet of total climbing. Cyclists weave through the Eastern Sierra, past Mono Lake and the White Mountains, and race down Highway 195.

During the race last Saturday (Sept. 10) morning, Fondo officials spotted an injured rider on the side of Highway 120, east of Sage Hen Summit.

The rider reported that he collided with what appeared to be a wild horse while riding a downhill portion of the route. Mammoths were immediately called to the scene. The rider was then transported to Renown Hospital in Reno.

Inaugural TUFF Gravel Race

The Eastern Sierra sky grows dark. The earth shakes. Mountains rumble. The volcano explodes. Bits and pieces of volcanic stone – tuff – rain to the ground. 760,000 years later, and David Sheek and Amanda Nauman want people to ride it.

The tuff.

During the Inaugural Mammoth TUFF Gravel Race, which is coming to Mammoth this weekend.

The duo created the race in 2019 as a way to introduce adventure seekers to the Eastern Sierra’s gravel biking.

After a global pandemic in 2020 and a harsh fire season in 2021 caused the event to be canceled twice, it’s finally time to ride. There is a short course, a medium course, and a long course of 106.9 miles.

“In the world of cycling, [gravel biking] is the fastest growing demographic,” Sheek says. Born from cyclocross racing – where off-season cyclists and off-season mountain bikers battle for glory – gravel biking lets the rider pedal anything they want. Knobby, yet relatively narrow tires and drop bars mean the bicycle is equal parts fit for cruising sidewalks and side trails.

“These events have always been this thing of, like, you’re gonna go out for this adventure for the day, and you can go into these different towns, and that’s how it is. You’re going from gravel road to gravel road, and then you find the next town, and that town might have a high school in it, and then your support crew meets you there,” Sheek says.

Clawson named acting Supervisor of INF

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Jones, and together they raised their now 22-year-old son in Mammoth. And at one point in time, Hoff also worked for the Sierra Wave, Mammoth’s local television station. “I found it fascinating. I loved getting to highlight all of the people who inhabited Mammoth – a lot who aren’t with us anymore - and show-case just how creative, talented, diverse and smart this local community was.”

She has been involved in government for as long as she’s been able to, dating back to high school student council. “I want to know my neighbors. I want to know what people are thinking around me, even if it’s not the same thing that I’m thinking. Being tuned in to the pulse of my community and being able to weigh in on decision making has always been extremely important to me,” she said.

This is her third run for Town Council. She ran in 2014 and lost, and then again in 2016, where she won and served as Mayor one year until her term ended in 2020. After nearly two years off, she is ready to get back to being a voice in her community.

“Town Council is like drinking from the most hideous fire hose in the world, and then everything just makes you question everything. But taking a bit of a break I think gave me some distance and clarity, and I’m ready to take it on again,” she said.

One skill Hoff says she brings to the table is being really tight on the dollar. “For example, the CRC [new ice rink]? I voted against it. I thought that it would - and it has - cost the town more way than they anticipated. And if you look at my voting record during my time on Council meeting up to when I was Mayor, I looked around and asked everyone in the meeting to raise their hand if they themselves had stable housing. Every-one in the room raised their hand. So I was like, why should people like that be making all the decisions for those who actually don’t have a place to live?” she said.

She continued on the topic of housing: “The businesses and business owners here complain about the quality of employees, saying that you can’t get good help etc., but you can’t just put people in a cabinet at the end of the day and then open it up in the morning and expect to have this great employee ready to go in the morning.”

Another major reason that Hoff says she running for Town Council is to help decide who will become Mammoth’s next Town Manager.

“Being Town Manager is not that lucrative of a position and it’s a lot of work. So if people think that there will be people lining up to become Mammoth’s Town Manager, they have another thing coming. I have enjoyed working with Dan Holler over the past few years and I think he communicates well, but I don’t have anybody at all specifically in mind for who should replace him. I’ve heard rumors that Rob Patterson could be next in line. I know he doesn’t have a government background, but I do know that he’s worked really hard and has been a person who has propelled the town to be more financially stable. So at the end of the day, would I trust him? I would.”

Please note the changes to the stops on the following routes for Saturday, September 17, 2022:

MAMMOTH TUFF TRAFFIC & TRANSIT ADVISORY FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2022

MAMMOTH LAKES, CA – The Mammoth TUFF gravel bike ride will take place on Saturday, September 17, 2022 with over 600 cyclists expected to participate.

The start and finish line of this 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 11PM. During this time frame, the bus stops in The Village on Canyon Blvd will be inaccessible, which will impact several public transit routes.

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

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

Contact Stuart Brown, Public Information Officer 760.965.3696
A CASE FOR REPUBLICANS TO MOVE ON FROM TRUMP - PART II

By Phil Higerd

Many say that the public hearings of the January 6th committee should be ignored because there is no opportunity for a defense. Technically true. However:

1. It isn’t a trial
2. Trump’s remaining defenders were invited or even subpoenaed to give testimony, but either declined to testify; defied their subpoena, or pled the 5th.

And there is vigorous defense of Trump being presented every day by MAGA media (evening Fox, Newsmax, et. al.) but none of it is a rebuttal of any of the substantive issues of fact: only deflections to insignificant points; and insults and belittling of witnesses.

For example, Fox tried to discredit Cassidy Hutchinson’s testimony because she referred to “the Beast” (the Presidential limo), when the vehicle used that day was a Suburban. Then, after recounting a story she overheard about Trump angrily reaching for the steering wheel because he wanted to be taken to the Capitol, her story was initially disputed by two Secret Service agents, who said they wanted to rebut it under oath.

But now, months have passed. Other witnesses have corroborated her testimony, and neither of the agents have come in to testify. In fact, they are being investigated for deleting text messages from that day, and they have retained criminal defense lawyers. Regardless, whether Trump reached for the steering wheel or not is insignificant in the broader context of the day’s events.

An attorney once told me that in a trial, if you have the facts on your side, push the facts. If you have the law, push the law. If you have neither, pound the table! What I see on Trump media is a lot of pounding of the table, and pivoting to other issues.

Jim Jordan’s response to the most damning of the hearings was “I’m not impressed. Nobody cares when gas is $5.00 a gallon.”

Another example: while WH officials were giving live testimony, Hannity, on his channel, was telling his viewers that Jan. 6 was all Pelosi’s fault, because she should have had 20,000 National Guard troops deployed on site. What previous rioting had Trump supporters done that would portend such a threat? And can you imagine the outrage of Trump, and the rest of us, if Pelosi had announced that the propensity of Trump supporters toward lawlessness and violence was so great that it called for mobilizing 20,000 troops as a precaution?

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So ... Pelosi was negligent for not calling out 20,000 troops to thwart an unknown, unanticipated future riot, but Trump was not negligent for refusing to tweet “stop it and go home” during the active riot?

Trump’s defenders claim he requested National Guard presence prior to the 6th, but it was refused. Trump and Acting Secretary of Defense testified that no such order was ever given.

What we do know for certain: In the three hours that the Capitol was under attack, Trump made no call to the military, no call to law enforcement, and no tweets to the mob to say “Hey! I said peacefully and patriotically!” He only posted tweets to further enrage, including the ones that triggered the chants of “Hang Mike Pence!”

When Pat Cippolone implored Mark Meadows that they needed to get Trump to call the mob off, Meadows responded “He doesn’t want to do anything. He doesn’t think they’re doing anything wrong, and thinks Pence overserves it.”

It was Pence who called Gen. Milley or dering him to “get the Guard down here; put down this situation.”

When the Pentagon called the White House to coordinate the military response, Trump refused to take the call.

Trump and his fans bemoan the Jan. 6 Committee as “a politically motivated partisan witch hunt.”

Yes, it’s political, and regrettably; it’s partisan. It would have been much better to have an independent 9/11 type commission, but as soon as Republicans knew that the rioters really were Trump’s supporters (because they, and Trump himself, said so), they wanted to move on, and not talk about it.

But what if the attack actually had been instigated by Antifa, BLM and FBI infiltrators? We all know that Republicans would and should have run down every lead to find out who organized it, led it, and funded it.

For those who have arrived at, or hold to, a different conclusion about the above facts; there are other reasons to move on from Trump:

1. He is clearly not driven by what’s best for the Party, or the Country. For example: in the Senate runoffs in Georgia in January of ’21, Republicans were heavily favored to win both seats, but because Trump told his followers “my election was rigged, and this one will be too, so don’t even bother voting” lack of turnout resulted in the loss of both of those seats, and ultimately, control of the Senate.

Now he is making Senate and House endorsements based solely on candidates’ fealty to him and his election lie. This has bumped up more eligible Republicans, and may result in seats being flipped to Democrats.

Case in point: Congressman Peter Meijer (R-MI), a rising Republican star, strongly favored to win his general election, was picked off by a more Trumpy (less electable) guy, so now the seat is expected to be won by the Democratic candidate.

Ironically, Trump and the Democratic machine are now pulling on the same string.

In 2020, he lost the popular vote by a smaller margin than was expected to be won by the Democratic candidate. But the biggest practical issue is: 2. Electability.

In 2016, Trump lost the popular vote to Hillary: back when he was a fresh novelty, whose only baggage was his character; questionable business dealings and pay-offs to porn stars, etc.

In 2020, he lost the popular vote by a greater margin to a cognitively-impaired Joe Biden.

Although there remains a substantial faction of the Republican Party who love Trump, and don’t care what he did; it is preposterous to believe he is more electable now than in either ’16 or ’20.

Recent polling indicates that the number of Republicans who still believe Trump’s stolen election claim has dropped to about 55%, or roughly 24% of the Country. That leaves perhaps 76% of the Country thinking that he is the most consequential liar in American history.

Not a good prospect for a national election.

The faithful Trump faction may be big enough to get him nominated in 2024, but I would submit that a primary vote for Trump, equals a general election vote for whomever the Democrats nominate: because:

1. America will not elect a president who pressured a State official to manufacture 11,870 more votes.

2. America will not elect a president who told his Justice Dept, “just say it was corrupt, and leave the rest to me and the Republican Congressmen.”

-HIGERD

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**L.A. CONTINUES TO CHERPPICK CONSERVATION DATA**

By Wendy Schneider

A handful of times over the last month, I have read communications from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power that crow about the success of their conservation efforts. Here is an example from an August newsletter:

“Angelenos achieved an 11% reduction in July [2022], the lowest water use for any July on record for Los Angeles. July’s water savings surpasses the 9% reduction for the previous month, which also marked the lowest water use for any June on record in Los Angeles.”

-Aug. 23, 2022.

In LADWP’s July press release about its appellate court victory awarding broad “flexibility”, (translation: “extraction capability”), regarding Mono County’s water, the agency also bragged about its progress toward developing truly local water supplies.

All the while, within city limits, LADWP has transformed Los Angeles into one of the most water efficient cities in the world. Residential customers use an average of 74 gallons per person per day compared to the statewide average of 91 gallons. Investments in water recycling, stormwater capture and groundwater remediation have boosted the capacity of local supplies.


While everyone in Inyo and Mono Counties supports LADWP efforts to use water more efficiently, and to develop truly local, sustainable sources of water to satisfy its needs, I would like to make a request of LADWP: Whenever you inform us of your conservation achievements and/or progress toward developing truly local water, please start including information about how and when these achievements will result in a schedule of water extraction reduction for Inyo and Mono Counties.

The unfortunate truth is, it does not seem that LADWP has any plans to voluntarily reduce extraction in any meaningful way. In its 2020 revisions to its Urban Water Management Plan, a thirty year plan regarding water supplies to the City of Los Angeles, LADWP does not indicate any plans to reduce water extraction from Inyo and Mono Counties. At all. A spin through their website reveals a decade’s worth of plans for repairing and upgrading the aqueduct system, but no plans to reduce the amount of water it sucks from our lands. Indeed, in its recent annual negotiations with Inyo County regarding groundwater pumping, not only did LADWP refuse to agree to the pumping level requested by Inyo County, but LADWP personnel complained bitterly about the amount of water it must spread on Paisita every year to mitigate the dust problem. As Jon Klusmire noted a month or so back, L.A. took the position that all that water really belongs down in Los Angeles, not on the formerly beautiful deep lake in our valley where Mother Nature put it.

As temperatures are increasing and snowpack is decreasing, Mono and Inyo Counties are facing heightened threats of unhealthy dust levels and fire risk. Not to mention the threats to our recreation tourism and ranching-based economy. To manage these challenges, we need LADWP to allow more of our water to stay in Mono and Inyo Counties; this is necessary just to maintain the dismal status quo of our vegetation and the current, much-diminished health of our wildlife.

Instead, indications are that LADWP wants to start increasing its take. Seems they are looking at Long and Little Round Valleys. It also seems like the courts aren’t willing to tell them no. The agency also seeks to punch wells deeper into the ground in Inyo County; they won’t be happy until they have sucked out every last drop from every level of aquifer.

The biggest tragedy is that this approach to supplying water to Los Angeles is not necessary. Los Angeles’ own premier university, UCLA, published a study back in 2017 that outlines how the city could utilize stormwater capture, its own groundwater, and water recycling to almost entirely eliminate the need to extract water from Inyo and Mono Counties in a few decades. But LADWP has invested very little in this direction, choosing instead to stick to its century-old method of reliance on importation.

This choice is not the best one for the people of Los Angeles. They are left very vulnerable to the possibility of water shortages as their supplies from the Colorado and northern California continue to be diminished, and their long straws are threatened by increasingly volatile weather events, like fire and floods, that could disrupt service.

Knowing all this, it is very frustrating to see LADWP make efforts to inform the people of Inyo and Mono Counties about its conservation successes, and microscopic baby steps toward developing truly local water. What we’d really like to see up here, what the health of our ecosystems and our economy need, is a schedule of water extraction reduction. So please don’t send communications that take up space in our inbox, and take up our valuable reading time, that put you on the back for achievements that aren’t going to result in any benefit to us.

-Wendy Schneider is the Executive Director of Friends of the Inyo.
Photos from Leslie Redman

Yosemite National Park staff celebrate Karen Amstutz, Lead Interpretive Ranger in Tuolumne Meadows, at the finish line.

Third place finisher Colton Marshall of Yosemite, CA, all smiles approaching Ellery Lake, the race’s 9 mile point.

On Sunday, September 11th, 55 runners and 14 walkers raced 12.4 miles from the Mono Lake Committee in Lee Vining to the East entrance of Yosemite National Park. That’s 3,165 feet (but only one hill!). This was the 41st Annual Tioga Pass Run. All proceeds from the run benefit the Mono Lake Committee.

On the slopes of Mammoth Mountain, Jenny Weaver celebrates crossing the finish line while volunteer Jan Rhoades cheers her on.

TOP 20

1. Bret Sarnquist, Carson City: 1:46:08
2. Dan Yarborough, Bishop: 1:49:44
5. Ashley Beechan, Mammoth: 1:57:03
6. R Scot Buell, Coleville: 1:58:26
7. Alissa St. Laurent, Mountain View: 1:58:42
9. Summer Frazier, Bishop: 2:03:07
10. Erick Sugimura, Mammoth: 2:04:36
12. Catherine Dalby, Santa Rosa: 2:10:17
14. Mathew Dunn, Mammoth: 2:20:06
17. Michael Karch, Toms Place: 2:25:49
18. Ashley McComb, Yosemite: 2:31:47
19. Kristin Betz, Mammoth: 2:33:36
20. Volker Fischer, Incline Village: 2:33:27
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BUMP, SET, SPIKE: HUSKIES PLAY BALL

By Coach LeFrancois

This past week, MHS hosted its annual Invitational Tournament. 12 teams from all over the southern part of the state came, including Oakwood, Monache, Minarets and Yosemite - as well as local league schools: Bishop, Rosamond, Cal City and even the Mammoth JV.

One player who stood out for the Varsity was Skye Peterson, usually a setter for our team who moved over to play middle due to a teammate’s injury. She did a fantastic job for our team, especially beating league rival Bishop away and playing well in our entire tournament. She had 17 kills, 7 digs and 2 solo blocks alone versus Bishop.

The team looks forward to welcoming back Jocelyn Campos from injury this week, and also looks forward to hitting the court against Cal City in the Cal City Tournament.

The team defeated Yosemite - a first for us - at our Invitational.

We are a young, unique team with all juniors and one senior, Kendall Spieler.

The Huskies are 13-6 overall, and 3-0 in the league. Their next home match is against Desert on Tuesday, September 20. JV begins play at 4 p.m. with Varsity to follow.

A pair of Huskies go for the double block.
XC TEAMS ENJOY HOME COOKIN'

Mammoth High School Cross-Country hosted Bishop, Kern Valley, Frazier Mountain, Desert, Cal City, and Lee Vining at its home invitational at Shady Rest on Wednesday. Mammoth won both Boys and Girls events - the Girls won by a wide margin.

Mammoth Girls swept 1-2-3: Sierra Wight, Tenaya Keogler and Keilani Ocampo.

Mammoth Boys’ top finishers were 1 (Dane Karch) and 4 (Jake McConnell)

BEAR
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before his upcoming pre-bail hearing in Bridgeport on Tuesday, September 20 at 10 a.m. so that he could return to his residence in Mammoth to take care of his animals and complete an important contracting job scheduled for the weekend, as he hadn’t have time to “wrap up his affairs” before turning himself into police.

District attorney Dave Anderson urged denial of the request. “Based on his current situation, I feel very uncomfortable with him being released into the community at this time,” said Anderson. “He was found with an illegal firearm (.45) not registered in California. During his interview a couple days ago with law enforcement, Mr. Tracy said that he was going through both suboxone and methadone withdrawal, which he admitted he is addicted to. This may be in part why he was in an irritable mood when he shot the bear. In addition, he shot the bear right next to an apartment building.

Anderson then requested that Tracy’s bail be set at $100,000 instead of the scheduled $35,000.

According to Mammoth Officer Rick Bellis, the deceased bear was an adult female between 4 and 6 years old and about 160 pounds. Based on her physique, the bear did not have a cub this year, but it appeared that she had given birth at least once in the past. There is a good chance she was the bear who had been stealing food out of the Carl’s Jr. trash cans and bread from Vons, according to Bellis.

Tracy will remain in Bridgeport until Tuesday, September 20, at which point there will be a bail review conducted.

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**Happy Hour/ Live Liberty Sports Bar and Grill**

**Pursuit of Happiness Hour** Daily 3-6 p.m. and extended Pursuit of Happiness hour Mon. & Thur. 3-8 p.m. **More info: see ad p.19**

**Austria Hof Happy Hour**
4-6:30 p.m. Sun-Thurs/4-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday

**Outlaw Saloon Happy Hour**
day from 4-7 p.m. Monday happy hour all day. And Taco Tuesdays are back! **More info: see ad p.3**

**Clocktower Cellar**
Happy Hour: 4-6 p.m. day. $5 dollar menu items, drink specials. **More info: see ad. 11**

**Petra’s happy hour until 6 p.m.**
Signature cocktails, special menu.

**Roberto’s Happy Hour:** 2-5 p.m. daily.

**The Mogul**
happy hour 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the bar with food and drink specials.

**Lakanuki**
happy hour 3-6 daily. **Mammoth Tavern**
Happy hour 4-5:30 p.m. 1/2 off drink and app. specials **Distant Brewing**
happy hour 3-5 p.m. **Monday-Thursday**

**September 16-18/30th Annual Millpond Music Festival**

at Bishop’s Millpond recreation area. Listen to artists like the Shakedown Stringband, Zongo All-stars, and Chris Webster. Workshops by performers, arts and crafts for kids, food and drink vendors, and plenty of groovy tunes abound! **www.inyo.org/millpond/**

**Sunday, September 18/Joey Henderson LIVE!** at Distant Brewing from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Free to the public.

**Monday, September 19/Open Mic at Distant Brewing @ 6 p.m.**

Musical equipment provided.

**Tuesday, September 20/Triva at Mammoth Brewing Company**
@ 6:30 p.m. Free to play, pay to drink.

**Not Your Grandma’s Bingo Night @ The Warming Hut.**
Doors at 5:30 p.m. First Bingo game at 6 p.m. Proceeds go to DSES Summer Programs. **More info: see ad. p.2**

**Thursday, September 22/Elizabeth Petra LIVE!** at Distant Brewing from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. A ukulele player with full jazz band experience brings her four-string. Free to the public.

**September 24-25/“Autumn Hues” with the Felici Trio featuring music by Ravel, Haydn and Arensky**

Kicks off the new Felici season! Saturday concert @ 7 p.m. at Cerro Coso College in Mammoth Lakes and also live-streamed: https://www.twitch.tv/themammothchannel Sunday concert @ 4 p.m. at Cerro Coso College in Bishop. View upcoming concerts, purchase tickets and access live-stream links here: https://felicitrio.com/concertcalendar.html

**TOWN STUFF**

**Saturday, September 17/Trail Days Lake Basin Cleanup**

at Horseshoe Lake @ 9 a.m. Tools, desserts, and give-aways will be provided. **BYO lunch!**

**Owens River Clean Up** from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Volunteers meet at dirt parking spots south of bridge over Owens River along East Line Street. Register with Claire - claire@eslt.org. **Mammoth TUFF Gravel Bike Ride**

taking place in and around Mammoth. For information on traffic changes and road closures, see **ad p. 6**

**Mammoth Lake County Park Bird Walk**
from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. at Mono Lake County park. Guided stroll through a variety of habitats. Free. **Register at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mammoth-lake-county-park-bird-walk-tickets-41362890327**

**Celebration of Life for Robert Christopher Liebelt.** Time: 1 p.m. Location: Base of Main Lodge gondola. **More info: see ad p.6**

**Monday, September 19/Mammoth Lakes Restaurant Association Meeting**

from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. For meeting URL, visit www.mammothlakeschamber.org/events/details/mammoth-lakes-restaurant-association-meeting-09-19-2022-1102.

**Mammoth Lakes Housing Board Special Meeting**

at 5 p.m. @ 437 Old Mammoth Rd., Suite Z. **Citizen’s Wildfire Education Academy**
on smoke, evacuation, and other preparation procedures. Virtual session at 6 p.m. **More info: see ad p.7**

**Tuesday, September 20/Inyo County Board of Supervisors Meeting**
at 8:30 a.m. @ the County Administration Center, 224 N. Edwards St., Independence, CA. **Mono County Board of Supervisors Meeting**
at 9 a.m. @ Mono County Courthouse, Second Floor Board Chambers. Zoom webinar also available. **More info at monocounty.ca.gov.**

**Wednesday, September 21/Mammoth Town Council Meeting**
at 3:45 p.m. @ 437 Old Mammoth Rd., Suite Z.

**Thursday, September 22/Financial Fitness: Planning for your future information session to help plan your financial future.**
4-6 p.m. @ Mammoth Hospital. **More info: see ad. p.3**

**Trashy Thursdays** at Convict Lake from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Pick up trash to keep the community clean. **MUSD School Board meets.** Time: 6 p.m. Location: High School MPR. **MHS Volleyball plays at home v. Frazier Mountain.** [V]s start 4 p.m.

**Saturday, September 24/Back to School Immunization Clinic**
at Mammoth Community Center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. **More info: see ad p.10**

**September 22-25/Mammoth Trail Fest** is a multi-day party filled with trail races, live podcasts at the Village, and donuts galore. **Mountain & Adventure Film Festival** at Mammoth Mountaineering Supply from 5 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. each night. **No Sunday screening.**

**September 23-25/2022 Pabanamanina Pow Wow** at the Bishop Paiute Reservation. Traditional dancing, hand games, arts and crafts, music, food, parade, and more. For more information, call 760-920-2332.
REAL ESTATE Q&A: ELECTION SPECIAL
Learning from history?
By Paul Oster

We are second homeowners in Mammoth and have been here most of the time here in the summer. We’ve enjoyed the Mammoth Museum/Hayden Cabin both inside and out and often take visiting friends there, and even envision hosting a party or event there someday. But we understand that the community, both publicly and privately, is not adequately supporting this fine property and facility. That seems wrong. Why is this?

A: This is so typical “Mammoth.” Over the decades I’ve been questioned about the community’s short-sightness so many times. I’ve tried to figure it out, but it has become a recurring theme. It reminds me of the saying “common sense isn’t so common.” But the timing of this question is good because we are less than two months away from a critical Town Council election here in Mammoth.

The question (and the answer) reminds me once again why Mammoth has survived through the decades, and it has little or nothing to do with anything mamade. Most of our mamade stuff is pretty mediocore. Without the spectacular natural environment that surrounds us, we truly are what one long-time local refers to as a “glorified bus stop.” And we keep missing the opportunities to change this. The evidence is all around us; a great ski area with ancient mobility, a 30% finished faux alpine village, a downtown full of parking lots, and weeds growing everywhere.

But Mammoth is evolving into a more mature resort (it has been a long haul). As it does, it is critical that it chases fewer “shiny objects.” Like focusing on flashy marketing while ignoring the variety of desperately needed workforce housing (thankfully that era is coming to a close). Or building fancy public transit stops and not maintaining the one that gets used the most and is the most visible (that thing is disgusting). New adventures are great, but we have to maintain what we already have. And maintain it well.

So here we are. For the most part we have a lame-duck Town Council; there are three seats up for election, and more importantly that could form a new majority. We have six candidates including only one incumbent, and one former Council member. It is great to have these candidates – activism appears to be alive and well in Mammoth. But it is time to dig into what and how they think, and the Town’s dubious commitment to the Mammoth Museum is a perfect type of question to start some (hopeful) intelligent dialogue.

The question made me contact Robert Joki who is president of the Board of Directors for the Southern Mono Historical Society (SMHS). They don’t own the Cabin/museum building but they own the contents. The museum is technically on Forest Service land, but it is part of the Town’s Mammoth Creek Park plan. This distinction is apparently one of the “problems” that keep the bureaucrats from making greater commitments to the Museum. Everyone thinks it should be a fantastic amenity, but there are more excuses than solid commitments to help SMAH get it done.

I’m visualizing old episodes of the Three Stooges. None of this makes sense in the real world. A successful business owner would certainly find a way to solve the problem or rationalize the right decision. Our community leaders should also be able to (more delusions on my part?) This is why putting the question to the Council candidates could be so enlightening. We need strong leadership now and in the future. We don’t need more excuses. Or rubber-stamping what “the staff” thinks is best.

The Mammoth Museum/Hayden Cabin is a grand opportunity, but is being starved. The Museum should balance out the enormity and ugliness of the Ice Rink structure along the Mammoth Creek parkway. The Town prides itself on the trail system and there is already a lovely trail segment linking the two, including a nice bridge spanning the Creek. It could all be enhanced. It is a perfect opportunity to create what planners call the “progressional effect.” And the electric car owners who are using the new charging station will have time to stroll over to the Museum and hang out. That is if they don’t think old things and history have no value.

The SMHS Board has elevated the entire Museum experience in the past few years. But it is not sustainable with the current, meagerly support from both the public and private sectors. But most importantly the public sector. It functions like a quasi-government program with little funding, big expectations and grossly untapped potential. My readers know I hate seeing wonderful assets squandered. The location, site and structure are pure Mammoth. Certainly far more than anything Sprung.

Joki estimates that 5,000 visitors per year actually log-in to the Ice Rink Interior. Another 25,000 hang out in the exterior (sounds like Covid numbers). The lawn adjacent to the Cabin there is the tattered canopy tent known as the “Temple of Folly” (a reference to the long forgotten 1880s Mammoth City saloon). Folly is appropriate for this discussion. But this is where daily visitors relax in the shade and watch videos of Mammoth history including “The Dave McCoy Story.”

The entire venue has been used for wedding receptions and other sizable parties and gatherings. A new $20,000 tent could probably secure that amount in forward bookings for the following summer. It’s like having an STR and not having beds; only the desperate would rent it. Some upgraded portable restrooms would be nice too. Plastic “honey bucket” outhouses aren’t that appealing.

The proposed operating budget to make the Museum truly viable and vibrant is a small fraction of the annual maintenance funding for the new Ice Rink facility. And the Museum may have a bigger fan base. And all of it could easily be absorbed into the Town’s massive Parks & Recreation budget (check your SCE/electric bill, we are all paying into it every month). But the suggestion of that just brings more excuses. Maybe we should consult with the Three Stooges. The Parks & Rec people like to point out the the new Ice Rink structure is “fully programmable.” That essentially means it can be used for all sorts of things (do kids really want to play inside in the summer?)? So why shouldn’t the Museum be fully programmable? With a decent bit of funding from the Town the SMHS has made the History Trolley Summer Program a success. In its first year. With appropriate funding and a stable staff, the Museum has all sorts of possibilities.

What do the numbers really look like? In 1992 (30 years ago) the Museum received $6,000 from the Town and $4,000 from the County. That year it had expenses of $13,000. This year the Town contributed $15,000 to the Museum and the operational expenses are around $140,000. This incudes approximately $60,000 in payroll. The whole thing is being run on a shoestring. And nobody seems to be placing any value on the volunteer president of SMHS, who is by far the most experienced and capable person on the community has ever had in this role.

While many of Mammoth’s original and old-time structures (many of them log cabins) are long gone, the Mammoth Museum/Hayden Cabin provides present and future generations a glimpse at the authenticity of Mammoth. Local museums are supposed to do many things for their visitors; to learn about the area and its history, to spark curiosity and make people smarter, and to encourage critical thinking skills in children (or Council candidates). They should be feel-good environments and help guide the future of the community and the inevitable changes, and much more.

One compelling question that needs to be asked of our Council candidates is; Do you value making a stronger commitment the Mammoth Museum to make it viable and let it flourish, all at a relatively small cost? And if not, why? And if you have read this far, what would you like to ask the candidates?

Paul Oster is the Broker/Owner of RE/MAX of Mammoth (celebrating 30+ years). For other timely real estate information you can go to www.MammothRealEstateBlog.com. For legal, accounting, or construction advice, please seek out the appropriate professionals.

Without the spectacular natural environment that surrounds us, we truly are ... "a glorified bus stop."

" -Paul Oster

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- Orderly/Janitor
- PT Housekeeper
- PT Maintenance Worker
- Office Assistant

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- Cook/Food Service Worker
- Housekeeping/Janitor

Shilo Inn is accepting applications for PT housekeepers, FT maintenance worker and Front Desk/night audit. Immediate Front Desk/Office assistant starting at $18/hour. Please call Human Resources (Sarina Quintanilla) at 925.813.2331 or email your resume to squnteno@markushotelgroup.com.

Second Chance Thrift Shop seeks cheerful front line retail sales Associate. Must be able to lift 50 lbs. Wage DOE. Emmalee resume and cover letter to CLepr@Disabled-SportsEasternSierra.org

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Holiday Inn Motel is hiring for “Housekeeping”. Starting pay is $21/hc. DOE Call 760-924-1414 to send resume to mam@ holidayinnmammoth.com, you can also stop by the office at 9005 Main Street. Holiday Inn is also hiring for “Maintenance Staff”. Starting pay is $25/hour DOE Contact Info: See above.

Mammouth Casual Dining Restaurant is hiring back of the house chefs for kitchen management, preparation, hot line, and pantry positions. $22-$28/hour + bonus + benefits. Experienced person desired. Submit resume and statement of interest to board@mammouthwatermeadow.com

Water System Operator
Mountain Meadows Mutual Water Co. seeks a Water System Operator, with a minimum of a D1 certification, to perform various duties on FT basis. On average, this position would require 10 to 12 hours of work per month. Interested individuals should send their resume to the attention of President of Board at mountainmeadowswater.com

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Mammoth Community Water District’s Operations Department is currently recruiting for one permanent Water Treatment Operator position. Please visit https://www.mammothwater.com/MCW to learn more about the position.

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- Housekeeping Associate
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Mammoth Veterinary Hospital is now hiring for the following positions:

- Veterinary Assistant
- Veterinary Technician

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Mammoth Lake’s largest and most popular outdoor recreation destination. Located just minutes from Mammoth Mountain, Mammoth Lakes offers a wide variety of activities for both locals and visitors alike. From skiing and snowboarding during the winter months to hiking, cycling, and boating during the summer, there is something for everyone.

We are currently seeking to fill the following positions:

- Maintenance Supervisor
- Parking Lot Attendant
- Tour Guide

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If you are interested in applying for any of these positions, please submit your resume and cover letter to humanresources@mammothlakes.com. Thank you for your interest in joining our team at Mammoth Lakes Hospital.

Opening for Experienced Maintenance Person Full Time Salary Position in Mammoth Lakes, CA for 84 unit condo complex. Must be able to work nights. Must be self-starting and a self-starter for physical position. Experience in basic handyman/property maintenance, etc. Must be able to work nights. Starting pay is $23/hr w/ mileage reimbursement. Must have reliable transportation. No experience needed. Email resumes to Maintenance@MammothGear.com

We are currently seeking to fill the following positions:

- Front Desk Opportunity
- Part-time or Full-time Reservation/Office Assistant
- Maintenance Supervisor
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Notice Inviting Bids

NOTICE INVITING BIDS - SNOW REMOVAL FOR THE COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER AND ICE RINK PARKING LOTS L2022

The Town of Mammoth Lakes, California, hereby invites sealed proposals for the removal of snow from the Community Recreation Center and Ice Rink parking lots in Mammoth Lakes, CA. Snow removal includes spreading cinders, placing, repairing, replacing, and removing snow stacks, debris, snow, and performing all work to maintain safe roadways and parking lots.

The successful bidder and all subcontractors, of any tier, shall maintain active registration with the Department of Industrial Relations for the duration of the Contract. The contractor shall have a valid Class A or B Driver's License and a current Town of Mammoth Lakes Business Tax Certificate and shall maintain active registration and certificates throughout the duration of the Contract. The successful bidder, or subcontractor, shall be responsible for having adequate equipment in good working order, all necessary materials, and necessary permits as well as the sole judge as to the qualifications of each bidder.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract or order for the purchase or sale of commodities, supplies, and services, which is to be awarded to the successful bidder, is in accordance with prevailing wage requirements established by the California Labor Code, which include, but are not limited to the payment of not less than the minimum wage, and all applicable Labor Code provisions, which include, but are not limited to the payment of not less than the prevailing wage.

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TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, CALIFORNIA

Notice of Vacancy

NOTICE IN BREVIO CERVI Y/naver V1 exist a vacancy on the Board of Directors of the Southern Mono Healthcare District ("SMHD") at the District Offices at 760-924-4114, or P.O. Box 660, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546. Call-in or in-person in person at the District Offices at 760-924-4114.

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SMHD Board meeting will be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office Meeting Room at 760-924-4114, or P.O. Box 660, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546. Call-in or in-person at the District Offices at 760-924-4114.

Notice of Public Comment

Mammoth Lakes, California, is located within a county in the State of California, US, in a Institutional Facilities District, inclusive of certain named territories.

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Ordinance of the Town of Mammoth Lakes Official Seal

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Pursuant to Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, all contractors and subcontractors that wish to bid on, or enter into a contract to perform public works must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations. No bid will be ac- cepted, nor any contract entered into without proof of the contractor’s and subcontractor’s 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 throughout the duration of the Project. Furthermore, the contractor shall have a valid Class A or B Driver’s license and shall have a vehicle, driver’s license, and certificates throughout the duration of the Contract. The contractor shall have a valid California Business Tax Registration Certificate and all required local permits. The contractor shall have a valid Class A or B Driver’s license and shall have a vehicle, driver’s license, and certificates throughout the duration of the Contract. The contractor shall have a valid California Business Tax Registration Certificate and all required local permits. The contractor shall have a valid Class A or B Driver’s license and shall have a vehicle, driver’s license, and certificates throughout the duration of the Contract. The contractor shall have a valid California Business Tax Registration Certificate and all required local permits.

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

The Director of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of per diem wages in the locality in which this work is to be performed for each craft or occupation for which bids are invited, and the general prevailing rate of per diem wages in the locality in which this work is to be performed for each craft or occupation for which bids are invited, and the general prevailing rate of per diem wages in the locality in which this work is to be performed for each craft or occupation for which bids are invited, and the general prevailing rate of per diem wages in the locality in which this work is to be performed for each craft or occupation for which bids are invited.

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**HOROSCOPES**

**By Clouds McCloud**

**Virgo:** The stars are reporting that they’ll be lighting your path well throughout this next lucky year of your life. That’s why your birthday gift to yourself is to be more open-minded and to have a backpack filled with everything you need for your next adventure. In case you need some help packing, be sure to put in some warm layers, underpants that make you feel sexy, a raincoat, good socks, a good book or two, a journal, a water bottle, a pocket knife, and a toothbrush. Comfy shoes will also be nice when you Earth Signs start skipping down your new path.

**Libra:** Mercury will be in retrograde until October 2nd so expect communication and technical challenges to be until October 2nd so expect communica-

**Scorpio:** Your new role model is Ameri-

**Aquarius:** There are many oddities in

**Sagittarius:** The next time the past tries
to call you just let it go to voicemail. You
don’t even have to listen to it later. You
can just try to read the broken Eng-

**Capricorn:** Your new role model is fello-

**Taurus:** Ultimately aren’t what matters. Curios-

**Gemini:** Sometimes the best thing we
can do is let go of the picture of what

**Cancer:** There is an old belief that dates
back to at least the horse-and-buggy
days that goes, “Before you marry some-
go sit in traffic with ‘em for several hours.” While none of us want to be judged in our lowest moments, they do make up the package that each of us is. So you might as well let people see you at your worst. While you stick around, then you’ll know who to hang out with when you’re at your best.

**Leo:** Studies have shown that love-

**Virgo:** Their feet are firmly planted

**Libra:** For the better. In fact, Clouds thinks you

**Sagittarius:** That’s why your birthday gift to

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