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Michael Koch taking the bull for a ride at the 2015 Rock N' Rye Festival this year. The proceeds from the mechanical bull riding went to the Mammoth Medical Missions fund.

The event also featured whiskey and beer tastings. For more scenes from the event, see page 14.

Photo by John Rea

A mammoth summer for Mammoth

Visitor spending and visitor numbers may have broken records

By Wendilyn Grasseschi
Times Staff Writer

If it seems like this was very big summer in terms of the number of people in town, that is because it was – or at least those that were here were spending a lot more money than they have in the past five summers.

Although the actual number of people visiting the area is notoriously hard to pin down – how does one accurately account for every member in a party checked into a hotel, or everyone in a campsite in a local campground? – local merchants and employees said this was one of the biggest summers they have seen, if not the biggest.

“It was huge,” said Tom Cage, the owner of Kittredge Sports who has been a business owner more than three decades. “I don’t have the exact numbers of people but we are 20 percent up. It could easily be our best summer ever.”

“It was epic,” said Vons checker and Mammoth iconoclast Greg Smith, aka “Fireball.” It never stopped all summer, right up until the day after Labor Day.”

One thing that can be precisely counted, however, is cold, hard dollars. If the amount of money spent in town this summer is any reflection of the actual numbers of

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Mammoth is discussing Measure Z

Mammoth Lakes Board of Realtors to host Measure Z Forum Sept. 17

By Mike Gervais
Managing Editor

The Mammoth Lakes Board of Realtors will be hosting a public forum on Thursday, Sept. 17 to discuss various views on the upcoming Measure Z ballot initiative.

The forum will be held from 5-7 p.m. at the Old Theatre located at 549 Old

Mammoth Rd.

Measure Z, which will be put to a vote during a special election on Oct. 6, would, if approved, require all requests for zoning amendments related to single-family home rentals to be approved by voters.

If the ballot measure is not approved, the Town of Mammoth Lakes will continue its current practice. As it stands now, if an individual wishes to rent his/her property on a nightly basis, and the property is not zoned for that use, he/she must file a request for a conditional use permit or a zoning change. That request is subject to

public input, as the Planning Commission will notify neighbors and host a public hearing. Following the public process, the Planning Commission forwards a recommendation to the Town Council, either supporting or opposing the request. The Town Council has the power to approve or deny the request.

If Measure Z is approved on Oct. 6, all requests for new single-night family home rentals will go to the ballot.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes Municipal Code currently prohibits transient rentals of single-family homes as well as hotels and motels in the RSF, RR and

RMF-1 zones. Bed and Breakfast uses are not permitted in the RSF zone, allowed only by use permit in the RR zone, and allowed without a permit in the RMF-1 zone. Group living quarters are not permitted in the RSF and RR zones and require a use permit in the RMF-1 zone.

If approved, Measure Z would amend provisions of the Town Code to reaffirm these limits and require voter approval of any changes to the limits.

The initiative does not affect existing ordinance provisions allowing transient rental of single-family homes and other

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EVENTS

Local edible and medicinal plants field trip, Sept. 12

Clinical herbalist and educator Tellur Fenner will lead a day-long field class geared toward identifying local edible and medicinal plants on Saturday, Sept. 12. Cost is \$20. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Eastern California Museum parking lot, 155 N. Grant St., Independence. Bring water, lunch, sunscreen, etc. The group will spend the day (until 6 p.m.) exploring and identifying the flora in nearby Onion Valley. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Eastern California Museum. Call 760-878-0258 for more information and to make a reservation – space is limited.

Volunteers needed, Gran Fondo, Kamikaze bike races, Sept 12, Sept. 24-27

September is Bike Month in Mammoth Lakes with two great events going on; Mammoth Gran Fondo is Sept. 12 and the Kamikaze Bike Games are Sept. 24-27. Volunteers are key to the success of these events and all proceeds of both benefit the Mammoth Mountain Community Foundation. Participants will receive tons of great benefits, including lift tickets for the 2015/2016 season, transferable entries to both events and more. Contact <http://www.mammothfoundation.org> for more information.

Graniteman Challenge registration open, race is Sept. 11-13

One of the state's greatest athletic challenges returns for a sixth year Sept. 11-13 in a competition that's as tough as granite.

The Graniteman Challenge, sponsored by the High Sierra Triathlon Club, is a unique three-day combination of the Granite to Granite Swim, a 2.4-mile swim in June Lake on Friday, Sept. 11, the Mammoth Gran Fondo, a 102-mile bike ride on Saturday, Sept. 12 and the Tioga Pass Run, a 12.4-mile run up Tioga Pass on Sunday, Sept. 13. To find out more or to register, go to highsierratri.org/graniteman. To find out more on lodging, dining and other things to do in Mono County, go to MonoCounty.org.

Kelsey Collins Celebration of Life, Sept. 13

On Sunday, March 29, local friend, sister, confidant, Kelsey Collins, chose to end her life on Earth. A celebration will be held at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 13 at Mimi's Field. Those planning to attend should bring a chair or blanket and picnic brunch. Kelsey Collins was an acclaimed

author, elder advocate, healer, and vivacious speaker acknowledged by her peers for her expertise in elder care and her life's work towards redefining the caregiver-caregiver experience. For more information and directions please email Stacey at staceyonair@yahoo.com or via her Facebook page.

Lakes Basin cleanup, Sept. 19

Join Friends of the Inyo and Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Lands Access along with the Inyo National Forest and the Town of Mammoth Lakes and give back to the local public lands. Come out and help clean up the Lakes Basin for our final Summer of Stewardship Trail Day. The group will be meeting at Horseshoe Lake and will disperse to the different areas throughout the Mammoth Lakes Basin. There will be a free bagel breakfast by Old New York Bagel and Deli as well as a free lunch from Bleu Handcrafted Foods thanks to Mammoth Lakes Sunrise Rotary. During lunch there will be a free raffle for all of those who came out to volunteer, so make sure you stick around. For more information email casey@friendsoftheinyo.org or call 760-873-6500.

Convict Lake cleanup, Sept. 26

Give back to local public lands on National Public Lands Day. Join Friends of the Inyo for a day of trail work and clean up at Convict Lake. The group will be meeting at 8:30 a.m. at the hikers parking lot (follow the signs) for a free bagel breakfast before we start the project. Lunch will be provided by the Convict Lake Resort, so make sure you stick around for some good food. Don't forget about great giveaways for volunteers too. Those planning to attend should wear work-appropriate clothing and sturdy closed-toe shoes. For more information, visit our website, email casey@friendsoftheinyo.org or call 760-873-6500.

Free youth cross-country mountain bike rides through Sept. 17

The Mammoth Mountain Community Foundation is offering free youth mountain bike rides. The rides will be held every Thursday, from 5-6:30 p.m. and will begin and end at the Mammoth Mountain Main Lodge Adventure Center. Mammoth Mountain Ski Area and MMCF are partnering to provide the free rentals and pedal passes for these rides. Community members will volunteer to lead the rides, which are geared toward high school and middle school-age kids. However, riders of any age and ability and their parents are welcome (parents must pay their own way).

ONGOING EVENTS

Southern Mono Historical Society at Hayden Cabin

Mammoth Museum at the Hayden Cabin - 5489 Sherwin Creek Road - is now open daily from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. through the end of September. Admission is free, however a \$2 per person donation is suggested. Year round memberships and donations are appreciated. Call 760-934-6918 or go to www.mammothmuseum.org or visit Facebook: www.facebook.com/www.mammothmuseum.org.

Eastern Sierra Certified Farmers' Market, Wednesdays and Saturdays

There are two Eastern Sierra Certified Farmers' Market locations – Bishop Farmers' Market is open Saturday from 9 a.m. – noon through October and is located west of U.S. 395 on Church Street, directly behind City Hall. Mammoth Lakes Skip's Outdoor Market is open Wednesday from 4 to 7 p.m. through August and September and is located on S.R. 203 at the Mammoth Luxury Outlet Mall.

ESCFM is always looking for new farmers/gardeners. For the Bishop location, contact Sue at 760-937-6768 or by e-mail at bishopfarmersmarket@gmail.com. For the Mammoth location, contact Cleland at 760-914-2000 or by e-mail at cleland@mammothluxuryoutlets.com.

New outdoor water restrictions go into effect Sept. 14

Cuts allow only three hours of outdoor irrigation in the early morning, twice a week

By Wendilyn Grasseschi
Times Staff Writer

Mammoth water users are going to have to learn how to live on even less water for outdoor irrigation after the Mammoth Community Water District voted late last week to cut the hours allowed to water landscaping down to three hours per customer twice a week.

The new conservation measures will be mandatory beginning Sept. 14.

The only water conservation option more restrictive is called "Level Four" which allows no outdoor watering at all, according to Betty Hylton, project specialist with the district.

"I know that these changes will be an inconvenience to many of you," she wrote in an email to customers last week. "Please understand that due to our current well levels and because there is no guarantee for snow fall this winter, this is a prudent course

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of action to protect our water supply."

The new conservation measures are needed, according to the district, due to the unprecedented effect of the drought on the district's wells and on Lake Mary, where the district stores the water it has surface water rights to.

According to a news release, during a special board of directors meeting this past Thursday, Sept. 3, the board unanimously adopted the new conservation measures in an "urgency ordinance" which made changes to the "Conservation Level Provisions," i.e., the water conservation regulations, which were already at Level Three conservation levels (limited watering for all customers to two days a week, during a 12-hour span between late evening and early mornings).

Tri-County Fair CEO resigns at request of the event's board of directors

Board president says directors will be meeting to review event's financial situation

By Terrance Vestal
Inyo Register Associate Editor

The day after the end of her second fair as the head of the Eastern Sierra Tri-County Fair got underway, Sally Symons' stint as the event's CEO came to a close.

Symons confirmed Wednesday that there was a Tri-County Fair Board of Directors meeting Friday afternoon and Symons was asked to turn in her resignation, which was effective Monday.

In a press release dated Tuesday, Fair

Board President Paul Dostie stated that the board had accepted Symons' resignation and that "Ms. Symons is no longer affiliated with the fair in any way."

Symons said Wednesday she had no further comment regarding her resignation.

Dostie said Wednesday that the board hadn't decided on an approach to search for a new CEO.

"Everything is up in the air right now," Dostie said.

He said the board is planning to meet Sept. 17 to go over the fair's finances to decide "what we can or can't do financially."

"We need to get an idea of where we are financially," Dostie said.

Symons had come on board last year as the CEO of the four-day event.

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Summer-like heat could break records

Rough Fire continues to grow and chance of moisture slim

By Wendilyn Grasseschi
Times Staff Writer

It's getting old.

An entrenched high-pressure system over the Eastern Sierra and much of the American Southwest will once again push temperatures into record-breaking highs over the next few days – and a relatively stagnant air pattern will do little to remove Rough Fire smoke from the region.

Hazy, sometimes smoky air will last at least through the early part of the weekend, a result of the still-growing Rough Fire, which remains the largest fire burning in the state and which continues to throw vast quantities of smoke across the Sierra crest into Eastern Sierra communities.

The fire was at 103,244 acres on Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 9, and at 31 percent contained. It has been burning for more than a month, since it was started by a lightning strike in late July, then discovered on July 31.

Increased fire activity is expected this week, due to the forecast for hotter and drier weather, which has triggered new evacuation warnings for communities like Dunlap on Wednesday.

Along with the Rough Fire, as of late Wednesday, Sept. 9, there were also two new fires burning in the Sierra that might create more smoke for Eastern Sierra residents if they not be controlled quickly; one in Tuolumne County near Twain Harte and one near the Tioga Pass Road, called the Tenaya Fire.

“Depending on how active these fires become, they could provide additional smoke into our forecast area, along with the smoke from the Rough Fire,” according to a forecast discussion post by the National Weather Service on Sept. 9.

“If these new fires become more active, they have the potential to increase smoke in the Tahoe Basin and north toward the Sierra valleys. We caution this is all highly speculative at this time, as we do not know how active these fires might become. Residents of Mono

County are likely to be impacted most directly by the additional smoke from the fire in Yosemite.”

The Tenaya Fire was at 300 acres on Sept. 9; the Tuolumne County fire was at 100 acres.

According to Howard Sheckter, Mammoth's weather forecaster, the first possibility of any real change to the weather is early next week, when the high pressure ridge begins to break down and gets pushed to the east by a low pressure system. That system may kick up enough wind to scour the smoke and haze out the Central Sierra he said, along with bringing possibly cooler, breezier weather.

However before that system moves in, some monsoon moisture may make a run for the Sierra Sunday or Monday with a slight chance of showers or thunder.

Part of the uncertainty could be the fact that forecasting during early fall months is very difficult, much more so than during many other months of the year, he said.

“The models' ability to do accurate forecasts in September and October are just terrible,” he said. “These are already the hardest months to forecast weather for and this year is the worst, due to El Nino.”

The current El Niño is stirring up storm after storm in the Pacific Ocean right now.

“Because of El Niño, there are tropical storms brewing in the Pacific right now, not just one part of the Pacific but the whole Pacific,” he said. “There are so many of them, it is hard to determine how they will phase, or how they will influence the jet stream, which, in turn, creates the troughs and ridges that create our weather.”

On the other hand, these same storms could bring a flush of moisture to California.

The operative word, however, is “could.”

“Tropical Storm Linda will try to bring moisture to Southern California late next week, if it can break through and after that, there is Marty (a tropical storm), which looks like quite the storm,” Sheckter said. “Either of these could bring moisture up. The problem, again, is our forecasts are not very accurate right now. It's hard to say what will happen.”

He said forecast accuracy should improve later in the fall, in October.

Water war continues as water district appeals lawsuit

Mammoth's water district appeals ruling, after losing lawsuit

Times Staff Report

Mammoth's water district filed an appeal Sept. 9 that challenges a Mono County Superior Court June 26 decision to deny the district's legal challenge to the environmental review of a proposed new geothermal plant.

The new project, proposed by Ormat Technologies, Inc., and called the Casa Diablo IV geothermal project, will double the amount of geothermal power being extracted from the local area if it is approved.

The Mammoth Community Water District had previously called the project's environmental document “grossly inadequate,” hence the lawsuit.

“Although renewable energy expansion is an important statewide goal, so is the preservation of sustainable water supplies,” said Mammoth Community Water District Board of Directors President Tom Smith in a news release from the district dated Sept. 9.

“MCWD is committed to protecting taxpayer dollars and the region's water needs. We will fight to ensure that Ormat implements appropriate measures to mitigate potential impacts on our ground-

water supplies.”

The Mammoth Lakes community has been almost entirely dependent on groundwater supplies since last year, according to the news release.

“Regional water supplies remain at critical levels due to the historic drought and strict state mandates on water conservation,” Smith said. “Establishment of an adequate monitoring and mitigation plan is crucial.”

MCWD filed a lawsuit against Ormat and the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District in August 2014, challenging the adequacy of their environmental review for the proposed project.

On June 26, 2015, MCWD's challenge was denied by the Mono County Superior Court.

Since then, according to the news release, efforts by the district to obtain what it considers to be adequate mitigation and monitoring measures to protect Mammoth's drinking water supply have not been successful.

In a letter to the United States Bureau of Land Management last week, the water district outlined fundamental areas of disagreement and called upon the BLM, which must approve the final project before it can be built, to assign an independent mediator.”

The Times attempted to contact both Ormat and Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District but had not heard a response as of press time on Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 9.

Searching for Matt Greene

Volunteers heading into the backcountry this week seeking signs of hiker who went missing in 2013

By Mike Gervais
Managing Editor

A group of volunteer searchers are launching a renewed search effort in the backcountry west of Mammoth Lakes this week to find signs of Matthew Greene, who has been missing since July 17, 2013.

Greene was a hiker and climber staying in Mammoth to explore the local backcountry when he disappeared.

It is believed he was heading to the Mount Ritter or Banner Peak areas when he was last seen in 2013. However, according to search organizer Peter Agoston, Greene left no itinerary, so the search area has been nailed down using the best information possible. “It's a lot of speculation,” Agoston said.

He explained that some of the last people known to have spoken with Greene said the hiker was interested in exploring the Minarets, Ritter and Banner Peak.

“I wish we had more positive witnesses,” Agoston said. “What we have are conversations with people at the campground he was staying at, saying where he was interested in going.”

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NEWS BRIEFS

Rock Creek Road 30-minute delays, Sept. 12, Sept. 17

There will be weekend work along the Rock Creek Road on both Sept. 12 and Sept. 17, according to the U.S. Forest Service. Expect 30-minute delays from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. If the necessary work for those days is completed, the delays may end earlier. Crews are working to get the work done by the end of the season.

Yost Lake/Fern Lake trailhead closed until mid-September

The Yost/Fern Creek Trailhead, located on the June Lake Loop between the Down Canyon Fire Station and the Double Eagle Lodge/Inn, is closed in order for fire crews to do fire suppression thinning in the area. The trailhead parking lot will be closed along with roadside parking on the south side of the loop. Alternative access to this trail will be via the Yost Meadow Trailhead, which is across from the June Lake Fire Department. An additional thinning project between the Peterson Tract and June Mountain Ski Area will be started following the completion of the Yost/ Fern Project. Trails in the area will be closed while this project is completed; all trails will be signed. For specific questions about the projects, call Andrew Weinhart at 760-924-5550.

South Lake parking lot closed for seven weeks beginning Sept. 8

The Inyo National Forest is planning to repave and improve parking lot drainage at the South Lake Day Use and Trailhead parking lots this September. The South Lake parking lots will be closed from Sept. 8 until Oct. 30 (seven weeks).

Boat ramp and trailer parking will not be available during the closure. Recreational vehicles and vehicles with trailers will not be permitted use of the South Lake Road beyond Bishop Creek Lodge during this construction closure. Roadside parking will be authorized along South Lake Road, down canyon from Parchers Resort. Motorists should not park at Parchers Resort or at Rainbow Pack Station unless they are a customer. Hiking access to South Lake, Bishop Pass Trail and Treasure Lakes will be via Parchers Resort and the Rainbow Pack Station. It is approximately one mile to connect to the Bishop Pass Trail at South Lake from this location.

WEEKLY QUOTE

*“As a cure for worrying,
work is better than
whiskey.”*
– Ralph Waldo
Emerson

Deer season opens Sept. 19

Dog owners, hikers, use caution in deer hunting areas

Times Staff Report

As the Sept. 19 and Sept. 26 general deer hunting season openers approach, hunters across the state are gearing up to head out in search of deer in many of the most popular hunting areas.

Hunting season means users of backcountry trails and roads now need to be aware of each other to an even greater degree than before, especially those hikers and/or dog owners who hike the less traveled trails and go cross-country in the backcountry, according to wildlife authorities with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Authorities recommend equipping both dogs and people with at least one item of bright orange hunting gear, such as a vest or kerchief for dogs and some item of visible orange clothing for hikers. Hikers should also be aware of possible hunting activity in the areas they hike in; vice versa, hunters should be aware of possible hikers and dogs.

For more information on deer hunting zones and seasons, see the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's 2015 Big Game Hunting Digest.

Specific zone maps and information are also available online at www.wildlife.ca.gov

Statewide, estimated deer population numbers are up slightly from 443,000 last year to 512,000 this year, according to the department. Last year, approximately 22 percent of the state's deer hunters harvested a deer.

Scouting an area prior to hunting and getting off the beaten path can be keys to hunter success, especially during this time of historic drought and due to the fires burning in parts of the state. CDFW recommends that hunters keep current on possible public land closures in zones they plan to hunt in.



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THROWBACK THURSDAY



Two of Mammoth's favorite residents, Bryce and Wilma Wheeler, in 1991. The Wheelers remain active in the community to this day, attending just about ev-

ery local event or activity they can, just to stay in the loop.

Photo courtesy Bryce and Wilma Wheeler

Do you have a vintage photo to submit as a Throwback Thursday? If so, email it to mgervais@mammothtimes.com.

POLICE BLOTTER

Aug. 31

Someone called police to tell them a man and a woman were fighting on Old Mammoth Road near the fire station very early in the morning.

Someone called police to report a stolen bike from a Meridian Boulevard residence.

Someone was arrested after a reporting party called to tell police they heard a woman "screaming again" and "screaming like she was hurt" near the Ski Trails Mobile Home Park in the early morning hours.

Someone called police to tell them they had encountered a couple, a man and a woman, fighting "in the wilderness" and that "it seemed like it was escalating" at about 10 p.m. The reporting party said the couple was camped in a tent at the edge of the Old Shady Rest Campground.

Someone called to tell police that they heard "some kind of dispute" near Forest Trail at about 3 p.m. and that the male involved in the dispute might have kicked or punched the female involved. The reporting party said each of the two suspects in the dispute had a restraining order against the other.

A woman called police to tell them her neighbor's dog was "barking incessantly and loudly" and that she wanted to know what to do, since Mammoth does not have Animal Control officers.

Sept. 1

Police responded to reports of a bear trapped in a dumpster on Chaparral Road at about 3:30 a.m.

Someone called police to tell them that two people using leaf blowers had scratched the "sh**" out of his car located on Ski Trail in Mammoth Lakes at about 7 a.m.

Someone told police that a group of people using a pool on Hillside Drive had verbally assaulted him and that he wanted officers to enforce the rules of the pool.

A landlord for a Lupin Street property told police a tenant refused to leave after being evicted and asked police to help.

Someone told police a bear had come into their residence through an open window, took some food, then went out and sat in front of the person's home. The bear charged at the person when they opened the door of the residence.

Sept. 2

Someone called police to let them know that her male companion was punched in the face for an unknown reason after they exited Vons at about 1:30 a.m.

Sept. 3

A man called from the Aspen Village area to tell police his brother was possibly under the influence of drugs "or something" and that the brother "was hitting the walls" and that he didn't know what was going on with the brother.

A manager at the Fireside Condos called to say there was a mother bear and three cubs at the front door "hissing" at the customers and that the mother bear was "becoming agitated."

Someone called to complain that a bouncy house rental party at the back portion of the complex was too

loud and that they wanted police to calm the situation down.

Sept. 4

Someone called to say that a man they knew "wanted to kill himself." The reporting party said there were no weapons in the area and that the man had not been drinking.

Someone called to tell police that their 20-year-old son was missing and that he had last been seen on Aug. 26 at the Motel 6. The parent said the missing man is a non-violent schizophrenic who was released from the hospital two weeks ago.

Someone called police to tell them that when she was at the post office, a male subject pulled a flyer for the "Let Mammoth Decide" campaign out of her hand, then followed her back to her house. The subject was no longer at her house when she called.

A man was arrested at the Grand Sierra Lodge on Forest Trail after he was found to be drunk in public at about 11:30 p.m.

Sept. 5

Someone called to report a fight in the Village at Mammoth involving "multiple knife cuts and a black eye."

Sept. 6

Someone called to tell police he was going to kill himself, that he was "very serious" and that he had knives.

An apparently drunk "kid" walked into the reporting party's home at about 4:14 p.m. on Majestic Pines, then left after the reporting party's dogs barked at the suspect and the reporting party yelled at the suspect, but not until the suspect had "eyed" the reporting party's bike.

Huskies V. Broncos rivalry game

Football teams face off in Mammoth this Friday

By Hannah Halferty
Times Staff Intern

The highly anticipated Huskies versus Broncos football game is just around the corner. Mammoth High School has prepared a rally in honor of the game. This is the talk of both the schools, every year. The high school football players and coaches are getting fired up.

"I think it's going to be a good football game," Coach Tom Gault said. Though the Huskies lost last year's rivalry game, everyone on campus seems to have a very positive outlook on this year's game. At the very least, the Huskies will have gained some playing time and some of the community's support.

Quarterback Christian Orrick said this game will be "a good experience for the Huskies as a preseason game."

The team has also been working on certain strategies to help with this upcoming game. After having asked Coach Galt if the team changed anything in their practices to prepare for the game, he said, "Yes, we have focused practices on stopping the offense." He went on to say the team is "especially concerned about containing their quarterback."

This was a popular observation as many of the players made simi-

lar statements. When asked if the team had been stressing anything in particular to prepare for the game, Matthew Hornbeck, a running back and linebacker, said "We have been keying in on Hunter (the Broncos' tight end and outside linebacker)."

Stephen Frazier, the Huskies' offensive tackle and defensive end, also said the team is mainly focusing on blocking Hunter.

Looking at the team's strengths and weaknesses, Hornbeck said, "We have a solid backfield with a good

set of linemen and a powerhouse defense."

Co-team captain, linebacker and right guard Tyler Searles added, "Our warm up and home field will be our advantage."

Orrick said "the elevation" will be Bishop's downfall.

The rivalry game is set to kick off at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11. All are invited to show up to support the team, munch on snacks from the Booster Club, and enjoy the game and the halftime show by the Huskies Cheer Squad.



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OUR VIEW

Pick up the phone

We live in a small community, where most people know their neighbors and we bump into friends and acquaintances almost any time we leave the house. It may not be Mayberry exactly, but it's a pretty friendly community.

Though we see each other regularly about town – or possibly because we're so likely to bump into one another on a regular basis – there seems to be a lack of communication with the community from some of our public agencies.

Now, every community member has a right and an opportunity to contact their public officials to ask questions and learn about what's happening in town. But, because many have busy schedules and don't have time to make those inquiries, many in the community rely on the local newspaper to gather that information and get it out to the community.

However, it becomes virtually impossible to gather that information and get the news out when county and town staffers simply refuse to return phone calls seeking information.

In many cases, public officials are required to communicate with the public and the media.

We understand that many public agencies throughout the state and the nation are struggling to make ends meet with limited budgets and staffing shortages that limit their ability to gather information and communicate.

But with those limitations should come a larger focus on communicating with the local media. If an agency is limited in its ability to meet with and talk with community members, there is a greater need for news organizations to get the word out for them.

It should work as a partnership, with open communication on both sides, to ensure that we have an informed community that can help shape future policy, budgets and other elements of the community.

Refusing to return phone calls seeking comments and information creates an atmosphere of distrust in the community at a time when local entities should be as transparent as possible to ensure that the community is aware of any budget woes, shortfalls or successes in times of fiscal trouble.

We understand that communication may be slow, that it may take more time than what we have considered normal to get information together and present it in a way that makes sense. We also understand that many of our local officials handle complicated departments, with huge workloads in specific fields, and that it takes time to help citizens and the media understand some of the intricacies of their work.

But again, that makes it all the more important to be ready, willing and able to communicate when calls seeking information come in.

Ensuring the lines of communication are open is a win-win. As the community comes to realize they can participate and find answers to questions, it builds trust. As the community becomes more informed, residents are more likely to join the political process and work within the system to help create the changes that are needed, and provide accolades when a job is well done.

The bottom line is that, despite budget concerns and staffing problems, communication is vital to keeping the community moving forward.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

On the brink of economic collapse?

There is a major global economic crash on the immediate horizon slated for the end of 2015 and ongoing into 2016.

It is being termed a global "reset" by leading trends researchers and economists – see trendsresearch.com

This will be more than a market correction such as we witnessed in 2008. This will be a fundamental/foundational economic disruption that will affect every single sector or level of society to the very core.

Prepare for severe psychological trauma and degrees of hardship not witnessed since the great depression of the 1930's.

The opportunity side of this global crisis will be that we will all

be in a prime position to forge a new global green/environmental order for ourselves and our children in the years to come.

Let us all learn to cooperate, help, serve and assist one another when the going gets tough.

Our shared love for freedom and liberty that made our nation great will surely, more than anything else, carry us through the perilous times ahead.

Steve Jones,
Mammoth Lakes

Donors make golf tourney a success

The Mono County Sheriff Search and Rescue team would like to thank all of the businesses,

individuals and players that made our 6th annual Golf Tournament a successful fundraiser for the team. A special thank you to Snow Creek Golf Course for donating the course, their employees, carts and expertise. Other major behind-the-scene supporters are Sierra Star Golf Course for carts, Stellar Brew for coffee and the Mammoth Lakes Noon Rotary for the delicious BBQ.

Donors for the event include: Absentee Homeowners Service, Allen Ironworks, Alpine Garage, Alpine Paint, Alpine Stove and Mercantile, Barbara Boyd, Barbara Phillips, Ben and Jerry's, Bishop Golf, Black Gold Asphalt, Blacktie Ski Rentals, Bleu Handcrafted Foods, Bluebird Imaging, Booky Joint, Burgers Restaurant, California Alpine Guides, Chart House, Coldwell Banker /Mammoth Real Estate, Convict Lake Resort, Coronado Plumbing,

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HELP US BROADEN THE DISCUSSION

We encourage you to share your thoughts and comments on stories and local opinion published by the Mammoth Times by writing a Letter to the Editor. Here are some guidelines:

- All letters are subject to review for appropriate content, and are subject to editing for grammar and style.
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your point without resorting to that.

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- You may write as many letters as you wish. However, only one letter by the same author will run per week.

Email your letters to editor@mammoth-times.com. Please put "Letter to the Editor" in the subject field. Otherwise, it might get lost in our aggressive spam filters.

Your regarded opinion is most important to us. We're here to help you share it with the community.

OPINION

So, you want to be alone, do you?

Two months ago when my step-daughter called and asked me if she could take her father to Burning Man, I was elated. Ever since we met he's been talking about going, but because my lungs would probably twiz out since the playa dust is everywhere, he hasn't pushed it. Then opportunity came a knocking. Or more appropriately, calling.

I thought it was sweet that she wanted to give him her extra ticket. It would be a chance for the two of them to spend some quality time together – with 70,000 other people – in the Black Rock Desert. And, it would give me the opportunity to have the house to myself for a little over a week.

I can't remember the last time I had the house to myself for more than a few days. I was looking forward to it. I was going to get up early and go for those long hikes I had planned on doing all summer but never got around to because we were out of town for one reason or another. I was going to sit at my favorite coffee shop and write. I was going to do some work outside on the prop-

erty that needed attention. I was going to go out into the forest and gather kindling in preparation for the big El Niño winter we are all hoping for. Unfortunately, nothing worked out as I had planned.

First, the smoke. I couldn't step outside for more than five minutes without my eyes starting to burn and my lungs trying desperately to get my attention. Smoke fire, plus asthma, equals a recipe not to be messed with. I saw my fantasies of walking up to Duck Pass and Valentine Lake diminish with every smoky day.

Then the car issue. Our car had been making all sorts of amusing noises for a while and when I finally got around to bringing it to our mechanic, the news was not good. Let's just say that it was more than a worn out belt or a loose bolt.

I saw my options of getting out of the house and away from



Stacey Powells
OPINION

the smoke dwindle. But didn't I want the entire house to myself for a week? I couldn't go outside for very long because I couldn't breathe, and I couldn't drive anywhere because of the car issues so all-in-all, I got my wish. I would have the house to myself 24/7. I need to keep reminding

myself to be careful what I wish for because I just may get it. Literally.

While the husband was burning up the playa in Nevada, I was spending way too much time on Facebook and way too much time watching the live webcast for Burning Man, wondering if any of those folks riding around on bicycles was my husband. Out of boredom I went through a few boxes in our storeroom and found an old VHS tape of Richard Simmons' "Sweatin' to the Oldies." I thought for a minute I should at least try to get some exercise while I was housebound, but I

couldn't bring myself to mimic the movements of Richard Simmons, even out of desperation.

I did manage to rewrite a scene from my play, "Stirrups." That was productive.

Thankfully, the husband came home from Burning Man a few days early in order to avoid the traffic leaving the playa. Plus, he missed me. I'm a lucky wife. He's taking me out of town for a few days so I can inhale without wheezing. I'm glad he's home.

It's okay that I didn't have the house to myself anymore because my wish for some alone time in our house turned into a little bit of a nightmare. Besides, I really wasn't alone. If I wanted company all I had to do was press "play" on the VHS machine and Richard Simmons would have been right there with me in my living room.

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Heidi Vetter

YOUR VOICE

What are you going to miss most about summer in Mammoth Lakes?

By Jesse Rea



"The warm water in June Lake and the long summer days. Winter is nice, but summer is better."

— Aline Billman, Bishop



"Floating down the Owens, summer summits and the cool brisk air. I welcome winter with open arms but already miss the summer."

— Lis Saya, Mammoth Lakes



"I am going to miss the warmer weather for running, but am excited to see a new winter season approach us for snowboarding."

— Mac Henderson, San Diego



"The rain was the best thing we could have asked for early on and we got a lot. I am happy to see winter come back, but am sad to see summer go. El Niño ... here we come."

— Rob Billman, Bishop



"I am going to miss the mountain biking, the long days of riding 'gnar,' trail running and so much more – I do not want to think about it."

— Jordan Keeth, Acton

Ask a professional REAL ESTATE



Sonja Bush Broker Associate

What are 5 Misunderstood Real Estate Terms
Too often professionals speak in their specialized lingo and clients don't understand. These are some of the real estate terms that are often used and frequently misunderstood.

1. Good-Faith Estimate
During the sales process, the escrow officer will provide buyers a Good-Faith Estimate explaining how much money is going to be due at closing. As the name implies, these are "estimates." The exact amounts can vary when it comes time to close and buyers should save a little extra to make sure they are prepared.
2. Pre-Approval, A pre-approval is just that, a pre approval. Too often clients think that their pre-approval is as good as money in hand. While it does give buyers permission to shop, it is not a guarantee. Remember you do not have the loan until you close and this means being conservative with your credit and your time.

3. The "Comp" On the seller's side, the most common catch phrase that causes confusion is "comp." A "comp" is one comparable property; and yes, they are helpful when it comes to pricing. There is a difference between a "comp" and a Comparative Market Analysis (CMA). A "comp" can be found on numerous internet sites (ie Trulia, Zillow) while a CMA takes into account many different factors and the market knowledge of your Realtor(r).
4. MLS The Multiple Listing Service (MLS) is not a magic place where properties get sold. Rather it is one of the marketing tools used by Realtors(r) to promote your property.

5. Agent/Realtor(r) There are differences between an Agent and a Realtor(r) and most center around the National Association of Realtors Code of Ethics. In addition most people hire an Realtor(r) without understanding what the job actually entails. It is much more than showing property and most definitely earn their commissions. Ask for testimonials which often share the level of work and commitment involved.
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Great Sierra River Cleanup

Sierra Nevada Conservancy hosts annual work day Sept. 19

Times Staff

Many may think that picking up trash is low on the priority list for a Saturday morning, but nearly 24,000 volunteers who have participated in the Great Sierra River Cleanup in past years may disagree.

The Great Sierra River Cleanup will be held from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Sept. 19 throughout the Sierra. Volunteers are invited to join more than 50 community groups to remove trash from rivers and lakes throughout the region.

This event, coordinated by the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, focuses on keeping local waters clean and promoting community stewardship in a region that provides the majority of California's drinking water, supports important wildlife habitat and is a world-renowned recreation destination.



Volunteers remove trash from the San Joaquin River during the 2014 Great Sierra River Cleanup. The Sierra Nevada

Conservancy is hosting this year's cleanup Sept. 19.

Photo courtesy RiverTree Volunteers

"Investing just a few hours can have lasting impacts on the health of the region that provides more than 60 percent of California's developed water supply," Sierra Nevada Conservancy Executive Officer Jim Branham said. "With the current drought, it's even more

important that we do all we can to protect and restore our watersheds." To sign up for the Great American River Cleanup, or for a list of volunteer organizations that are participating this year, visit www.sierranvada.ca.gov. According to organizers, the event

is fun for all ages, with a number of family-friendly cleanups identified on the website.

New this year is a contest among participants. The "Most Unusual Item Contest" has volunteers working to find the strangest item to clean up. The contest is sponsored by the California Conservation Corps, with prizes donated by Mountainsmith and Danner Boots. To enter the contest, volunteers should register for a cleanup and report their most unusual find to their cleanup site captain by 1 p.m. Saturday.

Over the past six years, volunteers have joined the effort, pulling more than 700 tons of trash and recyclables from Sierra Nevada watersheds. This effort, in partnership with the California Coastal Cleanup Day, serves to promote good stewardship from the source (the Sierra Nevada) to the sea.

The Great Sierra River Cleanup is made possible thanks to thousands of volunteers, dozens of local community groups and sponsors like the California Coastal Commission, the California Conservation Corps, Sacramento Municipal Utility District, Sierra Pacific Industries, Pacific Gas & Electric, Mountainsmith and Danner Boots.

Created in 2004, the Sierra Nevada Conservancy is a state agency designed to improve the environmental, economic and social well-being of the Sierra Nevada. The agency has awarded more than \$50 million in grants for projects to protect and enhance the health of California's primary watersheds by improving forest health, remediating mercury contamination from abandoned mines, protecting critical natural resources and reducing the risk of catastrophic wildfires.

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Cleanup at New Melones Reservoir hosted by the Tuolumne County Land Trust, Bureau of Reclamation, and the Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District. Several community groups participate in the annual cleanup by organizing efforts throughout the Sierra.

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What's up, up here?

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Thursday, September 10, 2015

News snippets from here and there...

Times Staff

August was a bit of a bittersweet month here, what with the smoke but then the very high number of visitors, what with the bear deaths but then the beautiful summer days and great events but then the deaths of some of the area's strongest voices, **Connie Black** and **Gordon Alper**. Well, unfortunately, September is starting off the same way; beautiful warm days but also two more deaths of Mammoth's finest; this time of longtime Mammoth High School teacher and counselor **Alice Stapp**, who died this weekend and of longtime pediatrician **Dr. Maria King**, who also died this past week. Stapp's, whose husband **Kirk Stapp**, was a longtime Mammoth High English teacher and a Mammoth Lakes Town Councilman. Stapp's long and courageous fight is now over, and our hearts are with Kirk and with Alice's friends and family in these very difficult times.

Did we mention how much we hate, hate, hate cancer? Dr. King also had a brain tumor diagnosed in 2013. Our hearts go out to her friends and family. ...

Welcome, **Paul Chang** and **Dawn Verewuck** to the Mammoth Lakes Planning and Economic Development Commission. According to Commissioner **Mickey Brown**, the town is lucky to have both: "The Town was very fortunate to have 11 exceptional candidates apply," she said. "The Town Council did a terrific job of vetting them and I am most pleased with the two new appointments. The current Commission will serve the community well as it is competent and diversified". ...

August, eat your heart out. Summer is back with some of the warmest temperatures of the summer and early fall so far to hit the Eastern Sierra in the next few days. **Record highs of 82 degrees** or more are likely today, Sept. 10 and tomorrow, Sept. 11, according to Mammoth forecaster **Howard Sheckter**, as a **persistent high pressure system** centered over the **Four Corners** area keeps the heat in – and the Rough Fire smoke from escaping. Do we **feel like a broken record**, writing about this pressure cooker-like situation? Yes. Did we **just write almost the same thing about two weeks ago**, right here in this little column? Yes. **Did we write it again two weeks before that?** Yes. That's because the same pattern of alternating high and low pressure systems keeps revolving through the region, broken-record like. The **one change is nighttime temperatures are finally beginning to cool off**, as the days shorten and the evenings lengthen. That might be the only good news the firefighters on the Rough Fire have going for them lately as the fire passes the 100,000-acre mark, making it **the biggest fire** in the state right now. ...

Have any of you longtime Eastern Sierrans heard of or read **Colin Fletcher's** book, the **"Thousand Mile Summer."** It's written about the author's 1,000-mile walk through some of the **most unvisited and unusual parts of California** – which then in 1958 when he wrote the book and now, **translates to a good chunk of the Eastern Sierra**. Well, Fletcher died a few years back after becoming a successful writer **but he got his start here in our backyard**; the White Mountains, the

Badwater to Mount Whitney country, the little known spring-fed canyons of **Death Valley**, the rugged backcountry west of **McGee Pass**, the wild and unknown country west of **Walker** and **Coleville** – do you know where Silver King Creek is? – and more. Now, for those of you who can't get enough of Fletcher and his world, writer **Robert Wehrman** has a biography of Fletcher coming out soon, **"The Walking Man."** What's more, Wehrman walked much of the country Fletcher covered before he wrote the book, meaning the Eastern Sierra will be a central focus of the book so look for it out sometime this fall. ...

This just in; longtime businessman, **Paul Rudder** won one of two At Large seats on the **Mammoth Lakes Tourism Board of Directors** this past week. His new term runs through June 2017, according to MLT, which noted that Rudder just completed his first two-year term in the At Large position, and was re-elected from a pool of well-qualified and interested candidates. The current MLT Board consists of a diverse group of Mammoth Lakes business people: Chairman of the Board **John Morris** of **Snowcreek Resort** and **Kirk Schaubmayer** of **Alpenhof Lodge** represent lodging, **Michael Ledesma** of **Gomez's** and **Base Camp Café** represents restaurants, **Michael Raimondo** of **Old New York Deli** represents the Mammoth Lakes Town Council, **Sean Turner** of **Mammoth Brewing Company** represents retail, **Brent Truax** of **Sierra Nevada Resort** represents the Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce, **Erik Forsell**, MMSA Chief Marketing Officer, represents **Mammoth Mountain Ski Area**. ...

The **Eastern Sierra Music Festival** had a booth at the Tri County Fair. Many folks signed up for a drawing for a 32" flat screen TV. This was donated by **Sierra Aviation/Sierra Life Flight**. The lucky winner was **Derrick Carrington** of Big Pine.

The **ESMF Golf Tournament** on Saturday, **Sept. 19**, still has openings for your foursome. Remember this is your chance to score a 'Hole in One' and win one of four prizes sponsored by **Perry Motors**. There will be many other great prizes as well, all donated by Bishop and Mammoth merchants and individuals. Don't forget their **monthly fundraising dinner at the VFW** post 8988, at 484 Short St. This will be Friday, Sept. 25 at 6 p.m. Dinner will be baked ham, beans, salad and all trimmings. All for a donation of \$10. What's not to love? ...

"Mammoth Hospital staff members are starring in their own **"Pink Glove Dance"** video to help spread the word about breast cancer awareness and prevention. The video was submitted to a national competition to determine the best Pink Glove Dance video of 2015. Mammoth Hospital's video can be found on www.pinkglovedance.com. The top three winners receive a donation in their name to the breast cancer charity of their choice, such as the National Breast Cancer Foundation, so be sure to vote. Winners will be announced Oct. 1. ...

And finally, **rumors that Mammoth Mountain has sold**, once again, are just that, rumors, according to **Big Red** himself, aka **Rusty Gregory**. According to Gregory, the company is re-financing and that "is going very well." **"We are not selling,"** he said. "To anyone." And that, as far as we can tell right now, is that ...

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Stu Need, President of AYSO (r), receives a \$2,500 check from Michael Ledesma, owner of Gomez's and Basecamp Cafe, and organizer of the Mammoth

Margarita Festival. Ledesma said this is the fourth year the Mammoth Margarita Festival has donated funds to AYSO.

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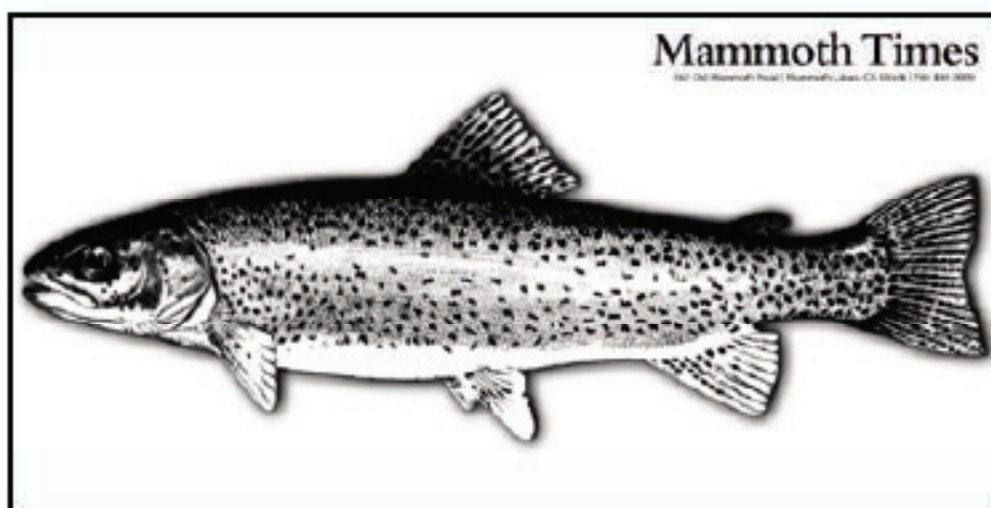
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KIDS ADVENTURE GAMES



The Second Annual Mammoth Mountain Kids Adventure Games was held Saturday, Aug. 22 at Mammoth Mountain. The event featured a kid-sized adventure race where more than 75 teams of two kids navigated a one-of-a-kind natural-terrain-inspired obstacle course. The competitors, ranging in age from 6-14, spent the day on Mammoth Mountain running

and mountain biking from feature to feature. They swam across Red's Lake, jumped off of tall containers, navigated a huge cargo net, walked up sloping tree trunks, and then splashed down a giant Slip-n-Slide.

Photos by Susan Morning



The Terminators team, otherwise know as Sage Boyer and Mitchell Parsons, wait to be called to the starting line. The boys finished in first place for the Boys 10-11 class.



The Pink Pigs, Nikolas Burkhardt and Etienne Bordes, won the Boys 12-14 division with a time of 00:58:58. They were the only team to complete the course in under one hour.



Girls 12-14: First place, Ciara Wing and Isabella Heinemann; second place, Emma and Abby Herschbach; third place, Fiona Godoy and Erica Lynch.



Jackson Mangiaracina and Dax Willard, Team Golden Bullet, ride the trails during the Kids Adventure Games.



Jill Orozco gives some encouragement to her son Jack, one half of team UFB.



Luken Senior, the second half of team UFB.



Team Rough Rattlers, wearing bib #8 (Gabe O'Donnell and Kaden Gibson), go against Team Tree Huggers sporting bib #7 (Andrew and Jonathan Nachman).

Rescue on Temple Crag

Inyo SAR rescues climber after 40-foot fall

Times Staff Report

The Inyo County Sheriff's Department received a report early Wednesday, Sept. 2 of a climber who had fallen while attempting to summit Temple Crag.

According to the Sheriff's Department, the climber, Eric Hengesbaugh, 32, of San Diego, was attempting to climb the "surgical route" when a rock he was using as a hold gave way. He fell about 40 feet, suffering back pain and a possible broken leg.

A team of five Inyo SAR members were inserted below Temple Crag via a helicopter from Apple Valley, and began shuttling gear up to the climber. With the added manpower of the climber's two partners, the team executed a series of lowers over steep talus and scree, totaling 2,200 feet, then carried the patient the remainder of the distance to the waiting helicopter.



Inyo County Search and Rescue crew members and two climbers lower Eric Hengesbaugh, of San Diego, down 2,200 feet of steep talus and scree during a Sept. 2 rescue mission.

Photo courtesy Inyo County Sheriff's Office

SEARCH

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Agoston said that it appears Greene set out in July with his ice climbing gear, which points to an attempt of Ritter or Banner Peak.

"Since he was interested in climbing ice, we're looking at Ritter and Banner, because they're the only ones with any type of glacier," Agoston said. He added that Greene had not signed the ledgers for either Ritter or Banner Peak. "Everything just points to that location."

Agoston said there will be about 15 searchers coming to Mammoth this week, and heading out to Ritter and Banner on Thursday. However, anyone with backcountry experience that is available to lend a hand in the search is welcome.

"We're looking for experienced people," Agoston said. "Not necessarily climbers, but it is experienced people we need. If anyone has Friday, Saturday or Sunday off, extra eyes are what we need. The more eyes we have the better chance we have of something being seen."

He added that less experienced volunteers can help look at lower-level areas, while more experienced volunteers will help look at high-elevation fall zones.

This will be the sec-

ond private search effort launched by Agoston. Last September, he organized an effort that included eight volunteer searchers who took a look in the same region, seeking signs of Greene.

Tiffany Minto, Greene's sister, explained that Agoston has taken on Greene's case on a volunteer basis to help the family.

"Peter's been heavily involved in the case this past year; he looked into everything from the ground up with some experienced fellows in his corner," Minto said. "He's put a lot of time, effort and most likely funds towards the investigation out of the kindness of his heart."

Agoston, in turn, said a huge thanks goes out to the volunteers, who are coming from all over the country,

on their own dime, to help find answers for Greene's family. "These are people coming from San Francisco, L.A. and Sacramento, on their own time, to look for someone they never knew and never met."

"We want to thank the people of Mammoth," Agoston said. "I've called 25-30 businesses (while investigating Greene's disappearance), and most have been very helpful. We appreciate the Mammoth community for its well wishes and the positive thoughts."

Agoston, a moderator for the Sierra Topix web forum, also said that Sierra Topix has been instrumental in allowing him to solicit aid and organize the search effort, casting a wide net and attracting a broad range of volunteers to help with this week's search.



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Whiskey N' Rye



Heather, Robert and Kirk Schaubmayer owners of the Alpenhof Lodge and Clock Tower. The Schaubmayers did a great job of organizing the 2015 Rock N' Rye Festival, where there

was great music and great whiskeys to be shared by all of its' attendees. Participants could even donate \$5 to Mammoth Medical Missions and take a ride on the mechanical bull.



Megan palmer, Jenifer Palacios, Stephen Badding, Julie Palacios and Jeff Palmer (l-r) having a blast at the Whiskey N' Rye festival.



Andy Holzer serving up a fine bottle of Whistle Pig to Richard and Reyna White at the Whiskey N' Rye festival.



Kelly Barlow, Kristie Taylor and Matt Allison (l-r) ofv A Frame Fine Wine and Spirits serving up some fine Whiskeys.



Rachel Rea, Jeff Guillory, Richard Quirk and Michael Koch (l-r) needing a refill at last weekend's festival at the Village at Mammoth.



Bill Karl, Jon Thayer sales rep. for Mammoth Brewing, Erica Ruiz and Billy Deane (l-r) making sure the "Whiskey River Don't Run Dry" at the Rock N' Rye festival last Saturday.



Mark Deeds owner of Mammoth Shuttle, doing a great job of pouring for Mike Nachazel and Megan St. Andrew.



Code of Ethics

PREAMBLE

Members of the Society of Professional Journalists believe that public enlightenment is the forerunner of justice and the foundation of democracy. The duty of the journalist is to further those ends by seeking truth and providing a fair and comprehensive account of events and issues. Conscientious journalists from all media and specialties strive to serve the public with thoroughness and honesty. Professional integrity is the cornerstone of a journalist's credibility. Members of the Society share a dedication to ethical behavior and adopt this code to declare the Society's principles and standards of practice.

SEEK TRUTH AND REPORT IT

Journalists should be honest, fair and courageous in gathering, reporting and interpreting information.

Journalists should:

- ▶ Test the accuracy of information from all sources and exercise care to avoid inadvertent error. Deliberate distortion is never permissible.
- ▶ Diligently seek out subjects of news stories to give them the opportunity to respond to allegation of wrongdoing.
- ▶ Identify sources whenever feasible. The public is entitled to as much information as possible on sources' reliability.
- ▶ Always question sources' motives before promising anonymity. Clarify conditions attached to any promise made in exchange for information. Keep promises.
- ▶ Make certain that headlines, news teases and promotional material, photos, video, audio, graphics, sound bites and quotations do not misrepresent. They should not oversimplify or highlight incidents out of context.
- ▶ Never distort the content of news photos or video. Image enhancement for technical clarity is always permissible. Label montages and photo illustrations.
- ▶ Avoid misleading re-enactments or staged news events. If re-enactment is necessary to tell a story, label it.
- ▶ Avoid undercover or other surreptitious methods of gathering information except when traditional open methods will not yield information vital to the public. Use of such methods should be explained as part of the story.
- ▶ Never plagiarize.
- ▶ Tell the story of the diversity and magnitude of the human experience boldly, even when it is unpopular to do so.
- ▶ Examine their own cultural values and avoid imposing those values on others.
- ▶ Avoid stereotyping by race, gender, age, religion, ethnicity, geography, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance or social status.
- ▶ Support the open exchange of views, even views they find repugnant.
- ▶ Give voice to the voiceless; official and unofficial sources of information can be equally valid.
- ▶ Distinguish between advocacy and news reporting. Analysis and commentary should be labeled and not misrepresent fact or context.
- ▶ Distinguish news from advertising and shun hybrids that blur the lines between the two.
- ▶ Recognize a special obligation to ensure that the public's business is conducted in the open and that government records are open to inspection.

MINIMIZE HARM

Ethical journalists treat sources, subjects and colleagues as human beings deserving of respect.

Journalists should:

- ▶ Show compassion for those who may be affected adversely by news coverage. Use special sensitivity when dealing with children and inexperienced sources or subjects.
- ▶ Be sensitive when seeking or using interviews or photographs of those affected by tragedy or grief.
- ▶ Recognize that gathering and reporting information may cause harm or discomfort. Pursuit of the news is not a license for arrogance.
- ▶ Recognize that private people have a greater right to control information about themselves than do public officials and others who seek power, influence or attention. Only an overriding public need can justify intrusion into anyone's privacy.
- ▶ Show good taste. Avoid pandering to lurid curiosity.
- ▶ Be cautious about identifying juvenile suspects or victims of sex crimes.
- ▶ Be judicious about naming criminal suspects before the formal filing of charges.
- ▶ Balance a criminal suspect's fair trial rights with the public's right to be informed.

ACT INDEPENDENTLY

Journalists should be free of obligation to any interest other than the public's right to know.

Journalists should:

- ▶ Avoid conflicts of interest, real or perceived.
- ▶ Remain free of associations and activities that may compromise integrity or damage credibility.
- ▶ Refuse gifts, favors, fees, free travel and special treatment, and shun secondary employment, political involvement, public office and service in community organizations if they compromise journalistic integrity.
- ▶ Disclose unavoidable conflicts.
- ▶ Be vigilant and courageous about holding those with power accountable.
- ▶ Deny favored treatment to advertisers and special interests and resist their pressure to influence news coverage.
- ▶ Be wary of sources offering information for favors or money; avoid bidding for news.

BE ACCOUNTABLE

Journalists are accountable to their readers, listeners, viewers and each other.

Journalists should:

- ▶ Clarify and explain news coverage and invite dialogue with the public over journalistic conduct.
- ▶ Encourage the public to voice grievances against the news media.
- ▶ Admit mistakes and correct them promptly.
- ▶ Expose unethical practices of journalists and the news media.
- ▶ Abide by the same high standards to which they hold others.

The SPJ Code of Ethics is voluntarily embraced by thousands of journalists, regardless of place or platform, and is widely used in newsrooms and classrooms as a guide for ethical behavior. The code is intended not as a set of "rules" but as a resource for ethical decision-making. It is not — nor can it be under the First Amendment — legally enforceable.

The present version of the code was adopted by the 1996 SPJ National Convention, after months of study and debate among the Society's members. Sigma Delta Chi's first Code of Ethics was borrowed from the American Society of Newspaper Editors in 1926. In 1973, Sigma Delta Chi wrote its own code, which was revised in 1984, 1987 and 1996.

Clearing the air

Mono County says new, smoke-free heating systems will provide clear skies this winter

Times Staff Report

While smoky skies have been a standard occurrence in Mono County this summer due to wildfires across the state, Mono County says clear skies are on the horizon this winter thanks to its woodstove replacement program.

Since late 2014, the county's woodstove replacement program has replaced 103 smoky woodstoves and open fireplaces throughout the county with new, efficient and significantly cleaner heating systems.

In the same timeframe, the Town of Mammoth Lakes has changed out 145 systems.

"Together, these 248 older and smokier wood-burning systems were swapped out for 76 new EPA 'Phase 2-compliant' wood-burning systems, 151 new pellet stoves and inserts and 21 new gas heaters," Lisa Isaacs, administrator of the woodstove replacement program said. "And this follows the replacement of 140 other old wood-burning systems by recent air district programs throughout the county and town."

Isaacs said that rain and snow will help scrub smoke from the skies, and the new heating systems that have been installed throughout the county will help ensure they stay clear throughout the winter.

"While these programs have now closed with funding depleted, the 388 new heating systems in Mono County should noticeably lessen winter wood smoke by annually reducing tons of air particulates i.e., smoke," Isaacs said. "According to industry standards, an old, pre-1990 woodstove emits around 60 pounds of airborne particulates for every ton of wood burned (one cord equals more than two tons). In comparison, a new EPA 'Phase 2'-compliant woodstove reportedly emits around 29 pounds burning the same ton of wood, while a new pellet stove emits about 3.5 pounds per ton of pellets burned. Gas heating systems are even cleaner."

Isaacs said that wood smoke is proven to directly impact human health and has been targeted by state and federal regulators for control and reduction. "Soot and airborne 'particulate matter' are of particular concern, especially particulates measuring from 10 to 2.5 micrometers (one millionth of a meter) in size," Isaacs said. "Because they're so small, these minute particles, often referred to as PM 10 and PM 2.5, are inhaled deeply into the lungs, leading to many detrimental effects."

Additional components of wood smoke and soot, including sulfur and nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, volatile organic compounds and other reactive organic gases are also identified and targeted by air quality regulators as posing a threat to human life. In addition to humans, the surrounding natural environment, including animals and plants, is also impacted by wood smoke and other airborne pollutants, Isaacs said. "Wildfires aside, this means limiting exposures to wood smoke and other airborne pollutants is the wisest choice whenever possible," she added.

Funding for all the replacement programs in Mono County was provided through agreements between Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. More recently, an early 2014 agreement provided Great Basin board member agencies, including Mono County and Mammoth Lakes, with settlement funds to directly pay for air pollution prevention programs.

In all, Mono County was allocated \$193,936 of the "Environmental Public Benefit Funds," while the Town of Mammoth Lakes received \$274,963. "While either could have chosen to augment their tight budgets by using these funds for internal benefits tied to air pollution, like buying new and cleaner government vehicles, both agencies instead chose to directly benefit everyone in the region by spending their EPBF windfall entirely on woodstove replacements for local property owners," Isaacs said. "Local, qualified businesses contracted to provide the new heating equipment and installation services were also directly benefitted by increased revenues."

To help stretch the available funds and install as many new systems as possible, Isaacs said property owners were required to share some job costs, with total amounts driven by vendor and equipment selection, install requirements and personal choices.

"Anything that reduces particulates, particularly in cold weather, is essential to our local air quality during those months," Mono County Public Health Director Lynda Salcido said. "Because of the health impact (from wood smoke) on the most vulnerable, including the young, the elderly and anyone with health issues such as asthma and respiratory problems, indoor air quality will be even more important this winter if El Niño comes to fruition as predicted, leading to more wood burning over a longer period of time."

While the program has run its course, Isaacs said that there are other ways of reducing smoke emissions from wood-burning stoves, including burning only seasoned, dry wood, ongoing equipment maintenance and upkeep, and proper burning techniques.

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TRI-COUNTY FAIR



Superman Jonah Livingston and mother, Erin, from Bishop, enjoyed the merry-go-round Friday evening at the Tri-County Fair, Sept. 4. This year's event put a lot of smiles on kids of all ages.

Photo by Rena Mlodecki



Alondra and Gregory Vaquero of Chino Hills, try their hand at a game of chance on the carnival midway last weekend.

Photo by Darcy Ellis



Sheryl Holmes, of Bishop, accepts the award for best margarita from "Fables of the West" characters Slim and Curly.

Photo by Seth Conners



Slim and Curly present the award for best salsa to Bishop's Ashley Switzer at the Party Barn Saturday at the Eastern Sierra Tri-County Fair.

Photo by Seth Conners



Gregory Vaquero of Chino Hills shows off his snazzy face paint during the 2015 Eastern Sierra Tri-County Fair.

Photo by Darcy Ellis



Dustin "Wacker" Nowak, originally from Mammoth Lakes, shows his skill during the FMX exhibition Friday night at the Eastern Sierra Tri-County Fair. Nowak, who now lives in Valencia, performed at the fair with Les Parson and Vince Morgan.

Photo by Terrance Vestal



The Eastern Sierra Tri-County Fair was in full swing in Bishop last weekend, featuring the classic carnival, arena events and a venue for Mono, Inyo and Alpine county residents to share their achievement from the last year.

Photo by Darcy Ellis

Q&A

Sheila Romane

Sheila Romane, owner of SheShe's Treats, grew up in Shippensburg, Penn., a small town where she also attended Shippensburg University and received a bachelor's degree in Mathematics and Economics. She lived in Boston for three years prior to moving to Redondo Beach to play beach volleyball in 2001. After more than 15 years of corporate work as a Human Resources Information Systems analyst, she was ready to make a big change, move to Mammoth, and turn her hobby and passion of baking into a business. SheShe's Treats can be reached at 310-892-2146 or sheshes-treats@gmail.com

What do you love most about Mammoth?

I love the access to the best outdoor activities any place could offer with great weather and spectacular scenery. We are so fortunate here that we can cycle, mountain bike, climb, hike, ski, backpack, and just relax by some beautiful lakes in our big back yard. People travel from all over the world to enjoy what we have right here.

What first brought you to the community?

The first time I visited Mammoth was probably more than 12 years ago. I came up with some friends who were skiing and it actually blew my mind to see snow in California. Growing up in Pennsylvania and having only recently moved to SoCal, I only thought of California as a place with sunny beaches. Fast forward a few years, I started visiting Mammoth more regularly in the summer to mountain bike, camp and climb. I fell in love with the outdoor lifestyle here and moved to Mammoth from Bishop, where I lived for two years, this past April.

What is your favorite way to spend a weekend?

I used to spend my weekends driving to get



somewhere to climb or cycle, but now that I live in Mammoth, I find that I'm driving less and just enjoying playing right here where I live. My favorite way to spend a warm summer or autumn weekend is to do a long road ride with some good hill climbing ... riding up Tioga Pass and then back down around June Lake is one of my favorite rides. Lunch at O'Hanas 395 followed by some June Lake lounging or paddle boarding is a perfect day for me. In the winter, hitting first chair at The Mill, taking a few ski runs with a good friend or two followed by some yummy soup from Stellar Brew is a great way to start the day. Hitting the Lower Rock Creek MTB trail followed by relaxing in the hot springs makes me really appreciate all that we have so close to home.

Who is your favorite author?

I recently read Shantaram by Gregory David Roberts. I loved his raw, honest style of writing and was captivated throughout the book. But in terms of a favorite and someone I've read over and over, I'd say Richard Bach. I've read several of his works and his spiritual insight has inspired me in various ways.

Do you have any hobbies?

Any? How about too many! Cycling, mountain biking, climbing, ice climbing, skiing, hiking, backpacking, camping, lake lounging, cooking,

baking, reading, dancing, a good game of cards ...

What is your favorite family tradition?

Pork and sauerkraut on New Year's Day for good luck and health in the coming year. My grandparents on my mom's side have German roots and from what I've been told this was always a tradition for them and one that they passed down. My grandparents were married on New Year's Day and have been together for almost 70 years, so this is one family tradition I believe in ... and plus I love sauerkraut!

What scares you?

Being in the public eye. Yeah, that may sound bizarre from someone who is starting her own business in a small town, but I grew up in a small town and it's scary to put yourself out there for the public to make assumptions about you without really knowing you. I appreciate my close friendships and have met some great people in this community and just hope to continue building upon those solid and honest relationships and friendships.

What is your favorite holiday and why?

Pi Day (3/14)! This year was Epic Pi Day (3.1415926...), and at 9:26 a.m. I was standing on top of Mammoth Mountain, in my ski gear, enjoying a carrot cake whoopee pie that I made to celebrate the holiday. I hosted a Pi Day party at the Mountain Rambler Brewery in Bishop and it was great to have so many friends come out, make and enjoy some sweet and savory pies. Sure there's Christmas and Thanksgiving, but Pi Day embraces all things nerdy AND delicious.

Who do you admire most?

My mom. She has always been a source of strength and determination. I value those qualities in her.

What trait do you most dislike in others?

Insincerity. Knowing and surrounding myself with people who are true to their word and who I can trust is important to me.

What trait do you most dislike in yourself?

I can be very critical of myself. I search for perfection in many things and it can be hard for me to settle for less, especially if it's something I have control over.

What would the title of your autobiography be?

"A Balanced Life – Moments and insights on food, life and relationships from a bacon-lovin' former vegan, corporate dirtbag, social introvert."

Would you rather fly or drive on a long trip and why?

Ah, tough question ... it depends ... flying could take me back to Italy where I would love to visit again. I spent several days cycling through Tuscany in 2007 and would love to go back and spend more time in Northern Italy and climb/hike in the Dolomites. I do love a long road trip in the car, though. Last summer I spent six weeks on the road visiting and climbing with friends in Squamish, B.C., cycling around the San Juan Islands and camping on the WA Olympic Peninsula. Road tripping is a great way to see so much of the U.S. and it allows you to take all of the gear for some amazing adventures.

Do you ever lie?

Yes, I have and probably will again, but I consider myself an honest and trustworthy person, and value honesty from others. I have been told that I'm too honest, which I don't think is a bad thing. I think some people would rather be lied to than have to deal with a truth they are uncomfortable with. I personally would rather hear the truth from someone. I think a better question for people to consider is: "Can you handle the truth?" If more people were open to hearing the truth, I think less people would lie.

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Bringing employees and employers together

Mammoth Lakes annual Job Fair scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 3

Times Staff

Winter is approaching fast and the Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce is hoping to match potential employees with local Mammoth Lakes employers at the annual Mammoth Lakes Job Fair.

This year's fair is scheduled for 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3 at the Westin Monache Resort in Mammoth.

The Mammoth Lakes branch of the Mono County Library will be conducting workshops on interview skills, resume writing and introduction to computers during the week prior to the job fair.

For a full list of classes, visit www.monocolibraries.org.

The Mammoth Lakes Job Fair is

sponsored by the Mammoth Chamber of Commerce, the Westin Mammoth and KMMT/KRHV.

The fair will be followed by a networking happy hour inside the Westin's Whitebark Restaurant, beginning at 4 p.m.

Currently, Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, Black Tie Ski Rentals, the Westin Mammoth Resort, Mammoth FUN Shop, High Sierra Best Western, Mammoth Mountain Chalets, Stellar Brew, Sierra Employment Services, Mammoth Community Water District and the Town of Mammoth Lakes, among others, have signed up to host a booth at the fair, and all will be looking for new employees.

Any local business that wishes to register and host a booth at the Job Fair is encouraged to contact the Mammoth Chamber of Commerce at (760) 934-2712. Booths are free for Chamber members and \$30 for non-members.

FINANCIAL FOCUS

Consider long-lasting financial gifts to grandchildren

Submitted by Brian Sintay

On Sept. 13, we observe National Grandparents Day. If you're a grandparent, you might get a card or a little present from the grandkids. However, you will probably get greater pleasure from the gifts you give them. And if you'd like to make a financial gift, you've got some attractive options.

How you choose to make your gift depends somewhat on how you'd like the money to be used. Do you want to provide an intermittent source of income that your grandchildren can use at various points in their lives? Or would you rather designate your gift to be used exclusively for college?

If you're interested in the "intermittent income" type of gift, you might want to work with a legal professional to establish a trust, which offers several key benefits, including the following:

- Wide choice of investment options – A trust can be funded with virtually any financial instrument – stocks, bonds, cash, and so on. Although the trust owns the assets, you, as trustee, control them and can decide what type of investments to make.

- Flexibility in distribution of assets – You can direct the trust to distribute assets to your grandchildren at various ages. Many trusts make payouts at 25, 30 and 35 years of age, but it's your choice. And you can determine when the trust will terminate.

- Reduction in estate size – Currently, only a small percentage of Americans pay estate taxes, but these laws are frequently in flux, so someday it may be to your advantage to have reduced the size of your estate through gifts to an irrevocable trust. As of 2015, you can give up to \$14,000 per year (\$28,000 for a married couple filing jointly) into each irrevocable trust you create for each grandchild without incurring gift taxes.

Your grandchildren can obviously enjoy the financial benefits of being beneficiaries of a trust. But if you want to specifically earmark some funds for your grandchildren's college education, you can find other vehicles that



Brian Sintay

may be more appropriate.

One such possibility is a 529 plan. Contribution limits are quite high, and your earnings can accumulate tax free, provided they are used for qualified higher education expenses. (529 plan distributions not used for qualified expenses may be subject to federal and state income tax and a 10 percent IRS penalty on the earnings.) Furthermore, your 529 plan contributions may be eligible for state income tax incentives. But 529 plans vary, so check with your tax advisor regarding these incentives.

If you, as a grandparent, own a 529 plan, it is not reported on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the document commonly used to determine a student's financial aid eligibility. However, withdrawals from your 529 plan will be treated as untaxed income to your grandchild and could significantly affect your grandchild's financial aid eligibility for the following school year. Consequently, you may want to save your 529 plan assets for your grandchild's final year of college.

By establishing a trust or investing in a 529 plan, you can help improve the quality of life for your beloved grandchildren. Consider taking action soon.

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Paragliding tourney to sail into Inyo County

Bishop resident, world champion hang glider to direct event

By Terrance Vestal
Inyo Register Associate Editor

If your friend told you to jump off a cliff, would you do it?

You might if you're Kari Castle.

"To be able to run off a mountain without an engine, it's pure enjoyment for me," said the Bishop resident and three-time world champion hang gliding pilot.

Castle is directing the Owens Valley Cross Country Classic 2015 that is set to swoop into Bishop Sept. 19 through Sept. 26.

The event could bring in as many as 125 paragliders to the area. There were more than 100 pilots registered as of Wednesday, with some originating from as far away as Russia and South Africa. More than 20 countries will be represented at the event.

Castle said the last times the event was held in Bishop were in 2008 and in 2002.

"When I first came here in '88 they would have it



Bishop resident and world champion hang glider pilot Kari Castle is directing the Owens Valley Cross Country Classic paragliding race scheduled to take off Sept. 19 through Sept. 26.

Photo courtesy Kari Castle

every year," Castle said.

Castle said she began hang gliding in 1981 and started paragliding in 1988.

That same year saw Castle win the first U.S. Women's National Hang Gliding Championship she attended, which was followed by 23 more U.S. titles.

Castle currently holds the women's world hang gliding records for open distance and declared goal, which she set in Zapata, Texas, in July 2001, according to her website. Her next goal is to break the same records for paragliding, and a return to Zapata

is in the works to do just that.

"I would like to break the tandem hang gliding open distance record, too," Castle said. "I'm planning on flying with my 60-year-old client and student, who happens to be a woman."

She was crowned U.S. Women's National Paragliding Champion in 1995, 2001, 2002 and 2003.

Her passion for flying is what brought her to Bishop, she said.

The Owens Valley produces conditions for long-distance flight, she said.

Different times of the year bring different condi-

tions for flying as well, Castle said.

She said September happens to be her favorite time of the year for flying.

The Owens Valley Cross Country Classic is a United States Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association-sanctioned and FAI Cat 2 Paragliding Race To Goal Competition. The "OVX-CC" is also a U.S. National Championship Event for 2015.

Castle said the competition will be headquartered at the Tri-County Fairgrounds and the primary launch will be Flynn's, east of Laws, north of Bishop.

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visitors, Mammoth Lakes Tourism Director John Urdi said the amount of Transient Occupancy Tax taken in for June this summer as compared to June last summer shows a 15 percent increase.

"June was up nearly \$100,000 over last year from \$672,000 to \$771,000," he said. That number brings this June on par with an average March, which is a good sign, he said.

It's not just a one-time increase, either.

Since 2010, there has been a clear trend of increasing TOT, with what Urdi calls "exponential growth" year over year.

"June TOT has increased by 101 percent since 2010," he said. In 2010, the amount of TOT taken in was \$383,274; this year it was \$771,310.

Prior to 2010, the numbers were "basically flat," he said.

Each summer has thus surpassed the summer before, setting new records.

What is driving the increase?

Urdi thinks there are several factors and trends at work.

First is an increase in the number of events



Mammoth Lakes Tourism
Executive Director
John Urdi

offered in the Mammoth Lakes area.

"There is so much more to do," he said, noting that even in September, the Gran Fondo, the Kamikaze bike race and more are on the list, not to mention the Mammoth Half Marathon, the Mammoth Motocross, and other events in June, July and August.

Second, the tourism department is coordinating with Mono County in ever-deepening ways, sending people into the far-flung areas of the county like Bodie, or to Lundy Canyon via Lee Vining for fall colors.

Along with that increased coordination is a stronger emphasis on letting visitors know about

year-around activities, such as fishing or mountain biking during the winter in the Bishop area and the lower elevations of Mono County when Mammoth is frozen and cold.

"We used to say that winter would take care of itself, all we had to do was figure out the rest of the year," he said. "That's not true, as we have seen in the past several winters."

Third, the tourism department has made a new effort to increase international tourism, and the push is paying off in a big way.

"International travel is big," he said. "This has been a large area of growth for us."

Critical to the effort is linking Mammoth to nearby national parks, especially Yosemite National Park, and to a lesser degree, Death Valley, he said. Routing people from Las Vegas or Los Angeles or San Francisco through Death Valley and then to Yosemite sends them to Mammoth Lakes for an intuitive, clear overnight destination.

Now, Urdi is hoping that he can get the increasing numbers of Euro-

pean travelers, who have so far been the largest number of international visitors, to stay more than a night in Mammoth.

"We were hearing time and time again from the visitors that if they had known how amazing it was here, they would have planned to stay longer," he said. "So we knew there was an untapped potential here."

To address it, he said the tourism department has increased its cooperative marketing efforts with several European countries, including Germany, France, Italy and more.

Although the Chinese market has received a lot of media attention, Urdi said this is still a small, (but growing), market for Mammoth Lakes.

"The Chinese market is a hard one to corner," he said, noting that marketing to such a huge population is inherently difficult. But he said this year, for the first time, visitors from China are beginning to focus as much on traveling to natural attractions, such as Yosemite, as they once focused on visiting iconic California destinations such as Hollywood or Las

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At the time the Notice of Intent to propose this Initiative was submitted, the Town was considering zoning ordinance amendments concerning use permit requirements for transient rentals in the RMF-2 zone; this measure does not apply to transient rentals in the RMF-2 zone.

Deanna Lantieri and Nancy Davidson of the Mammoth Lakes Board of Realtors said last week that there is a lot of misinformation about Measure Z circulating in the community, and the group thought it would be helpful to host a forum with four experts – two in favor of the measure, and two who are opposed. The panelists will be Sandy Hogan, Cathy Cage, Paul Rudder and David Page.

“The current vision for the forum is one in which we plan to pose questions, or scenarios, to a small panel of people passionate/educated about the initiative (for and against),” Lantieri said.

The first 10 minutes of the forum will

include a briefing on the Town of Mammoth Lakes Quality of Life Ordinance by Sandra Moberly. The Quality of Life Ordinance is designed to ensure that residents throughout the community – specifically those who are renting their homes or condos on a nightly basis – don’t impact the quality of life of others. The ordinance addresses noise regulations, parking and property management.

While the MLBOR is hosting the event next week, it said that it is not taking a stand on the issue, and simply hopes to provide more information on Measure Z before it is put to a vote.

“The MLBOR is not in support one way or the other; we are simply providing an opportunity for the public to hear information and ask questions in a moderated format,” Lantieri said.

Lantieri also said that the forum is being held to provide information, not as a debate among residents about the merits of the measure.

She also said there will be a question and answer session with the panel guests.

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TOURISM

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Vegas.

"We are just at the beginning of this change," he said, noting Yellowstone National Park has seen a huge influx of Chinese visitors this year, which could portend a similar shift in demographics for Yosemite. "It's something we are definitely going to get ahead of."

Fourth, marketing Mammoth was once done in more of a solo manner, he said, with every event coordinator doing its own marketing.

Now, the tourism department acts like a kind of activities clearinghouse, providing an events calendar that spans the seasons and giving visitors the one stop shopping experience from the time they click on a link to the time they check into a hotel or condo.

These are some of the reasons Urdi believes summers have been growing and will continue to grow.

There is another factor behind the increase in TOT dollars, as well, he said.

Locals are finally beginning to increase their prices per room because they can, and that points to an increase in demand, hence an increase in the actual number of people visiting.

"It used to be summer was a giveaway," Urdi said. "Now, lodging owners are beginning to realize they can charge more because the demand is higher."

All of these factors are pointing toward greater visibility for the Eastern Sierra in the future, but Urdi said it's far too soon to get complacent.

"We are booked pretty well this weekend, but

after that, it drops off," he said. "We are still going to have to deal with the fact that mid-week is still

slow. October is also still slow; it's a hard month to market because you never know what the weather

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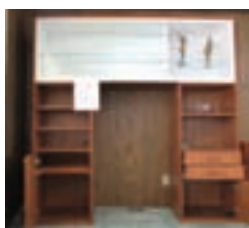
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HOUSES FOR SALE



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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 14CA00236-1 Order No. 8421682 APN: 031-170-051-000 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 06/05/2008. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On August 27, 2014 at 02:00 PM, RSM&A Foreclosure Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded June 11, 2008 as Document Number: 2008002907 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Mono County, California, executed by: SUZANNE AILMAN-MENNINE STOKES, AS TRUSTEE OF THE SUZANNE AILMAN-MENNINE STOKES REVOCABLE TRUST DATED AUGUST 27, 1999 as Trustor, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Bank of America, N.A., as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state) at the following location: In the upstairs lobby of Inyo-Mono Title Company, 218 Sierra Park Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: Legal description as more fully described in said deed of trust. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 113 Jahan Drive, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$365,182.01 (Estimated) "Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 888-988-6736 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site <http://www.qualityloan.com> using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-13-607659-JP. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders rights against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. QUALITY MAY BE CONSIDERED A DEBT COLLECTOR

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 15-141
Fictitious Business Name(s):
Practacular Home
PO Box 1089
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

Mike VanWinkle
PO Box 1089
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
This business is conducted by: An INDIVIDUAL. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein. This statement was filed on 8/17/15, (MT 8/20, 8/27, 9/3, 9/10 #15-016)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 15-149
Fictitious Business Name(s):
OM Mala
PO Box 3562
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

Richard Leonin
PO Box 3562
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
This business is conducted by: An INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 8/26/15. This statement was filed on 08/25/15, (MT 8/27, 9/3, 9/10, 9/17/15 #15-017)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 15-150
Fictitious Business Name(s):
Wagner's Snow Removal
PO Box 8300
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

Cory Wagner
PO Box 8300
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
This business is conducted by: A MARRIED COUPLE. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein. This statement was filed on 8/28/15, (MT 9/3, 9/10, 9/17, 9/24/15 #15-020)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 15-150
Fictitious Business Name(s):
Mammoth Ammo LLC
PO Box 9324
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

Al Rubalcava
PO Box 9324
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
This business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY CO. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein. This statement was filed on 8/28/15, (MT 9/3, 9/10, 9/17, 9/24/15 #15-021)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-13-607659-JP Order No.: 130321614-CA-VOO YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/2/2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CON-

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TACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.** Trustor(s): **THOMAS M KEARNS, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE & SEPARATE PROPERTY** Recorded: 12/10/2004 as Instrument No. 2004010951 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Mono County, California; Date of Sale: 9/17/2015 at 2:00 PM Place of Sale: In the upstairs lobby of the Inyo-Mono Title Company, located at 218 Sierra Park Road Mammoth Lakes, California 93546 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$386,896.09 The purported property address is: 3199 CHATEAU RD UNIT 2-2 DOOR 29, MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546 Assessor's Parcel No.: 212-002-000-00 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 888-988-6736 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site <http://www.qualityloan.com> using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-13-607659-JP. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders rights against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. QUALITY MAY BE CONSIDERED A DEBT COLLECTOR

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PROPERTY TAX DEFAULT (DELINQUENT) LIST

(Revenue and Taxation Code, §§ 3371, 3372)

I, Leslie L. Chapman, CPA, Mono County Director of Finance/Treasurer-Tax Collector, State of California, certify that: The real properties listed below were declared to be in tax default at 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 2012, by operation of law pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code section 3436. The declaration of default was due to non-payment of the total amount due for the taxes, assessments and other charges levied in the fiscal year 2011-2012 that were a lien on the listed real property. Tax-defaulted real property may be redeemed by payment of all unpaid taxes and assessments, together with the additional penalties and fees, as prescribed by law, or it may be redeemed under an installment plan of redemption. The amount to redeem, including all penalties and fees, as of September, 2015, is shown opposite the parcel number and next to the name of the assessee. All information concerning redemption of tax-defaulted property will be furnished, upon request, by the Mono County Tax Collector, P.O. Box 495, Bridgeport, CA 93517. (760) 932-5480. **PARCEL NUMBERING SYSTEM EXPLANATION** The Assessor's Parcel Number (APN), when used to describe property in this list, refers to the assessor's map book, the map page, the block on the map (if applicable), and the individual parcel on the map page or in the block. The assessor's maps and further explanation of the parcel numbering system are available in the assessor's office. The properties listed below were legally assessed and the taxes and/or assessments duly levied for the fiscal years shown. The taxes and/or assessments and other charges remain unpaid as of the date of this publication. These properties were declared to be tax-defaulted for non-payment of taxes and/or assessments and other charges levied in the fiscal years shown. These properties may be redeemed in the same manner as other tax-defaulted properties. Information concerning redemption, or initiation of an installment plan of redemption, may be obtained from the Mono County Tax Collector, whose name appears on this notice. **Property tax-defaulted on July 1, 2012 for the taxes, assessments, and other charges for fiscal year 2011-2012:**

ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER	ASSESSEE NAME	AMOUNT TO REDEEM
002-130-048-000	BONINI LIVING TRUST, 11-17-04	\$8,049.79
002-130-050-000	BONINI LIVING TRUST, 11-17-04	\$2,257.02
006-141-010-000	BRANDON REV FAMILY TRUST & BRANDON ARNOLD DEAN D.	\$3,067.67
002-020-024-000	BRANDON REV FAMILY TRUST & BRANDON ARNOLD DEAN D.	\$13,968.51
010-364-003-000	CONNOLLY, ISABEL S. & JOHN R	\$2,586.71
025-030-048-000	DARLING, JAMES S. & SHEENA G	\$6,206.50
060-240-001-000	ECKERT, GREG & TERRI	\$4,447.26
008-133-022-000	GAFFNEY, DENICE E.	\$3,778.01
002-353-011-000	GLASSBURN, TED & THERESA	\$6,080.00
277-113-000-000	INTRAWEST PROPERTIES INC.	\$11,598.26
011-040-031-000	ROBLES, MICHAELA O.	\$2,146.00
011-040-030-000	ROBLES, MICHAELA O. ET AL	\$8,424.86
002-070-009-000	WASSER, DEBI L.	\$15,578.65

I certify or (declare), under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Leslie L. Chapman, CPA
Mono County Director of Finance

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ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Date: **Quality Loan Service Corporation** 411 Ivy Street San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 888-988-6736 On Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 Quality Loan Service Corp, TS No.: CA-13-607659-JP IDSPub #0090057 8/27/2015 9/3/2015 9/10/2015

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MOTH LAKES, CA. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 100 JUNIPER SPRINGS DR, #12, MAMMOTH LAKES, CALIFORNIA 93546 APN#: 244-008-000-000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$1,292,548.41. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you

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are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 916-939-0772 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site www.nationwideposting.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 00000004929675. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: NATIONWIDE POSTING & PUBLICATION A DIVISION OF FIRST AMERICAN TITLE IN-

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF ELECTION IN THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES-OCTOBER 6, 2015

Measure to be submitted to the voters:
MEASURE 2:
Shall the ordinance to require voter approval to alter transient rental zoning in certain residential neighborhoods be adopted? Yes/No

Last Day to Register to Vote for This Election: **SEPTEMBER 21, 2015**

Absentee Ballots: **LAST DAY APPLICATION FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT MAY BE RECEIVED in Elections Office SEPTEMBER 29, 2015**

VOTED ABSENTEE BALLOTS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN ELECTION DAY (OCTOBER 6, 2015) AND RECEIVED WITHIN 3 DAYS OF ELECTION.

For any additional information contact Shannon Kendall, Assistant County Clerk, 760-932-5533, skendall@mono.ca.gov

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by Mammoth Unified School District at 461 Sierra Park rd., Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546, for 2015-2016 & 2016-2017 (2 years) snow removal services. The snow removal contracts have been separated into three (3) bids:

Mammoth Elementary School (Bid #1)
Mammoth High School (Bid #2)
Mammoth Middle School (Bid #3)
MUSD Transportation Garage (Bid #4)

Specifications and bid forms are available at the District office. Envelopes containing bids should be marked identifying Mammoth Elementary School Snow Removal (bid #1) or Mammoth High School Snow Removal (bid #2) or Mammoth Middle School (bid #3) or MUSD Trans. Garage (Bid #4). Sealed bids shall be submitted on the official bid form furnished with the contract documents on or before 2:00 PM on September 17th, 2015. The bids will be awarded at the regular school board meeting scheduled for 6:00 PM September 24th, 2015 at the High School library.

A mandatory bid walk through will be required prior to bid acceptance. A complete walk through of all sites has been scheduled for Thursday, September 10th, 2015 at 9:00AM. Bidders should meet at the high school flagpole. Alternate times may be scheduled by contacting Robin Davis at (760) 934-6802 ext. 507.

The Mammoth Unified School District reserves the right to reject any or all bids or waive any irregularities in the bids.

The Birthday Club Winner for August 2015 is **Debbie Walker 8/19 Congratulations!**

Get your entries in for our September drawing! Good luck to all!

September 2015
3rd - Isabelle Pampillo
3rd - Linda Taylor
3rd - Laura Marten
7th - Ken Willingham
7th - Jenni Burkholder
7th - Dane Westfall
8th - Ed Castillo
8th - Justin Reeves
9th - Melissa Reeves

11th - Bebe Chase
11th - Hellen Chase
12th - Carlie Willingham
12th - Frank Butorac
12th - Gabriela Holloway
13th - MaryEllen Hogan
13th - Ulrike Burton
17th - Thomas Gilmartin
19th - Denise Sifuentes
20th - Bob Beglau
21st - Brett Rule Davis
21st - Kathy Apperson
22nd - Warren Mesa
24th - Rachel Snowden
26th - Daniel Levey
26th - Greg Giroux
26th - Van Gould
29th - Tobin Nidezer
30th - Michelle Coffey

Thanks to the following local merchants for providing these great prizes:

Red Lily Floral Design
760)934-0033
One seasonal Happy Birthday bouquet, Located on Center Street in Mammoth Lakes.

Vons
(760) 934-4536
One Happy Birthday cake from the Vons bakery shop, located on Old Mammoth Road.

Breakfast Club
(760) 934-6944
One delicious, complete Birthday breakfast, located on the corner of 203 and Old Mammoth Road.

Nik-N-Willies
(760)934-2012
One small, one topping take-n-bake pizza, located on the corner of Tavern and old Mammoth Roads.

Subway
(760)934-9790
One free footlong meal deal from the Subway in

Mammoth, located in the Gateway Shopping Center.

Fun Shop
(760)924-1111
\$15 Gift Certificate to Mammoth's only toy store, fun for all ages, located at 3163 Main Street in Mammoth Lakes

Blue Bird Imaging
(760)924-0316
\$10 gift certificate for their gallery, photography or printing services, located at 452 Old Mammoth Road in the Sierra Center Mall.

Stellar Brew & Natural Cafe
(760)924-3559
\$10 gift certificate to the locals' favorite cafe and coffee shop, located at 3280 Main Street in Mammoth Lakes.

Mammoth Times
(760)934-3929
A three-month subscription to The Mammoth Times, located at 501 Old Mammoth Road.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row, across, each column down and each small 3-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★ ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY:

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Highway
4 Lumber
6 Taken to the pool
12 Press
13 After page
14 Wash day
15 Uncolored
16 Photo
18 Family argument
19 Kite
20 Movie club
21 Desert
22 Fox Agent
23 Bleeding
24 Shaking
30 East
31 Office machine
32 His very
33 Bobby
34 King's
36 English
38 French
39 Search
40 Queen's
41 Queen's
42 Surfing

DOWN

1 Unhappy
2 Chapter
3 Squid
4 Squid
5 Head
6 Food
7 Two friends
8 Govt agency
9 Bonded
10 Parked
11 Cooked
12 Brown
13 Snake
14 Red
15 Gold
16 Blue
17 Red
18 Red
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LAST WEEK'S ANSWER:

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LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU ANSWER:

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9	6	3	4	2	8	1	5	7
6	9	5	8	4	7	3	2	1
3	1	2	9	5	6	7	4	8
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